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Law School opens Ontario campus

•Facility offers new atmosphere

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

The automatic glass doors of the University of La Verne College of Law, located in Ontario, opened up to students for the first time on Jan. 2.

"We were already running out of room at Hoover," said Kenneth Held, dean and professor of law.

The number of students and faculty quickly outgrew the 17,000 square feet of the Hoover building and pushed the need for more space.

"The student lounge had to be used to store office supplies," said Held.

The new law school was relocated to a modernized county building, first built in the 1970s, located on D Street in Ontario. The inside of the building was gutted and redesigned to accommodate the growing population of the law school. Mosaic signs, which read "The University of La Verne College of Law," greet students, faculty and visitors at the entrance to two of the huge parking lots.

"Parking shouldn't be a problem here," said Held. The parking lots offer enough space for the over 550 students that attend the school to park.

The 11 classrooms are one shy of tripling the number of classrooms that the Hoover building held. Four of the classrooms are tiered and have power outlets installed in the desks for computer usage. Also, one of the rooms is big enough to be split into two rooms with a sliding wall panel. When opened, the large room can be used for open sessions or town meetings and has already been used for a student social event. The room also has audio equipment built into it and an overhead projector for presentations.

The Deans' Suite (the wing with faculty offices) has enough space to allow each faculty member a personal office. The offices have a built-in desk and bookcase shelving. The staff and faculty lounge has comfortable couches, a cooking area and one of three television sets that were donated to the college. The lounge is a miniature version of the President's Dining Hall and has already been utilized since the law school opened.

New aspects of the law school which benefit the students are lockers, mini lounges throughout the building and a main student lounge complete with a television, microwave and mail slots.

The law school features a wireless Internet system that can be accessed from anywhere on campus with the use of an access card that students may purchase.

"There's a lot of technology built in," said Held.

Another special feature at the law school is the courtroom. The courtroom is split so that half of it can be used as a classroom, but can still be used as a full courtroom if students turn their chairs around. The courtroom is equipped with television cameras that are controlled in a separate studio room.

The law school has a space for its organizations such as the Student Bar Association, Delta Theta Phi law fraternity and a Multicultural section which

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Vicky Martinez

320 E. D Street is the new address of the recently built University of La Verne College of Law in the city of Ontario. The new location provides ULV law students with an extended library and high technology labs. The law school opened to students on Jan. 2.

Spring brings probation changes

Amanda Egan
Staff Writer

A new academic probation program went into effect this semester to help students.

Faculty from the Academic Advising Department developed the policy. If students receives a 2.0 grade point average or below for one semester, they are placed on academic probation. When a student receives a 2.0 grade point average or below for two consecutive semesters, they are academically disqualified.

John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said, "Students continue to borrow money and do not make progress, it's not ethical to keep them enrolled."

During the fall semester, 66 students were placed on academic probation, 16 were academically dismissed.

"To maintain the academic integrity of the University, measures must be taken against those who decide not to uphold academic excellence," said freshman Karla Pineda.

When placed on probation, students must fill out a questionnaire and meet with a Personal Academic Career Track (PACT) adviser three times during the following semester. PACT advisers discuss plans to get the student off probation and ideas on becoming more successful. When students on probation fail to meet with their PACT adviser three times throughout the course of the semester, there is a stop on their ability to pre-register for the following semester. "Students appreciate the fact that we are interested and willing to help," Gingrich said.

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Commencement faces changes in '01

•Ceremony divided into two days

Christian Lopez
Staff Writer

To provide better accommodations for students, guests, staff and the community, the University of La Verne's commencement ceremony committee has implemented some changes for this year's graduation in spring.

Instead of the usual one-day event, the school will divide the ceremony into two separate days. The first day is scheduled on Saturday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m. for undergraduates and Sunday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. for graduates.

The changes are due largely to the weather. Every year, blazing hot temperatures and scorching rays never fail to be a nuisance for all those in attendance at Ortmayer Stadium.

"I worked the commencement last year, and it was hot! It was in the day time, it was sweaty and nasty, and people were complaining," said senior Dan Le of last year's event.

Last year's heat became such an inconvenience that guests began to leave their seats to find relief in the Student Center, while others just decided to leave the ceremony altogether.

Staff working the ceremony tried to provide some comfort for the graduates by providing ice water to cool them down after the heat became too extreme.

After witnessing last year's ceremony, Associate Dean of Student Affairs Ruby Montaño-Cordova and the Commencement Ceremony Committee made the decision to make changes that would produce a better and more memorable service to graduates and their guests.

"This year we want our graduates to truly take center stage instead of the heat and the sun," said Montaño-Cordova. "We want our students to be able to talk about their graduation as one of their most beautiful and cultivating experiences."

According to their goals, Montaño-Cordova and the commencement committee made the choice to change the ceremony into two separate graduations and schedule the events around the time the sun radiates the most heat.

Making it possible for the new schedule changes to be made were the practice lights acquired during last year's football season. In the past the ceremony was scheduled during the daylight hours because of the fear that night would interfere. With the lights the loss of sunlight will not be an issue in this years ceremony.

Aside from a new schedule, overcrowding was also on the agenda for Montaño-Cordova and the committee. Last year between 13,000 and 15,000 people crowded the football stadium during the undergraduate ceremony alone. Maximizing the attendance created seating problems, long restroom lines, and parking dilemmas that had an effect on surrounding neighborhoods.

To correct the problem, the decision was made to limit all students to 10 guests. Guest admittance tickets are going to be given to all students for friends and family that are expected to be present to provide at arrival. Anyone without an invitation will not be allowed into the commencement, where as in the last few years the school has not been as strict to the number of people graduates invited. Those students who plan to have more then 10 guests will be provided with extra tickets from students with fewer guest will be asked to donate.

Senior Chakwan Turner thinks that the changes will provide a more comfortable atmosphere for everyone: "I think it will be more laid back, people will enjoy themselves, the sun will be going down and then we can really enjoy the service, because before...it wasn't a happening thing."

The biggest disadvantage the split will cause students according to Montaño-Cordova is that the celebrations will also be divided into two days. So instead of having one big party for everyone, graduates and undergraduates will most likely celebrate on their corresponding ceremony dates.

Graduate Anita D'Aguilar disagrees, "I don't think that it would be a disadvantage. I think that a smaller group will provide a more intimate setting for each person celebrating."

More information on commencement weekend will be mailed to students and will be accessible on the ULV website. Any suggestions, comments, or questions can also be e-mailed to Montaño-Cordova at cordovar@ulv.edu or phoned in at ext. 4858.

LEAD program revises model of operations

Jennifer Contreras
Staff Writer

After 13 years of one model of operations, the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program is changing.

The changes that will begin this upcoming fall, include revising the LEAD scholarship and narrowing the number of recipients. The changes intend to explore genuine leadership skills, and offer a proactive approach toward leadership.

Currently, LEAD is for anyone who is in a position of leadership on-campus. This entails a LEAD scholarship and participating in leadership workshops throughout the year. Members of LEAD include the Associated Students Federation members (ASF), Resident Assistant's and Program Assistant's positions, Orientation Week Leaders (OWLS), Peer Advisory Leaders (PALS), club presidents, and head coordinators for different organizations like KULV and Yearbook. After the changes take effect in the fall, LEAD will be open to all students; current members will not be obligated to be a part of the program, but given the option to utilize it.

"This puts the leadership on the shoulders of the students and clubs. Do they want it? If yes, they can use this program to their advantage," said Brian MorganArmstrong, director of Student Leadership Development and Transition Programs.

The new face of LEAD will be divided into three driving components. The first component is the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP). Currently the ELP is loosely affiliated with LEAD and is only offered to freshmen. ELP builds basic leadership skills and prepares freshman to hold leadership positions. With the upcoming changes, the ELP will officially be a part of the LEAD program and will be offered to all students.

The second component is the Landis Leadership Scholars (LLS). Named after the donor, alumni Richard Landis, the LLS will focus on leadership theory and application. Students will go through an application process to be involved.

"We are trying to make it a class, so that the students involved could receive credit for it. With this we get a genuine attitude toward leadership and more accountability to the scholarship, which can reach up to $5,000," said MorganArmstrong. Applications for the LLS will be available this semester.

The last component is an unnamed training program. This program will include three programs; the first is administrative-sponsored seminars that focus on leadership skills for clubs and organizations in areas like parliamentary procedure and group dynamics.

The second aspect of this program will coordinate adviser training. This will focus on advisers of clubs and organizations and advise them on how to advise, and to share experiences.

The last aspect of this program is a volunteer board of students. This group will focus on what types of leadership should be pursued by students at ULV.

"Something they might do is organize a group of students to go to a city council meeting, or bringing speakers on leadership on campus. This is not to replace ASF, but to explore leadership," said MorganArmstrong.

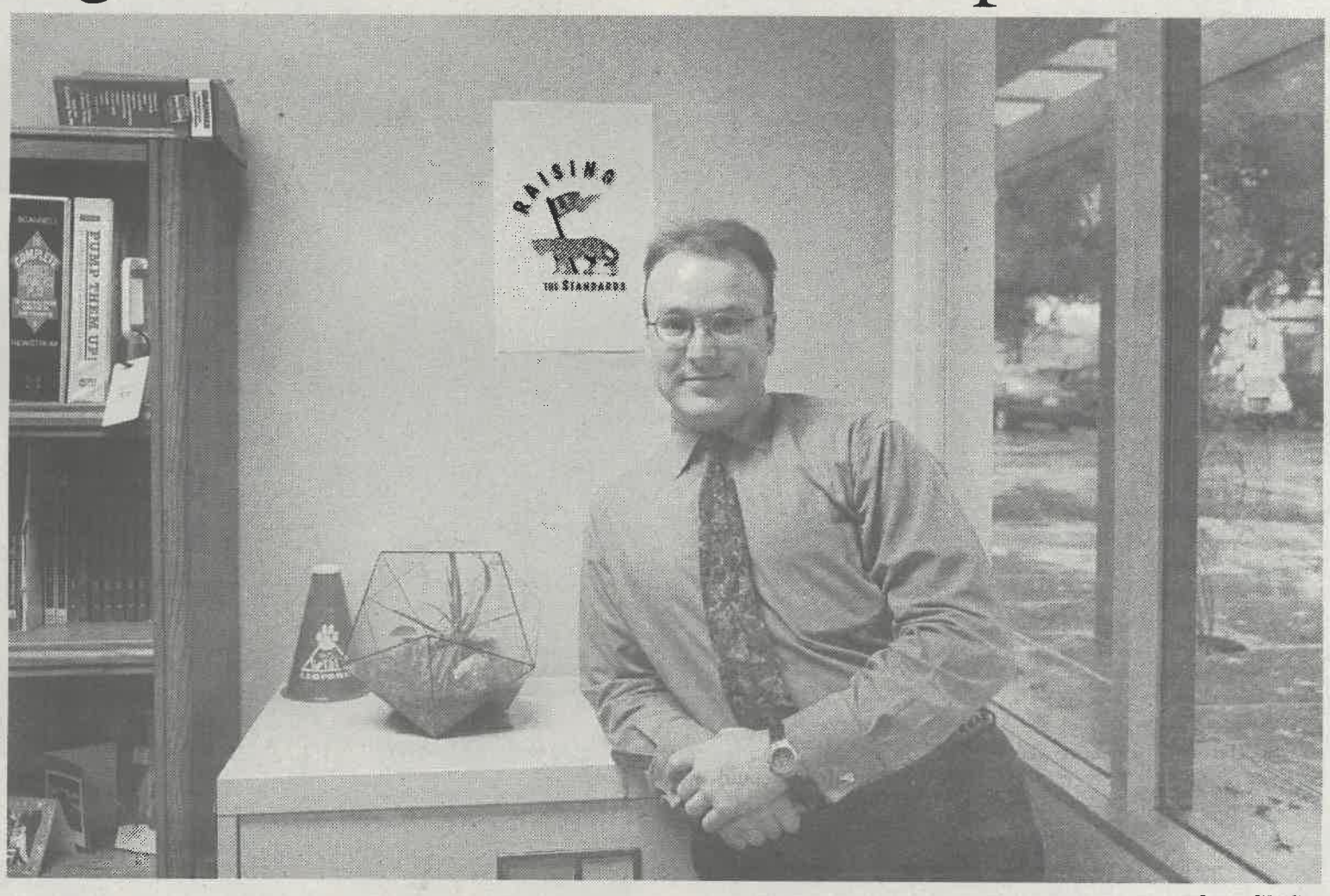
Currently there are 107 members of LEAD holding 148 leadership positions on campus. With the new changes, the figures may change.

"If people really want to be involved, they will do it, regardless of the money, I mean I'm doing it," said junior criminology major, Fiona Carter.

Carter, a RA in Stu-Han and a PAL applicant for next year, said, "I think this change is definitely a positive one. Half of the people that are in LEAD don't even go to the LEAD meetings. I don't think you should get money for it if you don't even participate. Personally, I don't think that the $550 makes that much of a difference, but it definitely is an incentive."

MorganArmstrong said that there is no fear that the figures will change, due to the fact that

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Lauren Wooding

Brian MorganArmstrong, director of Student Leadership Development and Transition Programs, has been in charge of the Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) program since June 2000. The program currently has 107 student participants from different clubs and organizations on campus filling the program's 148 positions.

> ' A vast majority of the leaders on campus don't choose their involvement based on the pay off.'
> *—Brian MorganArmstrong, director of Student Leadership Development and Transition Programs*

Spectar discusses participation in law

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

As citizens, individuals have a responsibility to be engaged and active in their community, government, and to themselves. The task of a citizen is not easy; it requires energy, commitment and arduous work. The theory that government does work in favor of the people, but people must have faith in the law.

African-American History Month celebrated in February is a time to acknowledge African Americans not only in the United States, but also around the world. Assistant Dean of Students at the University of La Verne College of Law, Dr. J.M. Spectar spoke on those issues, in "People of Color and the Law" on Feb. 7 in the West Dining Room.

Spectar commenced the lecture stating that individuals should have faith in the law; "Faith in ideals and in the institution of a republic," he said. Spectar believes Americans in the United States have entered a stage of great promise and possibility, due to our new administration and millennium.

At the same time, the United States is encompassing a great deal of problems. Spectar probed the question of how much faith the people have in the ideals of the republic, in the institutions; faith that due process exist, that equal protection protects all people and that access to justice exists.

Spectar said that faith is differentiated via two levels: the problem of not enough faith and faith that is continuously being challenged. First, some people have lost faith that our institutions work for everyone. Many individuals perceive that our government expresses itself utilizing a profusion of empty promises. It is all this fancy talk that has flourished within an individual a cynical attitude.

"Cynicism is incompatible with faith. You cannot have faith in democratic ideals and institutions and be cynical about them. You could be skeptical, but not cynical," said Spectar.

Spectar said, "I believe people are becoming very cynical today. People are becoming quite disenchanted with the political system, losing faith in the legal system and our institutions. I feel a sense of responsibility, because I think that as a member of the legal profession I know the system works, can work and can be made to work which is important. We must never lose hope, once we do there is nothing else. The next thing is to lay down and die, and that's not acceptable."

He also said faith in the institution is relentlessly under defamation and consistently challenged. He gave the example of an African-American man driving who automatically is under assault, because he is "driving while black." The man's belief is under scrutiny and his faith is contested, because he was pulled over for his race.

"Some don't have enough faith and that's bad because to maintain a republic, people have to have faith in the ideals and institutions," said Spectar. He reiterated, people have to believe that due process exists, that separation of powers exists and people believe in equal protection, which is necessary.

"Some have faith and claim in the first amendment and therefore, I have freedom of speech, but then they use freedom of speech as a license to espouse hate and bigotry. Well I believe in freedom of speech, therefore, I have a right to speak does not really make you a part of a democratic governance if you choose to espouse hate and bigotry. You're now abusing our faith in the democratic institutions and ideals," said Spectar.

Associate Vice President Al Clark said, "It was a new idea expressed in such a probing and analytical manner. The second point he made about participation and having faith in our own democracy, I thought was both wise and courageous. It was wise because I think he's right that in our country at least we are not going to have an army insurrection, and change does come. It was brave, because it's not a popular idea particularly now when people are apathetic about participation in elections and especially after seeing a presidency taken away from a popular vote leader."

He relies the premise of a reasoned faith. A reasoned faith is a faith that comes when one studies another country's history and sees how the institutions function and ideals of American civilization have been operationalized. He said people should have a reasoned faith when looking at American history; for example, slavery, Jim Crow Laws and women and minorities being denied the right to vote. Spectar strive to impose upon his audience that without these institutions and ideal, individuals could not have made strides for their cause.

"But it is those very institutions and ideals which were used to free the slaves, to create suffrage for women, the voting rights act and the civil rights act," said Spectar. He ascertains that these achievements were feasible, because people appealed to American institutions.

He further stated that when one claims neutrality in circumstances taking place, people's attitude toward the situation is of indifference. Individuals should "act and take responsibility for one's actions," said Spectar. American citizens have the privilege to vote, when they don't they aren't protecting their interest.

"We have to believe that when you vote it has consequence," said Spectar. People must give credence that individual's struggles are not in vain and that every vote counts. Most laws occur at the sub-state-level," he said. "If you really

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> *—Dr. J.M. Spectar, assistant dean of students at the University of La Verne College of Law*



Liz Lucsko

"Faith in Law" was the theme presented on Feb. 7 by Dr. J.M. Spectar, dean of the College of Law. In his lecture, Spectar emphasized the importance of having faith in the legal system, and that the government works in the favor of the people. The lecture was one of many events planned during African-American History Month celebrations.



Red Roof students to return to Oaks

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

Red Roof Inn residents are getting ready to move back onto campus and into the new Oaks pod. The tentative move in date is Feb. 23, with the grand opening scheduled to be held on Feb 21. The residents were scheduled to move back on campus over in January, however framing and permit issues caused the month-long delay.

Despite being able to live in brand new rooms and not having to take a shuttle to school everyday, some Red Roof residents are hesitant to move into the Oaks. Students who have lived at the Red Roof have grown accustomed to the luxury of having private bathrooms, queen-size beds, refrigerators and microwaves. Once they move into the Oaks, these luxuries will no longer exist.

"I don't want to live in the dorms mainly because of the bathroom situation and the fact that now we have big rooms with queen-size beds," said sophomore Yuridia Sanchez. "Why would I want to go from what I have now to a tiny room with a twin bed?"

Students feel that the atmosphere the Red Roof offers might face change after the move. According to Sanchez, students are able to live more on their own and do not experience the close proximity with other students unless they want to. In a dorm setting, students are constantly around each other due to the close living quarters.

Freshman Esther Outten is looking forward to moving on campus and finds the social change as one of the positive things that will result from the move. However, she said that a negative effect will be the noise around the dorms that will make it difficult to study.

Many students said they see the move as an inconvenience at this time of the year. The original move-in date would have been more convenient since classes were not in session as they are now.

"I'm very upset," said Outten. "It's hard because I don't have a car so I'm relying on someone else to help me move. Moving in is a big deal and when they keep changing dates and giving us the runaround, it's hard to find time to get ready. This has been a burden we should not have had to deal with."

"We know it's difficult in the middle of the semester to have to do that [move in], so we want to make sure to give them a weekend [and] a couple of days to move in," said Julie Thurman Francisco, director of housing and residential life.



Jen Newman

Daniel Alacon, lead painter for Hernandez Painting, and a crew of three have been painting the interior and exterior of the new three-story Oaks building for the last month and a half. The interior walls are getting their third and final coat of paint and will be completed this week in preparation for students scheduled move in on Feb. 23.

LINK+ adds to library resources

• Students can request books online

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

Wilson Library at the University of La Verne has more than tripled its resources available to students, staff and faculty.

This was accomplished by LINK+, a new book request service that started in January. LINK+ allows patrons to electronically request a book not available in the Wilson Library but that is available at any of the other participating libraries, as well as have that book delivered to the library for check-out.

"Technology has made possible the sharing of knowledge," said Dr. Marlin Heckman, ULV head librarian.

ULV is one of the 14 colleges in California participating in the LINK+ program. It is the smallest of the 14 schools, but still provides approximately 26,000 items no other school has in their collections.

Each library involved has approximately 40 percent of material that others do not. Before this program, the ULV library had approximately 200,000 items available but now boasts over 4 million books within reach. In one month, Wilson Library loaned 69 books and borrowed 100 books between the 13 schools involved.

LINK+ is accessed through Wilson Library's electronic catalog LeoPac. This can be done with the online catalog via **http://www.ulv.edu/library/leopac.htm** or at the terminals available in Wilson Library. Students then search for the book using the normal search strategies, title, author, or key words.

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Clinton pardons 'Rich' fugitive

Talk about going out with a bang, Mr. President. Not only are Republicans buzzing over former President Clinton's decisions regarding his pardon of financier Marc Rich, but members of his own party are also criticizing how the White House failed to tell the Justice Department one little detail about Rich, the fact that he was a fugitive.

Not to say that the concept of pardons is anything new. At the end of a presidential term, presidents have the option to grant pardons to convicted criminals.

Yet Clinton, like many other recent presidents, is using pardons to take care of friends or fellow politicians who have found themselves tangled in the tricky web also known as the law. Such presidents include Gerald Ford's Watergate reprieve for Richard Nixon, and George Bush's 1992 pardon of six figures in the Iran Contra scandal.

Clinton's list has turned heads as he pardoned three former associates, all related to the Whitewater scandal, but none of his decisive pardons caused a stir through Washington like his decision to grant pardon to Rich.

Rich's Jan. 20 pardon was one of 141 made by Clinton during his last morning in office. After learning of the pardon, Justice Department pardon attorney Roger Adams made a point to highlight his history of tax evasion, fraud and participation in illegal oil deals in Iran. Rich also has been living in Switzerland since just before he would have been indicted in New York in 1983. He fled to Europe to avoid standing trial and answering to his long list of criminal charges. All of the information gathered by Adams was received from the FBI.

On top of his past, questions regarding whether his pardon was influenced by money have arose. Evidence has been gathered that makes this pardon seem like a political favor, including a $1 million "donation" to Clinton's presidential library from Rich's former wife. The Senate is scheduled to review the pardon this week.

For Clinton advocates, many believe that the attention paid to these pardons, Rich's in particular, are nothing more than an opportunity for Clinton-haters to push the former president into an unhappy-retirement corner. However, Clinton's decision to pardon Rich proved to America that he chose to ignore the facts of Rich's past and, in doing so, turned a pardon into a form of abuse of power.

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From the Editor...

Owners breed killer dogs



Alisha Rosas

A San Francisco woman is brutally attacked and murdered. Her killer is put to death immediately, reassuring local residents that their children are safe. His companion in the attack of Diane Whipple has no choice but to await the decision that will determine her fate.

We are talking about dogs. Two giant dogs, Bane (whose name literally means "death") and Hera, both English Mastiff crossbreeds, created for size and ferocity that grow up to twice the size of pitbulls. These dogs attacked and killed 33-year-old Whipple on Jan. 26, as she exited the elevator, arms filled with groceries, and headed toward her apartment.

Immediately society wants to blame and then kill the dogs, right? In fact, let us do what Spain did in the 1930s in regard to this particular breed and kill them all and make them practically extinct. Why does America need such killer breeds?

However, why point fingers at the dogs, which are *only* dogs, and why not point our fingers elsewhere, like at the owners? Compare it to something along the lines of a having a 6-year-old pick up a gun and kill someone. Do we blame the 6-year-old for his actions, or do we hold the parent who left the gun within reach responsible? Robert Noel and Majorie Knoller knew what type of dogs these were. Neighbors had even titled Bane as the "death dog" of the floor.

The couple even bought the dogs from an imprisoned white supremacist, Paul Schneider, who bred them to fight as well as protect illicit drug labs. Strangely enough, the couple recently adopted 38-year-old Schneider as their son. However, despite the twists and turns in the case, we still have a woman dead and the only blame thus far has gone, so they say, to the dogs.

All the while, Noel and Knoller are denying any responsibility to Whipple's death by writing letters and even appearing on daily talk shows. During every form of testimony, the couple appeared arrogant and have placed all blame on everyone else's shoulders except their own, which is where it truly belongs.

In one such instance, Noel blamed Whipple for her own death, stating that she tempted the dogs by wearing perfume or perhaps by using steroids and that she simply just did not get into her apartment fast enough after Bane first charged toward her. I guess when one may be facing second-degree murder; any excuse is worth giving.

Now the couple is fighting to save Hera, despite different testimonies claiming that the dog is equally dangerous. According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, one man, David Moser, testified that he had been bitten in the rear by Hera, and that neither owner disciplined or acted as if the dog did anything out-of-the-ordinary. "Hey, your dog just bit me," he told Noel, who allegedly replied with, "Huh, interesting," and offered no apology. Noel rebutted the claim and said that Moser received a mark on his leg after he ran into the elevator door.

It is obvious that these people are clearly suffering from some type of imbalance. Even the leftover remains of Whipple's body, torn clothing and clumps of hair did not change or alter their perspectives of their "wonderful pets."

However, we should remember that the dogs are not the murderers; they are only trained animals that follow their owner's boundaries and limitations. It is the irresponsibility of the owners that caused Whipple's throat to be punctured, in a scene so ghastly that officers who witnessed it, needed trauma counseling. These people were ignorant enough to raise dogs, which are bred to gather cattle, in a small apartment. Whether or not they knew that Bane and Hera were dangerous, I doubt that either of them bothered to even consider what their dogs were capable of doing, if given an innocent bystander. Whipple provided them with such a vision.

Bane is dead. Hera will probably die. Whipple will be missed. However, the case should not end here. It was the owner's negligence that did not control the animals, and it was their lack of precaution that did not stop the dogs from killing a woman simply on her way home. Since we cannot put them to sleep, we should put them in prison.

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Housing should follow ULV mission statement



Christine Owen

Before I left to study abroad last semester, there were many things that I thought about in the weeks leading up to my departure. Although I was thrilled to be going, I was anxious about how difficult the classes in England would be and if my ATM card would work in European machines. I worried about making friends in a strange place and taking classes that would transfer back in my major. But the one issue that plagued my mind the most was where I was going to live when I returned.

During my sophomore year, I lived on campus in the Oaks Residence Hall, and when the time came to do so, I followed the proper procedures for reserving a room for the 2000-2001 year. This was done before I had received a letter from Brethren Colleges Abroad informing me that my application for study abroad had been accepted. When the Office of Housing and Residential Life discovered that I would be spending my Fall 2000 semester abroad, they informed me that I would need to inform them in writing by July 30, 2000 that I was canceling my housing contract for the 2000-2001 school year. The reason I had to terminate my housing agreement was because housing contracts are for nine months and since I would not be living on campus in the fall, another student would need to be placed in the room that I had reserved. As it is not possible to reserve housing for the January and Spring 2001 semesters, I was placed on a waiting list and told that I would need to inquire in mid-December what the status of my request for housing was.

Being over 6,000 miles away from home and on a waiting list for housing is a very troubled place to be. All while I was abroad, I wondered if a space would open up in the Oaks or whether I should start looking for an apartment. Being that I would return from England just two weeks before the January term started, there would not be much time to search for alternative housing.

I understand that for financial purposes it is not possible for housing to hold a room reservation for a student who is not going to be on campus for one semester, but what about the University of La Verne's second mission statement that reads, "The University therefore encourages students to understand and appreciate the diversity of cultures which exists locally, nationally and internationally?" Is it encouraging a student to study abroad when their on-campus housing is taken away with no guarantee of a place to live when they return from their experience? My answer to this would be an affirmative no! I label this as very discouraging to a student who is living on campus and considering participation in a study abroad program.

Two of my friends will be departing for Greece shortly as they are going to spend their Spring 2001 semester abroad. Amidst their applications for passports and last minute shopping, they tell me that they are also concerned about where they will live when they return. Both have been on-campus residents since their freshman year and now have no certainty of where they will live next fall.

If ULV is truly committed to its mission statement, then changes must be made in regards to on-campus housing for students who choose to study abroad. With an increasing number of students studying abroad each semester, this issue certainly deserves more attention, or at the very least, is addressed in the Office of Housing and Residential Life's Terms and Conditions of Occupancy License Agreement.

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Women must believe in themselves first



Julia Carachure

When I found out that my friend Kirsten was dating a close friend of ours, I remember thinking to myself, how did she get so lucky? I mean, this is a woman who had plenty of warnings to give me about the opposite sex. Now here she was, dating a really great man who worships the ground she walks.

Do not get me wrong, I am happy for her, because she deserves the best in life. I know her boyfriend well enough to know that he will be good to her. I also know that she is a wonderful person who deserves a wonderful man.

After long hours of constant thinking, the answer became clear to me. She knew herself first and because of it, was able to draw a great man into her life. She always told me she would have no problem being alone, if a man was not in it, so be it. She was ready to accept whatever her fate would be.

No one told me anything about how to deal with men. Nobody said I needed to be independent in order to succeed in love. I was never told about how treacherous men can be. Instead I just went into the lion's den and I came out with several scars. As I got older, I realized that along with the scars came some tough lessons that I would apply in the future.

One day, when I was nearly 18, I was discussing my dating life with my best friend Phil, who gave me a valuable piece of advice: "Love yourself first above anything else." At the time when he told me this I decided to ignore him, thinking that if a man would put me first on his list, I would be all right and all of my problems would be solved. Loving myself for who I am was not a huge concern.

I was wrong. All of the men who I have had dealings with have never put me on their list. No man will ever put a woman on top of his list. You have to do that yourself because no one else is going to do it for you.

It was afterwards when I looked back on my relationships that I finally realized that I got into them because I was feeling lonely but worst of all, I had no clue about who I am. I still do not but I am working on it, figuring it out as I go along. It is the women who do not know themselves well who attract unnecessary men who hurt them one way or another.

Women must know themselves first before they really want to invite men into their lives. We need to be strong and independent, more importantly we need to realize that it is OK to be alone.

I know that society thinks being alone means that there's something wrong with you. There is nothing wrong with being alone, so let it go and move on.

Being alone means having some close-knit friends who will be there for you, going out whenever you want, pursuing your own interests, your career goals and answering to no one but yourself without considering someone else's permission.

It's hard to know where to start. The first thing to do is sit down and think about your values, what do you want in your life, what would you like to learn? If you want to learn how to play an instrument, then take a class. If you want to get in shape, then join a gym. The possibilities are endless.

Women have come a long way. We have more choices in terms of what kind of lifestyle we want to lead or what things to pursue. If we want to stay single, then do that. We can do whatever we want.

I would love to have someone special in my life. But now is not the time. I have plenty of good things going on in my life to mess it up. I am learning to enjoy my time alone and liking it.

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Governor has family ties to Spot

•Family witnesses swearing in

Dora Galvan
Staff Writer

Jill Coverdale, supervisor of The Spot, attended a memorable event on Jan. 16. Coverdale and her family flew to Dover, Del., to witness the inauguration of their aunt, Ruth Ann Minner as the governor of the state.

This was no ordinary inauguration, since Governor Minner is the first female governor that Del. has had in its history.

"Being the first woman governor is something I am proud of, but I don't dwell on it. My job—every governor's job—is to serve all the people and that's what I concentrate on," Minner said.

"She's very independent," Coverdale said. Minner's history of success is proof of her traits of independence and diligence. Not only was she lieutenant governor of Delaware from 1993 to 2001, but she also was responsible for leading an inclusive examination of state government, which maximized the efficiency of state agencies, during that time.

Minner served as the senator of Delaware from 1982 to 1992, and throughout those years she took the initiative to commence the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Act. The act allows for more than 30,000 acres of open space to be preserved for the use of future generations.

During 1974 through 1982, Minner served as state representative for the state of Delaware. Although her political career prospered with every step she took, there were many personal obstacles she had to overcome in order to achieve the well-built platform she has today.

At the age of 16, Minner had to drop out of high school in order to help provide for her parents and siblings. A few years later, she married Frank Ingram with whom she gave birth to three sons, Frank Jr., Wayne and Gary. At the age of 32, her husband Frank died. During this time, not only was she a single parent, but she also decided to return to school to earn her GED. After earning her diploma, she decided to pursue college. While in school, she worked two jobs in order to support her children.

A few years later, she remarried Roger Minner, and they became owners of a towing business. He died due to cancer in 1991.

"Delaware has one of the most competent and knowledgeable governors it has ever had in office. She is a no-nonsense down-to-earth person, and that will make her a great governor," said Minner's communications director, Greg Patterson.

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—Ruth Ann Minner, governor of Delaware



Vicky Martinez

Jill Coverdale, The Spot manager, proudly shows Tressi Mehana Chun, a senior social science major, her recollected memories from her visit to Ruth Ann Minner, the first woman elected governor of Delaware and aunt of Coverdale.

Link+...

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what libraries do. Students can then order the book and pick it up in one to four days, free. Patrons with questions or difficulty navigating through the system can ask for help from Irene Morris, senior library assistant.

Once a book is ordered it is the patrons responsibility to check on its arrival. Wilson Library will not be sending out arrival notifications. Patrons can check on the status of their order by logging on to the LINK+ system.

Requests can also be cancelled the same way. The one to four-day delivery is not guaranteed, and items will be held for ten days for pickup. The loan period is 21 days and renewals are not allowed. Each day after the due date will cost $1 with a maximum of $115, the amount for a lost or damaged book. The maximum number of LINK+ requests or holds is 12, while only 10 can be checked out once.

The service costs approximately $30,000 a year and is paid for out of the new technology fund, a fee all students pay through tuition. Next year the program will be a part of the Wilson Library budget.

"We want to let students know that this is a valuable resource and it is easy, fast, and free," said Heckman.

For more information contact Dr. Marlin Heckman and Irene Morris for any questions regarding the LINK+ program at extension 4319.

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the scholarship will be lifted.

"A vast majority of the leaders on campus don't choose their involvement based on the pay off," he said.

The fact, that there is a full staff of OWL'S and PAL'S that are engaged in the activity for next year, shows that the absence of the LEAD scholarship did not hinder students from participating in leadership positions.

"I would still be involved, because I'm in it more for the experience than the money. To some people it is an incentive, but it messes up financial aid, so it isn't always a good thing," said junior psychology major Courtney Henderson, Fall 2000 Orientation coordinator, of the scholarship.

Changes in the LEAD program are due to an internal review of the program in addition to a concern raised by the donor of the funds, Richard Landis.

"The scholarship is given by the donor, and after seeing how it was being used currently, he expressed that he would like to see some changes. This forced us to examine the program and consequently change it," said MorganArmstrong.

Recruitment for the new LEAD program will be through advertisement to LEAD students, advisers as well as to the ULV community. This entails, flyers, booths and other forms of advertising.

"I'm really excited about the opportunities this new program provides for students.

Those who want to get involved can be as involved as much as they want to and those who want a more thorough experience have many options," MorganArmstrong said. "I'm excited to run something that works with our student leaders in a program that is fluid and responsive to their needs."

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Hillcrest offers literary treasures

•Customers pick price at bookstore

Gianina Lomedico
Staff Writer

Tucked inside the quaint senior citizen community of Hillcrest Homes in La Verne is a one room beige house. This house serves as a bookstore for the city of La Verne, where the customer decides the price of the item. A path leads the customer to the door as a world of imagination is set free.

The concept of the customer determining the price was introduced by founder Evelyn Hollinger and co-manager Eva Armbruster in April 1994. These two booklovers recognized the house when it was used as a storage facility. Books on travel, cooking and parenting were found in the house. The books were then sold at Hillcrest's annual country fair. The tradition has now changed as books are being donated by Hillcrest residents who have outlived their financial resources. Other donators include schools, La Verne community members and other people throughout the community.

"It was something I can do and I love it. It's nice to be doing something useful. It feels good and it keeps me busy," said Armbruster.

The proceeds are then collected to the Residents Association Benevolent Fund of Hillcrest. The fund helps support residents who have extinguished their savings. A thrift shop, gift shop and wood shop have also been established to help with the fund.

"The bookstore helps people in the community who do not have access to items. They can pick up books for very little money," said Armbruster, who schedules the staff of about 13 people. Along with scheduling the staff, she also collects the money earned from the bookstore and sends it to the Hillcrest treasury.



Tom Galaraga

Marian Clegg is one of many Hillcrest Homes residents who volunteer on their Saturday afternoons from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to work at the bookstore. Proceeds raised from book sales are donated to a Hillcrest Homes Benevolence Fund that benefits residents who have already exhausted their financial resources.

The house first started out as a rental. It lacked proper plumbing and wiring. It now raises about $2,000 a year and holds over 2,000 books. The books are then arranged in categories alphabetically. There is a vast collection of books that date back to classics. Children's books vary and start from toddlers all the way through grammar school.

New co-managers Virginia and Willard Olwin are very happy to be joining the bookstore. They sort out the new books and continue to follow in Hollinger's place.

"It first started out with the dream of Evelyn. We realized how important it was for people and knew it was something we were able to do and should do," said Olwin.

Olwin explains that the bookstore benefits the community because "it is happy to buy books inexpensively for their own needs and their own interests. I always hear little stories of people finding books that they really are looking for and are very intrigued with. A customer came in with parenting questions and found a book about that. Cookbooks have been really selling well with the public," Olwin said.

Bill Bruns, who has been a troubleshooter, caretaker and a general helper of the store for nine years, commented about the bookstore.

"It is a treasure for the residents of La Verne. It is so much fun to see people find books that they would want. Many of the books are very hard to find," said Bruns.

According to Bruns the bookstore is getting more classic books. "We have been getting many true collectible books, due [to] the donations of some of the older residents of the Hillcrest community," said Bruns.

The bookstore is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 2609 Park Ave., north of Kuns Park. Signs are posted to direct customers to the store.

Arrangements can be made with the workers and other residents to see the bookstore. The store is in the process of trying to become better known with more publicity and flyers. They are working on posting more signs in the area.

Annual celebration blends culture and history

Cathy Gastelum
Staff Writer

In the month of February, African-American history is celebrated throughout the nation. The University of La Verne has also created a variety of events to take part in the celebration.

Alexis Scott, director of cross-cultural programs and service, and other members of the ULV faculty have put together 10 events for the celebration of African American history. The first event took place on Sunday, Feb. 4, was a welcome back social for the students who took January interterm off, with the introduction to African History Month. The second event took place on Feb. 5, and was Snap Snap Poets, activity of spoken poetry, as well as singing musicians and dancers. On Feb. 7, Dr. J. Spectar, professor of the University of La Verne College of Law presented "Legal Issues and People of Color."

"Dr. J. Spectar did a dialog on people of color and the law, and he talked about issues that are not only happening here but everywhere in the country and around the world," said Scott.

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity spoke to ULV students about its organization Feb. 9. "This Fraternity is one of the nine African-American Greek organizations for which there isn't any in ULV," said Scott. If Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity own its own chapter at ULV it will be the first African American Greek organization in the history of ULV. There will be another Greek event on Feb. 22, the National Panhellenic Council Fraternity and Sorority mixer. This is the group that head of the nine black fraternity and Sorority national organization, which will get together at ULV. There were several fun night events for students this week with another one tonight. Th events included Roller skating at the Skate Junction in West Covina and a dance at Cal Poly Pomona

Scott said that "this month it not only fun," on Feb. 21 and 26 there will be educational workshops. On Feb. 21 Catherine Henley-Erickson will help students learn how to improve their writing skills and work out any writing problems that student have. On Monday, Feb. 26 the last event will take place in the Career Development. This event is intended for the students to come and talk to a real professional in their vocation students can have more information about their career and really decide if it is what they really desire to pursue.

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> *—Marcy Garcia, ISO adviser*

Several students at ULV were not aware about the celebration of African-American History Month. Daniel Aviles was one of them.

"As an international student, I would like to know what it's all about, so I can give a better opinion," he said.

Marcy Garcia, ISO Advisor and international student adviser, said, "I think it is a wonderful idea to celebrate Black History Month but our students need to know more about why we celebrate it. We need more ULV Black students and faculty getting involved too. So many don't know their own history."

Dayita Datta a sophomore said, "It is really great to have Black cultural festival. Because it will aware people about African American history. I saw some celebrations going on at the post office."

Many other students thought African-American History Month was a great idea so that students could become aware about it and enjoy it but at the same time honor Black History for being a great example to our society and making a difference on our freedom and civil rights. Many students expressed their interest in Black History Month and that they did not hear about the events going on at ULV, but many became they aware after listening to KULV public service announcements they would have liked it better if the ULV would have had more people involved in the celebration to get the whole University aware about the events and involved.

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Workshops

On Wednesday, Feb.21 at 7 p.m. in the West Dining Room, a Writing Workshop will be provided for students who would like to learn how to improve their writing style.

Art Exhibit

•James Fuller Mountains and Rocks will be on display in the Harris Art Gallery from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call, ext.4763.

•The Museum of Latin American Art will exhibit the works of Francisco Toledo. For more information contact the MoLAA at (562) 437-1689

Mixer

The National Panhellenic Council will hold a fraternity and sorority mixer Thursday, Feb.22, from 8 to 10 p.m. Location to be announced.

Concert

•Reed Gratz's band will be performing in Dailey Theatre on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

•Ozomatli will be at UCLA's Ackerman Ballroom, tomorrow Feb. 17 at 8 p.m.

•Bob Marley Day Celebration will be at the Long Beach Arena and Entertainment Center at 1 p.m., tomorrow. The showcase will include Buju Banton and Shaggy.

Movies

The following movies open today:

•"Sweet November," featuring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron is a romantic drama.

•"Down To Earth" starring Chris Rock, is about a man that has died and came back to life reincarnated in another man's body.

—*Angelique B. D'Silva*

Local clubs alluring to Area college students

by Anna Roy

It is Tuesday night. Everyone is busy primping in front of their mirrors. College students everywhere are preparing themselves, putting on funky club clothes. People wear just about anything from vinyl pants, to glitter and knee-length boots. After a while, everyone is ready to let loose and party the night away at one of the various Southern California dance clubs.

Clubs in this area are plentiful, and vary in atmosphere, cost, dress code, location and music. Many University of La Verne students 'go clubbin' weekly, for others not so often.

The World Wide Web is a resource when looking for the right club. There are clubs to suit all musical interests: reggae, punk, acid jazz, house, techno, trans, metal, swing, emo, ska, 80s, blues, house, rap, and alternative. While others feature themes, like British and Gothic.

It's around midnight and people are busy dancing, swaying with the music and getting a bit tired. To take a break, they sometimes entertain themselves with the different attractions sometimes featured at clubs like darts, drag-queen shows, billiards, live entertainment, go-go dancers and fashion shows.

Another way to find the right club is by listening to the radio. Different stations like Power 105.9 FM will keep listeners regularly updated about clubs that they will be broadcasting from.

Junior liberal studies student Margaret Tipton frequents The Rox Club in Riverside. "It is small, and they always play really good music. There's always a lot of people and there is a good bar."

Tuesdays, the club is restricted to those 21 and over in age. All other nights the club is open to those 18 and over. To get on the guest list, one should arrive before 10 p.m. The Rox features a variety of music, and attracts many different types of people.

"I like meeting people that I usually wouldn't meet on a regular basis; from ravers to businessmen," said senior liberal studies student Rebecca Banta.

A country-western club with a twist is the Branding Iron in San Bernardino. The club features pop music, hip-hop and country. Freshman Renee Moore, and many ULV students go to the Branding Iron every Wednesday for College Night, when admission is free. Clubbers wear anything from cowboy hats with jeans and a t-shirt, to all-out club clothes. A highlight of the night might include a wild ride on the club's mechanical bull. Country-line dancing lessons are available on Friday and Saturday nights.

Senior communication major Jelani Kimble enjoys Elements, an underground hip-hop club. Music played at Elements typically does not get radio airplay.

"You can wear whatever, the atmosphere is relaxed. Lately, it's been growing in popularity," said Kimble.

This club includes an eight-person M.C. "Battle' in which M.C.s show off their rhyming skills. The winner of this contest and the break-dancing contest wins $100.

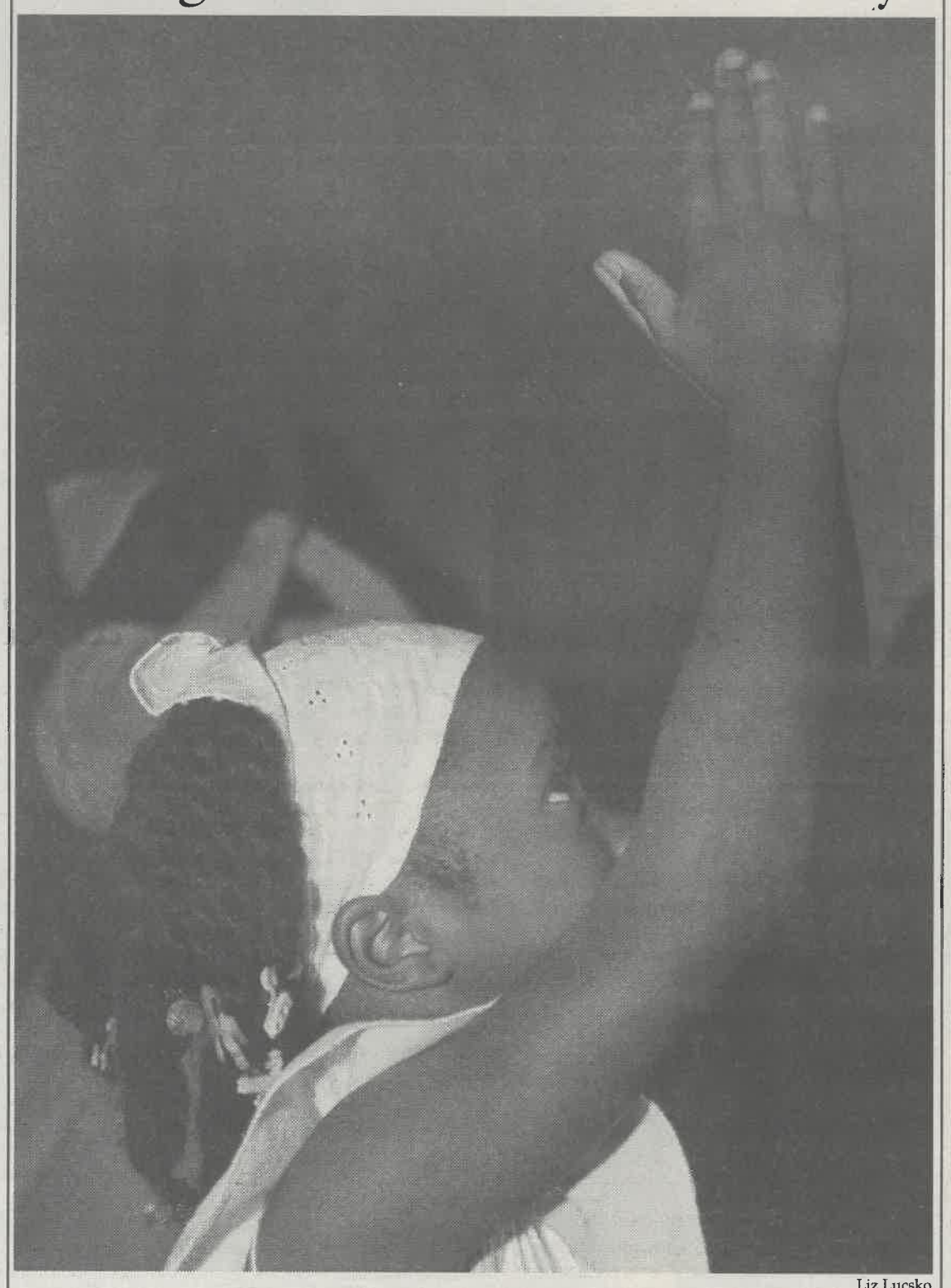
If students are into Latin music, Club Florentine Gardens in Hollywood is suitable. It is also an 18 and over club. Junior Communications major Sanela Hadzihasanovic has been to the club around six to seven times.

"It's pretty cool. The atmosphere depends on which day you go. Sometimes it's nice, sometimes it's awkward and empty. They have different floors, so you will find something for people who like a variety of music. They play Latin rock, salsa, cumbias, and merengue. They also have a hip-hop and R&B floor. The dress code is enforced. You cannot walk in with jeans and tennis shoes. The price varies. They sometimes have live bands... that's why the price is different. It doesn't matter where you go, as long as you go with your friends," said Hadzihasanovic.

Some tips when going clubbing include: bring identification with some extra money, have a designated driver, do not go alone, have a hand sign (to use to get away from a dancing partner who is making one uncomfortable, or to go the bathroom), have a designated spot to meet in case one gets lost, keep money in a safe place, wear something nice with comfortable shoes.

It's 4:30 a.m. and people have just realized that class starts in a mere three hours. They climb into bed, and still hear the pounding music in their ears, but quickly drift off to sleep.

Wading in African-American history



Liz Lucsko

Performing to the historical African-American freedom song "Wade in the Water," Jordan Staffey, one of seven members of Petite Praise in Motion depicted slavery through dance at the Snap Snap Poets show beginning African-American History Month.

Fun Night provides study break

Amanda Stutevoss
Staff Writer

A night filled with harmony and unity, and not to mention fun. This description matches the events that took place on Tuesday, as the Brothers Forum and African American Student Alliance, with help from the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity, held Fun Night in the Student Center.

Students gathered to celebrate February being African-American History Month.

"This event will give students a chance to get to know each other better in a series of events that represents Black History Month," said Lydell Willis, vice president of the Brothers Forum.

Fun Night included activities that students could participate in. Music, dominos, card games such as spades, and videos showing on the Student Center television were part of the festivities. Also there was a Black History Trivia game and the winner received a $30 gift certificate to Best Buy.

"We just wanted to have a night where students could gather and hang out and have a break from studying," said Falone Serna, president of the Brothers Forum.

Approximately 30 students turned out at the event. AASA President, junior Mia Moore, said that the turnout was more than expected.

"We were trying to set a foundation for AASA to have events all year round especially in February, in the future," said Moore.

Spectar presentation...

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want to affect change, you have to be inquisitive." In order to find the answers, always solicit questions.

"Law is not really what happens in the Supreme Court, civil society is who creates law," said Spectar. There are several challenges confronting the United States right now, particularly globalization; globalization in terms of the impact on people of color and the United States' laws.

He said, "The more technology and the more communication you have between people, you get greater cultural intercultural communication amongst all people in the world."

The significant connection between blacks is worldwide. Black history month's normal tendency is to celebrate American Blacks, but on a greater scale the month should encompass Blacks around the world. "Globalization belongs to Black history month," said Spectar.

Alexis Scott, director of cross cultural program and services said the discussion made her reflect on the issue on a global level. She admits that she does forget to think about issues going on somewhere else. She adds the lectures inspired new programming ideas.

"When people of color start thinking about how to protect themselves from government action it may be helpful in an era of globalization to think about the international domain," said Spectar. "How can we connect our plight worldwide?" he asked. "You have to be an active citizen," he said.

When people are dissatisfied with their present state, they organize to create change. Spectar is a strong believer in the American system. He said that our American system has a mechanism where people who decide to take an initiative to change things, are able to do so.

"It's a game with a lot of actors," he said.

"The Constitution is not supreme over the people, the people are supreme," said Spectar. Individuals confuse the strength of laws with an individual's clout over the laws; because someone cannot persuade a group, it does not mean that the law has prominence.

Spectar communicates that the world is changing at an unprecedented rate; therefore, it is vital for individuals to become versatile. Becoming multifaceted enables individuals to be on high demand for jobs. In essence, it is the act of being engaged and active that warrants effectiveness. "We are world citizens," said Spectar.

"I truly believe that if I fought as hard as I could and never gave up and consistently obtained a lot of information of how the system works, that ultimately I would prevail," he said.

"I found the whole thing inspiring. I thought he covered many good points," said freshman Eja Ash.

Freshman LaVenna Ware said that the lecture, "addressed a lot of issues and opened up my eyes to see why society is like it is and why I should have faith in society."

"The real key is to see how in crucial points leaders arose who refuse to give up as different and as daunting as the task was, as challenging a task as they face. You should never surrender," said Spectar.

Poetry utilizes words with rhythms



Liz Lucsko

Snap Snap Poets held a reading and program in Davenport Dining Hall on Monday, Feb. 5, which included rhythmic poetry to kick off African-American History Month at the University of La Verne. Corey Cofer, a 1997 ULV alumnus who performs as "BessKepp," in a piece titled "Trinidad, Texas," described a place where racism is prominent.

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Men's volleyball falls to Cal Baptist

Christine Owen
Managing Editor



Jason Cooper

Junior opposite hitter Nate Michael puts one of his three kills over the net against Cal Baptist University on Tuesday. The Leopards efforts fell short of victory losing in three straight games, 30-27, 33-31 and 30-24. La Verne will have a chance at revenge as they travel to play the Lancers in Riverside on Feb. 21.

Bringing more power and intensity to the court than could be dealt with, Cal Baptist University shut out the University of La Verne Leopards in three straight games on Tuesday night in the Supertents, 30-27, 33-31 and 30-24.

The ULV men's volleyball team entered the match coming off a weekend loss to the University of California Santa Cruz, that dropped them from second to fourth place in NCAA Division III ranking, and struggled to take control in the games against the Lancers.

"I don't think it's a technical problem, something that we're technically not doing well on offense or not doing well on defense," said ULV assistant coach Morgan Coberly. "This team has a lot of talent, but right now they're just trying to find it in their hearts and see if they want to play hard or not, because tonight we didn't."

Cal Baptist took and held onto an early lead in the first game despite the Leopards tying the game at 26-26 after a solo block by junior middle blocker Tom Hilton. However, two consecutive errors by La Verne put Cal Baptist ahead again, 27-26. Junior outside hitter Will Paulson registered a kill that brought ULV within one point, 28-27, but a strong Cal Baptist defense did not allow any more points for the Leopards while they finished the game.

"I thought our defense was probably the strongest part of our game tonight," said Cal Baptist head coach Wayne White.

Aggressive play by La Verne kept the score close in game two while 12 times in the game the score was tied. With the score tied at 30-30, Cal Baptist outside hitter Matt Peacock had a kill that put his team up by one, but Paulson quickly responded with a kill to tie the game again at 31-31. A Lancer unanswered point put them up by one, and setter Adu Rando recorded the game-winning kill.

Game three was also close until Cal Baptist went on a seven -point run that put them ahead 17-10. The Leopards capitalized on Cal Baptist's hitting errors and came within four points, 25-21, but a strong offense from Peacock (16 kills) and outside hitter Rafael Paal (14 kills) overpowered the Leopards.

"We were close every game and they were just waiting for us to start taking over," said senior Agke Grow, libero. "They [Cal Baptist] didn't go out and win those games, we lost them."

Both coaches agreed that serving errors were costly to both teams (ULV with 12 and Cal Baptist with 15) and must be improved upon for next week's rematch. "Our serving was absurd tonight," White said.

For the Leopards, sophomore outside hitter Jake Swann contributed 14 kills for the match and Paulson had 11. Junior opposite Nate Michael, sophomore middle blocker Nate Silva and Hilton had three kills apiece.

On Feb. 21 the two teams will face off again as they take the court on the Lancer's home turf in Riverside.

"They're [Cal Baptist] even with us," Paulson said. "At times [tonight] we blocked well and I think that's going to be how we beat Cal Baptist, by blocking well."

Baseball braves rain, splits openers to Menlo

Tim Tevault
Staff Writer

Despite the constant downpour of rain Southern California has experienced of late, the baseball team squeezed in a doubleheader Sunday against Menlo College and a game in Santa Clarita against Master's College on Wednesday.

The first game of the double header, pitched predominantly for ULV by Sergio Villalobos and for Menlo by Ron Arostegui, resulted in a 9-0 shut-out against ULV. Arostegui only allowed two hits, which is small compared to the 12 given up by ULV's pitching staff.

Menlo's key hitter of the game was short stop Anthony Prestigiacomo, who, in his five at-bats, had three hits and four RBI. Second baseman Casey Knapp was also a key player, with two hits and two RBI.

For ULV, the only hitters in the game were senior Scott Iavorone and sophomore Ray Podesta, both pinch hits.

In the second game, however, the tables were turned and by the bottom of the third inning, ULV scored four runs. They kept this strong play up, shutting out Menlo, 8-0.

Pitcher Jon Cruz, senior, took control of the mound for eight innings, allowing only four hits.

And while Cruz was taking care of business infield, Nate Devine was exercising his authority at the plate, with two hits and three RBI.

Wednesday, ULV squared off against Master's College (5-2) in a game dominated by the Mustangs, who won, 6-2.

Both teams were mainly inactive on the scoring board for most of the first half of the game. Master's did most of their scoring after the sixth inning, while the Leopards did not score until the eighth inning.

Key players from this game were freshman Joe Scott of ULV and Brandon Tisher and Andy Salazar of Master's. Scott and Salazar went 2-for-4 for the game. Tisher went 2-for-3, with one run and one RBI.

Shut-outs and great stats would not be possible were it not for a great coaching staff.

After witnessing the resignation of last season's coach, Bobby Lee, the Leopards are excited to welcome Scott Winterburn aboard as the new head coach. "We're trying to establish our own identity," said Winterburn. "If we can get off to a good start, we'll be tough."

Winterburn, who coached at Azusa Pacific University for the 2000 season, has coached college ball for 13 years.

The rest of the staff has experience in high school and college baseball. Mark Rigney has coached at Azusa High School and Citrus College and will specialize in infield play. Dan Grudt, a pitching aide, has had experience with the Atlanta Braves farm system and Cal State Fullerton. Gabe Miranda has worked with ULV's team for a year and will work with the outfielders and serve as third base coach. Steve Esquibel, who has worked with San Dimas High School, will bring his hitting expertise to the team.

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Jason Cooper

With the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference swimming finals today and tomorrow, senior diver Debbie Lewis works on her back dive at practice. Lewis has made conference finals two of the three years the diving program has existed at La Verne but has yet to capture a championship title. The finals are held in Cerritos.

Swimming moves to finals

Matt Cresto
Staff Writer

University of La Verne swimming and diving teams are learning their ABC's all over again. Third year head coach John Hallman believes they have learned from A to Y, but have not quite learned that all-important last letter.

"Right now they are at the "Y", and they are about to realize the "Z" aspect," says Hallman. "They are on the bubble, but are giving themselves a chance to take advantage of the opportunity."

Last year the women's team sent five swimmers to nationals in Atlanta and is looking to send five more back this year.

Juniors Katie Aimone, Summer Hammons, and sophomore Katie Lyons are returning from their national performance a year ago. Aimone and Hammons were recognized as All-Americans last year in the 400-medley relays. Junior Allison Alastuey freshman Carlen Sentak and Lyons will fill in nicely to try to help the Leopards return to the national event once again. All five women combine to swim in four different relays. Each of the five swimmers also compete individually in three races. Competition this year has become very tight in the women's division of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The team to beat in the Conference Championships will be the team from the University of Redlands, but do not underestimate the Leopards' pride.

This year has been a breakthrough performance for the men's swim team. They have a chance to place second this year at Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC).

"This is our first year to have guys in a top contenders spot," said Hallman.

Freshman Jason Walters has provided to be a spark for La Verne this year in the backstroke and the individual medley. He may have the chance to become swimmer of the meet if he can keep his momentum into the final conference challenge.

Junior Ryan MacDonald returns this year as the Leos All-Conference and individual champion in the breaststroke from a year ago. Juniors John Chon, Jason Cooper, Rey Lopez and sophomore co-captain Roger Garcia have helped the Leopards move their way to the top of the conference. Tyler Morgan and Gage Fisher are the lone seniors on the team and have made top contributions to this year's team. Fisher is also diving for La Verne along with senior Mario Guerrero.

The diving program has been taken over by first year head coach Toby Reclusado. He was the 2000 South Coast Conference coach of the year and has nine years of coaching experience under his belt. A four-time Big West Conference Champion and Big West record holder at UC Santa Barbara. Reclusado has the program headed in the right direction and looks to take La Verne to the top.

"Toby has done a great job in recruiting divers for us next year," said Hallman.

The teams are in taper right now and beginning to realize the importance of the final conference meet. It becomes a stressful time for the swimmers but more so for the coach in the mind of Hallman.

"It is a nervous time for me," says Hallman. "Things are tapering down."

Swimmers are focusing on the mental aspects of swimming. They are told to imagine themselves in the pool and try to shrink the size of each lap, said Hallman.

"A poor athlete looks at each lap as a journey," says Hallman. "A top athlete just looks at each lap as a step."

The Leopards head into the championships this week at Cerritos College. The meet started yesterday with the finals today and tomorrow.

Law School...

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hosts the Black Law, Hispanic Bar and Asian American Associations.

There is also a wing for the admissions, registration and financial aid offices so law students do not have to travel back and forth between Woody Hall on the main campus and the law school.

The library is 27,000 square feet and larger than the Hoover building alone.

"We had books in storage," said Lawrence Meyer, law librarian, in reference to the limited space of the law library at Hoover.

The library offers 10 study rooms, as well as numerous work stations that not only offer a bigger work space, but also absorbs and drowns out noise. Some of the work stations are wired for Internet use for those who have not purchased a card to access the wireless system.

There is a room for the Journal of Juvenile Law, which is found at large law schools. Books about cases from other states and an extensive section on California cases. There are also reflection titles to help students read the titles on the bottom shelves.

There are two copy rooms, separate desks for circulation and references, four computers that access the Internet and LEO Pac and a computer lab that contains 30 computers for student use. There is a digital machine that allows students to send print jobs to different printers throughout the library.

"There's room for growth," said Meyer about designated sections that can be expanded if needed to make more room.

A guard station welcomes visitors in the atrium located on the east side of the building. The station is equipped with cameras that cover the different entrances and exits of the building.

The building is located within walking distance of Euclid Avenue, the Ontario City Hall and the public library. The law school has a campus like setting. Ontario city officials hope that the presence of the college will improve the downtown and residential area by bringing people into the area.

The college was completed on schedule and within budget thanks to many donations by the Board of Trustees members, the Ahmanson Foundation, the city of Ontario, ULV and anonymous donors. Money from fundraising also contributed.

"It couldn't have happened with out that support," said Held.

The ULV College of Law is the only California accredited school in the Inland Empire.

Because the new building fulfills most of the American Bar Association (ABA) criteria, the law school has applied to be ABA accredited. A five-member team from the ABA inspected the College of Law from Jan. 29-31.

"The team did a very thorough job of examining our program, and was complimentary of the students, faculty and staff. We eagerly await its report, which we expect to receive in about six weeks," said Held in a bulletin to the law student body.

Women's basketball makes late season progress

Christian A. Lopez
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne women's basketball team has had a tough season, but has never quit in its pursuit for excellence.

In the last few games the Leopards have played some of the premier teams in their conference and stood their ground. Despite the 8-13 overall record, ULV is 2-7 in conference, but the last three losses have come on a combined 10 points.

"I like the way we have progressed this season overall. In the last four games we have proven we can play with the top teams," said coach Julie Kline.

On Tuesday the Leopards forced first place Whittier College into overtime. The Poets (8 2 in SCIAC) were outplayed by La Verne, but managed to score a 63-58 win after outscoring the Leopards 10-5 in the overtime period. Freshman Sydni Myrick had 17 points and 10 rebounds in the loss for ULV.

On Feb. 6, the Leopards were added a win to their record with a 72-57 victory over the University of Redlands. Sophomore A.J. Tsapanos contributed 19 points and 10 rebounds to turn the Leopards' two point half-time deficit into a "W."

The victory was a great rebound from the team's upsetting loss to second place Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Feb. 2. The then first place Athenas managed a 60-58 victory.

On Jan. 30, the Leopards tenacity had a better pay off as they defeated Occidental College at home 57-37.

The Leopards next game will be on the road tonight at 5:30 p.m. against Cal Lutheran.