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Campus Link provides connections

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Sports Editor



Jen Newman

Telecommunications technician Bill Blackmur checks the main distribution frame for all buildings and dorms on campus. The main frame is located in Founder's Hall. Blackmur has been the University of La Verne's telecommunications technician for the past six years and oversees all aspects of telephone service for the University.

The residence halls at the University of La Verne have used Campus Link, a phone service provider, for close to 10 years.

When students move into the dorms, they automatically have a phone line in their rooms. This phone line can be used to dial locally or to call other campus rooms. Students have a choice of signing up for Campus Link service, which is accessed through use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN) and allows the student to call long distance.

All phone lines in the residence halls are set up by Campus Link, whether the student chooses to pay for the long distance service or not. This means that a student does not have the option of choosing a different long distance carrier.

Before the phone service was installed, students were not required to have a phone. Members of the housing department, including Loretta Rahmani, who is now dean of student affairs, chose to have a phone system installed.

"We decided that we wanted to have a phone system in the residence halls for two reasons, for customer service and convenience for the students, and for security," said Rahmani.

The original-phone system provider that was chosen at that time is still used today, but through various mergers has become Campus Link.

There is no charge to set up Campus Link. The student is billed monthly for every long distance call put on their PIN. A $2.95 service fee is charged every month and long distance calls cost 14 cents a minute weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 10 cents a minute all other times. On top of call charges, students must also pay a 20 cent surcharge for every long distance call.

Sophomore Shawn Bailey lives in the dorms but did not sign up for Campus Link. He said that he never thought about it because he has a cellular phone and a calling card.

This is the first year sophomore Sarah Negrete has lived on campus, and she did not consider signing up for Campus Link because of negative feedback that she got from friends.

"I heard that last year people got charged for calls that they didn't make and that the service wasn't good," said Negrete.

Sophomore Neal Houska said that he did not sign up for Campus Link because "It's cheaper to use a cell phone."

Stacey Mleczko, junior head

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ASF Forum finds meetings void of observers

Tim Tevault
Staff Writer

Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum meetings are supposed to be populated with actual students of the University of La Verne in attendance.

However, for a variety of reasons, students do not seem to make it to the meetings. According to President Mario Guerrero, there have been no students attending any of ASF's meetings (held every Wednesday morning from 9-11 a.m.).

"I'm not in a position to do anything," said freshman Esther Outten. "I don't feel comfortable going there."

Guerrero and ASF Commissioner Margaret Tipton, junior, feel differently.

"No one should be hesitant to come to ASF meetings because they are a part of ASF," said Tipton.

Senior Michael Anklin said he believes ASF does not have a lot of say in things that happen on campus. "In terms of changing things on campus, I don't really think there's a lot they [ASF] can do," he said. "I don't think the students have a lot of power on this campus."

Anklin said that the power on campus belongs to the administration, citing the quality of food at Davenport as an example. He said that despite students' complaints, they were never asked if they wanted to extend the school's contract with Aramark, the company contracted to provide food service for the campus.

He said this proves that students do not have the power over the campus and if administration actually listened to students, Aramark would have been gone.

However, Guerrero said that students are not giving ASF meetings a chance. He said that students do not have the right to complain about what occurs on campus as a result of ASF meetings if they do not attend them.

The other big reason cited for not attending ASF meetings that students gave had to do with the time of the meetings. Seeing as though many students do not have classes on Wednesday mornings, Tuesday nights become down-time for students, with some of them attending parties. Because students stay out late, they do not have the motivation to wake up and attend the ASF meetings at 9 a.m. Some students admitted to not knowing when the meetings were.

Tipton said she believes that the time and place of ASF meetings should be general knowledge of the student body.

"If a student wants to be involved, they should make it a point to find out how," she said.

The meetings are open forum, which allow panel members and students to speak their minds on issues concerning them on campus.

"It's an open forum where people can put in their opinions," said Guerrero.

Forum members meet at 8:30 a.m., in two separate groups; activities and advocacy. The former plan "fun" activities, such as dances and social events, while the latter deal with activities that stand for certain issues, such as guest speakers.

Then at 9 a.m., the Forum is open to students, and the two groups come together to share new ideas. Students and panel members then discuss what they think of the issues and ideas.

Applications are available April 16 and due April 20 for those interested in ASF positions for next year. Elections will be held April 23 -24.

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Body Image Week provides guidance

Jennifer Contreras
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's Counseling Center and the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum presents Body Image Awareness Week starting Monday and ending Friday.

Body Image Awareness Week includes eating disorder assessment tests, a body-image fair and a movie night and discussion.

Starting Monday, representatives from the Counseling Center will set up in the Quad providing eating disorder assessment tests. The test asks various questions about eating habits, weight fears and body-image behavior. The test serves to provide students a gateway to see if a problem exists. Then what the counselors do is provide therapy and referrals. Also, information will be made available as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

On Tuesday, there will be a Body-Image Awareness Fair. This fair, coordinated by ASF Vice President of Activities Crystal Apilado and Vice President of Advocacy Kristine Werthwein, will consist of 11 booths containing information on body image and definitions on body image, health, fitness and eating disorders.

"We are going to ask clubs and organizations to sponsor the booths," said Werthwein. Letters to clubs and organizations asking for booth sponsorship went out on Wednesday.

Purple ribbons will be given out by clubs and organizations at the start of the week and at the fair, which are to be worn all week in recognition of Body Image Awareness.

The fair will continue until the following day, Wednesday, with an open forum. This event will take place in the President's Dining Room from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There will be tables set up with information on body image as it relates to nutrition, athletics, stress, media, eating disorders and recovery.

There will also be another opportunity to take an eating-disorder assessment test. The event also includes a movie entitled "Slim Hopes."

"We will have a panel of experts in the fields of psychology, nutrition and we will have a young woman who is in recovery from an eating disorder respond to the video," said Paige Bunch, marriage and family therapist counseling trainee and Body Image Awareness Week coordinator.

Giveaways, refreshments and information will be made available throughout the night. A door prize of a coupon for a free-body massage by certified massage therapist Rebecca Braden of San Dimas will be given away. Tickets will be given upon entry and a drawing at the end of the event will determine the winner.

The Counseling Center started this event last spring. The format was the same with the exception of the fair, which is new, however, last year had no collaboration with ASF and there have been more efforts to make the event interactive.

"The response last year, due to the lack of time we had from when we decided to do it, and to get the materials and the amount of time we had to advertise, was not as big as we had hoped. And this year we just wanted a bigger response. We want to raise awareness," said Bunch.

Apart from making the event more interactive, the focus of the event has been shifted. Last spring, the event focused on eating disorders. This year, however, the term "body-image" is used to bring the whole person into focus, and use the event to raise awareness in all areas of the body and its image.

"This year we are not focusing strictly on eating disorders, we're focusing on the whole person and how all of these influences [media, stress, etc.] play a critical part in the development of peoples attitude about their bodies," said Bunch.

The event last year succeeded in its goal in raising awareness and bringing in clients to deal with issues of eating disorders and body image. These are the same goals for this year. The Counseling Center provides patients with therapy and referrals to private practitioners.

"This type of thing is an epidemic on college campuses. It really pertains here," said Bunch.

Bunch said that at ULV, body-image is a prominent issue and that many of the clients that attend the Counseling Center talk about it.

"It's become the focus of everyone's attention, body image defines your person. It is ironic that the average women is 5'4 and weighs 140 lbs., and that only 3 percent of the population is 6 ft, and 110 lbs. And 97 percent of the population is trying to be like the 3 percent," said Bunch.

She also said that college is a period of transition and a place where issues of body image are amongst the many concerns of college students as they are going through this period of change.

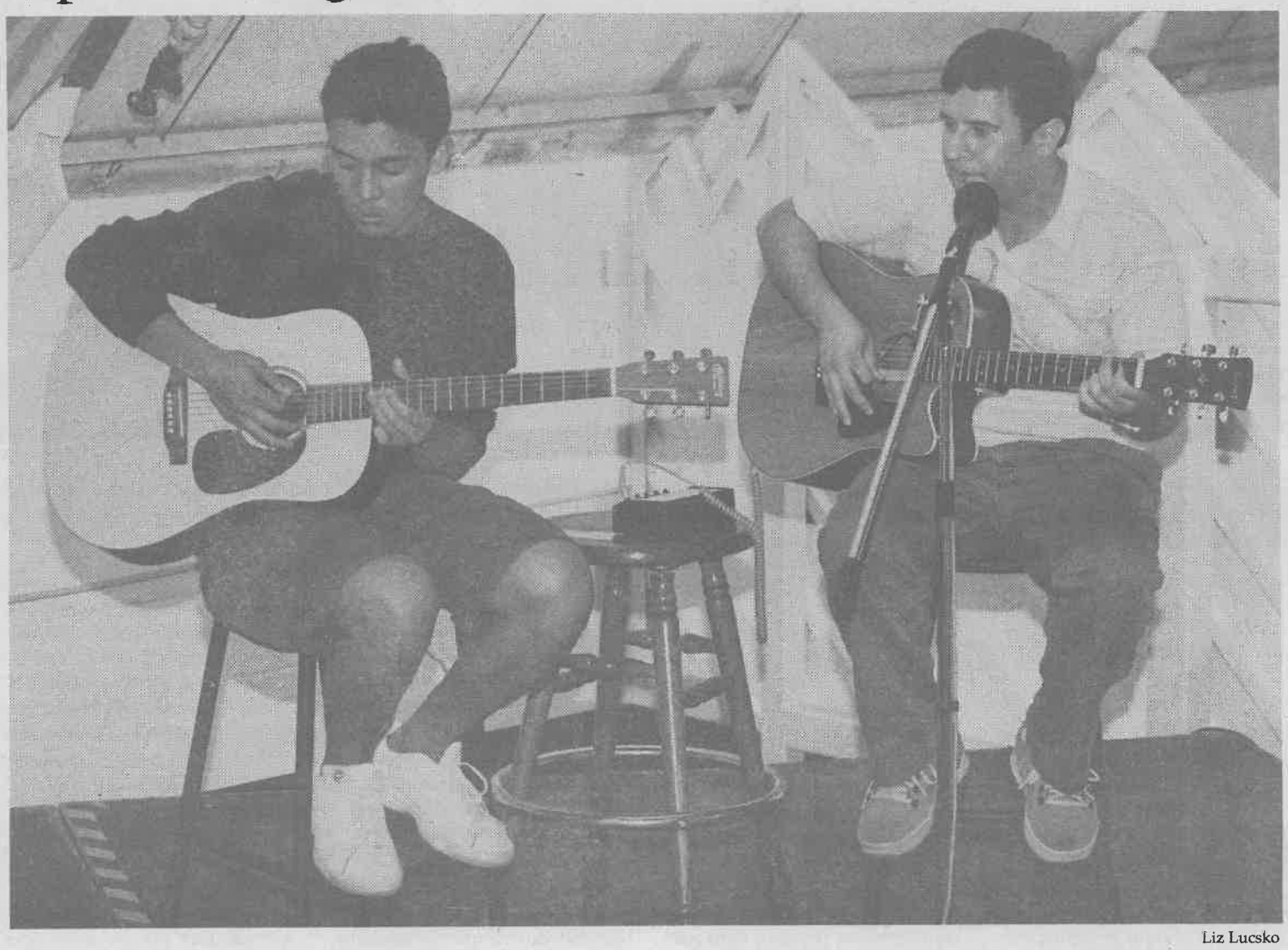
"Today more than ever people are concerned about their body image along with their image in general, especially since we are in college. You would think that it would change since we are not in high school anymore, you would think that maturity levels would go up, but we still see image as being something of great importance," said sophomore communications major Amelia Tabullo.

In addition to Body Image Awareness Week, the Counseling Center is starting a support group called "Body Love: A Group on Body Image." Bunch and Fran Lande, of the Counseling Center, will facilitate the group.

"Body Love" is a support group that will deal with body image fears, guilt, media influence, self expectations and helping people to learn to like your body.

The Counseling Center is currently holding pre-screening interviews for the "Body Love" support group. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Counseling Center at ext. 4831.

Open-mic night showcases local talent at the Spot



Liz Lucsko

Tuesday night sophomore Liz Lucsko and Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, sponsored an open-mic night, "Expresso Yourself," in the Spot from 7-9 p.m. The event drew musicians, poets and a singer. Juniors Daryl Baltazar and Aaron James expressed themselves by playing the blues.

ULV's building projects overbudgeted

• Renovation costs rise unexpectedly

Cathy Gastelum
Staff Writer

Although University of La Verne building projects are approximately on target, they have run into unexpected difficulties, which have increased the cost more than expected.

ULV borrowed $6 million from a bond issue about a year ago to develop and renovate the Lemon House, Hoover Building and build the new Oaks pod. The College of Law also had a separate project that was not included into the $6-million budget.

"We develop a plan to do some capital renovation of few buildings and construct a new building. The new Oaks ran into some problems with the city and planning, zoning requirements," said Philip Hawkey, executive vice president.

The Pod was meant to be three-stories high, but because of city requirements, the first floor had to be placed below street level. The finishing cost of building the Pod ended up being $2.3 million instead $2 million as they had anticipated.

The Hoover building will be locating where the college of law once was. The Hoover building is still under renovation, and has encountered some problems that were not expected.

The College of Law was moved to a new location in Ontario, and was costly due to architects, contractors and many people were needed for the construction of the building.

The College of Law project was created two years ago and was ready in January. Construction on Hoover began after law moved.

Hawkey also said, "The heater and air conditioner currently being used will have to be replaced. This incident set back the plans and increased the price that was set for $2 million to $2.3 million. The Hoover building should be ready for its new occupants July 1.

Hoover will house the College of Arts and Sciences dean, CAPA and the Behavioral Sciences Department.

The Lemon House now named the Art Communication Building, is under architectural review.

"This project will cost more than the Hoover Annex and the new Oaks because the Arts and Communication Departments want new offices, radio studios, edit rooms and classrooms that will cost a lot more than we expected," said Hawkey.

The intention was to spend about $2 million, but ultimately the estimated cost will be $3 million. The executive finance board is trying to lower the cost.

The Art Communication Building should be ready for the departments to move in by Labor Day of next year.

Dance to benefit earthquake victims

Anna Roy
Staff Writer

La Vernacula, the bilingual student-run publication, with the help of the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum are sponsoring "Baila y Salva, or Dance and Save" March 27 from 7 p.m. until midnight in the Old Gym.

The editorial board of the magazine decided to put on the event to raise the much-needed funds for victims of the recent earthquakes in El Salvador.

The country of El Salvador had been struggling since emerging from a 12-year civil war in the early '90s to a devastating hurricane in 1998. This past year three major earthquakes rocked the country. The largest of which had a magnitude of 7.6. That one in particular was felt some 750 miles away in Mexico City.

As of Feb. 17, the death toll was at 844. In addition thousands of wood-framed and adobe homes have been destroyed, leaving families stranded. Hundreds of others suffered from injuries. Many villages were evacuated, and looters ransacked what they could in some cases. Other villages were completely leveled. Public sanitation officials fear epidemics because of poor sanitation conditions.

As a result, President Francisco Flores declared a state of national emergency pleading with the international community for help.

"We, as the Latino magazine on campusm thought it was our job. We want to make a difference, even though we know we aren't going to make millions of dollars, what we get is going to help," said sophomore Cintia Rivera, a native of El Salvador and member of the organization.

In addition, members of the club are collecting donations. All proceeds will go directly to the Red Cross fund for the victims. For the past week there was an informational table set up in front of the Student Center to sell tickets, inform the community and collect donations.

Junior international business student Carolina Quiñonez has been working diligently to promote monetary donations, asking professors, students and organizations. " 'Buy a piece of heaven and donate,' that's my motto," she said.

The dance will feature DJ Noyz, who will play a variety of music and local band, Milu-Bizu. Milu-Bizu is made up of University of La Verne students Chris Arbizu and Obren Milosevic.

"We want everyone to know that the dance will not only feature Spanish music. We know that La Verne is a diverse community and that's why we want to have different types of music in order to unify everyone," said Rivera.

The ticket price is $5 and can be purchased by contacting Vicky Martinez at (909) 392-6369. Sales are reported as being steady.

"Student response has been really good, even people who can't go to the dance are giving donations and so are the faculty and staff members. It shows that people do care," said Martinez, president of the organization.

Who's who nominations released

Gianina Lomedico
Staff Writer

Despite rumors of the program stopping, The 2001 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities And Colleges" is well underway this year. Faculty and department chairs are in the process of turning in nominations. The nominations are due April 2.

The campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have several requirements. These include students being full time undergraduates with senior status, a minimum of a 2.75 cumulative grade point average and students need to have graduated in December 2000 or be graduating in May 2001. Students whose academic works, participation in extracurricular activities and community service are above average finish the qualifications.

This year 41 students from University of La Verne, that include four from each department, have a chance to join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Students have been honored in Who's Who since it was first published in 1934.

Last year 29 students were chosen for Who's Who. These included business administration major Amy Attiyah, public administration major Giselle Matus and chemistry major Art Jay Javier. Students are also presented a certificate of recognition at Academic Awards Night in May.

Ruby Montaño-Cordova, associate dean of student affairs, explained how important it is for a student to have this recognition bestowed on them. "I think it reads well on a student's resume. It shows that the students had an impact at the institution and that they were overall outstanding students."

Laura Rich, secretary to the dean of student affairs, commented how it helps students in the future. "I think in any case of a student who performs to this caliber, students do very well."

Gastelum focuses on future area's water supply

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

With Southern California's energy crisis in full swing, many wonder how it will effect other economic issues. Keynote speaker Ronald R. Gastelum, the general manager for The Metropolitan Water District (MWD), spoke to a record crowd of over 300 people at the University of La Verne's Corporate Associates Spring Business Lecture and Luncheon this Wednesday.

Gastelum's topic and opening sentence was, "Is Southern California's water future headed down the same path as energy degeneration?" The answer, as Gastelum himself so clearly put it, "No." He discussed how California found itself in the energy crush, claiming they shelved energy conservation programs and the handful of electric companies no longer met the rapidly-increasing demand on energy producers.

The event was held at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona, a site that offered a feeling of both professionalism and elegance for the well-dressed attendees. Guests included business people from companies like Merrill Lynch and *The Business Press*, as well as ULV faculty and students.

President Stephen Morgan gave a brief welcome while the guests dined on chicken, pasta and salad. Gastelum took the podium, and with the aid of two large projection screens, spoke about the reliability, quality and cost of the regions' water supply.

The MWD currently serves 17 million people in Southern California in over 27 cities and water districts. According to Gastelum, the water system is the foundation of economy in Southern California. The MWD serves people from Ventura to the Mexican boarder, and over two billion gallons of water are filtered and disinfected each day for drinking purposes.

"Water is irreplaceable," he said. "It's the only thing you can bathe in, it's what you water your plants with. Water is critical."

Gastelum spoke on the quality of the regions' water. The water for Southern California is imported from the Colorado River and the State Water Project. Currently, the MWD is taking 1.2 million acre-feet of water from the Colorado River. However, they are only allotted to have a smaller portion compared to what they are taken. Gastelum said that this drop will impact the flexibility they are accustomed to utilizing. He said the company will need to make more investments in the future because California will "need to live with less water from the Colorado River." He also added that the water quality is threatened by the high salt content. Treating this is expensive and limits its use for recycling and groundwater exchange.

Water from the Bay Delta Region has also caused reason for concern. According to Gastelum, utilizing water from this region has a major impact on the area and violates the endangered species law.

"We are currently working the with federal government to fix the Delta area without impacting the environment. We want to make it a win-win situation. Our ultimate goal is a better environment and more reliable water supplies," he said.

Gastelum admitted that it is their responsibility to the region to make investments in conservation and recycling programs. Within the past decade, Southern California has installed 1.6 ultra-low flush toilets, 3.2 million low-flow showerheads and 15,500 water efficient clothes washers. He also noted that they have spent $2.5 million in conservation efforts and $1.2 billion in recycling programs. Efforts are being made to collect and store more water in the wet years so that it is always available in the dryer years.

"We don't have a political agenda," Gastelum said, "we want to develop business relationships. There are things we need to do, but we do need help from investors."

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In The News

Student Awards

Student staff members of the *Campus Times* and *La Verne Magazine* have recently been honored with awards from two national organizations.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association has given ULV publications eight awards.

In the newspaper categories, senior Michael Anklin won a certificate of merit in News Features for "University, city formulate disaster plans." Senior Danny Craig earned a certificate of merit in First-Person Experience Column for "Learning the Art of Civility" [March 24, 2000]. Alumna Araceli Esparza won third place in Personality Profile for "Dibbell recounts life battling illness" [Dec. 10, 1999]. Junior Brice Nixon earned a certificate of merit in Sports Column for "Knight rightfully loses seat at table" [Sept. 15, 2000]. Sophomore Liz Lucsko won a certificate of merit in Spot News Photography for her coverage of George W. Bush's campaign stop in Pomona. The *Campus Times* staff also earned a certificate of merit for Single Subject Presentation with "ULV celebrates Homecoming of century."

In the magazine category of Illustration, alumna Stacie Galang won first place and senior Isela Peña won third place. Both of their illustrations appeared in the Winter 2000 issue of *La Verne Magazine*.

Meanwhile, the Society of Professional Journalists gave ULV students five awards.

For newspapers, Lucsko earned first place in Sports Photography and third place in Spot News Photography.

Among the magazines, La Verne Magazine won second place as Best Overall Student Magazine. Alumna Jennifer Parsons finished second in Non-Fiction Magazine Article and alumna Jeanette Neyman took third place in the same category.

Farmer's Market

Live music, arts and crafts, raffle prizes and a food court will be at the Old Town La Verne Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 7, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the intersection of Bonita Avenue and "D" Street.

Photo Contest

EdFund, the nation's second largest provider of student loan guarantee services, is holding a campus-scene photography contest and offering 12 awards of $1,000 and the opportunity for student entries to be published as part of the 2002 EdFund calendar. Students may submit up to three black and white photos that express their unique view of of the college experience. For complete contest details and an entry form, visit EdFund's website at **www.edfund.org/photocontest**.

—Christine Owen

ASF Minutes

The Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum met on Wednesday, March 21, in the ASF conference room to discuss their budget, upcoming events, and the allocation of funds for newly proposed events by students and organizations.

Resolutions

ASF allocated $2,386 to the Latino Student Forum (LSF) for this year's annual Bienvenida dinner and dance..

ASF set aside $500 for the purchase of the first 100 tickets for the University of La Verne Debate Team's Spring Speech Night. The funds will be distributed upon the presentation of a list identifying each person attending the event, but will be limited to the amount allocated.

ASF allocated $700 for the purchase of a scoreboard during Intramural basketball.

Alumni Relations

Alumni Relations offered services to help ASF further expand and better manage its budget.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events ASF has planned are intramural basketball, and Krispy Kreme Donuts Day on March 29

—Christian A. Lopez

Opinions

Unfair voting practices target blacks

When the term "voter irregularity" is mentioned, many Americans immediately picture Florida, with its strange interpretation of the 15th Amendment.

The Amendment states that, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous servitude."

However, during the last presidential election, many things occurred in Florida that made America wonder if this country was moving forward or backward.

For those unaware, prior to the November election, Florida Governor Jeb Bush and his secretary of state Katherine Harris, ordered 64,000 votes to be thrown out, stating that the ballots were punched by felons who were not entitled to vote. Perhaps Florida officials are unaware that the word "felons" is not defined as African Americans because 54 percent of the votes tossed out belonged to them.

It is unconstitutional, racist and sad what happened in Florida. It also explains why people there wonder if the right man is sleeping in the White House.

Perhaps the state of Florida hit rock bottom with the November 2000 election. However, it is rarely a lonely place to be and the state of Tennessee should know.

The visual, according to **Alternet.org**, an independent news and information service, was something out of a history book. Black voters were told to line up behind white voters. In one instance, an election volunteer reminded them how they "knew what it was like to stand at the back of the bus."

Police were present and witnessing it all.

It makes you wonder what century this country is living in and also if certain state's populations are aware of what human rights are.

There is another problem that should be evident despite the voter disenfranchisement occurring in Tennessee. It goes beyond the fact that black Nashville college students were not permitted to vote, despite their registered status. It extends farther than the mockery black voters endured from election volunteers.



What is most upsetting is the fact that hardly anyone outside of the Tennessee bubble has heard anything regarding the hidden attacks on black voting.

The only form of media in the United States that has shed light about this problem is the black press in Tennessee, such as the *Nashville Pride, Urban Flavor* and the *Tennessee Tribune*. Those newspapers are the only ones doing their job and educating and informing America about another state's tactics gone wrong. Internationally, the BBC and other organizations have vigorously covered this story. And yet, it has been ignored by America's mainstream press.

Certain organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the American Civil Liberties Union have combined forces and filed suit to eliminate such unfair voting practices. Plans have also been made to send representatives to Nashville to hold hearings which will hopefully result in change. For more information to reform the system, the websites, **www. aclu.org** and **www.naacp.org** may be helpful.

As a country, it can only be hoped that their actions as well as concerns made by the leaders of this nation come forward and stir change.

Otherwise, America will find herself tangled in the dirty pages of her history, struggling to remember what her nation stands for and whom she protects.

Policies deserve student attention

Two weeks ago, the *Campus Times* ran a story about the University of La Verne Bookstore's return policy.

This article told the stories of three ULV students who were unable to return their unneeded books, although they were not used or opened. While their stories are unfortunate, the students are partially out of line for getting upset with the Bookstore or its employees.

Textbook returns and exchanges are accepted 48 hours after the first week of a particular class has started. This rule has been in effect for more than a year. It is not a hidden policy the Bookstore has. In fact, it is printed on the back of every receipt and was posted on fliers around the Bookstore.

When one considers that some classes meet only once a week, 48 hours does seem like a short period of time to return books. Regardless, students need to recognize that there are policies that must be adhered to. When the rules and deadlines are made obvious, and students do not take the time to understand them, we cannot complain when the outcome is not satisfactory. Ignorance cannot be used as an excuse.

Take this same situation out of the college atmosphere. Do credit-card companies really care if people are only one-day late paying their bills? No—the following month the person would be charged a late fee. Whether the person who owes money read the information regarding the credit agreement is irrelevant. Whether a person has used credit from that particular company also does not matter. In the real world, one day late is late, no excuses or exceptions granted.

The Bookstore is simply trying to protect itself from taking back damaged books. The longer a student has a book, the more likely the book will get damaged. As a business, the Bookstore has to create policies that will help it earn a profit. If ULV Bookstore General Manager Clayton Simmons allows a student to return a book one day after the 48-hour deadline, then he would have to grant everyone the option of following the return policy. If that were to happen, students would start to complain that the Bookstore would not accept books according to its policy, and so on and so on. The circle only revolves when it is convenient to the student. The issue at hand is not a dramatic one, but instead is just one that requires students to pay attention.

At the same time, professors need to be more responsible when requiring students to buy books. Professors should also be aware of the Bookstore's return policy and make sure that they do not change the book requirement after that deadline has expired. It is not fair for students to spend money on books that they do not need and would not have bought if the professor did not require it.

Letters to the Editor

The *Campus Times* encourages readers to submit letters to the editors regarding topics covered in the paper. Letters should be no more than 400 words in length and are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m. The *Campus Times* reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, space and libel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I certainly appreciate the intent of the *Campus Times* to give its writers and editors independence. However, someone needs to take the responsibility to check quotations for something approaching reasonable accuracy. The *CT* should, it seems to me, set a standard for good writing on campus. Unfortunately this is not presently the case, and the *CT* is often laughable in its poor writing and stunning ability to misquote. It is especially sad to me that Julia Carachure, the author of the article "Faculty's offspring benefit from family support" [March 16] is a former writing student of mine; I had hoped I had taught her higher standards. For the record and to indicate only one unfortunate instance, I have never in my life used the word "triable" which, as far as I can tell, means nothing. I believe that the word I used in describing the experience of having my daughter attend on campus was "valuable."

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From the Editor...

Life sentences offer youth no hope



Alisha Rosas

Florida, California and 39 other states have enacted laws to try children as adults for serious crimes. I am not disagreeing with making twisted children serve just time, however, life sentences for children are absurd.

Like many his age, Lionel Tate, 14, is a devoted fan of the World Wrestling Federation. In 1999, however, the 166-pound boy decided to live out his boyish fantasy of being a wrestler and imitated violent wrestling moves on a much weaker opponent: 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick.

The murder took five minutes. According to experts in the Florida case, the 48-pound girl suffered more than 30 injuries, including a skull fracture and internal bleeding.

It makes sense to realize that at some point, she cried out for him to stop. Regardless, many seem to feel better now that a judge recently sentenced him to life in prison without parole.

He has become what many in this country see as "one less to worry about."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the country, 15-year-old Andy Williams sits in juvenile hall. Maybe his mind is filled with questions as to why he shot up his high school in Santee, Calif., killing two fellow students and injuring 13. It also makes sense to assume his victims pleaded for his mercy as he continued to shoot randomly. If convicted of all charges, Williams may face 105 years in prison.

He has become what many in this country fear and want to worry about.

There is, however, something wrong with this entire scenario, that does not even touch the, "What is happening to America's children?" national question.

While we do not mind locking up and forgetting just "one more" black person, we still have problems making it OK to claim that a white life is not worth a chance at rehabilitation.

While Williams' case unravels, something should be noticed. If ever there were a case in which the media spoon-feeds Americans their emotions, this is it. In many articles involving the Santana High School shooting, Williams is portrayed as meek, fragile and one who is struggling with unfair isolation. Justifications are given as reasons behind the shooting—his girlfriend had broken up with him, he had handled a move from across the country and was having a hard time.

Meanwhile, in regard to Tate, society is told over and again how "big" he is and how his lawyers' defense is absurd in stating that the "WWF made him do it."

Both stories sadden me. We have three victims who had much life in them. We also have two killers who have much life in them. And what we are telling these children is that their lives are completely worthless—that they serve as no use to either society or to themselves. By sentencing Tate to life without parole, we permit and enforce that a boy becomes a man in prison. Every first experience he will have, from growing facial and body hair to his first sexual-experience will be had in prison. He will not live in prison. He will die. I do not see why the judge did not stick a lethal injection into Tate's arm after his decision, because it is not a matter of life in prison, but a matter of death.

I also do not believe that Williams will be sentenced to such a harsh judgment.

Numbers do not lie. U.S. Department of Justice reports in 1999 statistics, there were 3,408 black male inmates per 100,000 black males total in the United States. Compare that to the 417 white male inmates per 100,000 white males. If Williams does get life in prison, I bet his sentence includes parole. After all, 55 percent of parolees were white in 1999, while 44 percent were black. Racism is not hard to find once an effort is made to look for it.

Children should be sentenced as adults depending on their cases; however, they should not be sentenced to life in prison because these killers are babies. Psychological evidence tells society that children do not have the maturity to control their impulses and do not understand the consequences of their actions.

I know that I am not alone in my opinion of Tate's verdict. Prosecutors and the victim's mother do not believe an adult prison is the right place for the eighth grader. I only hope that Gov. Jeb Bush revises Tate's sentence so that America does not forget one more black child.

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Racial characteristics offer more than one face



Angelique B. D'Silva

Curly hair and tan skin, she has to be African American, right? But wait, wait, she speaks Spanish. That's it—she has to be Cuban or Puerto Rican!

Unfortunately, all of these assumptions are incorrect.

"What are you then?" is a question that plagues me everywhere I go. I abhor this question very much. The question makes it sound like a person is not a human being, but more like a "thing" or an "it."

My usual reply, "I am a person."

I have always wondered why various people assume they have this innate ability of just looking at me and automatically assuming what my ethnic background is.

In grammar school, I guess you can say that I had a complex about my identity. When I was in the first grade, I always wanted to be light like my dad. My mom would always get upset with me, because I never liked putting on lotion. I guess my reasoning was that the closest I could ever come to being white was to leave the ashey skin that appeared by not putting it on alone.

Later, when I was an adolescent, I always felt that I had to prove to others that I was who I claimed I was.

Mostly it felt like people were fascinated or intrigued by my race in question, because they would not leave me alone until they thought they had figured out my race.

Then after playing 20 questions, a lot of people still had the audacity to ask, "Are you sure that you do not have any black inside you?"

I used to litigate with these stupid people, but I have come to the conclusion that they are not worth my time. At the end of the conversation, I found out that most people still believe afterward that I am denying my African-American heritage that they have convinced themselves that I possess somewhere inside me.

If someone overhears me speaking Spanish, forget it. People will either ask "You can speak Spanish?" astonished—or look at me and say, "You do not look like someone who speaks Spanish."

My sophomore year, I was waiting for my class to start, when I was rudely interrupted by a fellow classmate. He heard me speaking Spanish to another girl, and was taken aback. He asked immediately, "You speak Spanish?" in a voice that expressed bewilderment and confirmed in some way that I was not supposed to be speaking Spanish.

From that moment, I knew that my classmate had put his foot in his mouth, and by the looks of it, would only dig himself deeper.

He, like a lot of other individuals who believe they possess this power to guess people's' races, predicted mine. Sadly to say, he was wrong.

Sometimes I feel like I am a walking game-board piece or one of those stands at an amusement park that pleads for people to guess not my weight, but rather, my background.

It gets even better. For instance, I really enjoyed when a girl who heard me speaking Spanish asked if I learned Spanish from a book.

What is the protege of someone who can speak Spanish? And what is the epitome of someone is who is African-American, Anglo-Saxon, German and so forth?

Because of my disdain of people assuming my race, I make it a point to never guess someone's minority background. I just assume that they are people like me.

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Reason behind St. Patrick's Day aims at profit



Kelly Serrano

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, and it leaves me with just one question. Why?

I work at an Irish bar and St. Patrick's Day is the busiest night of the year. This year, we drew an enormous crowd that was about five times that of an average Saturday night.

The crowd drank green beer and ate corned beef and cabbage. The bar was decorated with paper shamrocks and leprechauns and everyone wore green plastic hats and buttons that said "Kiss me, I'm Irish."

The funny part about it is that probably 95 percent of the crowd was not even half-Irish. Those few that claimed to be "100-percent Irish" did not even know why they celebrated St. Patrick's Day. After polling random members of the crowd, I realized that people were there simply to get drunk, because "that's what you're supposed to do on St. Patrick's Day."

The plastic hats and stickers that the crowd wore were sponsored by Budweiser and Miller Lite, both American beer manufacturers. All decorations were cut out paper bought from a local party supply store. Besides the name, the bar I work at had no relationship to the Irish culture or the holiday.

St. Patrick's Day started as a religious holiday in Ireland, celebrating the life of Maewyn Succat, Ireland's patron saint responsible for converting the island to Christianity, who died on March 17, 493. Irish were required to go to church and schools and bars were closed in observance of this day. Only recently have officials in Dublin, Ireland began throwing St. Patrick's Day celebrations, recognizing the tourism potential.

Throughout the years, St. Patrick's Day has been built up and commercialized by American companies in order to make a profit.

I admit that I got caught up in it. I showed up to work wearing green Budweiser suspenders and was soon covered in promotional crap. I loved the increase in tips that I made from the huge crowd and I even stayed to party with my friends after I got off of work.

But halfway through my shift, and 10-stupid leprechaun stories later, I wondered, what are all of these people doing here? Why is St. Patrick's Day a reason for everyone to get drunk?

People celebrate on New Years Eve because a new year is starting. People celebrate on their birthdays because they are turning a year older.

Not only do people go out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with no clue what or why they are celebrating, they use March 17 as an excuse to go overboard.

At the bar I work at, one man passed out in the corner and I found a strange girl passed out in the front seat of my friend's car in the parking lot. Another man kept chasing around leprechauns, that only he could see, so that he could catch them in a paper bag. Trust me when I say that this does not happen on an average Saturday night.

I do not want to sound like I am against going out and having a good time, if anything I promote celebrating every little occasion.

I just want to make sure that those of you who went out on St. Patrick's Day to "drink like the Irish," realize you were not because really, the Irish do not drink on St. Patrick's Day. Also, green beer is just normal beer with food coloring in it that bars charge more for. For those of you who ate corned beef and cabbage, it is an American substitute for Irish bacon, and most Irish do not eat it.

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Loera promotes students' potential

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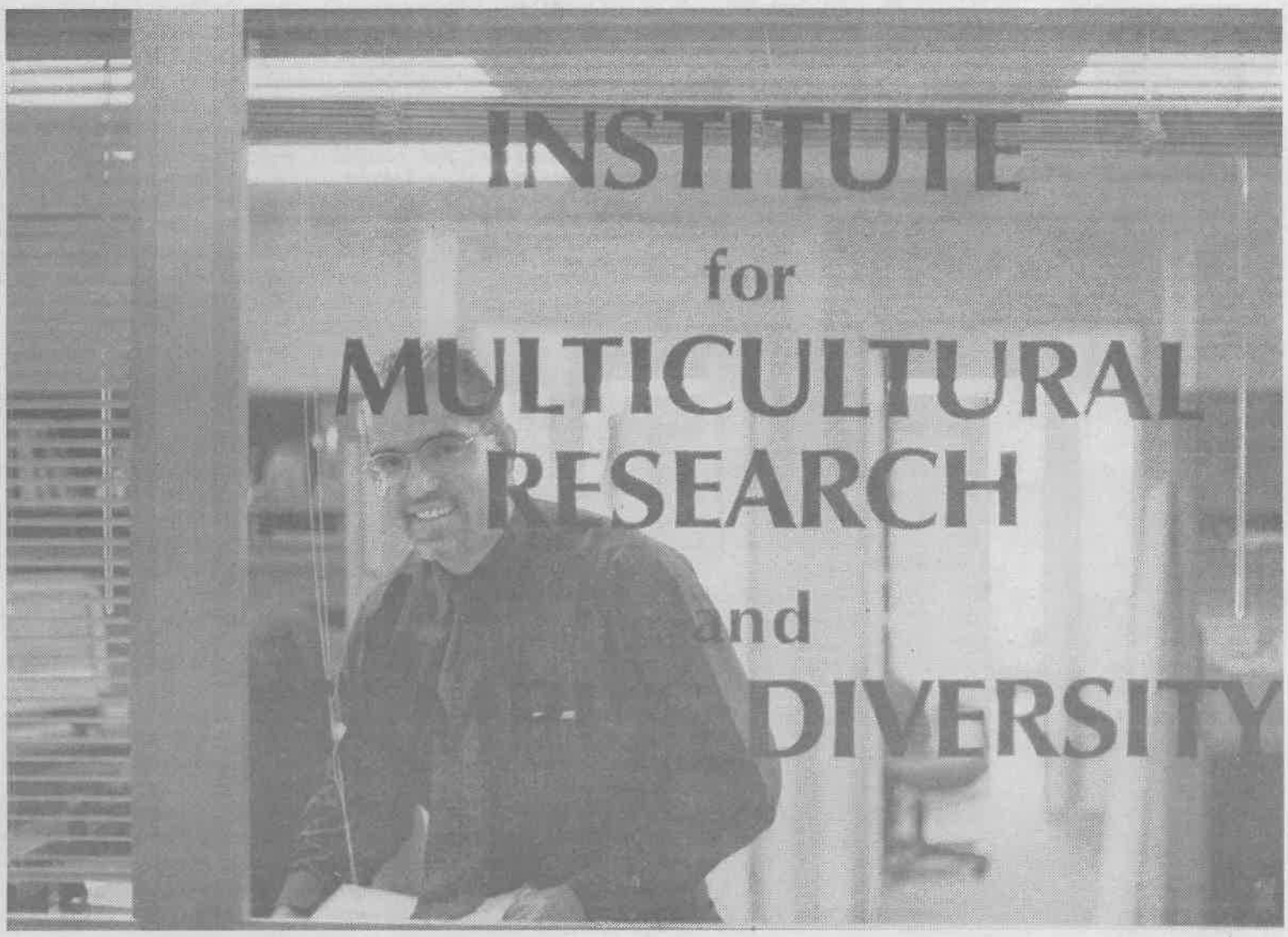

Lauren Wooding

In December, Daniel Loera replaced Harvel Lewis as the multicultural affairs director. He comes to the University of La Verne from the National Conference for Community Injustice, where he worked for 12 years directing community-leadership programs. Loera hopes to create a learning community in which he can challenge students to grow to their full potential.

From the priesthood to youth adviser, Daniel Loera has experienced many life-enlightening experiences that are assets to his new position as Multicultural Affairs Director of the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity at the University of La Verne.

Loera's "journey," as he refers to his achievements, began in the community of Azusa where he overcame an innumerable amount of negativity as an adolescent male growing up in his neighborhood.

"As a young person in my community, it [college] wasn't something that was encouraged of me," said Loera. "It just simply wasn't a reality or possibility."

This expectation to remain entrapped within the mediocracy and failure which devoured many of his peers, inflamed Loera to break through the stereotypes abiding within the streets in which he grew up.

"Growing up in Azusa and not having any mentors, I thought about college but had given up on going to college; All your classmates in your neighborhood get kicked out of high school, so I was expecting the same," said Loera. "By the mere will of realizing that if I flunked out I would have no life choices around what I can do with my life; I decided graduation was a necessity."

After achieving the unexpected, graduating from high school, Loera continued to further educate himself by attending Citrus College.

The continuous drive to better himself and his community that provided so little support, eventually led Loera on the road to become a priest. He attended St. John's Seminary school for six years, and transferred to Mount St. Mary's graduate program to pursue a master's degree in religious studies.

In pursuit of the priesthood, Loera realized that he would take a different approach into giving back to his community as well as finding a different means of bringing in a better income.

"I realized to serve, to love and to give back, wasn't necessarily the way that I needed to do that," said Loera. "Also it just wasn't a livable wage."

This change of direction in his journey led Loera to work with youth. He took a position as an adviser at Chaplin Central Juvenile Hall in Eastlake.

His experience with troubled youth, put a burden on Loera to find a way to keep young people from even entering the doors of juvenile hall. He said he wanted to make sure that not only was he helping those inside the jail cells to get out, but also making sure he kept those outside from coming in. "I felt that I could work with young people in helping them stay out of juvenile hall," said Loera.

This burden took Loera into the National Conference For Community Injustice program whose mission is to fight bias, bigotry and racism through conflict-resolution education.

Eventually the program, in which Loera dedicated 12 years of his life, diminished but Loera learned a valuable lesson in listening and exploring youth and adults in his community.

In December, Loera's new found knowledge of dealing with people and a need to work in a human-relations environment took him to the University of La Verne where he was hired to replace Harvel Lewis as Multicultural Affairs Director.

In his new position as director, Loera has brought with him a new vision which he hopes to bring to the ULV.

"I'm really hoping I can be instrumental in helping to open up and create a safe place for us to talk about any and all things that will allow us to become more open, more honest, more able to talk about things were not generally used to or comfortable talking about with respect to who we are, how we see others and what support do we need," said Loera.

Loera hopes he will be able to establish a peer-mentoring program that will provide consistent support to ULV.

If possible, Loera commented that he would love to turn a program such as this into a class in which not only one can come for support, but also to learn to provide it to others.

"This is as valuable a tool, a skill, than most other things might be," said Loera.

Loera is considering being not only a part of the ULV community through employment, but also as student to finish his master's degree.

Students share, explain superstitious phenomena

•Old wives' tales history explored

Dora Galvan
Staff Writer

Many people have always found superstitions and old wives' tales fascinating and intriguing. These tales have been ingrained in our minds since adolescence. There are people who explain the phenomena of everyday occurrences through science or religion. There are also others who have chosen to protect themselves from the unknown through rituals known as superstitions.

"I believe that in this world so many things can happen, anything is possible. How can we assume that we know everything that is going on?" said sophomore English major Desiree Ochoa.

The origins of Friday the 13 cast as an unlucky day is based on Christian beliefs. It is believed that this particular day is unlucky, because the thirteenth person who attended The Last Supper was Judas, the betrayer of Jesus. Friday is also unlucky because it is the day that Christ was crucified.

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> —*Desiree Ochoa, sophomore English major*

Many people attempt to avoid crossing the path of a black cat. In the Middle Ages, people believed that black cats accompanied witches throughout their evil journeys.

Once the cat reached 7 years of age, it was understood that it would transform into a witch, devil or demon.

Due to the cat's potential transformation people assumed that it was best to not encounter a black cat at all.

"When you use salt, you have to make three crosses on it and pour a little bit of water on it, so something bad doesn't happen," said junior English major Lusina Brutyan. Brutyan's Armenian ancestors believed that bad luck would follow them if they did not practice this every time they came in contact with salt.

Freshman international business and french major, Sophia Andary, said that when she visited Lebanon, she experienced an unusual illness, which made her body weaken. Andary's superstitious mother took her to an old couple who is infamous in the village for curing Andary's particular kind of illness.

The old couple rubbed her shoulder and prayed. They concluded that the sickness was caused by, what is known in the Arabic culture, as the "bad eye." Andary explained that the "bad eye" can occur "if somebody wishes something bad for you."

The old couple concluded that the person who wished the sickness upon Andary was a woman who was jealous of her, because a young man asked for Andary's hand in marriage rather than the woman's daughter.

"The guy that she wanted for her daughter asked my mom for my hand in marriage. She hated me because of that so she put this evil thing on me," said Andary.

Different cultures have diverse ways of protecting themselves from bad luck. To learn more about superstitions log on to **www.mystery-games.com.**

College relationships one's choice

Kelly Serrano
Sports Editor

The college experience is not the same for everyone. Some chose to study, some chose to work and others chose to be in relationships.

With all of the stress and responsibility involved in being a full-time student, one may think that it is just an extra burden to have a significant other. Others, on the other hand, enjoy companionship and are happiest when in a relationship.

Whether presently involved in a relationship or not, most students know that it takes a lot of work to be in one. While every student at ULV is different, so is a relationship.

Errol Moultrie, department chair of the master's counseling program, said that a relationship between two students can be very healthy, as long as they can keep it in perspective.

"If students are fairly confident in themselves, then a healthy relationship can be means of support in terms of being in school, having someone to talk to and to learn to communicate," said Moultrie.

Sophomore Will Lawson and freshman Sydni Myrick have been a couple for two months. Together, they admit that managing a relationship and a school career can be difficult at times, but that they both enjoy the companionship of one another. Both live on campus and regularly eat, do laundry and hang-out together.

Although they enjoy their time together, Lawson and Myrick do spend time apart.

"We've gone to parties together and separate. She's free to do what she wants and I do what I want. It's not like we're a married couple, but I know who my sweetheart is and I know where I'm going to be the next day," said Lawson.

"We take it day by day. Regardless, we'll always be friends," he said.

While Moultrie is in favor of healthy-college relationships, in his general psychology classes, during mock situations, he has recognized that students bring up a lot of relationship problems upon themselves. He said that while students are mature, most do not understand what they want out of a relationship.

"I have found that many students are in that sort of needy stage," said Moultrie. He described this as the period of time when a young-college student feels lonely because of a new-living environment or distance between themselves and family or friends. They look toward relationships as a mean to fill that void.

ULV is filled with extracurricular activities for one to get involved with. These events are ways for students to mingle and have fun. If a student does not get involved in activities because they are dedicated to a relationship, Moultrie said he believes the student is missing an integral part of college.

Senior Dan Ehler, 26, has been involved in a serious relationship for 10 years and recently became engaged. His fiancée is not a ULV student and Ehler says that it is sometimes a challenging situation.

"It's tough being in two different places at one time. It's tough when my goals are school and friendships and hanging out and she's in her career and wants to settle down," he said.

However, Ehler said that he definitely is not missing out on anything ULV has to offer by being in a relationship.

Sophomore, Josie Martin has been involved in a relationship with a non-ULV student for three and a half years. Her relationship is different because her boyfriend lives in Santa Barbara and they only get to see each other on the weekends. She said that this makes it easier to prioritize her life, because she can only see him on the weekends, and can concentrate on school during the week.

"A relationship is very hard, but if you get it set up right, it can definitely work," said Martin. "I think you just have to prioritize."

Junior Aaron Garcia is not presently in a relationship and said that he would be "missing out" if he was.

"Having to deal with school and an emotional-type relationship becomes too much of a burden," said Garcia. "You can't always do what you want to do because you always have to think about the other person.

"The college experience is one in which [it] should be exploratory in terms of a student's interpersonal experiences," said Moultrie.

These experiences that Moultrie speaks of help to prepare students for the world in general as well as in more serious relationships in the future.

Years ago, many people used to meet in college, graduate and get married. Many times one can hear an older generation member say, "We met in college."

While this still may happen, Moultrie said it is not as common today and if it does, most marriages will end in divorce.

According to Moultrie, students should learn about themselves and who they are and learn how to communicate with others before being committed to one person.

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LSF hosts 11th Bienvenida event

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The Latino Student Forum is preparing the Bienvenida Dinner on April 29, at the La Verne Community Center.

The dinner is a tradition made by LSF students 11 years ago. The purpose of the event is to bring family and friends together to share special moments. Maria Muñoz, chair of LSF, said, "[It is an event] to show our parents and our family what we are doing and to thank them for their support."

LSF has several events planned for the dinner, such as presenting awards to faculty members who have helped LSF with special events throughout the year. The dinner opens its doors to all ULV students who would like to attend. Tickets are $5 per person and need to be reserved in advance.

LSF will have the Bienvenida Dinner as its only event this spring semester. Muñoz said, that the event takes a lot of work. LSF members will focus on organizing and preparing the dinner for later this semester. Currently, LSF is preparing its members for next semester to assume different positions in LSF when seniors Muñoz and Norma Cruz graduate.

Spring semester will not be compared to fall semester events that LSF put together because there will only be one instead of three. During fall semester, LSF hosted Latino Fiesta Lunch, which had Luis Rodriguez as a guest speaker on Nov. 9, and in December, they had a Posada, a Christmas event organized with the International Students Organization for the neighborhood community children to enjoy.

Those interested in LSF or attending the dinner, should contact Muñoz at (909) 392-6223.

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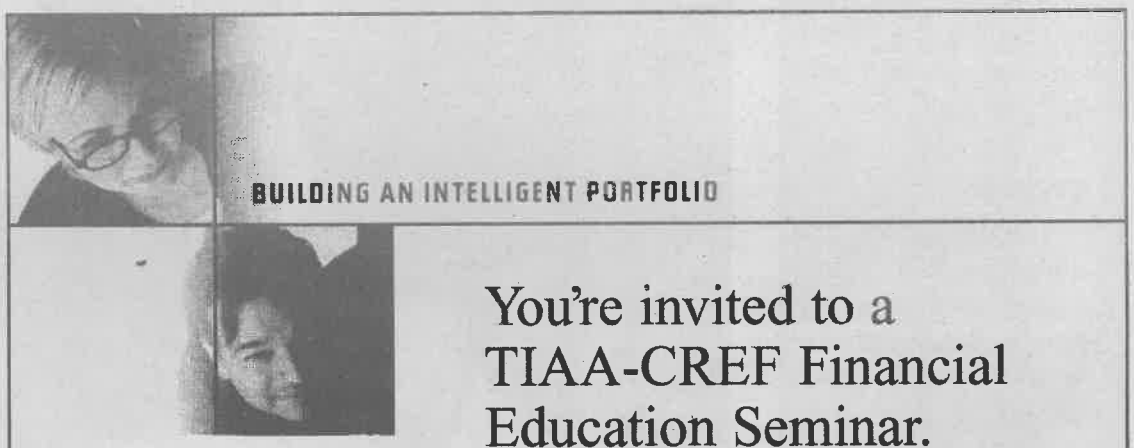
residents assistant, said Campus Link works well for her.

"My bill is about $25 a month and that's OK with me because it's cheaper than a cell phone," she said.

Schools such as Mills College, the Claremont Colleges and Azusa Pacific, use similar phone-system providers in their residence halls. Cal Poly Pomona does not have a phone system. Students living in the residence halls there are given the responsibility of setting up their own service if they wish.

Rahmani said that ULV examines all phone-system options when it is time to renew a contract and that Campus Link has been a reliable company through the years.

With the popularity of cell phones and calling cards most students are not interested in paying for additional phone services.



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Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Movies

•"The Brothers" starring D.L. Hughley, Shemar Moore, Bill Bellamy and Morris Chestnut, opens tonight. As adolescents these African-American men who have always had strong relationships, that is until a woman appears in the scene.

•"Get over it" stars Ben Foster and Melissa Sagemiller premieres tonight.

•"Enemy at the Gates" starring Jean-Jacques Annaud, opens tonight as well.

Lectures

•"Gender, Family and Religion in U.S. Immigration" will be the theme presented at USC's Leonard Davis Auditorium, today from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

•"The Future of UN Peacekeeping" will be presented by the USC Emiriti College Public Participation Series at the Westside Pavilion. The lecture will run Thursday, March 29 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Admission is free.

Exhibits

•"Evidence of Love, Romance, Desire and Fantasy" exhibit will be at the Jack Rutberg Fine Arts Center. The representations are deals with love and the multitude of emotions that are evoked because of love. The exhibit will run until March 31. For more information, call (323) 938-5222.

•"Influence and Identity: Chicano and Latino" artist explore cultural identity featured at the Los Angeles Central Branch Public Library, will run until Tuesday, March 27. For more information call (213) 228-7000.

—Angelique B. D'Silva

Casa Garcia brings Flavor to La Verne

by Anna Roy
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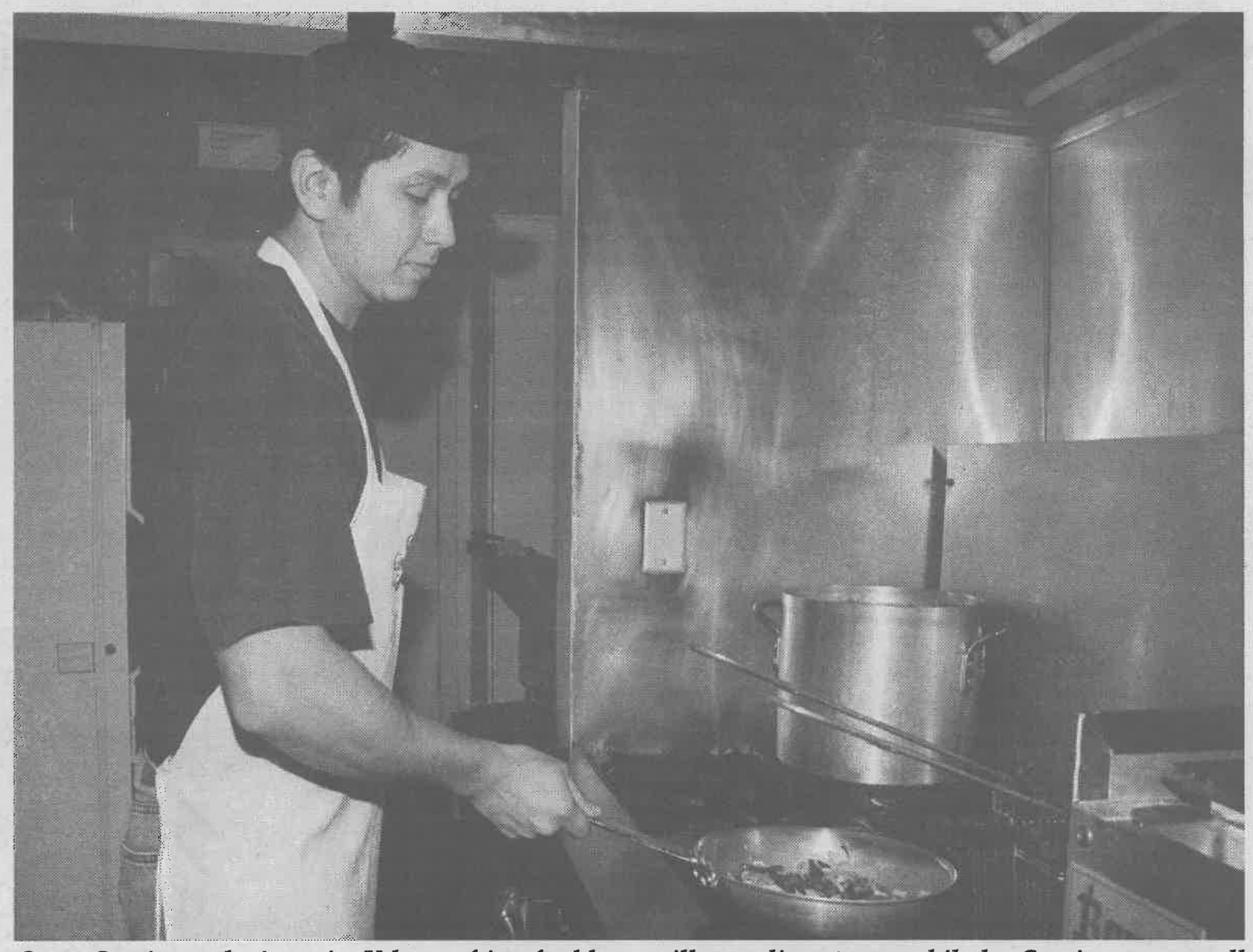

Casa Garcia cook Antonio Velasco fries freshly chopped onions and bell peppers for a side dish that will compliment an enchilada. Garcia prepares all of the dishes from scratch at Casa Garcia.

Newly opened, Casa Garcia's Grill is a friendly, family-owned and authentic Mexican restaurant. The restaurant welcomes University of La Verne students with a 20 percent discount on all purchases.

Many La Verne residents hope that the restaurant will be a permanent addition to Old Town La Verne. The owners also hope to leave a lasting impression on guests. The site of the restaurant was formerly a coffee shop and then an Italian restaurant. Fasta Pasta, the previous restaurant closed its doors on Feb. 15. A few weeks later, Casa Garcia opened on March 2 after one week of remodeling.

Upon entering, Spanish music can be heard in the background. The restaurant décor can be described as Mexican-themed with different clay figures, candles and Aztec ornaments placed artfully throughout. Customers can choose to eat either inside or outside.

As for the food, co-owner Josefina Garcia, originally from the Mexican coastal state of Michoacan recommended "the Garcia burrito." It is a flour burrito with rice, beans and carne asada, topped with tomatillo sauce, sour cream, guacamole, tomatoes, green onions and melted cheese.

All ingredients are fresh and all food is homemade. The prices vary with side orders available and dinner and lunch varying from $3.50 to $10.65.

The service is friendly, after a few minutes customers are greeted with a generous basket of warm homemade chips and salsa. Servers refill chips and salsa when needed.

Casa Garcia features a daily lunch and dinner special where a select item is featured at a lower cost. The menu lists in detail a variety of foods, with traditional Mexican dishes like tacos, burritos, taquitos, nachos, fajitas and huevos rancheros.

There are various lunch combinations ($4-$5): tamales, chalupas, tacos, arroz con pollo, chile relleno, chimichangas, tostadas, quesadillas and enchiladas. All dinner and lunch items come with abundant portions of Spanish rice, beans and salad.

Garcia also recommended the shrimp, chicken and beef fajitas, which come marinated in a special sauce served over a bed of sauteed onions and green peppers. For $8.95 a plate of Carnitas de Rez is available. It is a dish of top sirloin strips, cooked with green peppers and onions and a side of guacamole. For the convenience of customers phone in orders and to-go orders are available.

There is a wide selection of seafood, from a $3.50 ceviche tostada (chopped shrimp with tomatoes, onions, and cilantro marinated in lemon juice) to arroz camarones for $10.65. Its a plate (shrimp and mushrooms sauteed in a special sauce with tomatoes and onions served over a bed of rice topped with melted jack cheese, onions, and tomatoes).

On Saturdays and Sundays, Casa Garcia offers menudo, a Mexican specialty soup of beef tripe.

To drink, the restaurant offers the traditional options of beer, wine and soda as well as Horchata sweetened rice milk and Tamarindo juice, a bittersweet fruit juice.

Customers can choose to sit either inside or outside.

Since its opening, La Verne residents have been frequenting the restaurant. "The food seems great, it's very authentic. I've been familiar with Mexican food all my life. I'm glad that they are here and I'll tell you right off the bat, I think this place is better than Roxy's Cantina," said La Verne resident Pat Garcia (of no relation).

Casa Garcia is located at 2224 Bonita Ave. Its hours of operation are Sunday-Thursdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

ULV choir performs in competition

•Singers travel to Texas

Tom Chambers
Staff Writer

Five members of the University of La Verne choir program returned from San Antonio, Texas, Sunday after participating in the 2001 National Multicultural Honor Choirs Concert. Two hundred students were chosen from a field of 800 nationwide to perform for the first ever American Choral Directors Association National Convention.

Seniors Kim Reed and Natalie Ganther, freshmen Alex Serena, junior Jasmine Effner and Carmen Trujillo were the recipients of the honor to attend the convention. To qualify for the multicultural choir, students had to submit a demo tape singing "America the Beautiful" and another song of their choice.

Following the multicultural theme, the honor choir sang Korean, Spanish Hebrew and other selections from the world. Multiculturalism is not a new concept to choir, but its celebration is. This convention, which is the first of its kind, is meant to open the doors to other cultures for students.

"Not a lot of people are exposed to different types of music. It's amazing how music can teach people about other cultures," said Trujillo.

In San Antonio, students went through choir boot camp, practicing seven hours a day for three days for their hour and a half concert. The rigorous training was necessary, as students had to learn pieces in other languages. Ganther, said she returned with a raspy voice, but with a positive attitude after the training.

Ganther is positive after her gospel solo which brought the crowd to its dancing feet and standing ovation. Choral director Shawn Kirchner said she "brought the house down."

"Gospel singing is just what I do. I wasn't nervous. It just comes natural for me," said Ganther.

Reed, was extremely enthusiastic about participating in the concert.

"Being a part of the convention for my senior year has been really special for me. Multicultural music is so inspiring and interesting," said Reed.

Students interested in seeing the ULV choir perform will have the opportunity at the choir's spring concert, May 18. The theme and title of the concert is "The Dream of Peace," which also celebrating multiculturalism.

Ailey troupe explodes with powerful moves

Angelique B. D'Silva
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Words spoken through the art of dance. Beautiful and eloquent expressions permeating in each step. Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater showcased its talent at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on Saturday, March 17.

The company of modern and classical ballet has been going strong for 43 years. Ailey began his company in March 1958 when a group of adolescent black dancers performed at the Young Men's Hebrew Association in New York.

Since their first performance in 1958, according to *Performance Arts Magazine*, they have performed for more than 19 million people in 48 states and 68 countries.

"The company has earned a reputation as one of the most acclaimed international ambassador of American culture, promoting the uniqueness of black cultural expression and the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance heritage," according to *Performance Arts Magazine*.

The company set the stage with the following four productions: "Blues Suite," "Pas De Duke," "Phases" and "Revelations" to finish off the night.

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> —*Performance Arts Magazine*

"As we entered the crowded pavilion, we were welcomed with jazzy music," said Lindsay Towne, 40, from Los Angeles.

"Blues Suite" choreographed by Ailey in 1958, is a ballet illustrating reflections of an adolescent boy imagining himself with other perplexed individuals gathered in a barrelhouse, partying and drinking.

"The music was sensational and their interpretation was exquisite," said Los Angeles resident Ann Thomas.

"I have been anxiously awaiting their arrival. Having the opportunity to experience this show is a great honor. Today is my birthday, and I thought what a wonderful gift to treat myself to," said Erica Waters, 25, from Seal Beach.

She went on to add,"The passion and identity of my culture, was truly captivated."

"Phases"choreographed in 1980 by Ailey was a five-part production, depicting an illumination, an awakening of the beauty of life.

Larry Williams, 33, from Pasadena, Calif., said, "The dancing and the images they portrayed was stunning. Great choreography!"



Water polo sinks 2 at tournament

•Team beats Division II Coyotes, 6-5

Anna Roy
Staff Writer

Overall, the weekend was a mixture of defeats, wins and even stitches for the team. This past weekend the women's water polo team faced four of its toughest competitors in a demanding pre-season tournament at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

The weekend began with a game against Cal State San Bernardino. ULV played a strong match and came out on top, defeating the Coyotes, 6-5.

Goalie Maria de Santis blocked a total of eight goals.

Their second game against Claremont was disappointing, as junior Andrea Griffith was hit in the mouth by the offense during the second half of the game and received stitches.

Reportedly, Griffith was guarding the Claremont player Jane Mi, when she hit Griffith in the mouth.



Jason Cooper

Andrea Griffith of La Verne receives a blow from Claremont's Jane Mi. Later in the game Griffith would receive a kick in the face leaving her face bloodied and stitches in her lip. These were not the only blows CMS delivered to La Verne as the Athenas delt the Leopards a 11-5 loss in the Claremont tournament March 17. La Verne finished 1-2 in the tournament.

As a result of the split lip, Griffith was rushed to the emergency room where she received stitches, but returned to the pool Sunday. The Claremont player did not receive an offensive foul.

"Well, we played a really good first half, though when Andrea got injured, we lost all focus, and mentally weren't in it," said junior Tandis Morgan. "None of us had ever seen anything that gory in a game before."

Claremont defeated La Verne, 11-5.

The third game against Redlands was challenging for ULV.

"We dug ourselves into a hole the first quarter, 3-0. Every quarter after that, we outplayed them and couldn't catch up," said Morgan.

The final game played under the hot sun before a large crowd of spectators turned out to be a fierce one.

"Pomona-Pitzer are our rivals, they don't like us and we don't like them. Every game is pretty physical. We came close and had some letdowns," said Griffith.

"In this game, our goalie did awesome, she really saved us," said Griffith.

With under a minute to go, Pomona-Pitzer scored the last goal to defeat La Verne in a total score of 8-7. The team is confident about beginning SCIAC competition.

"I think we played tough games, and when it comes to conference time, we know what we need to do to win," said Griffith.

Women show no mercy on softball diamond

Matt Cresto
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne softball team came out swinging this past March 16, 17 and 18 in the 2001 Sun West Tournament in the city of Orange at Hart Park.

The Leopards wasted no time in tearing up their opponents by taking five of six games in three days.

In the first game of each day, the Leopards were so dominant that the mercy rule had to be taken into affect. They were wins over Albion College, 8-0, Plattsburg State, 12-0, and Colorado College, 9-1.

The Leopards were able to stay with a solid plan and finish off two of the three afternoon games by defeating College of St. Mary, 8-1, and Macalester College, 17-3.

The only loss came from the hands of Tufts University in the bottom of the seventh inning by a score of 5-4 in the final game of the week.

La Verne was led by the sister combination of senior Kadie and sophomore Mandy Tillema. The Tillema sisters have paired up as the battery for a 3-1 record this tournament.

Kadie is behind the dish and producing all-tournament numbers with .643 average, seven doubles, two homeruns and a slugging percentage of 1.107.

Mandy has produced elite numbers from the mound giving up only four earned runs in four games of the tournament. Mandy's tournament ERA is 1.31 combined with nine strikeouts.

Another key performer in the tournament for the Leopards was shortstop Gina Meza.

The talented sophomore has left the yard three times so far in the tournament. Meza is leading the team in runs scored and has a .423 average in the tournament.

The Leopards came out strong in their first game against Albion College. La Verne pounded out eight runs on 10 hits and a complete game shut out by Mandy Tillema.

The Leopards were sparked by Kadie Tillema's 3-3 performance with two RBI's and freshman designated hitter Brandi Thompson went 2-2 driving in three runs.

The second game of the day had the Leopards bounce out to a four run second inning. A two out, two run triple by Libby Ramos capped the inning.

Tillema went yard in the bottom half of the third inning adding another run to the Leopards totals. The Leopards finished their scoring in the sixth with a three run inning.

Meza highlighted the inning with a homerun, as La Verne went on to win by a score of 8-1 over the College of St. Mary.

"Our line up, one through nine is solid," said Ramos. "If someone is not hitting, then someone else will pick them up."

Saturday's first game was dominated by La Verne. The Leopards scored 12 runs in the first three innings, which was more than enough to bury Plattsburgh State.

Meza and Tillema homered and sophomore Jackie Russo went 2-3 and scored twice.

The Leopards got a complete shutout performance from sophomore pitcher Amanda Stutevoss for her first win of the year as the Leopards breezed to a 12-0 victory.

The second game of the day showed Macalester in striking distance of La Verne until the sixth inning. That is when the wheels fell off for Macalester as La Verne erupted for nine runs in the inning on five hits.

First baseman Kim Schrepfer tripled to right field bringing in three runs as the high point of the inning. Tillema was given the win while Stutevoss picked up the save in a 17-3 win.

The final day proved to be the toughest for La Verne splitting the double header.

La Verne jumped on top of Colorado College in the first inning. Leading the march was pitcher Robin Haaker who helped out her own cause by doubling to center and scoring on Meza's third homerun of the weekend.

The Leopards put together a five run fifth inning started by a lead off single by Ramos. Russo muscled up and hit a three run homerun to put the finishing touches on the win. Haaker earned her second win of the tournament with a complete game.

The Leopards battled in the final game of the weekend, but came up short.

La Verne was down 4-3 going into the final inning. Ramos reached on an error by Tufts shortstop, Jen Mackey, and advanced to second. Ramos went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Haaker.

La Verne was unable to score any more that inning as they headed into the bottom half of the seventh tied.

Kasey Lindsey led off the inning for Tufts with a single to left and then was pinch run for by Maggie McClory. McClory scored on a game winning double by pinch hitter Julie Fox.

"We are really please with our performance over the weekend," said Ramos.

The tournament continued Wednesday, as the Leopards defeated Plattsburgh State, 12-4, and Macalester, 14-0.

ULV plays Whittier at noon on Saturday at at home.

> 'Our line up, one through nine is solid. If someone is not hitting, then someone else will pick them up.'
> *—Libby Ramos, sophomore outfielder*

Former La Verne athletes honored

Six former athletes were inducted into the University of La Verne Hall of Fame Saturday, March 17.

The inductees were chosen by the Board of Directors in December 2000, but were formally inducted at a ceremony and diner held at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona.

Each inductee was presented with replica a plaque that will hang on the wall outside of the Athletics Office in the Student Center.

Athletes must wait a minimum of five years after graduation to be eligible for the hall.

Those inducted for 2001 were:

Sue (Habecker)Brown
Women's Volleyball
Class of 1983

Enid (Fisher) Hopkins
Faculty Member 1947-58
All Sports
Class of 1944

Max Forney
Football, Baseball
Class of 1933

David Kwinn
Soccer, Golf
Class of 1986

Fred Long
Football, Baseball
Class of 1971

Willie Reyna
Football
Class of 1993

—Kelly Serrano

Volleyball keeps setting opponents

Chad Harp
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's volleyball team once again dominated its opponents, this time with two very convincing victories inside the Supertents.

Last Friday, the number three nationally-ranked NAIA Park University ventured into the realm of the Leopards home court only to be sent home with a loss. The Leopards came out firing in the first two games winning both by the score of 30-25.

But in the third game, Park University turned it on having 22 kills, while La Verne only had 13. The Leopards lost this game 23-30 due to lack of production.

Even though the Leopards were not playing up to par, they were still up two games to one going into the fourth. After losing the last game the Leopards were ready to end the match with a quick fourth game win.

With both teams playing fairly sloppy and neither able to get anything going offensively, the Leopards finished off Park University with a 30-25 fourth game win to end the match.

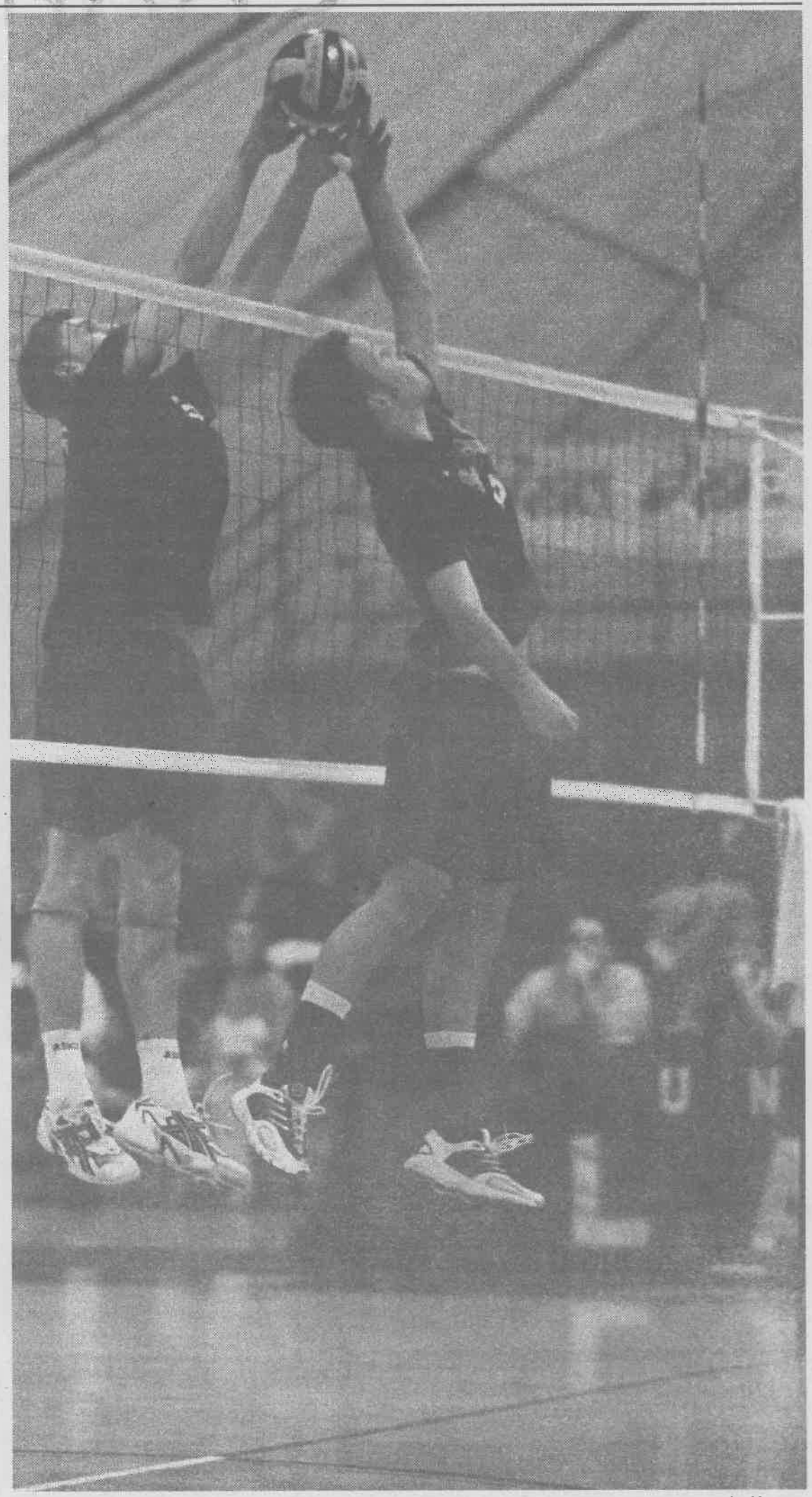
As Monday rolled around so did St. Ambrose University. The Leopards came out and made quick work of its counterpart. Even though La Verne was sometimes brought down to St. Ambrose's level, the Leopards made a three-game sweep winning by the scores of 21-30, 22-30, and 21-30 respectively.

Strong play by Jake Swann, Will Paulson, and Nate Michael gave the Leopards the opportunity to bring out their starters and strengthen their bench with playing time.

"We didn't play our best [against St. Ambrose]," said Swann. "It's hard for our team to keep up intensity playing a team in the building process."

"I'm happy we won, but sometimes it's hard for a team to get up against certain opponents," said junior utility Tom Hilton.

The Leopards next home game is today in the Supertents against Cal State University Northridge.



Jen Newman

Competing to control the ball's destiny in game one of three, ULV's Will Paulson, outside hitter, and Dennis Sexton, middle hitter for St. Ambrose University, met at the net on Monday, March 19. St. Ambrose University is located in Davenport, Iowa.

Men's tennis falls to Chapman, 5-2

Amanda Egan
Staff Writer

The heat wave that hit Southern California this week kept the University of La Verne sweating.

ULV participated in non-conference matches this week to prepare them for Southern California Intercollegiate Conference (SCIAC) play.

Matches began on Saturday with a loss at Chapman 5-2. The No. 2 singles player, Kiran Asola came up with a 6-1, 6-0 win and the Number three, Jarrod Hesler won 7-6 (2), 6-1.

"Jarrod Hesler had a great win at Chapman," said ULV coach Steve Bergovoy.

ULV came out strong against University of Wisconsin Eau Claire on Monday.

The talented No. 1 doubles team consisting of captains Josh Horwitz and Chad Rodriguez defeated UWEC easily, 8-4. The No. 2 doubles team consisting of Kiran Asola and Jason Cortez had a repeat performance of the No. 1 team defeating UWEC, 8-1.

The singles teams did not have the same effect on UWEC as the doubles. The No. 2 singles player Chad Rodriguez was the only singles player to come out with a win 7-6 (5), 6-0.

"It's hard for us to play in this weather, but Wisconsin should really have the disadvantage," said junior Harold Arrellano.

The UWEC coach, Mitch Louis said, "I am happy with my team's performance. This heat is really getting to us, considering we've been covered in snow at home and this is our first match outdoors."

ULV was defeated 9-0 by the University of Wisconsin Osh Kosh on Wednesday.

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7:30pm-12:00am
Where: Old Gym
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Featuring: Mila-Bizu Duo
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This event will serve as a fundraiser for the earthquake victims in El Salvador.

Escalante interns with Braves

Amanda Egan
Staff Writer

A University of La Verne senior is interning as an athletic trainer for the Atlanta Braves Minor League Organization in Orlando, Fla.

Manuel Escalante, who will be graduating from ULV in May, applied for an athletic-training position in the Braves organization along with 200 other applicants. Out of 200, four applicants were asked to be the trainers for the Braves athletes during their highly-intense spring training that prepares them for their long season.

The students participating in the program are Escalante of ULV, Mike Taylor of Long Beach State, Jason Eckerle of Ball State, in Indiana and James Messer of Virginia Commonwealth University.

The six-week internship carries throughout the entire duration of spring training. It began on Feb. 22 and will continue until April 1.

Seven teams are now in training at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. The teams consist of all the Braves organization affiliates including; Atlanta Braves, Richmond Braves, Greenville Braves, Myrtle Beach Pelicans, Macon Braves, Jamestown Jammers and Danville Braves.

"Being out here I get to meet a lot of people, the players, other trainers and various doctors," said Escalante in an email. He works directly with the athletes in all aspects of athletic training, including physicals, facilitating random-drug tests and the injury evaluation and treatment.

"The internship is a great insight into how the profession is involved at the professional level," Escalante said.

Escalante works with the team's physical therapist and often comes in contact with the team's strength and conditioning coach. He has also observed a few surgeries while interning.

"I realize that the ULV athletic training program does a great job in preparing its students," said Escalante.

Men go 3-3 at home tournament

Amanda Stutevoss
Staff Writer

For the University of La Verne baseball team, last weekend's competition at the California Invitational brought the best of times and the worst of times as the Leopards finished 3-3.

The Leopards faced Pacific University in game one Friday. Senior pitcher, Ruben Del Castillo, was on the mound for the Leopards. The game remained scoreless through three, and then Pacific's bats came alive in the top of the fourth to score one run. The Boxers then held the Leopards and scored two more runs in the top of the fifth. But La Verne answered back.

ULV started a rally in the bottom of the fifth after junior Matt Myer singled. ULV scored four runs off of three hits and three errors in the fifth. The Leopards held Pacific in the top of the sixth, as junior pitcher Brian Grimm came in and shut the Boxers down the rest of the game. The Leopards scored one more run in the bottom of the inning, to make the score 5-3, and gain their first win in the tournament.

The Leopards second game showed their offensive talent against North Central College from Illinois. Offensive standout senior Nate Devine went 4-for-4 at the plate with two triples.

The Leopards started off the game in the top of the first by scoring four runs. ULV's starting pitcher, senior Jon Cruz, stayed strong until the bottom of the third.

Cruz walked the first batter, North Central's Frank Deangelis, who stole second on the following pitch. Deangelis was advanced to third on a ground ball back to the pitcher. The Cardinals Ken Kamin grounded out to second base, scoring Deangelis. North Central came out the next inning and sat the Leopards down after three batters.

The Cardinals had a big inning in the bottom of the fourth when they scored three runs off of three hits and one error.

The Leopards did not give up and in the top of the fifth, senior Matt Cresto led off and was hit by a pitch. Myer then stepped up at the plate with a single, advancing Cresto, who was thrown out at third trying to take an extra base, leaving Myer at first. Devine then came up with a triple that would score Myer and put the Leopards back on top by one run.

Another run would not come for either team until the top of the seventh. La Verne's sophomore Todd Farrell led off with a walk, Cresto was hit by a pitch, and Myer singled to load the bases. Devine stepped to the plate and tripled again scoring three runs putting the Leopards on top by four.

The Cardinals again answered back with two hits scoring three runs, but they came up one run short, giving the Leopards their second victory of the day with a final score of 8-7.

Saturday's competition brought Willamette University from Oregon in game one. Junior Gil Hernandez was on the mound, and his pitching carried the Leopards through the game.

"Our offense was struggling, I wasn't at my best, but only allowing two runs should get it done," said Hernandez. "Gil gave us innings on the mound. He stepped up and kept us in the game," said coach Scott Winterburn.

Willamette's pitcher junior Justin Brown had ten strikeouts in the game, and only allowed two hits. Coach Winterburn attributes the loss to lack of offense.

"You aren't going to win a game with only two hits unless the other team only has one," said Winterburn.

Game two on Saturday was against University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. The Leopard's bats were hot; scoring 13 runs total in the game. Offensive standouts were senior Eric Garma going 3-for-4 with two RBI's, sophomore Todd Farrell going 2-for-3, and sophomore John Doak going 1-for-4 with five RBI's. ULV's defense was led by strong pitching from junior Bill Baldry. The Leopards defeated UMass Darmouth by a final score of 13-6.

The Leopards most impressive pitching performance was against Eastern Connecticut State University on Sunday when freshman Scott Lindeen put on a show. The Leopards were shut down offensively, however. ULV had only one hit the entire game by Farrell, in the bottom of the third.

"I struggled in the first couple of innings, and then I was getting them to hit groundballs, and I had a solid defense behind me," said Lindeen.

La Verne's performance against the Eastern Connecticut State Warriors turned heads regardless of the loss. The Warriors were the 1998 NCAA Division III National Champions and still have a very strong program.

"That game was the best that Lindeen has pitched, and we needed that," said Winterburn.

The Leopards finished a par performance on Sunday in game six of the tournament when they lost to Linfield College, 5-2. Devine started the game on the mound and lasted through six giving up three runs to Linfield. Grimm came in to close the game for the Leopards. This was only Grimm's third appearance this year, after being plagued with weak rotater cuff muscles in his shoulder that sat him out for the first 10 games.

"I think that we have got to put it all together at once, pitching, defense and hitting," said Grimm.

"Grimm stepped up—he threw a lot of strikes and gave us a good performance. He has done a great job taking over the bullpen role," said Winterburn.

The Leopards were not disappointed with the weekend as a whole. "Last weekend was a great practicum and a learning experience. It gave us a birds eye view of what regionals and nationals are all about," said Winterburn.

The Leopards open up conference today at 2:30 p.m. against Claremont Mudd-Scripps on Ben Hines Field.



Vicky Martinez

The University of La Verne baseball team hosted the California Invitational last weekend at Ben Hines Field. ULV won three of the six games played. Junior A.J. Garbick, ULV's catcher, went to bat twice during the game against Linfield College from Oregon. This was the final game of the tournament which ended 5-2 in favor of Linfield.

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> *—Scott Winterburn, head coach*

Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer...

Men's Golf
CSU Monterey Bay Invitational

Teams Results (top five):
1. CSU Stanislaus, 907
2. CSU San Marcos, 923
Sacramento State, 923
4. La Verne, 930
5. Master's College

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Schedule

Today
Men's tennis vs. Whittier, 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 2:30 p.m.
Softball @ Whittier, 3 p.m.
Volleyball vs. CSU Northridge, 7 p.m.
Tomorrow
Track in La Verne Invitational, 8 a.m.
Baseball @ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 11 a.m.
Softball vs. Whittier, noon
Sunday
Women's tennis vs. Lewis & Clark, 9:30 a.m.
Volleyball @ University of the Pacific, 7 p.m.
Tuesday
Women's tennis vs. Biola, 2 p.m.
Wednesday
Golf @ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 12:30 p.m.
Women's water polo vs. Redlands, 5 p.m.
Baseball vs. Azusa Pacific, 5 p.m.

Did You Know?

Player of the Week

Jake Swann, a sophomore outside hitter for the ULV men's volleyball team was named AVCA/Sports Imports Division III Men's National Player of the Week. Swann averaged 4.29 kills and one dig per game in La Verne's victories over New York University and Park University.