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Kennedy-Cuomo speaks at ULV

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Using the tragic events of Sept. 11 as a catalyst for discussion, Kerry Kennedy-Cuomo, champion of human rights, spoke to an audience of approximately 30 students, faculty and staff members in Founders Auditorium Tuesday.

Kennedy-Cuomo addressed the mistreatment of women worldwide, particularly in the U.S. and Taliban-occupied Afghanistan.

"Sexual assault is nothing less than an epidemic," she said. "Every 15 seconds, a woman is battered in this country. Every day, four women are killed as a result of a murder by the husbands and boyfriends."

Kennedy-Cuomo also discussed connections between local acts of violence and global ones. Focusing on severe acts of mistreatment, she told listeners to realize that such violence takes place in both the United States and on foreign soil.

"More than 800 women were murdered in 1999 in Pakistan in the name of honor," she said adding that women in the Middle East have few rights and limited legal protection. They are unable to seek refuge from their local government agencies.

"I think this is a big problem everywhere in the world," said Fei Zhao, an exchange student from China who attended Kennedy-Cuomo's talk. "I think the government should pay more attention to these problems because they have the power to solve these problems."

Addressing issues of foreign policy and its importance in the battle for human rights, Kennedy-Cuomo urged listeners to participate on local levels. Change is like a ripple effect, she said.

She emphasized the need for participation in the battle for human rights.

She pleaded with audience members to become more involved in local elections, and to even consider running for local office.

"We have to have the firm belief that we can cause change," she said.

After demonstrating that participation in the fight for human rights comes on various levels, she then went on to describe the results of a losing battle.

Referring to several women who have all been sexually assaulted as "Jane," Kennedy-Cuomo told listeners that sexual assault can happen to anyone, and can be committed easily, regardless of location.

"The (importance of the speech) was the overall recognition of people that are being violated, the unfairness of it," said Margaret Tipton, the Associated Student Federation's director of public relations. "Even with governments that are great powerhouses, they still have people that do not have the quality that they are supposed to have," Tipton added.

Kennedy-Cuomo's speech was scheduled in honor of Human Rights Day, which is Dec. 6.

Despite recent global interest in human rights, turnout for the Tuesday event was disappointing, Tipton said.

"We would have liked to see more [people]," she said. "I was really glad to see the amount of professors there. I would have liked more students, but I was glad to see the students that were there."



Amelia Tabullo

Human rights advocate Kerry Kennedy-Cuomo delivered a speech on Tuesday in Founders Auditorium. She presented disturbing facts about human rights repression and had suggestions on how anyone can get involved with human rights activism. Recruitment and Enrollment Director Ana Liza V. Zell had a chance to speak to her after her speech.

University initiates new pet policy on campus

Jaclyn Roco
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne this month created a new animal policy to address the problem of pets on campus.

The policy was sent via e-mail to all employees on campus and states that only animals that are "trained to assist individuals" or who are "under control of an academic department" are allowed to stay on University grounds.

Oris Barber, director of human resources, said that the policy's approval was inevitable because pets at school can be a liability.

"I've been here for 15 years," Barber said, "and I can't recall any problems of animals on campus, but it is time to look ahead."

"We (can't) ignore definite complaints of people who honestly don't like pets. There are a few out there who are fearful of animals and who have medical reasons to avoid them. The work environment, the education environment, is not a proper place for pets because of these factors."

Barber said that the policy went into effect immediately after it was sent out Nov. 8.

"The e-mail went to hundreds of people that work in the University. It went to all the University buildings, and I only received four responses," he said.

Responses included advice to change the wording of the policy and questions as to whether the policy included the removal of goldfish on any of the University grounds.

"I spent a lot of time crafting the message here, trying not to offend anybody," Barber said, "but I hadn't thought to address the issue of goldfish."

"Goldfish aren't a problem. Don't worry about your goldfish," he said.

Barber also said that the policy affects students who live in the dorms.

"We're trying to protect people from harm," he said. "What we're trying to do is not unique. Other universities have policies that mirror this."

Student reactions were mixed.

"We should be allowed to have pets if our roommate agrees to it," said Oaks resident Amy Wolf.

"Maybe if it's something that can live in a cage. Obviously people shouldn't have a dog in a room as small as this, but if it's a pet that your parents agree to let you have at home, then I guess it would be okay to have it at school," she added.

John Chon, another Oaks resident, disagreed. He said that he didn't believe animals should be allowed in the residence rooms at all.

"You can't do that," he said. "You can't bring animals here."

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Fire department visits Ground Zero

•LVFD raises nearly $150,000

Tim Tevault
Arts and Entertainment Editor

After raising nearly $150,000 for a New York firefighters fund to benefit widows and children of the World Trade Center collapse, members of the La Verne Fire Department traveled Nov. 16-19 to Ground Zero to deliver the money.

The firefighters presented the money at Engine Eight, Ladder Two, a station in midtown Manhattan, which lost 10 of its men on Sept. 11.

"We went there to pay our respects," Fire Captain Mike Vetti said.

Other members of the group that traveled to New York included John Mueller, firefighter/paramedic; Leonard Kilman, engineer; and Dave Benson, firefighter.

Together, the four men were amazed at the generosity of the firefighters they went to pay their respects.

"They treated us with so much hospitality," Kilman said. "That's what made it easy for us to open up."

"I think the thing I found most interesting is how much we're the same," said Mueller. "We're all firefighters."

One thing that particularly touched the LVFD was how the firefighters of New York told them how much they appreciated their being there.

"It gives you a feeling of accomplishment," said Kilman.

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> *–Dave Benson, firefighter*

"(There's been) no other time in the 12 years that I've been a firefighter that I've felt the brotherhood more alive," said Benson of the thousands of firefighters who were also visiting Manhattan at the time. "It was incredible."

Still, with all of the emotion, the representatives of the LVFD did not lose sight of their goal; to present the widows and children of lost firefighters with a check of $149,000.

Most of that money was raised by the firefighters donating their time to stand on various street corners throughout La Verne and collecting donations in actual firefighter boots from motorists and pedestrians.

The rest of the money was raised through donations, some of which are still trickling in.

While in New York, the firefighters visited the site of the attacks, where the wreckage is still being sifted through.

"When you go to Ground Zero, it's reality," Mueller said. "The human loss, it's so devastating."

Benson said that there's no way TV can portray the magnitude of the situation.

Despite all of the negativity, the firefighters remained optimistic at the fact that the NYFD saved 97 percent of the people that were in the surrounding area on Sept. 11.

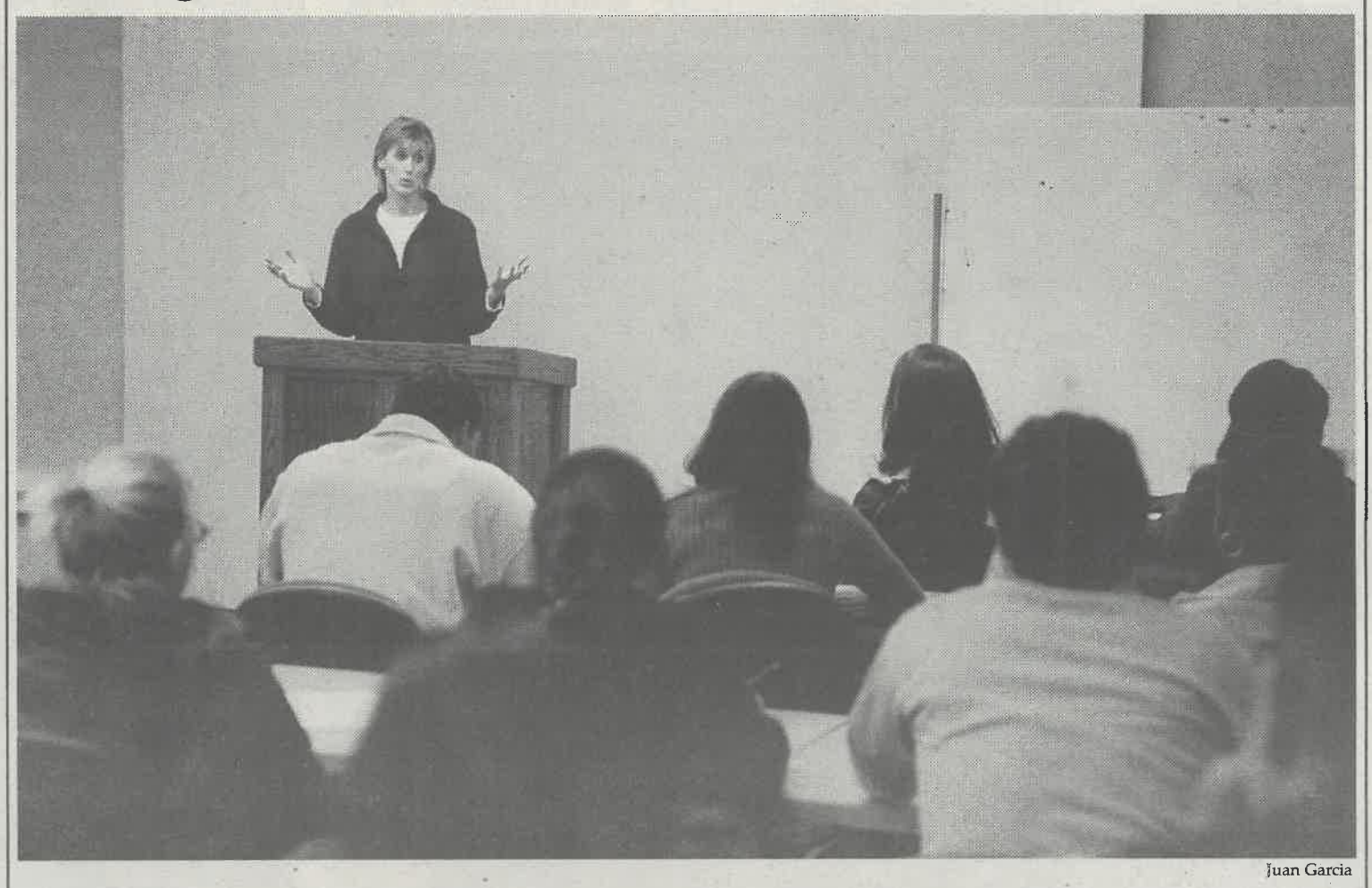
Also, a newfound friendship was formed between the firefighters of the LVFD and the NYFD.

"I think we struck up a good relationship with the guys from the station we visited," Vetti said.

Overall, the men found traveling to New York to personally deliver the money was a trip they would never forget and allowed them to see first-hand the damage that was inflicted.

"It's one of those things you can't really put into words," said Vetti.

Suter gives students 'real world' experience



Juan Garcia

LeAnne Suter, reporter for Los Angeles' KCAL 9, addressed the Journalism 100 class on Tuesday night. Suter, who was a journalism major a Ohio State University, gave advice and shared experiences from her four years at KCAL. While still in college, Suter began her reporting career with WSYX, an ABC affiliate in Columbus, Ohio.

Terrorism: University considers national safety

•Holiday plans affected

Joe Garcia
Staff Writer

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, national security is the highest priority among Americans across the nation, many of whom are not comforted by the words and actions of the nation's leadership.

Fears among students and faculty on the University of La Verne campus echo those felt across the nation, particularly surrounding the holiday travel season.

"I still feel uneasy about flying because the talk of new security measures do not reflect what is going on in the airport," said senior Erin Coleman.

Coleman, however, didn't let fear stop her. She recently flew to Indiana and returned safely.

"It is a lot scarier now than ever before," said Don Pollock, professor of communications.

Pollock also recently boarded a plane to Mexico and made it home safely.

"The airports do not look like they did a year ago. You have National Guardsmen walking around the terminals with loaded weapons."

Other students and faculty said they were concerned that the federal government is moving too slowly in taking control of airport security. Meanwhile plenty of uninspected bags are getting through, they say.

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Washington is making promises that "everything" is being done to protect our safety, they say. But many on campus do not believe this.

"There has been a lot of talk, but not enough is being done," said senior Ralph Solis.

Many in the ULV community are afraid there may be another terrorist attack – of the chemical or biological sort – this time in Southern California.

The general feeling here is that not enough is being done to protect U.S. citizens and what is being done is taking too long.

Just recently, Congress passed a bill to ensure safety at airports nationwide.

Many believe it was passed at a crucial time – just before the holidays – however, it takes time to implement these measures. They must go through a long process.

For now, the ULV community, with the rest of the nation, can only hope that we will be safe.

In The News

Interterm offering

Composing in Digital Environments, a new class offered during January Interterm, is designed for non-technical majors. The course provides a basic knowledge of how the media operates on their own and in relation to traditional forms. The course is worth three semester hours and will meet Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. For more information, call ext. 4360.

ULV Professor wins Aurora Awards

Rod Pyle, assistant professor of communications, and his production company Cinema Pacific Productions recently took home five awards for five films, "Star Trek Reel," "Extreme Explosives," "Kittens," "Ken Hillman Political" and "LA Philharmonic." Pyle was involved in the various films as editor, director, producer and writer.

Listening Party

KULV will hold a listening party today and tomorrow in the Student Center in front of the TV.

The station encourage all to attend, listen and cheer the Lady Leos volleyball team to victory in their quest for the championship in Whitewater, Wis.

Friday night the women will play Juniata.

An depending on the outcome of that game, they might play for the championship.

–Tim Tevault

Women's VB scores big for ULV

Often overlooked because of its small size and limited resources, the University of La Verne is home to some outstanding athletes. Currently illustrating this point is the women's volleyball team, which competes today in the NCAA Division III National Championships in Whitewater, Wis.

In addition to winning SCIAC this year and being the West Region champs, the team added players to the list of those named All-Conference, All-Region and All-American. Head Coach Don Flora was also named as the West Region Coach of the Year.

Last year, the team brought notoriety to the university by winning SCIAC and also having players named to the All-Conference and All-Region teams.

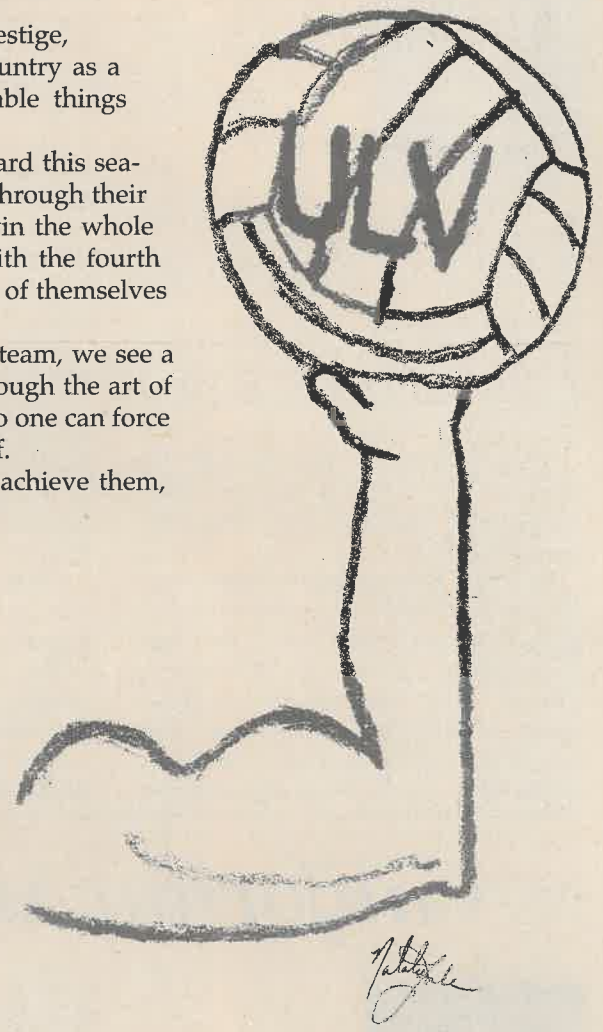
The ULV community should be proud of the women's volleyball team and all athletic teams that bring prestige and notoriety to the university.

The Leopards will be facing off against bigger schools and schools that have more prestige, yet ULV's name is getting out across the country as a university that is doing great and respectable things with its small size.

It is no secret that the team has worked hard this season. We see their hard work and dedication through their triumphs and stamina. And whether they win the whole tournament this weekend or come home with the fourth place trophy, the Lady Leos should be proud of themselves and what they accomplished this year.

When we look to the women's volleyball team, we see a group that has made a name for itself all through the art of dedication and persistence; something that no one can force on you, but that you have to find for yourself.

They set goals and have worked hard to achieve them, something to be admired in any arena of life.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The following is a response to the letter from some members of the School of Business and Global Studies ["Letters to the Editor," Nov. 16].

You endorsed the notion that faculty members should hide their opinions from their students while in class. This is nonsense. We are not simply conduits transferring information from one place to another. We have each spent many years of scholarly work in our disciplines. Our opinions are central to the discourse. It is our responsibility as teachers to bring a variety of views, interpretations, and modes of expression—including our own—to our students and to invite the students to express theirs. Each college, program, and department in the U.S. has a particular character and emphasis as determined by the faculty, students, administration, and the mission of the University. It is part of who we are as an institution and learning community.

Referring to the letter sent by the Tent City Planning Committee, you object to the "use of University resources to fund viewpoints not debated in an open forum." Why, then, were secretaries and other personnel asked—on University time—to distribute to University mailboxes the letter (bearing three of your names) written in response? Furthermore, in that letter the patriotism of members of "a certain church closely associated with the University['s] history" was questioned? Do you plan to organize an open forum for discussion of that topic in the near future?

Should we stop advertising, at University expense, guest speakers and performers who express personal opinions about issues that some of us might not share?

Finally, you characterized Debbie Roberts and Steve Kinzie as having "directed" the Tent City plans. No one "directed" me in my part of the planning and coordinating of this event. The Tent City Plans were developed by a committee consisting of five faculty from five departments and three students who are actively seeking answers through Model United Nations and Peace Studies. Many other students and faculty helped to bring the topics of war, terrorism, Islam, and alternatives to violence to open discussion on our campus. I am proud to have been a part of that process.

Dan Merritt
Professor of Zoology & Environmental Science

Dear Editor,

The mission statement of the University of La Verne states: "The University affirms a philosophy of life that actively supports the health of the planet and its people. The University, therefore, encourages students to become reflective about personal, professional, and societal values in the light of this affirmation"

Every credible non-governmental source reports that upwards to 7 million people will die this winter as U.S. bombing raids keep vital humanitarian aid from reaching people in Afghanistan. When the rubble clears, will the United States be any safer from terrorist attack? How does bombing the hell out of an already ravaged country, in effect starving out an entire country (70 percent of them women and children), fit into the above statement regarding the affirmation of a philosophy of life?

After waging our "War Against Terrorism" in Afghanistan, Iraq and the rest of the Middle East, will we then turn those bombs inward to places like Fort Benning, Georgia, home of the School of Americas? Thousands of lives have been lost in Latin America due to the terrorists we've trained right here in the United States. How does U.S. support of terrorism lead to more terrorism (ex. Osama Bin Laden)? Will the flag-wavers look into the eyes of those tortured by graduates of our military institutions and still ask to bring "terrorists" to justice? These are difficult questions that nobody seems willing to address.

Maybe Steve and Debbie, and the rest of the Peace Movement, are wrong. How dare they go through improper channels; how dare they proclaim peace in the midst of Wall Street's war; how dare they remind the University of La Verne of it's historic ties to one of the oldest peace churches in the United States; how dare these two University Peace Studies professors circulate written material regarding peace; how dare they speak out to save the lives of innocent women and children; how dare they even attempt to remind us that those we bomb also laugh, cry, bleed blood like ours, and quite possibly pray to a God.

WWJD? (What Would Jesus Do?) In times such as these it's an important question. After all, Jesus was the victim of the imperial sword. How many Afghanis share the same fate, death at the hands of the imperial sword? If being "right" means waving the flag over the dead children of others, of perpetuating intolerance and suffering, then I, like so many others, choose to be wrong.

Eddie R. Casarez ('00)

Dear Editor,

We didn't go out and pick this fight. Our government didn't declare war on a country, a people or a religion. We declared war on terrorism. Terrorism against humanity and the right of every human, in every country, to live without fear of car bombs and chemical warfare. You say that we should try reason and understanding. I say you can't reason with crazy people who have blatantly admitted that their only goal in life is to kill Americans. I say these terrorist bullies drew a line in the sand and dared us to cross it when they bombed the U.S. Embassy in Africa. They dared us when they bombed the World Trade Center. We tried reason, understanding and political pressure, and yet again they dared us by bombing the U.S.S. Cole. We must have looked like an easy target so they pushed us over that line and attacked us on our own soil. You say, "violence begets violence." I say you're absolutely right. It's about time we stand up and say "enough is enough." All of the freedoms we have in this country have been fought for and preserved through war. Every person, American and otherwise, prays for peace not war, but we pray to win the lottery too. The odds of living in a totally peaceful world forever are probably as great. Peaceful solutions to violence is wonderful idealism, but in reality, it isn't likely to happen in our lifetime.

My niece is in the Navy and stationed on an aircraft carrier off the coast of Afghanistan, and my nephew is in the Army. I fear for their safety but I am so proud of them. I am proud to be an American. Proud to live in a country where our students have the opportunity to gather and discuss their views and question their government. As a parent I pray that you educators will continue to encourage our youth to congregate, demonstrate and exercise their freedom of speech. I also pray that you will encourage them to participate in our election process, question our politicians, their goals and values, but exercise the freedom to go to the polls and elect the leaders of this country. And I pray that you will teach them patriotism, to value human life and to be proud to be American.

Dorothy Joines
Secretary to the Executive Vice President

Letters to the Editor

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From the Editor...

Drug confiscation is often twisted



Christine Owen

How many of you use marijuana? Let me re-phrase that. How many of you use marijuana for *medicinal* purposes?

Well, there's good news for those of you who grow marijuana for "medicinal" reasons if your stash has recently been confiscated by the police.

That good news is that you might be able to be reimbursed through your homeowners insurance if the cops take away your green.

Last May, police arrested Ontario resident David Fawcett, seized his marijuana plants and turned them over to the Drug Enforcement Agency. Charges against Fawcett were later dropped because under California's Compassionate Use Act, he was legally prescribed medicinal marijuana to ease his depression, shingles and anxiety.

Displeased by the confiscation of his plants, Fawcett filed a claim with National General Insurance Co.

They paid Fawcett's claim in the amount of $5, 525 and acknowledged that Fawcett's homeowners policy covers the the plants. The policy contains a provision that covers the "theft of trees, shrubs and other plants, up to five percent of the home's insured value." Fawcett paid a $1,000 deductible, and five months after the claim was reported, he received his check.

There are several things in this story that I find twisted.

One is the apparent ease of which Fawcett was able to get reimbursed for his marijuana plants. I am surprised at how he was able to convince the insurance company that the plants had been "stolen."

If this really is the case and the insurance company truly believes that the plants were indeed stolen, then they need to file charges...against the police who took the plants away. Isn't it obvious that they are the thieves?

I do not know a lot about insurance companies. My dealings with them have been limited to the occasional call to the car insurance company to report a fender bender. However, I do know that if I am involved in an accident where I am not at fault, my insurance company will reimburse me what my policy covers and then sue the person at fault for the accident because they want their money back.

I can only assume that a homeowners insurance company would do the same.

Additionally, Fawcett's plants should never have been confiscated to begin with. Instead of taking drugs off the street (which is what I assume was the intent of the police), it put more money back into the illegal world of drug dealing. Fawcett admitted that he used $4,000 of his award claim to buy "black market" marijuana in order to keep up with his habit of smoking five to eight marijuana cigarettes per day.

Like it or not, agree with it or hate it, a licensed physician gave him a prescription for marijuana to alleviate his illnesses. And this prescription was legal. This, coupled with the fact that the DA dropped charges against him, meant that Fawcett should never have been arrested or have his plants taken away from him.

But because he was and because they were, Fawcett was reimbursed money which he did not use to help a faltering economy but instead he fed it into the black market.

The irony in this case is remarkable.

The police arrest a man for possessing marijuana for medicinal purposes. The DA drops the charges and the man gets money for his confiscated plants, money which he feeds into the black market. Lovely. I can not think of a more tragic example of the way our screwed up judicial system works.

Fawcett said that he has tried prescription drugs such as Zoloft and nothing works to alleviate his pain, except marijuana.

If this truly is the case, then he needs to be left alone to live his life without harassment. The taxpayer dollars used to arrest Fawcett are the same taxpayer dollars which are being used to fight the black market, the same black market Fawcett bought his marijuana from after his had been "stolen."

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California is not the only place on earth



Crystal Apilado

Southern California, the land of the beautiful, spoiled, rich and famous people. Or so it is said to be. However, how much of that supposed stereotype is true? In fact, how much of the easy-wonderful -life-of-any-person-living-in-California stereotype is true?

The warm sunny days, sandy beaches, big cities and carefree lifestyle. I used to think that it was all a stereotype. I figured that having lived in the little country town of Winters and the Bay Area's Vallejo, both in Northern California, experiencing Central California in Hilmar and now Southern California in La Verne and getting lost in Los Angeles on numerous occasions, that I had experienced the best of all aspects of California. There was no place that could surprise me. But I found out, that even *I* had not experienced it all.

I flew to Pennsylvania about two weeks ago to visit my best friend, Aly. I had never been out East before. In fact, the farthest east I had ever been was to visit my uncle in Reno, Nev.

Pennsylvania was a whole new experience. A culture shock that I will never forget. Not unforgettable because it was bad, but because it opened my eyes and showed me a whole different way of life.

It wasn't merely the beautiful, clean and smog-free countryside and atmosphere of Pennsylvania that surprised me. Nor was it the chilly air that, according to Aly, wasn't all that cold at all. It was just the little things that were a part of everyday life there that really shook me out of my safe California shell.

The first surprise was in the Giant Eagle store, equivalent to Target, I guess. Aly and I were standing in line and I happened to look over at a rack that had some colorful shovel-shaped devices. Maybe this didn't have to do with being Californian, it could have been just me, but the first thought I had when I saw that device was that it was a cat litter scoop. Having the courage to be outspoken at that moment, I voiced: "Look, colored cat litter scoops."

About five people in the checkout lines turned around to look at me and then AlyDsaid, "No, scrapers to get the ice off of your windshield."

My only reply was, "Oh."

Then without thinking I saw the five pound bags of rock salt right next to the rack and said, "Hey look, we can make homemade ice cream with that."

About five more people turned around to look and Aly stiffled a giggle as she said, "Or we could sprinkle it on the sidewalk to melt the snow."

"Oh, well I'm from California, give me a break," was my defense.

On the way out Aly looked at me and asked, "Did you really think that the rock salt was for ice cream?"

"What else do you use rock salt for in California? It's not like we get mountains of snow in our front yards," I said.

The next big shocker was passing the Amish buggies in Slippery Rock, Penn. The only images of an Amish person I had seen were either creations from Hollywood or in Weird Al's "Amish Paradise" music video. Needless to say, I was once-again asking dumb but honest questions. After seeing those Amish buggies, I realized that one doesn't have to experience the laid back country life or the chaotic yuppie life of L.A. to really live. That in fact being the spoiled Californian I was, I was missing out on the simple life of other states.

Extremely cold weather, snow, clean air and Amish buggies slowing you down on the road were all new experiences to me. However, I'm still glad to be a Californian.

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Once a pumpkinhead, always a pumpkinhead



Jennifer Contreras

All four of them have planted their sweet pumpkin seeds in my heart. And with my love and devotion, they have grown inside of me from beautiful seeds into gorgeous pumpkins.

Although they have been picked up out of their patch and placed elsewhere, the patch remains a place of sanctuary for me, a place I call home.

No matter how I am feeling, when I listen to the sweet sounds of pumpkin talk, I feel one hundred times better.

Now you might say, "Greatest Hits?" Well, yes is what I say. The hits they have thrown have been among the greatest if you ask me, and indeed a lasting impression they have left on those who take the time.

They have in turn received hits, brutal hits that scratched the surface of their hard, orange pumpkin exteriors. Hits from their peers and hits from the spectators of Pumpkinland, a land where the impossible is possible. A land where the sky is blue and everyday is the greatest. Well, I guess that is just my opinion.

To others, it may seem like a dark place where the streets are made of dirty gold and the pumpkins themselves are more like jack-o-lanterns, glowing bright and in the spotlight. But not to me.

There are two ways to visit Pumpkinland. The first and most common way, is to go there in your head, guided by the sweet whispers and harsh screams that only they can execute.

In this sense, I go there everyday. Everyday, if only for a moment, I live in their kingdom and am a part of the royal family. And when you come back you are changed.

The other way to visit is to go there in person. Wow this is intense. In the midst of a pumpkin, you can be paralyzed or you can lose control. It is truly amazing to have no control over yourself and enjoy it at the same time. And definitely, once you come back, you are changed.

Let me take you with me, back two weeks. The magical night in Pomona, California of all places, when two of my seeds made a special appearance.

I was encountered by the troubled pumpkin. The one who had the problem, and the one who took a vacation from Pumpkinland to Rehab-Land.

Not a second later, the Pumpkin king himself was there.

This all sounds ridiculous to some, I realize this and I understand. However, no one understands what it meant to me, after all these years of paying attention to their beauty. I finally had an opportunity to show my appreciation.

Why do I appreciate them? Well, this can be answered in different ways.

The pumpkins understand and they know what I mean when I complain about the useless drag of another day.

They can help me understand life a bit more with every track. They never judge or criticize me. I get nothing but support from them.

I get inspired every time I experience them. Their power surges through my veins and at times is my only food.

I can honestly say that I admire their craft and not their fame. It does not matter to me if they were a successful bunch or if they had 'failed.' Our mutual support for each other has helped carry me to this day.

I know that to some this all might seem foolish, but I do not care. There are so few things in this sick, sad world that actually make me smile and this is one of them.

Even though they have left their land, I believe they will live on forever, even though they have said farewell and goodnight.

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Delgado addresses discrimination

•ULV professor writes book

Tom Galaraga
Managing Editor

The wind settled to a calm-cool breeze as the sun warmly illuminated the field.

The stands were filling up with eager spectators as the home team took the field, warming up for the challenge ahead.

What a great day for a ball game.

The crack of the bat and the hiss of the ball sent Hector Delgado into the outfield, eagerly attempting to field the ball.

What Delgado did not realize at this point in time, was that he was about to have a life defining moment.

Before beginning his career as an associate professor of sociology at the University of La Verne and before his life as a father of two children, Delgado was an athlete.

After this day, his life changed.

"Puerto-Rican bastard," the coach whispered under his breath as Delgado chased the ball down.

Delgado later heard from a teammate what the coach said. Delgado confronted his coach and quit the team.

"On a personal level, I was very angry," he said. "This really hit me. It smacked me right in the face."

He then retired to the locker room for one last time.

"When you are on a sports team, you are kind of oblivious to anything else," Delgado said. "After I quit the team I became more aware."

This marked an end to Delgado's career in baseball, and the beginning of his intellectual pursuits.

He became involved with college activities, and began writing for an alternative-school paper called "Populous."

"After the initial shock (of quitting the team), everything seemed to fall into place," he said.

Delgado began to evolve into a civil rights activist, opening his eyes to his immediate surroundings and the inequalities of society.

He served as a board member of ASPIRA Incorporated, a government-funded organization that worked to prepare students for college.

The Spanish word Aspira means to aspire.

And that, Delgado has done.

Raised in a military family, Delgado moved around as a child, arriving in the United States when he was 5.

His father, Elias, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, was stationed in Virginia until 1957 when he and his family were relocated to France.

Delgado eventually formed his own opinions about war, particularly the Vietnam War.

"I was ready to either go to jail or Canada," he said, adding that he was morally opposed to the needless killing of people.

It was something he could not be a part of.

Delgado filed as a conscientious objector to the war, which meant that he would go into combat, but he could still be drafted.

He was opposed to serving the armed services in any way.

"I think people who opposed the war were correct in opposing the war, however, I felt very angry at people who redirected their anger toward soldiers.

"I don't believe someone loses their life in vain if they died fighting for something they believed in," Delgado said.

He added that he believes that many of the soldiers in the Vietnam War had no idea what they were actually fighting for.

Delgado had decided that he would avoid the draft.

His brother, Jose, would not be so fortunate.

Jose was drafted into the armed services but was not sent to Vietnam because their father asked to be stationed there instead of his son.

Delgado said he didn't hide his anti-war feelings from his father.

"He had very little reaction, I think he knew me," Delgado said. "I suspect part of it was that he didn't want me to go."

Delgado never was drafted. He graduated from Temple University in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

His involvement with the civil rights movement and immigrant rights inspired him to write "New Immigrants, Old Unions," a book about the experience of immigrant workers in the United States.

"These are people (immigrant workers) who will deal with adversity, which any adversity we face, will pale in comparison too," said Delgado.

"The thing that is most important to me fundamentally is just fairness ... social justice," he said.

In his book, Delgado studied approximately 160 waterbed factory workers and found that approximately 95 percent of them were undocumented; however, they were still interested in organizing work forces to promote fairness and well-being.

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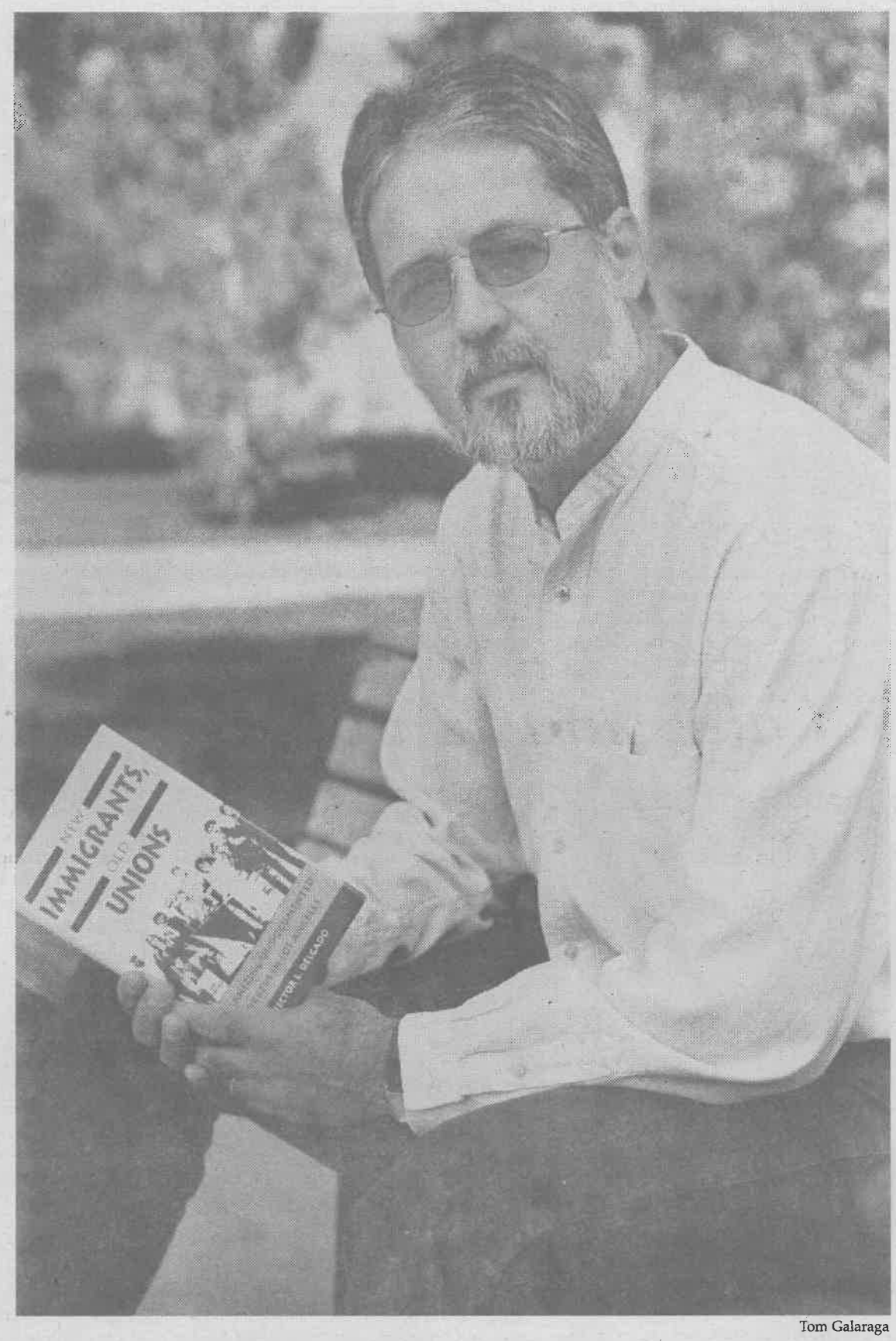
—Hector Delgado, associate professor of sociology



Tom Galaraga

Hector Delgado, author of "New Immigrants, Old Unions," comes to the University of La Verne this semester as an associate professor of sociology. His book, which focuses on the effort to organize immigrant workers in the United States, was inspired by his experiences with discrimination as a Puerto Rican-American.

'His commitment to teaching, and making sure that questions are asked and theories tested, finds its way into our home just about every evening. That my oldest son understands, and can give you opinions about Apartheid, the Civil Rights Movement, or the current war against terrorism makes me incredibly proud, of both father and son.'
—Miriam Lopez, wife of Delgado

"People make history. Even under the most extraordinary conditions (they) do incredible things," Delgado said.

With all of his projects and commitments, Delgado – father of Andrés, 10, and Evan, 6, and husband to Miriam Lopez – considers family his highest priority.

"My most important status is that I am a father," he said. "There is very little in this world that gives me joy more than them."

"He strikes a balance between work and home, and amazingly has never let his sons or his students down, or me for that matter," Lopez said.

Delgado said that his main goal as a father is to make his sons feel so loved, that they will never question whether they are important.

"His affection for the kids, and the fact that he openly demonstrates that affection without hesitation and so naturally, makes him an ideal husband and father," Lopez said.

Fairness and justice are the two ideologies Delgado said he hopes to teach his children.

"That's what I appreciate most about Hector's fathering skills. He provides support when needed, but also encourages independent thinking and action," Lopez said.

"His commitment to teaching, and making sure that questions are asked and theories tested, finds its way into our home just about every evening.

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A Skid Row Thanksgiving

Photography by Tom Galaraga

Thousands of people gathered in the streets of Los Angeles as the L.A. Mission made final preparations for its annual Thanksgiving day feast for the homeless.

A portion of Fifth Street was transformed into a banquet hall suitable for thousands.

And people who otherwise would not have an opportunity to take part in such grand a feast, were treated like royalty.

This was just one of 270 missions nationwide, which served more than 275,000 Thanksgiving meals to the nation's less fortunate individuals and families.

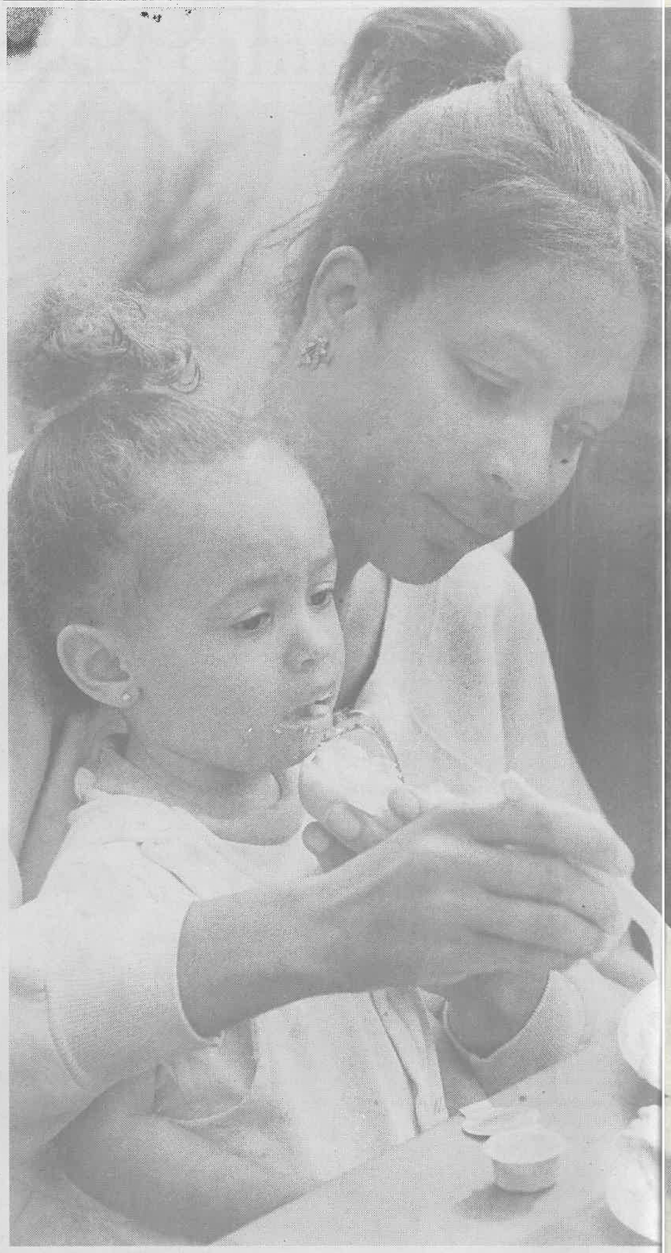
Approxiamtely 3,000 pounds of turkey, 2,000 pounds of potatos, 120 cases of rolls, 375 pies and 4,000 guests later, this temporary banquet hall was transformed back into the concrete and asphalt that make up Fifth Steet—rendered cold and empty once again.

Joining the L.A. Mission's hundreds of volunteers were celebrities, Television and radio personalities and politicians.

They included National Charman John Tesh and Chairwoman Connie Sellecca; Melissa Joan Hart, Bonnie Hunt, Laurie Metcalf, Leeza Gibbons, Cindy Williams, Josh Ryan Evans, Heather Laruen Olson, Kevin Eubanks, Shadoe Stevens, Tim Culbertson, Congressman David Dreier, Wink and Sandra Martindale, Shauna Waldron, Chad Michael Murray, Patrika Darbo and former Mayor Richard Riordan.

Their goal, they said, was to welcome the thousands of guests who had eagerly anticipated this afternoon and to give something back to their Los Angeles community.

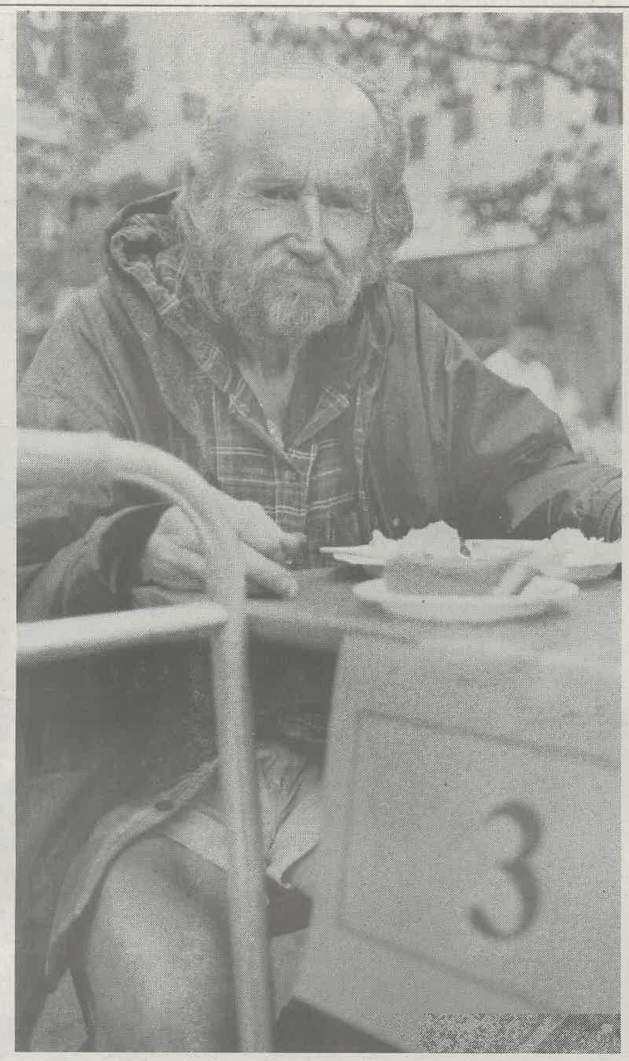
Right: After waiting to be seated by volunteers, Kendra Dorsey and her daughter Schollo enjoy the benefits of the L.A. Mission's efforts. The L.A. Mission's efforts included a free meal, a prayer led by Reverand Jim Lewis and entertainment provided by local church choirs. Dorsey and her daughter were accompanied by the thousands of people who had turned out to enjoy this sunny afternoon.



Below: A woman, who refers to herself simply as Sue, awaits the opening of the L.A. Mission's Thanksgiving feast. She was one of thousands of people who had spent their morning in line for a free meal.







Left: Enjoying what he described as the best meal he has had in a long time, Geoffrey Rohr fully appreciates the effort that the L.A. Mission and its volunteers have demonstrated.

Below: Wearing the colors of the United States of America, Faye Vixon demonstrates that she is truly proud to be an American. Vixon said that with the tragedy of Sept.11, it is important to remember who you are and where you come from, regardless of your given situation. Vixon, who has been in L.A. for a year and a half, has not forgotten who she is, and is thankful for everything that has been given to her.





Left: Actresses Bonnie Hunt and Patrika Darbo break from their lunch-line lady roles, serving cranberry sauce and bread rolls, to share some laughs with the fellow volunteers.



Above: Former Mayor of Los Angeles Richard Riordan and Califiornia Congressman David Dreier fill the plates of eager volunteers with turkey and mashed potatos. These plates were then taken by the volunteers to guests who were already seated.

Left: Chutima Lyles was one of more than 400 volunteers who spent their day transforming a sectioned-off area of Fifth St. into an outdoor dining hall, capable of seating thousands.

Professor enjoys small campus life

•Neidleman develops law society

Crystal Apilado
Features Editor

The University of La Verne welcomed Jason Neidleman, the new assistant professor of political science and pre-law adviser, this semester.

Neidleman, a native of Los Altos, Calif., attended UCLA as an undergraduate and received a bachelor of arts in political science. He then attended Harvard University, where he earned his Ph.D. in political philosophy.

After receiving his Ph.D. he and his wife moved to Chicago, Ill. so that his wife could attend medical school at Northwestern University.

While in Chicago, Neidleman taught in the political philosophy department at De Paul University.

He also taught at a high school in Chicago and tutored through the Ivy League Tutoring Company in the southside of Chicago.

"I'm pretty happy to be back," Neidleman said of his return to California.

Neidleman's area of expertise is modern and contemporary political theory, though he is also interested in urban politics and land use issues. He has been involved with community development on land issues in cities like Boston and Cambridge, Mass.

Neidleman has already begun challenging students in his classes, he said. His goal is to have students "self-interrogate" and challenge themselves by questioning their beliefs and biases. He hopes they will discard their point of view, listen to where others are coming from and re-evaluate their original opinion to see if there is any change.

"The subject isn't as important, it's more the approach the student takes to the subject," Neidleman said.

His book, "The General Will is Citizenship," was published earlier this year. It delves into French political theory from the 1800s and 1900s.

Lately, he has been involved in research for his latest project, based on the philosophical foundation of ethical and moral judgments. He said he is focusing on the written work of Michel Foucault as one of his main sources.

Neidleman also has interest in law. He said that his "subfield" is the debate between legal theory and political theory.

"They go hand-in-hand," Neidleman said.

He is currently working on developing a pre-law society, an on campus organization, which has already begun to meet.

"I'd like to bring together undergraduates who are interested in law and law issues," Neidleman said.

He hopes to meet with the group once a month and discuss the preparation for law school, the differences among law schools and topics that center in the field of law. He would also like to bring in speakers from different law schools. Here at ULV, Neidleman has enjoyed getting involved and taking an active role in the campus community.

While in college he was involved with debate and has already taken part in a debate, alongside the debate team, at ULV on the subject of the Sept. 11 attacks. Neidleman, also an athlete, has attended the ULV soccer team's practices in order to stay physically fit.

"I can go out there twice a week and play soccer with the soccer team," said Neidleman.

He also participates in bike riding, hiking, skiing and snowboarding.

Some of the locations Neidleman has been to include the Sierra Nevadas and Mt. Baldy.

Besides his interest in physical activities, Neidleman is bilingual.

He speaks French and has conducted research in France.

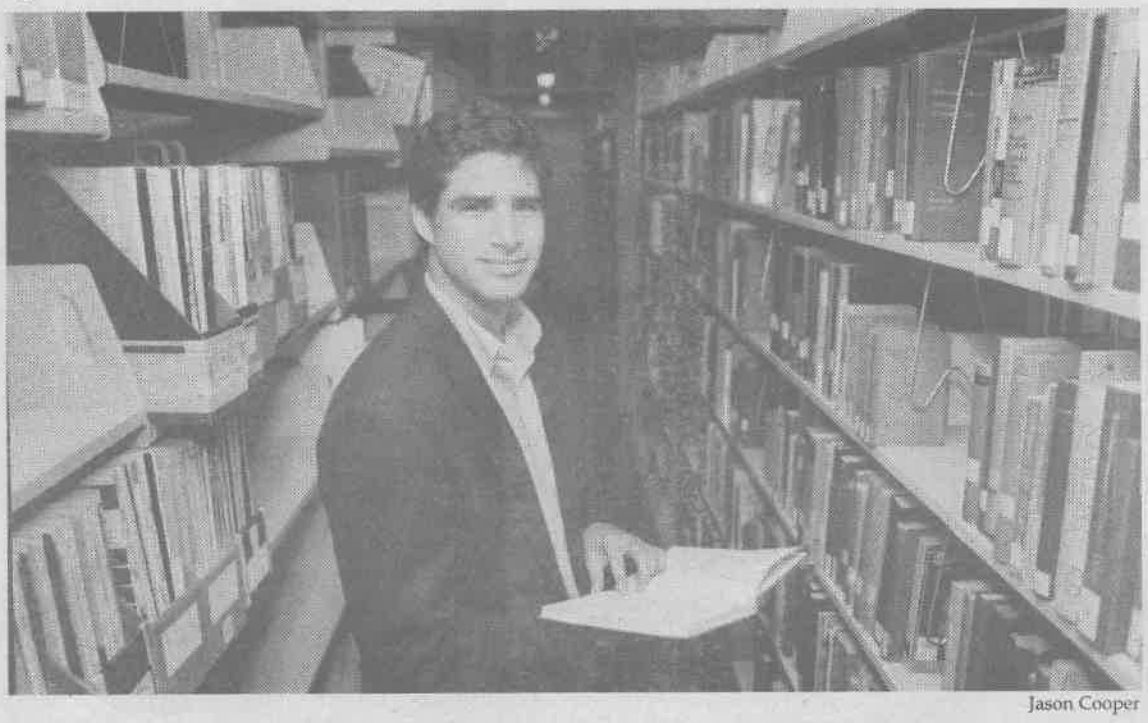
In addition to living in France for six months as a child and summer trips, he also spent time in France during a summer program through his graduate school.

He has also taking the initiative to learn a new language, and is sitting in on Ann Hill's Spanish class each week.

Neidleman said he has enjoyed being a part of the ULV community thus far.

"Other schools have all been huge. You don't necessarily know the people you work with there.

"Here you get a familiar, communal feeling that you don't get at bigger schools. It's nice," Neidleman said.



Jason Cooper

Aside from soccer, his love is written words about politics and philosophy. Jason Niedleman is the newest addition to the History/Political Science Department, teaching political theory classes. Neidleman is also a pre-law adviser at ULV.

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Delgado...

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stands, and can give you opinions about Apartheid, the Civil Rights Movement, or the current war against terrorism makes me incredibly proud, of both father and son," she said.

Four years ago, Delgado took his son Andres to a protest outside of the Beverly Center where people were boycotting the clothing company Gap Inc. for its use of slave labor.

At one point his son Andres looked up to him and asked,

"Why are we doing this?"

Delgado answered, "It's about fairness."

Autumn falls and changes the campus appearance



Jennifer Contreras

During the fall season one can look on the ground and no longer see concrete and grass, but leaves, sticks and acorns. Jami Newcomer, 8, of La Verne spent a Monday afternoon out and about on the University of La Verne campus searching for acorns with her father Bill. A fourth grade teacher at Oakridge Elementary School in Chino Hills, Bill collects acorns every year to use in an arts and crafts activity for his students.

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Holiday Serenade

The ULV Recorder Ensemble will perform the Holiday Stairwell Serenade today from the third floor of Founders Hall at 9:30 a.m. Directed by Anita Hanawalt, the program includes Christmas and Hanukkah music sung by students, alumni and community members.

Art Exhibit

The Art Department will showcase its first art exhibit in the Arts and Communications Building's "Tall Wall Space" starting Monday and continuing through January 31, 2002. The artist's reception will take place Thursday.

Movies

Two new movies open in general release today. The first is "Behind Enemy Lines," which has been marketed toward male audiences and stars Gene Hackman and Owen Wilson.

The second is "Texas Rangers," starring "Dawson's Creek" star James Van Der Beek and singer Usher Raymond. Both films are rated PG-13.

Album Charts

Last week saw several albums debuts by many different artists in the music industry, but it was Creed that stole the No. 1 spot, selling 887,000 copies of "Weathered."

Other artists, like Kid Rock and Pink, debuted in the top 10, at numbers seven and eight, respectively.

—Tim Tevault

Cast of 'Woyzeck' embarks on a memorable experience

by Jennifer Contreras

They have had a whole semester to develop a character.

They each had a distinct and precise vision of what their character envelops as a person.

They each had to draw upon their experiences, their own personalities and even their peers to finally realize that their character has become what they envisioned.

The process was not simple, but rather intense and draining. Once you take on a role, your life changes until the role has been played out and even then it is still changed.

Rehearsals for the production of "Woyzeck" by Georg Buchner have almost come to their conclusion. The play opens December 6 but the process thus far is beyond what the audience sees.

"It was a project initiated by a few students, friends who wanted to get together and collaborate their art and 'Woyzeck' was the best way to do it," said senior theater major David Rojas, who is directing the play.

Rojas read the play, which is German in origin, for the second time when Rojas was in India last semester. Reading the play a second time, he said he began to understand it deeply, and decided that he wanted to direct it and had a lot of ideas already in mind before he had even returned to the states.

"It's one of my favorite plays and I wanted to direct it having certain people in mind for the cast," said Rojas, adding that he had the imagery already envisioned in his mind by the time rehearsals began.

As the director, Rojas said he has had to try to grow into the shoes that have been molded by his mentors, and his progress has left him feeling more and more like a director.

"When you leave rehearsals, as a director, you are more observant and you listen to everything around you; you become more intense," said Rojas.

But with all major projects come conflicts. And with a production involving students, difficulties often arise.

"Being that we are all students, trying to coordinate a schedule that works for everyone is difficult, but people are putting a lot into the show," he said, adding, however, that the direction that the play has taken has been influenced by the students involved.

"We have had a lot of freedom," Rojas said, "David Flaten (professor of theatre arts) is one of my mentors and his role is that he is letting this happen, this wouldn't happen if we were at a larger school. I asked him to watch for himself to see what his take on it is, and it means a lot to me that he would come out and see what's going on."

Rojas said that the theater department, in addition to Flaten, has been important to the production of "Woyzeck" and that they all have affected the show.

"The only way to learn how to direct is by directing and your actors will teach you how to direct," said Rojas, quoting his mentor. Those actors are thoroughly involved in their own process, one that takes time and focus.

April Shenkman, a senior theatre major, portrays "Marie" and uses the word "oppressed" to describe her character.

"She's the most oppressed character in the play, being that she is a woman, even more than Woyzeck," said Shenkman, "She is seeking salvation through God for committing adultery, but the act that she commits is part of her search for herself in means of finding her identity. Everyone places her role before her, in society's eyes she is a whore, but what is a whore?"

Using the role of women in general as a way to develop her character, Shenkman says, "Looking at the role of women, they are automatically put in an oppressed state.

"The play is focused on Woyzeck's problems, but David and I have tried to look at it from her point of view. No one would have given her the time to look at it through her position or her problems. We all have an undying need to find something that makes us happy, it's human nature," said Shenkman.

Despite the vision she has, Shenkman has yet to feel she has reached that point.

"I could envision who I want her to be, but I'm too clean right now, I'm too clothed. I see her as being naked and she doesn't try to hide that. I have too many layers right now I'm hoping to try and shed them. I'm too aware of myself and what I'm doing, so even though I'm Marie, I still have too much of myself," she said.

Tracy Governatori of the Human Resources Department plays Kathy, and has had her own method of character development.

"I'm the antagonizer and I stir the plot," she said, "To develop her, I looked at another character that had no maternal instincts, no empathy, but was still fascinated by people and their pain. I also harbor a lot of jealousy and envy towards Marie. David called her a catalyst because she pushes Marie by ruining her dreamlike state. Woyzeck, I push toward insanity."

And about the title character, Woyzeck, played by senior theatre major Obren Milanovic, who illustrates his character this way, "Woyzeck is virtually the first tragic hero of the lower classes. He is a victim of society and a man wrestling with spirituality; he is a slave."

In drawing upon himself and the company of Woyzeck, he declares an image that reflects who he sees Woyzeck to be.

"I see Woyzeck as an extension of my growth and experience within the last semester, rather than just a character. I think it is that way for everyone. I hope that I can channel David's vision through the character; that is really my goal.

"Aside from the things he has to deal with I hope people can relate to him in a way. As much as he is insane, I think there is a piece of everybody in 'Woyzeck,'" he said.

Opening night is less than a week away and the process will soon meet its product.

"It's a very personal piece, the people involved are wonderful. It really is a company project; I don't even like the word play for this production. It's a group of people trying to articulate themselves through a particular script. So it is a journey, not a production, but an experience," said Milanovic.

"For the people involved it is difficult. They are not taking it lightly but they are actually living in the torment of this play," said Rojas.

Movie Review

Skiing movie leaves audience cold

Jennifer Contreras
Editorial Director

Snowboards, ski lifts, a nostalgic resort, a big bad company and of course, the bouncy and blonde Swedish girl named Inga.

That about sums up the attempt at success in a movie titled "Out Cold."

Directed by The Malloys and written by Jon Zack, "Out Cold," which opened November 21, distributed some warm chuckles, but in the end felt like a waste of reel time.

The plot is simple. A bunch of young people work and live on Bull Mountain in Alaska. After the town founder dies, a chic new and upgraded resort moves into town by a Colorado ski mogul "John Majors" (Lee Majors). Because they do not want to see this "very special place" disintegrate, they sabotage the new plans and restore the town to what it was.

This movie is a typical unrealistic exaggeration of standing up to the big guy in a nostalgic effort to preserve "Bull Mountain."

The characters reflect the typical plot by being just that, typical.

Jason London (Rick Rambis), the leader of the pack. He is good-looking and has relationship problems with Anna (Caroline Dhavernas), who is engaged to a medical student/pilot.

Jenny (A.J. Cook) is the sweet girl among the boys, who is also a love interest for Rick. Zach Galifianakis plays Luke, a guy with little more than his job and home on Bull Mountain who gets in trouble with some spa jets and winds up naked in the spa overnight in the cold. His brother Pig Pen, who is exaggeratedly played by Derek Hamilton as the moron that everyone can laugh at.

Anthony, the African-American Olympic hopeful, is the ethnic flavor that had to be included among the group and is portrayed by Flex Alexander.

And then, of course, there is Inga (Victoria Silvstedt), the Swedish half-sister of Anna, daughter of Majors and a complete knockout.

In one scene, Inga sensuously rides a mechanical bull in a bar while surrounded by men. The scene is meticulously planned and obviously shot to appeal to a crowd of males.

In fact the whole movie is marketed to appeal to a male audience. Other scenes to support this are the professional snowboarding shots that create the only entertaining part in the movie.

The soundtrack is also another obvious strategy to gain an audience of KROQ quality. Songs from such bands as Foo Fighters, Sum 41, Weezer and Jimmy Eat World are featured throughout the film.

With such a typical plot and obvious aim, "Out Cold" fails to stand out among the rest of the "young people taking a stand" movies of this generation. One could go up to a snowy mountain and come up with a better story on their own. Sadly enough, "Out Cold"is out in the cold as far as being worth the while.

Basketball grabs season's first victory

•Team wins one, loses two

Amanda Egan
Staff Writer

Men's basketball opened up its pre-season with a key win over La Sierra University and two well-fought losses to Linfield College and Cal Poly Pomona.

"I am satisfied with our play so far," said head coach Terry Boesel.

ULV competed against Division two powerhouse Cal Poly last Wednesday on the Broncos court but were defeated 97-63.

The Leopards played with intensity and managed to score 63 points on a high contender for the CCAA championship.

Joe Bolander put 14 points away for the Leopards. Both Marc McCoy and Robbie Leark contributed with 10 points each.

Mc Coy played strong on defense with seven rebounds.

'We have a really hard preseason, hopefully it will prepare us for SCIAC.'
–Terry Boesel, men's basketball head coach

The Leopards began pre-season play in front of a crowd of 80 in the Supertents on Nov. 17 against Linfield. The Leopards were defeated, 82-69.

La Verne received strong offense from Jibril Latif who had the team high of 16 points.

McCoy and Bolander both contributed on offense with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Bolander also excelled on defense with eight defensive rebounds.

On Nov. 19, the Leopards raised its level of play as the team took on La Sierra and came out on top, 86-63.

Bolander continued his consistency on the court with 19 points and seven defensive rebounds.

"Joe Bolander by far is stepping up the most," Boesel said.

Josh Johnson put up 11 points, while sophomore Steve Rugg made 10.

"We have a really hard preseason, hopefully it will prepare us for SCIAC," Boesel said. "We need to continue to play hard and compete."

ULV begins tournament play today at Menlo College in Northern California and will face NAIA school Albertson's College from Idaho in the first round.

Depending on the outcome La Verne will either play Menlo or Southern Oregon in game two on Saturday.

La Verne goes into the tournament with a season record of 1-2.



Liz Lucsko

Forward Joe Bolander lays in two points to bring the Leopards within forty-one points of the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos in the second half of Wednesday's game. La Verne traveled across town to the Cal Poly campus only to be handed its third loss of the season. The Leopards were defeated in a score of 97-63. The team will travel to Menlo College today to play in its first tournament of the year. In its first game, the team will face Alberston College.

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Swimmers defeat 'Hens in first dual

Ryan Mac Donald
Sports Editor

On Nov. 16, the University of La Verne women's swimming and diving team handed Penny Dean, head coach of Pomona-Pitzer swimming/diving, and her team their first dual meet loss of the season.

The Leopards upset the Sagehens in a score of 124-114.

Dean has complied an impressive career record in dual meet action which includes only a handful of loses during her fifteen years of coaching for the Pomona-Pitzer.

And in its four years of existence, the Leopard's swimming and diving team has never been one of the teams to defeat the Sagehens.

In all of the meetings between the two teams, the Sagehens have dominated the races and the outcome of the meets, with the victories always being in favor of the women from Pomona-Pitzer.

Though the Leopards had come close in the past, they never had enough steam at the end of their races in order to pull out a victory.

This season, however, the Leopards' head coach John Hallman understood what kind of challenge he and his team was facing in their opponents, and he informed the team that every race could determine the outcome of the meet.

"I let the swimmers know what type of competition is was going to be," said Hallman. "On paper, I went through five different meet scenarios, and out of those five, I had us coming out ahead on three of them."

In other words, every participant in the meet had the opportunity to change the outcome of the meet.

"I saw the team looking at Pomona and the their numbers. I told them, though, that we have the advantage of quality not quantity. I asked everyone to step up," he added.

The dual meet, which was battled out in every race and event, came down to the final event of the day, and the Leopards needed a first-place finish in the 4x200-yard freestyle relay in order to defeat the Sagehens.

"Having a meet end in that fashion puts a lot of pressure on us, and it seems like John always does this to us," said senior Katie Aimone. "But that is what swimming is about, and we understand that when meets are close, you have to perform to the best of your ability. You have to step up and want to win."

With that confidence, the Leopards easily won the final relay, giving them enough points to also win the meet.

Seniors Summer Hammons, Allison Alasteuy and Aimnoe lead the team on the final relay. Freshman Gabi Bahlo was the fourth member of the team.

"This was an amazing win because when you look at our team and their team, you can see that they have double our numbers," Aimone said. "It was a great win, and especially coming during our senior year because every year we come so close to winning. But in the past, we always fall a little bit short. I am so happy for our team's ability to win and our accomplishments today."

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>
> *–Katie Aimone, senior backstroker*

Throughout the meet, the team had other races that provided momentum and confidence for the victory.

Alasteuy started the meet off strongly with an individual victory in the mile swim. Alasteuy came from behind to win the event, and with this victory, she provided the Leopards with a very early lead.

"Winning the mile surprised the Pomona team, and after that things went according to plans. There were no disappointments, and I saw the other coach getting very uptight," Hallman said.

This momentum then carried over into other events.

"A key swim early on was the B medley relay. I knew that we would win the A relay, but we needed the second relay to get third place, and it came down to Delarie Sutton touching out the team from Pomona," Hallman said. "We needed those points."

In the one and three-meter diving events, the Leopards dominated with junior Crystal Marks placing first in both events, and senior Debbee Lewis placing second in both.

"The divers contributed; they were a big plus for us," Hallman said.

Other key victories came from Aimone in the 100-yard freestyle in a time of :56.66, and in the 4x200 medley relay, with the Leopards defeating the field.

Junior Katie Lyons gave the team a boost in points when she won the 200-yard butterfly. Lyons victory was crucial to the outcome of the meet.

In the 200-yard backstroke, Hammons and freshman Jennifer Wesloski placed first and third, respectively.

Aimone was impressed with her teammates efforts, and she applauded the unity expressed by all of the members of the squad.

"I was very surprised by a lot of people's performances. Everyone knew that in order to win the meet, we had to be tough and fight for every race," Aimone said.

"Maria DeSantis was one of the swimmers who did this. She is a great teammate because everything she does, she puts the team first. She was also there to motivate us and cheer everyone on," she said.

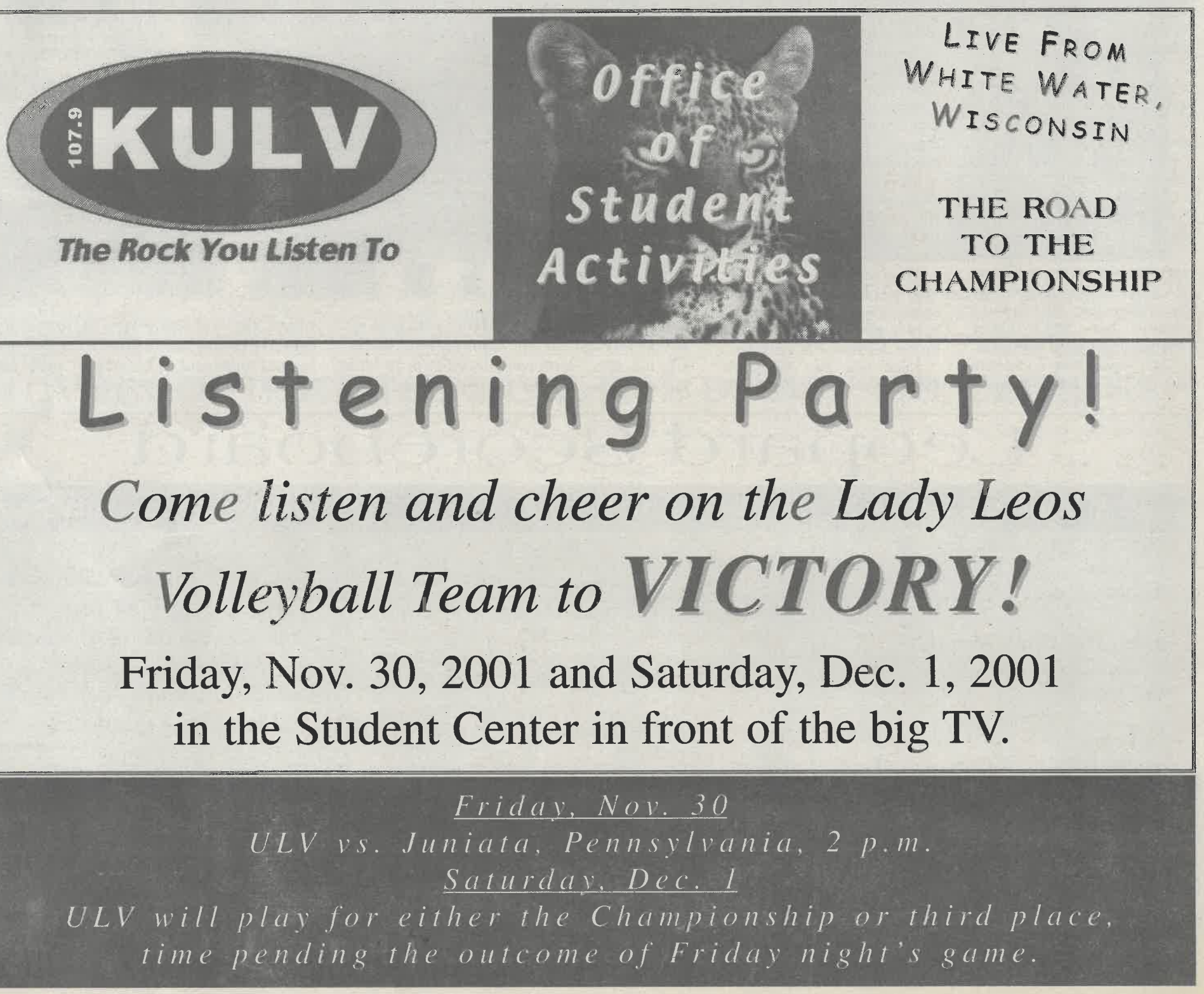
The Leopards are hoping to continue to be victorious in dual meet action. However, all of the meets are going to be as close as this one, said Hallman.

"Pomona-Pitzer and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps are identical on paper. So we have the capability of doing this type of meet again," Hallman said.

"Redlands will be tough, even though we might be better at the dual meet because we have more talent than numbers. But Claremont is going to be extremely close," he said.

The women's swimming and diving team is traveling to Las Vegas with the men's teams this weekend to compete in the Las Vegas Invitational.

The Leopards will face all of the conference teams on Dec. 7-8 at the Claremont Winter Invitational.



Volleyball continues into semifinals

•Leopards sweep match to advance

Christine Owen
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In its first trip to the NCAA Final Four since 1985, the University of La Verne's women's volleyball team will compete at 5 p.m. today against Juniata College (Pa.) in a semifinal match.

Hosting this year's competition is the University of Wisconsin Whitewater.

The Warhawks are the Midwest Regional Champs and will face Wellesley College (MA) (New England Regional Champs) at 7:30 p.m. today in the other semifinal match.

Tomorrow, the third place match will be played at 5 p.m. and the championship will take place at 7:30 p.m.

"If we play our game [against Juniata] and don't let anything affect us, we're a pretty tough team to beat," said senior setter Ryan Winn.

On Nov. 17, the Leopards defeated Mount St. Joseph's College (OH) 30-25, 30-25, 31-29 in an NCAA quarterfinal match at the Supertents.

After wrapping up the first two games against MSJ, La Verne led 8-6 in game three until the Lions rebounded and scored six unanswered points to move ahead 12-8.

They led until La Verne scored six out of seven points in a row to take the lead, 23-22.

A kill from outside hitter Betsy Owens tied the game 23-23, and consecutive kills by MSJ moved them ahead 25-23.

The teams traded kills for points until the score was tied at 28-28.

Freshman Amy Kratochvil registered one of her 18 kills for the night and moved the Leopards within one point of a victory, but MSJ's Ginny Thomas tied it again with a kill.

MSJ served it up and defensive specialist Adrian Pearson smacked down her only kill of the night as ULV fans jumped to their feet for match point. The Lions returned a ULV serve and Amy Smith registered the match-winning kill.

"We played awesome, everyone stepped it up and pulled through," Kratochvil said. "We were kind of down that (third) game but we caught up and won."

Kratochvil had a match high 18 kills and 11 digs. Adriana Contreras added 12 kills and Smith added 10.

Winn had a match high 40 assists.

ULV head coach Don Flora said that blocking practice before the match really played a part in the win over MSJ.

"We tripled them up and had three times as many blocks as they did and that was a big goal of ours," Flora said.

In regard to facing Juniata, Flora said, "I think we need to be a little bit better on our ball control, serve receive, our blocking and just a little more offensive rhythm."

Juniata (29-8) earned its spot in the Final Four by emerging as the Mid-Atlantic Regional champs.

In the quarterfinal round, Juniata defeated Trinity (Tex.) in four games. This will be Juniata's 17th trip to the Final Four, and they hold 21 consecutive conference titles.

The Leopards are back-to-back conference title champions, with a season's record of 25-1. The Leopards only loss was a forfeit against Cal Lutheran.

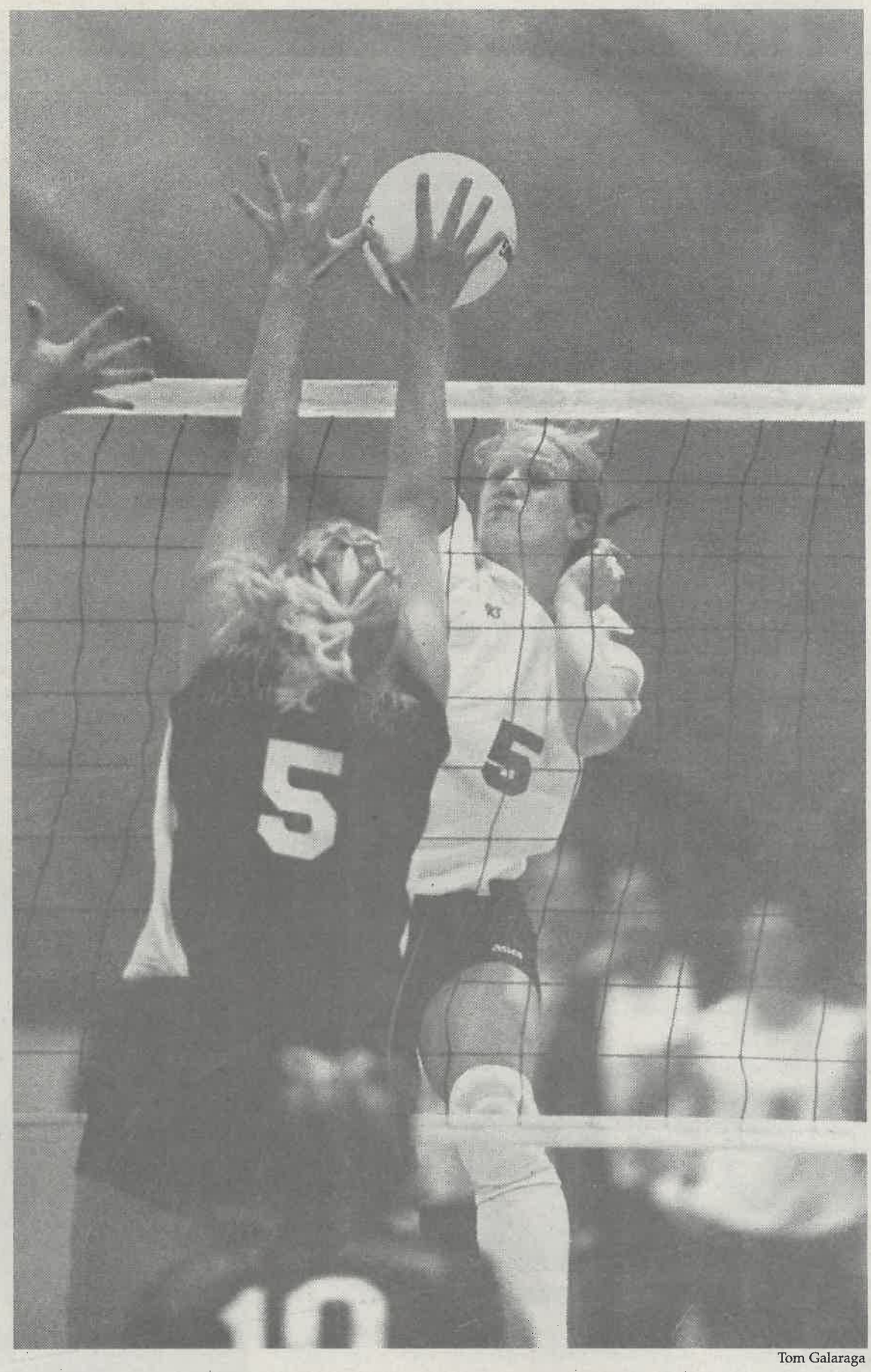
Danielle Hart, who averages 4.02 kills and 2.92 digs per game, leads Juniata.

Adding to the Eagles attack was Brandy Workinger with an average of 3.83 kills and 3.87 digs per game.

Winn and junior Stacey Lupu were recently named to the 2001 All- America team for Division III by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Winn was named to the first-team and Lupu to the second-team. Winn also was named SCIAC player of the Year and to the All-West Region team.

Lupu was also named to the All-West Region team.



Tom Galaraga

Sophomore outside hitter Amy Smith goes up for the kill against Mt. Saint Joesphs' defensive blockers. Smith contributed with 10 kills for the game, in the Leopards three game sweep. The Leopards played in front of a full capacity crowd, easily dismissing their quarterfinal opponent. The women play today against Juniata College at 5 p.m.

Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer...

Women's Swimming, Nov. 17

La Verne	**124**
Pomona-Pitzer	114

Men's Water Polo, Nov. 16-18

UC San Diego	**12**
La Verne	6
La Verne	**5**
Santa Clara	4
UC Davis	5
La Verne	3

Men's Basketball, Nov. 19

La Verne	**86**
La Sierra	63

Schedule

Today
Men's basketball @ Menlo Tournament, 7:30 p.m.
Men's swimming/diving @ Las Vegas Invite
Women's swimming/diving @ Las Vegas Invite
Women's volleyball vs. Juniata College, 5 p.m.

Saturday
Men's basketball @ Menlo Tournament, TBA
Men's swimming/diving @ Las Vegas Invite
Women's swimming/diving @ Las Vegas Invite
Women's basketball vs. Chapman, 3 p.m.
Women's volleyball @ NCAA semifinal, TBA

Tuesday
Men's basketball vs. Menlo, 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know?

Senior setter Ryan Winn was named to the First Team All American squad by American Volleyball Coaches Association, and junior middle blocker Stacey Lupu was named to the Second Team All American by the AVCA.

The women's swimming and diving team had its first victory over the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens, 124-114.