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Meeting held for concerned citizens





Tom Galaraga

Empty seats were scarce at Oak Mesa Elementary School as residents of La Verne gathered to voice their complaints regarding registered sex offender Kristian Eric Rosvold. Police Chief Ron Ingels was present to address the concerns of parents, as were other city officials.

Oscar De León
Staff Writer

"This individual has rights," said La Verne Police Chief Ron Ingels at a town hall meeting Tuesday at Oak Mesa Elementary School.

The Parent Teacher Association of Oak Mesa Elementary School called the meeting to discuss the fate of Kristian Eric Rosvold, the high-risk sex offender who recently moved into the community about 700 feet from Oak Mesa.

The public outcry began last month shortly after Rosvold, who moved to La Verne on Jan. 30, came to register at the police department.

Under federal law, convicted sex offenders must register with their local police.

La Verne Police decided to make this information public, by sending a flier with Rosvold's photograph and address to the school. The flier also detailed some of his offenses.

Under Megan's Law, police are allowed to release such information to the community.

Soon after, the flier went to neighbors who started protesting, holding signs outside Rosvold's Cork Circle home and vowing to run him out of town.

They said they feel his presence to be threatening to their children.

At the meeting, roughly 200 citizens expressed their frustration and fear.

He lives too close to the school they said.

They are concerned their children could be his next victims.

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> *—Ron Ingels, La Verne police chief*

A 17-person panel of police, deputy district attorney, school administrators and social workers answered the questions of concerned neighbors and parents.

Panelists included La Verne Mayor John Blickenstaff, Police Chief Ron Ingels, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Gail Erlich and Oak Mesa's Principal Karen Eberhardt.

The meeting overall was very successful, Ingels said Wednesday.

Among the issues discussed at Tuesday's meeting were Megan's Law, and the fact that there are 45 other registered sex offenders in the city.

The rights of community members and Rosvold also were addressed.

Ingels explained the purpose of Megan's law, which is to inform community members when there is a high-risk sex offender moving into their neighborhood.

Neighbors asked the panel why they were not told of the other sex offenders in the community.

Ingels explained that there are different classifications of sex offenders.

Police released the names of those considered most dangerous.

A sex offender is considered high-risk based on the severity of his offenses, Ingels said.

Megan's Law gives any law enforcement agency the right to notify the public when sex offenders, who have been classified as high-risk, move into the community.

"He has the right to live here," Ingels said. "People have the right to protest."

When asked if the police department knew what the outcome of the flier would be, Ingels said that he anticipated this reaction. Ingels said he had warned Rosvold about this outcome.

Neighbors said they had seen Rosvold at his current residence before Jan. 30, the day that he registered at the police department.

There are rumors that he had been living at the house in La Verne for over four months before he registered with the police.

Lt. Scott Pickwith said that officers had gone to each neighbor's house to check, and they could not find evidence that this statement was true.

La Verne police will be attending a hearing in Marin County, where Rosvold was convicted, asking to modify Rosvold's probation, claiming that the restrictions on his probation were too lenient for La Verne's standards.

They said that Rosvold is too close to the school, and they want him to move at least 1,000 yards away.

Legal studies program is granted ABA approval

Alex Serena
Staff Writer

Last month, the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, acting on a recommendation of the Standing Committee on Legal Assistants, granted approval to the legal studies program at the University of La Verne.

The Legal Studies Program, formerly called the Paralegal Studies Program, changed its name in 2001 following recommendations from the ABA. The program also revised the curriculum and instituted changes, which resulted in the Bar Association's approval in the program's 30th year of existence.

The term of approval is seven years; it began February and ends in 2009.

Vitonio San Juan, program chairman, said that the ABA's approval was achieved "first and foremost through the leadership and support of President Stephen Morgan. President Morgan's vision and support were invaluable. Along with the help we received from Vice President Phil Hawkey and Provost Richard McDowell, we knew that we would get ABA approval."

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ULV is one of two Southern California schools that offer a bachelor's degree for paralegal students. San Juan said: "according to the winter 2002 issue of the ABA SCOLA update, there are 1000 paralegal programs throughout the country; 252 are ABA approved. In California there are some 25 ABA approved programs. Ours is one of them."

A paralegal or legal assistant performs many of the same tasks attorneys do, such as taking depositions and conducting independent research. However, they are prohibited from practicing law. Paralegals work directly under the supervision of a licensed attorney and assist them in the delivering legal services.

San Juan added that he felt the bachelor of science in legal studies is an excellent choice for students who want to become legal assistants or are thinking about graduate and law school.

Paralegals must either be certified by a paralegal program, approved by the ABA or have completed a degree in a post secondary institution accredited by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

"There are new provisions in the California Business and Professions Code that make education even more important. The bachelor's degree or certificate would be ideal for someone who wants to learn about the law; both the theoretical and the practical," said San Juan.

Job opportunities for paralegals are increasing, according to a Dec. 2001 article in the *Los Angeles Times*.

"Private law firms in Los Angeles will continue to utilize the services of paralegals; opportunities for paralegals nationwide are expected to increase 33 percent by 2010, according to the U.S. bureau of Labor Statistics," the article said.

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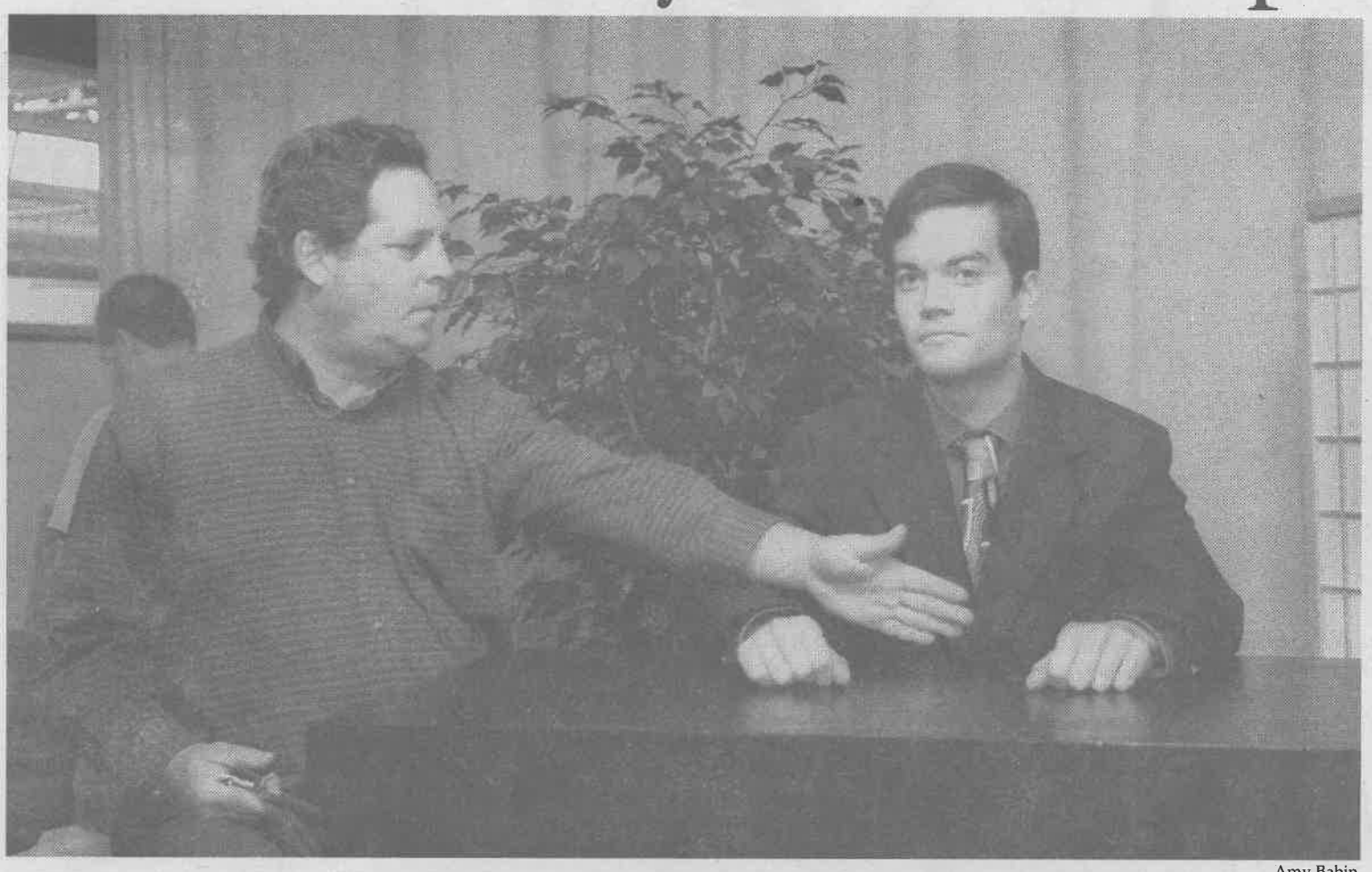


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LVTV has 'Eye' on local program



Amy Babin

Junior Nathan Baca, the talent, waits while Don Pollock, professor of communications, adjusts the lighting and gets ready to go on the air for the new ULV newscast ,"Eye on La Verne."

"Eye on La Verne" will broadcast on La Verne's community channel, LVTV 3 every Tuesday and Thursday. Every two weeks a new episode will be featured.

•Student newscast begins

Amber McLaughlin
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"Eye on La Verne," started by junior Nathan Baca, is a news show broadcast on La Verne's community television, LVTV 3.

"Ever since I was a freshman my goal was to produce a newscast at the University of La Verne, but (communications professor) Don Pollock wanted to wait until I had taken advanced television classes," he said.

Last year, Baca asked seniors Erin Coleman and James Morrison if they would be co-producers and anchors for the show.

Students in TV Special Projects and Senior Seminar agreed to be reporters, camera operators and editors.

There are other students volunteering to be a part of the project including Edna Becerra, Veronica Perez, Bryan Smith, Agustin Avalos, Rene Luna and Nya Center.

"Eye on La Verne" aired for the first time Feb. 26 from approximately 8:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. The same show will air on Tuesdays and Thursdays for two weeks consistently.

According to Pollock, LVTV had newscasts years ago. The show, however, featured more about the community, and less about students.

'I was very impressed with how well the first show went. There are things we need to work on, but overall I felt good about what we accomplished.'

—Erin Coleman, senior

"The good thing about 'Eye on La Verne' is that it covers a wide variety of events on campus," Pollock said. "The students need to work more efficiently, and as the show grows, there's a possibility it could be an ongoing thing."

The first show featured the music department's brand new grand piano, the poetry slam for Black History Month, which took place Feb. 13, Singled Out on Feb. 12 and a segment shot at Dailey Theater.

For sports, LVTV captured highlights of women's softball and basketball games, as well as men's baseball and basketball games.

Morrison, who has experience with sports broadcasting for KULV, decided to participate for his senior project.

This project is a stepping stone to what he wants to do after graduating.

"I believe the first show went well because the games were exciting and appealing to the viewers, and overall the show did a good job at grabbing the viewers' attention," said Morrison.

Coleman works for ABC news affiliates and likes the idea of "Eye" as well.

"When I heard Nathan needed a co-producer with experience, I agreed to do it right away," she said.

Since Coleman is doing this for her senior project also, she takes it seriously, putting a lot of time and effort into it.

"I was very impressed with how well the first show went. There are things we need to work on, but overall I felt good about what we accomplished," Coleman said.

Coleman will be graduating in May and will need to find a replacement.

Baca said the first broadcast "was a very touching day to me because the dream I had in September 1999 had finally come alive."

The students would eventually like more people to watch the newscast when they have more experience, possibly by playing it in the Student Center.

Their target audience is students and La Verne residents.

A new episode is scheduled to air Tuesday and will rerun continually for two weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NWF recognizes La Verne

•Group deems ULV responsible

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In the path toward a livable environment, the National Wildlife Federation recognized the University of La Verne for doing its part to instill in its students the values of a better tomorrow.

The NWF recognized the University for its curriculum and required education for undergraduate students.

"The NWF has several categories of recognition for America's colleges and universities for environmental education, while the major one was for educational programs which were not only available but were universally expected of students, and those programs exist here and are expected of our undergraduate students," said Dick McDowell, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

After surveying all universities across the nation the federation depicted the efforts universities put forth in bettering the environment.

Although students complain about required Core classes, they do serve a purpose, explains Robert Neher, professor of Biology.

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"The work that's been done by the general education committee over the past 10 years is what has made this all possible, because they put into place two Core classes which are interdisciplinary (Core 320 and Core 340) and those two classes by themselves gives this breath of education that they're interested in, especially the Core class Toward a Sustainable Planet is one which is focused on environmental issues and how they relate to social issues," Neher said.

Neher emphasized that the required science courses, along with the core classes "means that we have a program that should be raising environmental awareness in our students which is pretty much second to none, it's pretty top notch."

Exposure to environmental issues and the role that humans play in them is an opportunity students have at the university.

It is up to students themselves what they take from their experience at the university, whether they want to become part of the solution or become polluters, Neher said.

Besides the required science classes, recycling bins are placed around the University in an effort to promote recycling.



Debate coach Lising on top of world

•Professor appointed chairman

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Staff Writer

University of La Verne speech communication professor and debate coach, Ian T. Lising, started his New Year on a good note by being elected chairman of the World Debate Council at the last world debate meeting held at the beginning of the year.

Lising, 29, is honored by the decision but feels a bit intimidated about being accountable for the vision of debating in the future.

"It is a great honor, but it is also quite daunting," Lising said. "It is scary to think you are responsible for the direction of where debating will be headed in the next year."

The Irish delegate nominated Lising and the World Council elected him to be chairman of the 23rd World Championship, which will be held in South Africa from the last part of December 2002 until mid-January 2003.

"It will be my role to help mediate World Championship debating issues," Lising said about his chairman position. "Also to run the World Council meeting."

This will be his 10th World Championship appearance. Lising competed twice as an undergraduate at Ateneo de Manila University, once as a director, represented as a judge three times for the University of La Verne and three times as a judge for Ateneo.

Since Lising's arrival, the ULV debate team has earned remarkable honors. In his first year Lising took the debate team to the World Championship in Australia where they finished second. The following year the debate team traveled back to the World Championship, this time in Glasgow, Scotland where they qualified for the semifinals. Last month the debate team took fiftieth at the World Championship in Toronto, Canada.

Lising is no stranger to flying. Besides touring the world with the debate team, he was born in New Jersey and moved to the Philippines at the ripe age of 6. From there he moved to Nebraska at the age of 16 to finish up high school, only to go back to the Philippines to attend college at Ateneo de Manila.

After completing his undergraduate work, at the age of 21, Lising began teaching English literature and debate at both the high school and college levels.

At 26, Lising packed his bags once more and headed out west to the University of La Verne in the Fall of 1999, where he is now enjoying his third year on the faculty.

Initially Lising had never heard of the University of La Verne, but while speaking to him about his decision and observing the smile spread across his face, it was obvious that he is enjoying his time on the West Coast.

"I love the campus; I will not work anywhere else," Lising said. "Never have I experienced another university that has supported our debating program as fully as this one has."

Lising considered venturing into the field of law, but in 1994 while competing in his last debating competition at the University of Melbourne in Australia, he realized that law was not his calling after all.

"I realized I was more interested in the art of debating and helping others enjoy it rather than going into politics or law," Lising said. "I realized I wanted to give the joy to others."

And help his students reap the benefits of debate is what he does very well. One could spontaneously show up at Lising's office and often catch him exceeding his professorial duties by connecting one-on-one with his students after class.

Lising credits the University of La Verne's small environment to his capability to interact with his students personally.

"That is the reason why I love La Verne a lot," Lising said. "You can give more personal attention to each student."

Lising states that as a person he always makes it his duty to help his students maximize their skills, help them become the people they are destined to be, not only in debate but in life.

"He is one of the most amazing people I have ever met because he understands his position in the world and his purpose," said senior communications major Ross Mathews about Lising. "He is the reason why I came back to speech and debate because his focus is on developing the person not necessarily on winning or losing."

When asked what wants his students to walk out of his classrooms having learned, his reply reflected the ideology of his educational essence.

"I want my students to leave knowing that they are better than they think they are," Lising said. "They are capable of more than they see for themselves."

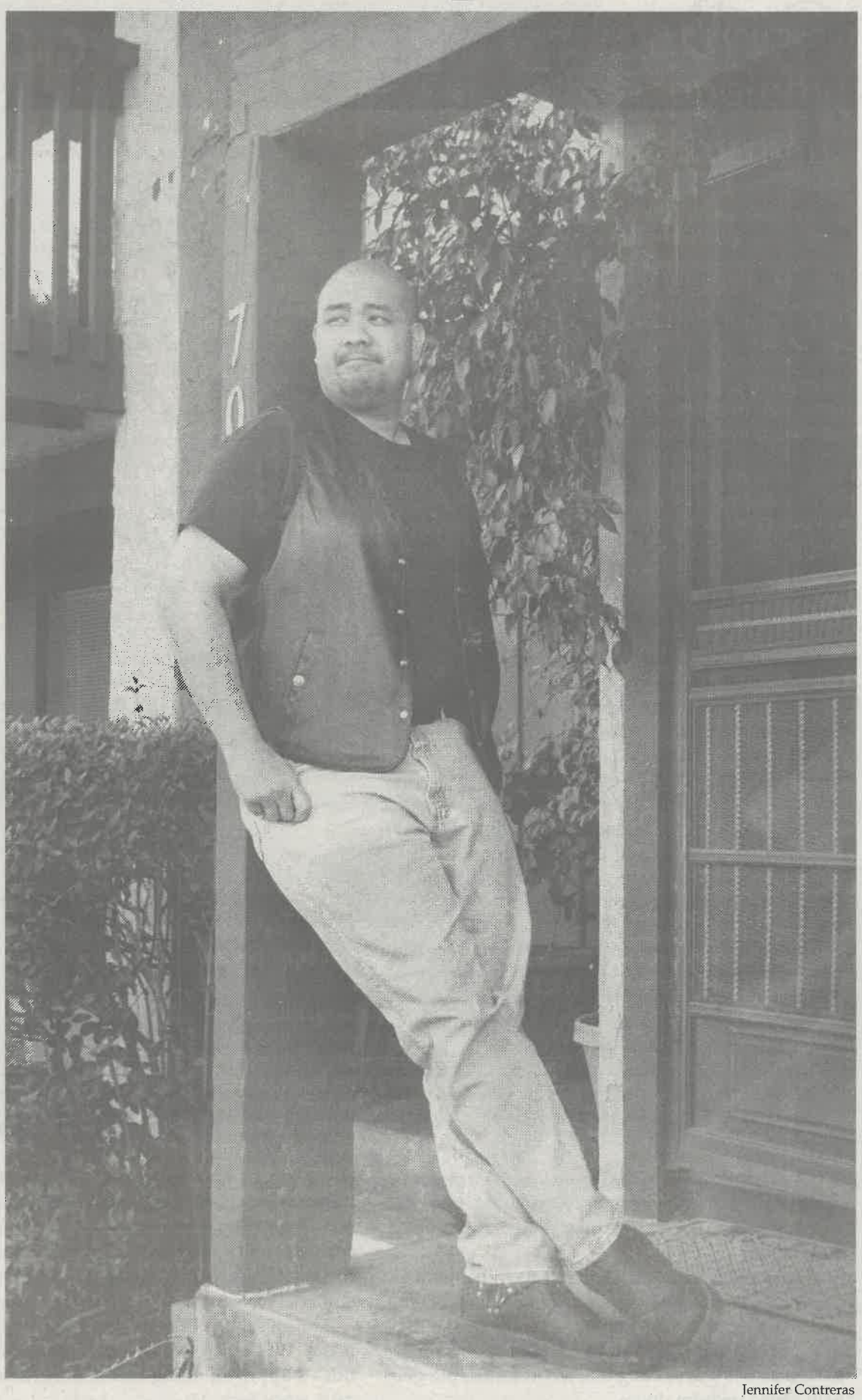
Lising has his well-balanced childhood to thank for his noble teaching style. He said that his parents keep him grounded, and even when he decided not to go into the family shipping business, his parents supported him.

His father encouraged him to be successful and determined, while his mother shaped him to be selfless and generous.

"I remember my dad telling me 'I don't care if you are a garbage man, a congressman or a painter,'" recalled Lising. "'As long as you are the best garbage man, the best congressman or the best painter.' And my mom always reminded me that doing things for others is what makes me truly a person."

Currently Lising is preparing to propose a new idea to the World Council. He said it is too difficult to explain, but to put it in simple terms; he is trying to prevent the type of judging scandal that occurred in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Lising wants to clarify that although debating is a very challenging activity, anyone can do it, and that the very person reading this article could be the next debater.



Jennifer Contreras

Moving into both a new office and a new home last fall, the University of La Verne's director of forensics, Ian T. Lising, has adorned his walls at home and at work with posters from the "Star Wars" movies. A lifelong avid "Star Wars" fan, Lising says that he carries the Jedi philosophy with him at all times. "I always wanted to be a Jedi, but the closest thing to it is a teacher, I guess," he said.

LV president named chairman of Haynes Center

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Stephen Morgan will have to make room for one more hat on his rack, as he was named Chairman of the Board for the LeRoy Haynes Center for Children and Family Services in La Verne.

Morgan, the president of the University of La Verne, was sworn in to his new title on Feb. 14 by emeritus board member and Pomona businessman Fred Frehling, who also installed the other new officers.

The LeRoy Haynes Center was founded in 1946 by "Uncle" LeRoy Haynes to provide an outreach for abused and emotionally disturbed children.

The center is a nonprofit organization operating as a residential treatment program, providing a non-public school, community mental health outreach program, and a foster family agency. The center has facilities that can house 70 residents and serve as many as 200 clients through all of its programs and services at any one time.

Morgan is joined by a host of other local residents including First Vice-Chair Will Dale of Claremont, Second Vice-Chair Patricia Lobello of San Dimas, Treasurer Kevin McCarthy, executive vice president of Pomona First Federal Bank and Trust, and Secretary Bob Mason, also of Claremont.

The president and CEO of the LeRoy Haynes Center, Darrell Paulk, is pleased with his new collection of officers and looks brightly upon the future.

"We are very proud of the men and women who have gathered to guide this institution in the year ahead and under Dr. Morgan's leadership, I know we will continue to achieve great things for the children in our care," Paulk said.

Opinions

College units worth little these days

'Critical Thinking and Values' or 'Values and Critical Thinking.' One would think that any reference to this philosophy class by using one title or the other would correspond to just one course. For most people, this would be the obvious reasoning, but for universities and colleges this minor detail could make the difference between a student being accepted into a school, being declined admission or having to repeat a class because of a different name.

Academic institutions all across the nation are making a habit of robbing students of their hard-earned units and credits. They discriminate against students who attempt to transfer from one school to another by not accepting courses taken at other institutions.

The 'Values and Critical Thinking' class is one example. For instance, if a student took the class at the University of La Verne, he or she would not be accepted into Cal State Northridge because it would not fulfill the General Education entrance requirement for Critical Thinking. Even though CSUN lists 'Critical Thinking and Values' as an acceptable course, the school would argue that the class taken at La Verne is not the same.

The reason given: It teaches different material. It's apparently not the title itself that is the issue, but the content taught. The class at ULV does not include logic, so it falls short of being acceptable for admittance and credit. So why not call the course: 'Logic, Critical Thinking and Values,' or why not make a universal definitive course that is identifiable across any school in the U.S? Better yet, why not create a universal system that serves as a guideline for what a particular class must teach.

This would not necessarily mean that the institution or professors would be hindered in their style of teaching or dealing with students; but they would just be asked to incorporate certain subjects in their teaching to fit the title of the class.

By doing this, a class called History of Latin America in one school, would not be different from History of Latin America in another.

This could eliminate all the of hassles that plague students who try to transfer to a different school and find out that they have to retake a class because it did not include a specific element which that school requires.

Whether a school offers that course or not would still be up to them. But if they have a course that can replace it, yet it is not the same, they should make sure it has a different course title to it. This way, students would not have to worry about the puzzling process of figuring out if a class titled the same at two different institution is actually the required class. Sure, colleges have references to see which class equates to another and it is the students responsibility to do the research. But are students that are transferring really in the position where that will make any difference?

Keep in mind that when a student transfers, it is a decision that is unexpected and is basically made the semester before, unless they are transferring from a junior college. Most students do not go to a four-year university with the intent to transfer somewhere else; they usually pick a college they plan to leave in a cap and gown. Unfortunately, though, stuff happens unexpectedly, whether its financial problems, distance issues, family problems or personal dilemmas. That is why to most students, having to transfer presents itself as a sudden surprise in which reference books are not handy.

These unforeseen situations can really be stressful and complicated, but they can be avoided by having a common system where students know for certain that classes they are enrolled in is universally accepted at any institution.



Sounds simple and logical enough, so why isn't such a program or one similar to it created to make things that much easier not just for students, but schools as well? Could it be that schools make it their goal to retain students in school for as long as they can, since they can make more money, rather than helping them graduate in four? Whether this hypothesis is true will require a little more investigation, but in the meantime, just ask any transfer student how many classes they had to retake.

Wrong heroes being recognized

It has been nearly six months since the tragedies of Sept. 11. And apparently, with the way the nation as a whole is acting, America is finally moving on.

However, flash back to that sunny September day. When our country was most in need of a hero, one man stepped up. When our country was in distress, one man consoled us. When our country looked as if it was sinking into a bottomless pit, one man saved us from doom.

This man, most famous on Sept. 11 for heading directly for Ground Zero and putting a simple surgical mask over his mouth to protect himself from the deadly fumes of the collapsed World Trade Center, is former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

After his famous walk to Ground Zero, it seemed as though the nation found someone to cling to. Giuliani began making appearances on talk shows and gracing the covers of magazines. He even beat out Osama bin Laden for *Time Magazine's* "Person of the Year."

Sure, it is worth mentioning that he attended around 200 memorial services since 9-11, and consoled many of the families affected by the events, but wasn't that his job? As a mayor, Giuliani had the responsibility to his citizens to act as a sort of patriarch that people could turn to. A poll conducted by *Time Magazine* showed his approval rating was well over 90 percent since the attacks, which is great, but not surprising.

The fact that Giuliani took action and was there for his people is not newsworthy—or not as newsworthy as the media made it seem. What would be newsworthy, however, is if Giuliani had not performed that acts of kindness he demonstrated.

The problem is, everyone is treating him like the patron saint of New York. Did everyone forget that the world's favorite mayor had a publicized affair and was forced out of the mayor's mansion?

The same can be said for President George W. Bush. While not to the same extent as Giuliani, Bush's approval rating has also increased dramatically since Sept. 11.

This is ironic because Bush showed up even later at Ground Zero to survey the wreckage and is still receiving much credit for "handling the situation," even though he did little to aid in the relief effort.

Speaking of benefiting from the terrorism, what happened to media-poster boy Gary Condit after the attacks? It is not possible that he fell off the face of the earth, but it sure seems that way. Many in the general public probably didn't even know the scandalous congressman ran for re-election in this year's primary.

Following Sept. 11 and other recent media favorites such as the Enron scandal and the Olympic judging controversy, it seems as if the whole Condit issue will remain a thing of the past.

This just goes to show the power the media can have on public opinion. They are the outlet from which the public receives its news and if the media decides not to report on an issue, it is either forgotten or tossed out.

What is sad is that political leaders like Giuliani and Bush will be the ones remembered as the heroes for Sept. 11. Sure, their acts of kindness were extraordinary and touching.

However, we should all remember when our grandkids ask 40 years down the road who the heroes of Sept. 11 were, that it was the firemen and brave civilians who went back into the burning buildings to help out fellow human beings.

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From the Editor...

Be sure to stay tuned for this



Ryan MacDonald

Folks, it is time to open your date books and free your calendars because the people at Fox have done it again.

Stop what you are doing, cancel any plans, and free your schedules today, because for this occasion, you will need to be situated in front of your television with no place to go.

In other words, we need to start preparing now for a television milestone slated to air in a little over a month.

"Celebrity Boxing," scheduled for March 13, is Fox's newest prime-time special that will pit six of the most controversial and entertaining celebrities against each other to slug it out in a boxing ring in order to establish "athletic supremacy."

Out of pure obligation and respect to several of our fallen pop culture icons, Fox insiders have constructed this new television "must-see" event with hopes that it will result in a huge ratings victory.

As if "Who Wants To Marry a Multimillionaire" and "Temptation Island 2" were not enough to establish the network as being sleazy, cheap, trashy and tacky, Fox producers hope this project will shine among their gems and gain back some of the respect they lost with the other shows.

(I assume it will be better than any "Celebrity Fear Factor").

By the sound of things, I know this attempt will easily become more successful than all shows that came before it.

The reason: the pairing of Long Island Lolita Amy Fisher and former Olympic skater Tonya Harding. These two women were to battle against each other in the evening's showcase event.

Fisher has since pulled out of the match because she was concerned with damaging her public image, adding even more drama and hype to the night. Do not be disappointed, however, because Fisher was quickly replaced by presidential temptress Paula Jones.

During this prime-time special, which will showcase these two women going toe-to-toe in one of the evenings three taped bouts, Tonya Harding, AKA "The Pride of Portland" is being given the perfect opportunity to redeem her athletic prowess.

But for Harding's sake, we can all hope that when she steps into the ring, she will once and for all prove that her golden athleticism has never been a joking matter. And with more than ten million viewers watching, I don't think that her ego can afford another crying tantrum in front of the judges.

She is not scheduled to perform any triple axels or sit spins, but I guarantee that if Jones leaves the ring with a bloody nose, Harding will have forever redeemed her athletic reputation. I bet that even Nancy Kerrigan will be watching her former rival, waiting for someone to crumble under the extreme pressure.

On this monumental night, the former Olympic figure skater won't have any husband there to knock out the knees of any competitor, nor can she delay the start of the event by blaming it on a broken skate lace.

But even without these possible distractions, Harding will be able to rely on her massive, muscular thighs and thick, powerful arms to make mincemeat out of Jones.

If Jones is quickly handed a TKO, we can all cross our fingers that she does not leave the ring screaming, "Why meeee!"

I do not think the American public can accept any more sore losers. Harding was clearly the best in '94, and I have no doubt that that on March 13, she will prove how she was unjustly cheated out of an Olympic gold medal. (Maybe she should have complained about a voting block?)

This night of programming is shaping up to be an opportunity for Fox to lure innocent television viewers to watch a show more disgusting, revolting, sickening and nauseating than anything they have ever aired.

So, I suggest no phone calls, no side conversations, no food and undivided attention to all of the festivities.

I am absolutely 100 percent certain that on every street corner and in every newspaper, the news and outcome of this event will be the lead story for days, weeks, months and years to come.

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Confusion: To be or not to be... with him?



Jaclyn Roco

Have you ever noticed how different life is when you have someone to share it with? I don't necessarily mean having a spouse. I mean a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a whatever! Yes, I'm frustrated.

I do not want to imply that being with someone is bad. It is just, well, hard--very, extremely hard, and more so especially when you're in the midst of college life.

Why don't I give you an example? It is Tuesday night and it seems as if everyone in your entire dorm is out partying. The halls echo with your footsteps as you walk into your dreary room. Hello? Oops. Nope, your roommate is not there. Why should she be? She is single and therefore free to go wherever she pleases. Sigh. What to do? What to do? Uh, homework? Fine.

You start to do your work which is due Friday. Yeah, you are a nerd. But so what? At least you are faithful, even if you do not know what your boyfriend (or girlfriend) is doing. I have found myself in this position many times, but I cannot blame my boyfriend, nor can I blame myself. It just happened. And yet I hear constant complaints from my friends. "I wish I had a boyfriend. Sigh." Or my guy friends, "I'm lonely. Wanna hook me up?"

AHH! How frustrating! Here I am, complaining about the man I have been dating for at least three years, when the friends that I wish to be like are complaining about their own non-existent love life.

So what is the big deal, I ask? What is the point of being with someone if you are eventually going to break up anyway? (Marriages hopefully excluded. This is reserved for us unsure college couples.)

I have asked this question and pondered it, yet no one seems to know the answer either. One person said that life was all the sweeter if you have someone to share it with. But why? Life is also harder when that person is gone. Then again, how else are we supposed to know who we are going to be with later on in life?

Sometimes when I feel like it is time to end the relationship. I look across campus and change my mind. Why? Because I see an unaware couple innocently holding hands and sharing their day together.

And then I feel stupid because I see what I have, and what others do not. If only things could change. If only committed people could have the type of freedom we crave without endangering the relationship we are in. If only we could remain happy with what we have. If only...Sigh.

I know a lot of people could relate to what I am writing about, but I wonder if many of you have actually thought these thoughts and felt these frustrating emotions.

Should I or shouldn't I? Should I risk ending it all in order to regain the independence I once had? But then, that would put me back in phase one, back to "I want a boyfriend. Sigh."

Life is so confusing! Why does everything seem to revolve around being with someone? And I do not mean anyone. I mean 'The One.' I wonder if guys feel the same way. Do you feel frustration when you're out with the boys, knowing that your girl is off doing who knows? Do you ever think like us and worry constantly? Do you ever stay in your room alone, because you already have someone?

I mean I know people in a relationship can still have fun, but it is hard. I feel like I am missing out on a lot of things. I am still young and there is a whole world to see. But then again, maybe my whole world is right where I want him to be.

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Student money should be distributed fairly



Anna Roy

A couple of weeks ago, the ASF Forum allocated $4,000 to the Interfraternity Council.

IFC, an association of fraternities, proposed that the money would go towards paying for a pancake breakfast to be cooked by IFC for women living in Stu Han, in addition to Greek Week and beautification purposes.

While the reasons listed above may be deemed important by many students, to others they are not. Greek Week is simply not something that all students would be interested in attending. Also, most students are commuters and sadly will not enjoy the yummy pancake breakfast. This decision seems problematic since Greek organizations have never asked for help with funding Greek Week, since they also have their own individual budgets.

This decision demonstrates that a problem lies with the students who hold the decision making power on campus. A majority of ASF members are also members of Greek organizations, which means that they are biased with decisions affecting them, and can also make or break a decision. As a former ASF member, I recall that an unspoken rule exists in regards to biased voting: If a Forum member is also a member of the organization proposing, they abstain. It is clearly a conflict of interest. What generally happens though, is that members do not abstain. This is not entirely the forum's fault, because in order to have a vote, there needs to be a minimum number of votes, a quorum.

A good way to counteract this problem is by having more students run for ASF. It is important that a diverse student government makes decisions. Maybe members of AASA, LSF, ISO, Sister's Circle and GLBTA could join ASF.

While Greek life *is* a positive force on this campus for many students, for others it is not. ASF needs to remember that there are many students who are non-Greek oriented. And their job is to represent *all* traditional, undergraduate students, not just themselves or their friends.

The reason this issue comes to mind is because of another recent ASF decision regarding Model United Nations. MUN went to ASF several times pleading for financial help. They did allocate $1,000, last semester but denied our further requests. This amount is small considering their large budget and considering their other decisions. MUN needs money because the club plans to attend an international conference in NY and discuss world issues, like globalization and AIDS. For the past year members have been researching, contributing their own money, fundraising and writing papers.

This seems unfair to the students who have put in so much work. The money was given to IFC with very little reluctance, yet they showed no encouragement for MUN efforts and even suggested that we "not go" this year. ASF also acted unprofessional in not disclosing their decision in a timely, forthcoming manner, even though this *is* public information. It is also unfair that there is no higher body or system of checks and balances to hold them accountable and make sure that the constitution is being adhered to. Another inconsistency is that when the time comes to vote on a proposal, observers are sent out of the room. Is this allowed? If it is, it doesn't seem right.

Aside from the MUN decision, students should take into account the bigger picture. Should we sit back while governments make decisions for us? Sure, this may seem like trivial campus politics, but what happens here is a reflection of what happens in our national government. Students should attend more meetings and ask questions, rather than just going with the flow. People in power tend to not represent their constituents, but rather their own interests. In the end, students will not enjoy the fact that their money is being used for pancakes for students who can eat at Davenport Dining Hall. And in the end, MUN is left in a financial bind. This seems unjustifiable. Is this a University or an IHOP?

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New diver receives high 'Marks'

Alexis Lahr
Staff Writer

Many students seem to struggle with juggling school and extra curricular activities. University of La Verne star athlete Crystal Marks has managed to do it all by successfully balancing academics, sports, modeling and a social life.

Marks, 20, is a junior transfer student, who grew up in Redding, California and attended Shasta Community College for two years before transferring to ULV last fall.

Marks discovered ULV when she filled out a track questionnaire and was contacted by track coach, Pat Widolff. Marks said Widolff contacted her frequently about coming to ULV. She met with him and diving coach Toby Reclusado on a campus visit and decided that ULV was the best school for her since it had both of her majors and would allow her to play two sports.

Marks recently competed in the diving conference championships that took place Feb. 21-23 in Cerritos. On the first day of the championships, Marks went into the three-meter competition ranked first, which she said made her feel a little pressured. However, she won the competition and went on to compete again the next day. She won again on Friday, this time by only one tenth of a point.

"I felt like I got a gold medal," she said.

According to Marks, the conference championships were "a perfect end to the season." The week before the championships, she also qualified for Nationals.

At this point Marks said the highlight of the diving season was the conference championships. She set a goal at the beginning of the season to win conference and go to nationals.

"I'm in the process of meeting my goal," she said. For next season, Marks wants to break her conference records and become an All-American. "I want to do it and do it right," she said.

So far she enjoys the ULV diving program. She knew about the program before she came here and also knew coach Reclusado. She had high hopes for him as a coach and "he exceeded all my expectations."

Marks started diving her first year of college. Although she was a gymnast for seven years growing up, she said she always wanted to try diving, but did not have many opportunities.

Her chance finally came the summer before she started college when she discovered a diving class at a junior college. "It's 115 degrees in the summer. I want to be in the water," she joked. Marks became successful in diving so quickly that it motivated her to keep competing.

Diving is not Marks' only activity. She is also on the track and field team and competes in pole vault, javelin and short hurdles. This is her seventh year competing in this sport.

According to her teammates, Marks is a great athlete and teammate.



Liz Lusco

Junior Crystal Marks traveled to the Florida Keys in February to model for the Abercrombie and Fitch summer 2002 catalog. Marks, a member of the La Verne swim and dive team, did not qualify for the NCAA Division III Nationals after sending the required videotape to the judges. Marks won both the 1 and 3 meter boards at SCIAC championships.

"As a teammate you can see her determination and drive," said swimmer Katie Aimone. She said Marks has a great attitude and is "always ready to have fun."

Track and field teammate Brandon Tedrow said Marks is "always willing to help people and encourage everyone."

In addition to athletics, Marks is also a double major in public administration and economics. She said her ultimate goal is to work in the White House or to be governor of California and studying public administration is a good stepping-stone to get there. As far as economics, she feels it is important to have vast knowledge of the subject.

Marks is also a model. She credits her modeling career to "being in the right place at the right time." Marks got her first chance at modeling during her time at junior college. She was dating a model and went with him to a fitting for Miller's Outpost/Anchor Blue. Two female models had cancelled and Marks was asked to fill their places. "It was unbelievable," she said.

Since then Marks has done several different modeling jobs. She went to the British Virgin Islands and did a photo shoot for the March issue of *Outside Magazine*. She was also in a Michael Bolton video as a cowgirl and missed the first week of school to go to Florida for a photo shoot for Abercrombie and Fitch.

Marks said that modeling is very humbling. She said it "should be ego boosting" to be a model, but it can be just the opposite when surrounded by 10-15 gorgeous women. Marks added that it can be hard when agents want models to lose weight to look a certain way. For her, losing weight means losing the strength she has worked hard to build for athletics. As far as the actual shoots, "it's the easiest job," she said. "Who wouldn't want to get paid for it?"

Marks does not have a preference among all of her various activities. For her, they are all fun, and that is why she is at ULV, "so I don't have to choose."

As far as her greatest accomplishment so far, Marks said it is the little things. For instance, she made the Dean's List last semester and won SCIAC Athlete of the Week for the week ending Feb. 24.

One might think that Marks might be completely stressed, however her attitude is very positive. She feels that if she wakes up happy, she has been successful. "Everyone has bad stuff in life. If they have no good stuff, then they need to work harder," she said.

Marks encourages everyone to have a positive attitude stating, "Stick to what you're good at and if you're not happy, change something."

College diets need to improve, adjust

•Denne offers advice to students

Jaclyn Roco
Arts and Entertainment Editor



The constant hustle and bustle of a college student's life can easily cause tremendous strain, especially on one's own stomach.

But the question is whether the student can recognize the rules of a proper diet and abide by them, or, which is most often the case, ignore them completely and live off the fat of the land, literally.

That there are no parents around telling the student what and when to eat are the first two problems that one must face.

College students who are living on their own especially have to take on attitudes toward their health and diet.

Teague Hunter, a freshman, is one student who finds it hard to remember to eat healthy.

"The truth is it's hard as hell to meet all the requirements," he said.

"It's really hard especially in college where you're running without parents to tell you what to eat."

The first step in assuming a responsible role over one's own health is learning the guide to daily food choices, or what is more commonly referred to as the Food Guide Pyramid.

This pyramid establishes an outline on what to eat based on dietary guidelines. These guidelines help instruct one on how to eat better every day by eating a variety of foods in the right amount of calories to a maintain healthy weight.

For example, a college student should remember to eat plenty of the bread and cereal group (at least 6-11 servings of a slice of bread or a cup of cereal), but at the same time to lower intake of the fats and oils group each day.

For more information, look up this food pyramid online at **www.nal.usda.gov.**

Director of Student Health Services Cindy Denne suggested that students learn how to use portion control, as well as the food pyramid, to help make better choices in their diet.

"The target is a balanced diet," Denne said.

"And the way to make sure your diet is balanced is by making good choices instead of bad. Obviously grilled fish and chicken is a better choice than a Big Mac.

"Portion control and making good, healthy choices are big factors in maintaining a healthy diet.

"It is important to also limit your fast food intake along with drinking plenty of fluids and getting an adequate amount of exercise. Walking is very good and as students you have plenty of opportunities to walk around campus," she said.

Most students however felt such advice is hard to follow, especially with the food services offered.

"I don't eat healthy mainly because I don't like what Davenport has to offer most of the time," said freshman Allison Holloway.

Denne said that students should not feel discouraged despite the apparent dislike for the cafeteria's menu.

"My understanding is that Davenport is open longer hours in order to provide meals, including the traditional hot meals to the students," she said.

"There are plenty of opportunities to make healthy food choices. Apparently, Greg Marer offers three different hot menu choices daily. He said that he has a fish or a chicken course, a heavier choice of pork or beef, and then a vegetarian course."

"They have a chef who also makes either fresh pizza or pasta daily. The pizza appears to be much healthier than the fast food variety like Domino's," she said.

When the hot meals are no longer served, Denne told students to take advantage of the sandwich and salad bar.

She said that students should assume portion control by limiting the amount of fatty or creamy dressings put onto salads. Usually when students are in a hurry, the Spot seems like a better place to grab a bite to eat. But it is here that students also seem to continue to favor junk foods.

Wendy Lewis, evening shift supervisor for the Spot, said that the favorite choices include hamburgers, pizza and chips.

"Pretty much everything we have they eat," Lewis said.

Denne said that the Spot's choices should not be just limited to junk foods.

"If you're on the go, the Spot does offer some decent choices," she said. "They have yogurt, fruit, chicken sandwiches and salads. But it's the student's job to make good choices and to assume portion control. They should choose smoothies made with fresh fruit and yogurt rather than ones made with ice cream and laden with sugar."

For any dietary concerns, Denne suggests students approach Greg Marer on the nutritional values placed on the foods he offers.

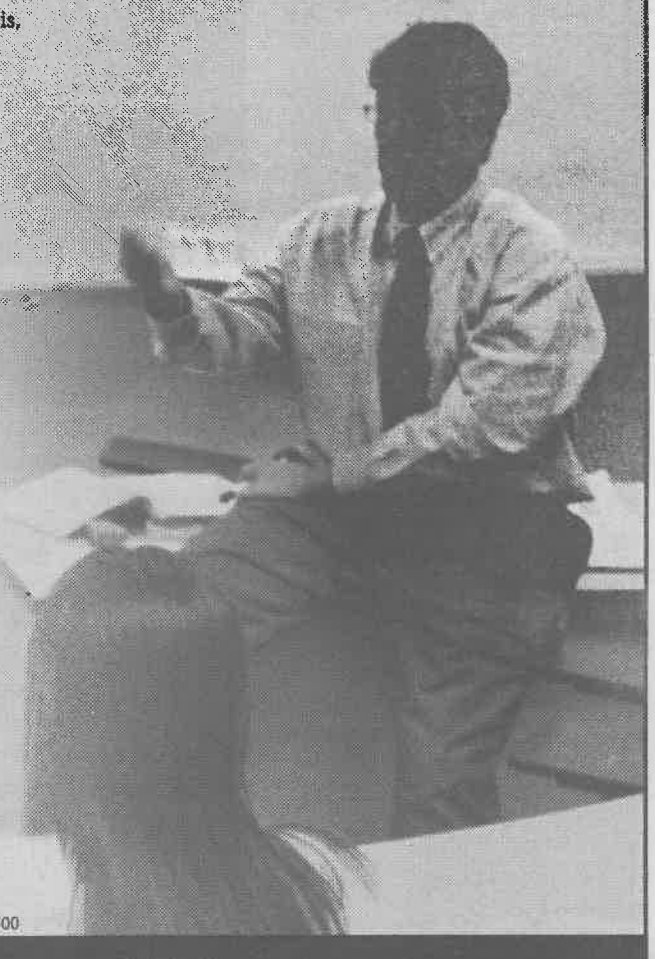
"He should make this information available to you," she said. "People should sit down and really examine what and why they eat. A lot of times, outside factors can influence our choices. These factors may be school or work issues, or relationship or family concerns. Put together a game plan and find out what triggers bad choices and deal with it, don't overeat or make the wrong choices.

"If you eat on the go, you tend to eat more than three balanced meals. This can also lead to becoming over weight. It really is a vicious cycle. Good nutrition is all about feeling good about yourself and having the right amount of energy to function.

"Each person is unique and has specific nutritional needs to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Good health is necessary to be successful as a college student," she said.

For additional information on good health, the Health Center is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday.

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Faculty Recital

The Department of Music presents Rachel Vetter Huang on violin and Hao Huang on piano, at 8 p.m., on Friday, March 15 at Founders Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information contact the Music Department office at extension 4917.

Public Lectures

The Department of Theater Arts, Associated Students Federation Forum and The Institute for Conscious Acting is presenting public lectures at 7:30 p.m., Fridays March 8 and 15 ,at the Cabaret Theater. On March 8 Glada McIntyre will share her discussion on "Making Contact with Tutelary Deity in Nature." Barbara Lamb will discuss Crop Circles Revealed in England on March 15. Admission is free, but a $10 donation is suggested. For more information call Dr. David Flaten at extension 4550.

Music and Dance

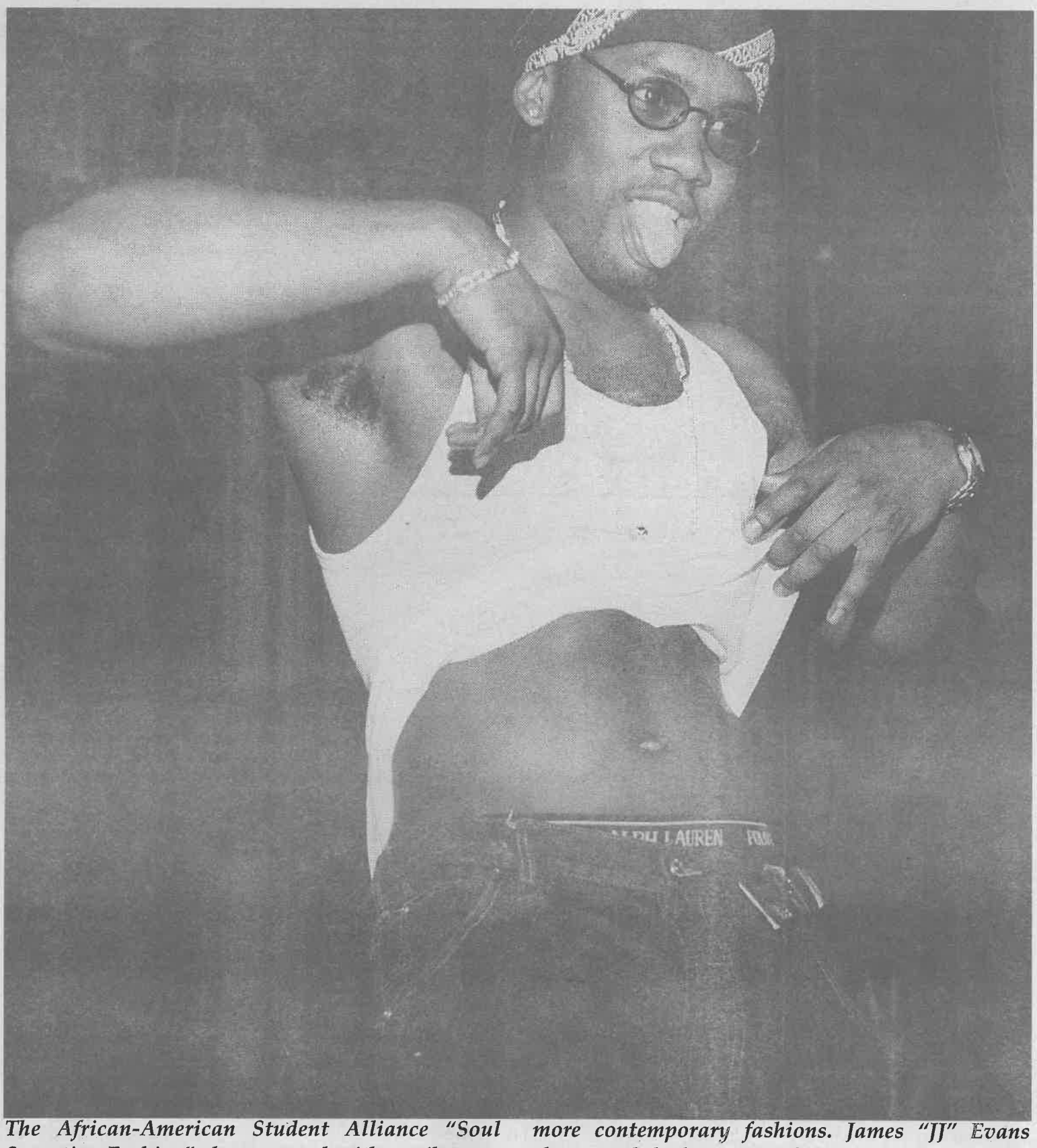
The Getty Museum continues its "Free Friday Nights" series starting March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Highlights for upcoming events include funk band "The Breadestra;" cult favorite "The Resentments," the "Dance Camera West Festival" of dance on film and video; vocalist Judith Owen and multi-instrumentalist Mark-Ramos Nishita (a.k.a. Money Mark of the Beastie Boys). Performance reservations are required before attending. Although admission is free, there will be a $5 charge for parking. Dates are as follows: March 15, 22, and April 12 and 19. For more information call (310) 440-7300.

—*Jaclyn Roco*

African fashion causes new sensation

by Alejandra Molina

photography by Tom Galaraga



The African-American Student Alliance "Soul Sensation Fashion" show opened with a tribute to traditional African tribal wear. Later it featured more contemporary fashions. James "JJ" Evans showcased the latest gear from Mr. Raggs Hip-Hop apparel during the first segment of the show.

From traditional African garb to hip-hop wear, this unique and trendy fashion was modeled in the first "Soul Sensation Fashion Show," presented by the African American Student Alliance. Since December, members of AASA have been planning this anticipated event.

"We had the right combination of people and teamwork to make it happen," said Keisha Bentley, supervisor of the fashion showcase.

Hosting the showcase were ULV students Tamika Harrison and Clyde Williams.

"The hosts did a really good job; they had great stage chemistry," Bentley said.

Scene one of the showcase displayed African fashion. Models were wrapped in skirts and headscarves; the fabric used to make this clothing was imported from Africa and Senegal.

"The African clothing that was modeled showed the differences and uniqueness that every culture has," said Jaclyn Ly, freshman.

Cayla Carrizal, owner of Funky Thangs, designed the clothing to create a sense of history and authenticity. The fabrics that were displayed had a natural fiber base made from Mud Cloth, Mud Cloth Prints, and silk and cotton brocades, she said.

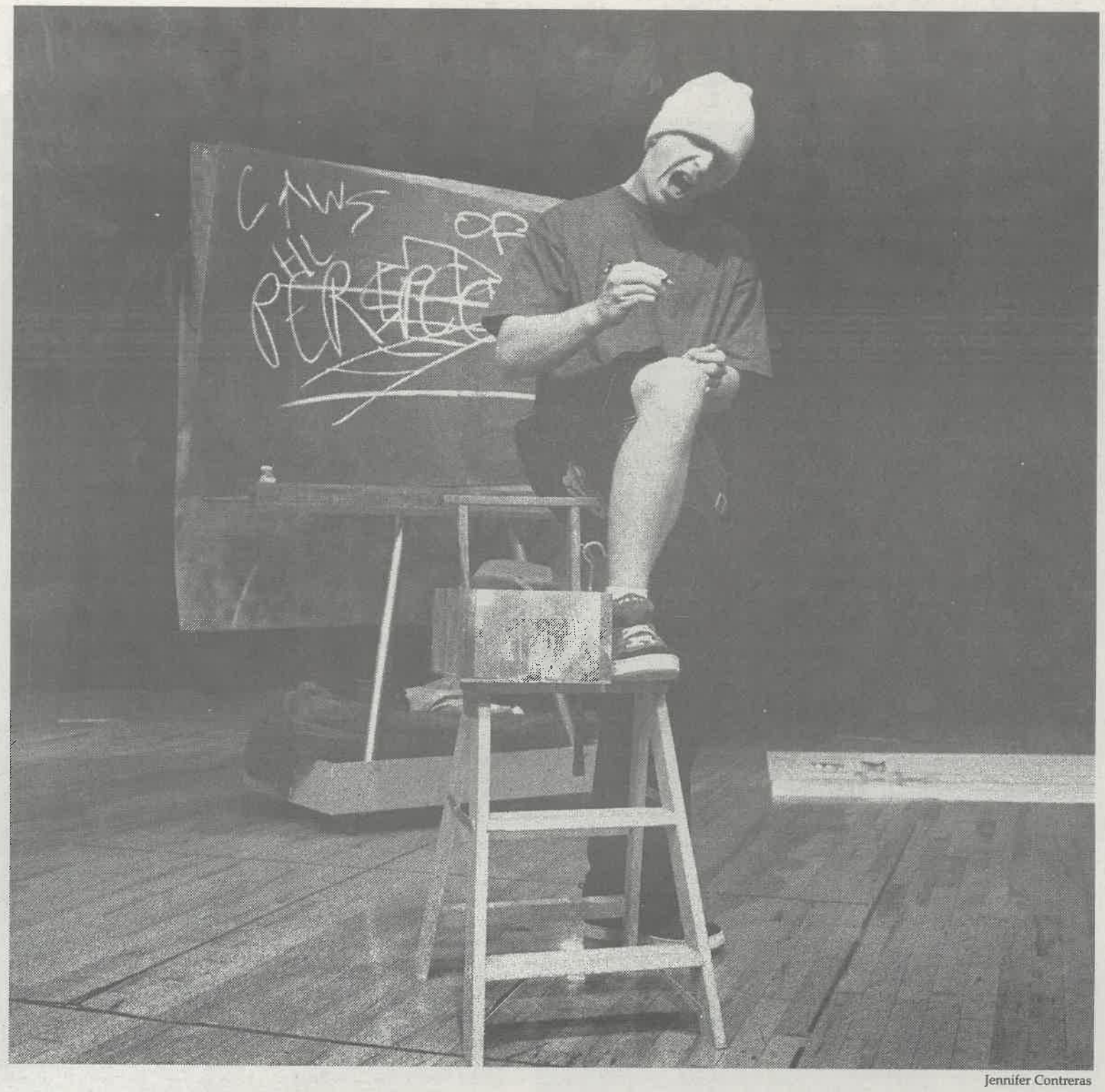
Hip-hop clothing was modeled during the second scene of the showcase. This hip-hop and trendy fashion can be obtained in Mr. Raggs, the clothing store that sponsored this casual wear.

Formal attire showcased in scene five was sponsored by the clothing store Windsor, which provided some of the trendy clothing.

Not only was the stylish and contemporary clothing showcased, great entertainment was also provided. R&B sensation "Next" made a special appearance to introduce the up and coming hip-hop artist Ramone.

Overall, Bentley believed the fashion show was "successful and well attended" that evening.

'Horizon' shines with hidden truth



Jennifer Contreras

Tuesday afternoon, the Cabaret Theatre provided a forum for discussion as the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity presented "Horizon Line", a play written by Peter Howard. The one-man play follows a teenage boy as he deals with issues of hate crime. Kevin Blake auditioned with the National Conference for Community and Justice for "Horizon Line" and has been doing the show for the past 13 months. Blake, who graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a bachelors degree in acting and directing, portrays nine different characters in "Horizon Line" and said, "I seek out work that can make a difference." He is seen here enacting one of the characters in the play.

Melissa Lau
Staff Writer

One gifted actor. Nine different characters. One provocative subject.

"Horizon Line," one of a series of plays sponsored by the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity, in collaboration with the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum, took place at the Cabaret Tuesday. Addressing the subject of hate crimes, "Horizon Line" is a simple name for a complex subject.

By dissecting the evils of hate crimes using the life of a 16-year-old boy as an example, the Los Angeles Regional Office of the National Conference for Community and Justice was able to present students with the roots and causes of such actions.

A brief presentation on hate crimes was given before the play by NCCJLA member, Lecia Brooks. Brooks incorporated audience members into her discussion by asking them to read the definitions of "hate crime" and of "hate incident" aloud.

Hate incidents are a freedom of opinion that are protected by the First Amendment; hate crimes are forms of harassment. She mentioned that hate crimes are not only done to people but can also be done to places, such as buildings for religious worship.

Recent hate crimes were also topics for discussion. Within the first two months after Sept. 11, 384 hate crimes occurred. Only 13 of these were prosecuted.

Brooks discussed "protected classes," or groups of people that are specifically targets of hate crimes. These include race, ancestry, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation and disability. "That's what makes hate crimes so tragic," Brooks said. "They are harassed because of who they are."

Ensemble performs with zest and romance

Anna Roy
Editorial Director

An evening of romance and intimacy was delivered as Michael Ryan and his multi-talented ensemble of friends played concerts both Friday and Saturday night in Dailey Theatre.

"With putting the concert together, I wanted to perform with these talented musicians," said Ryan, a University of La Verne part-time professor of guitar. "We played a variety of music, including a lot of world music, so everyone related to something."

Ryan, who is also a nationally known guitarist, songwriter and vocalist had the idea to put together the concert last summer.

"Most of the musicians have performed together in other situations so everybody knows everybody," said Steve Biondo, who also performed percussion that night.

Friday night, the venue was full of music fans. One couple in particular flew in from Wisconsin. The set went a little over an hour and a half and featured songs written by Ryan himself, as well as friends of his and other musicians.

"Michael Ryan has the ability to captivate the audience by his mere presence, but once he starts playing he brings everybody in the room to a higher level of energy," said senior theater major David Rojas who is also a former student of Ryan's.

The concert began with a song written by ULV professor Steve Kinzie, who shared with the audience his tremendous vocal talents as a back-up singer, as well as Tracie Governatori, also a ULV employee and Ryan himself. The song "I Love You" set the tone for the evening, as one of melody with classical guitar.

Throughout the night, Ryan continually addressed the audience candidly and praise his fellow musicians good-naturedly, much to the audience's delight.

Ryan was well accompanied, with percussionist Ron Powell, who left the audience in awe with his charismatic and sudden improvisational performance. In the middle of "Brazilian Rain," Powell began to balance a tambourine down his arms and body while at the same time letting the audience in on the fun by giving them a rain stick and some noise makers. The sounds that evolved were earthy and soothing.

Rain was the subject of several songs, with Ryan and friends performing both "Brazilian Rain" and "The Rain is A-Fallin'." Love, the other main ingredient for the night, was in the air with Ryan performing solo his own rendition of a Bob Dylan's "To Make You Feel My Love" following the intermission. One light beamed upon Ryan and his treasured guitar during the performance.

The audience particularly enjoyed some of the Latin-themed songs of the evening. The first song was off the "Mission: Impossible 2" soundtrack and featured traditional clapping under a red backdrop to add to the ambiance.

Ryan's ability to swiftly strum each intricate chord during this entirely instrumental song was amazing. His hands perfectly moved with the sounds.

"Kind of a crazy tune," Ryan commented to the audience afterwards with a smile.

The concert, geared towards a mature crowd, also featured a classical and passionate Spanish style song, "Magalena," which helped to clearly demonstrate Ryan's beautiful ability to play classical guitar.

All of the musicians' talents were evident, as indicated by their ability to make the switch from genre to genre.

The concert featured blues, Spanish, country and Calypso. It ended with a catchy and nostalgic Calypso inspired song, "Easy Come, Easy Go", that left the audience begging for an encore. Ryan gladly obliged.

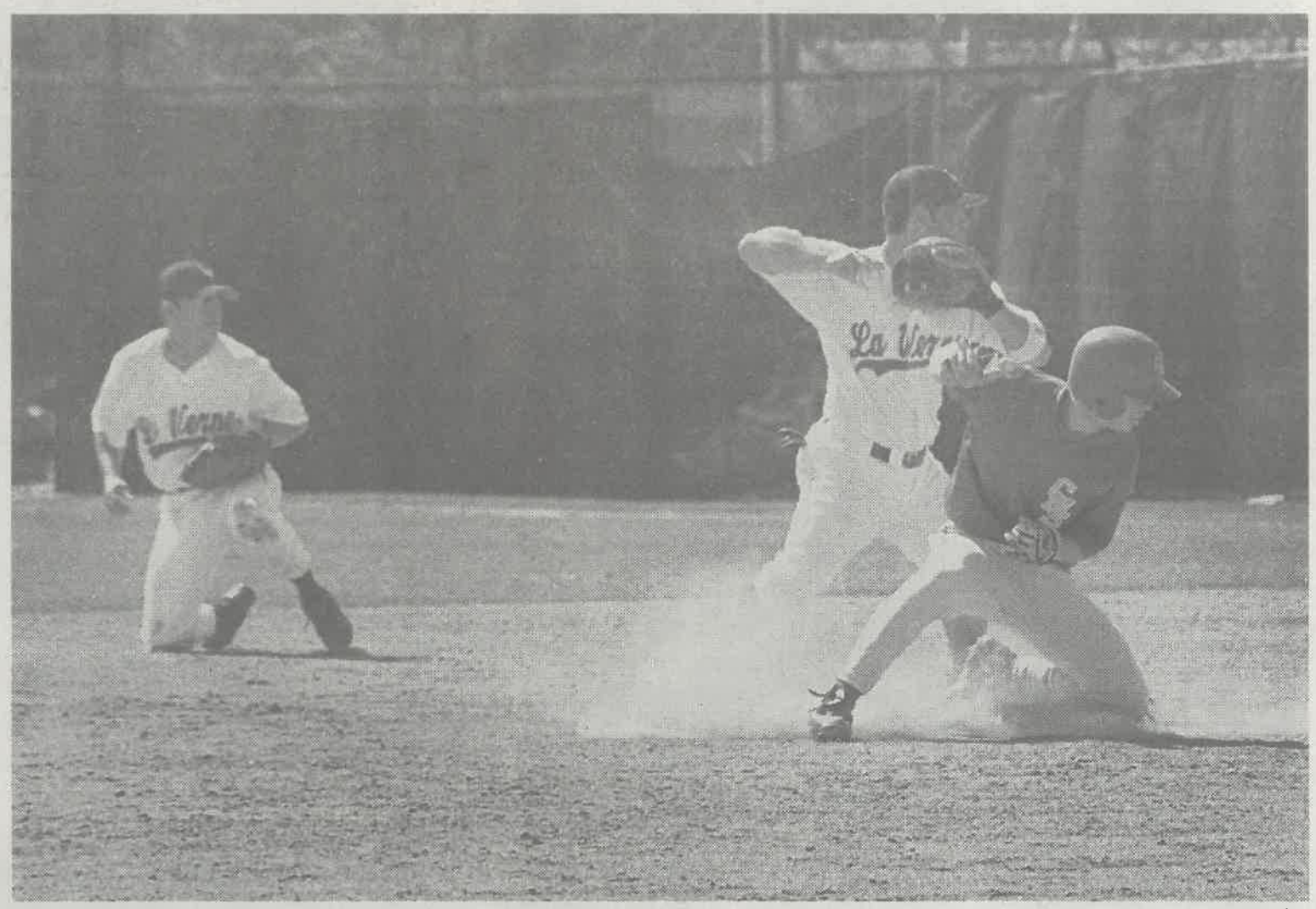
The concert was a good example of what the music experience should be about: song-writing, sharing, encouraging and performing songs together with a friendly camaraderie of sorts. Also performing that night were guitarist Ken Sunderland, who was a solid right-hand man to Ryan throughout the entire concert, as well as the talented ULV professor of music Reed Gratz on synthesizer piano. Governatori, as mentioned above, performed vocals, Hai Muradian on flute, Mark Bollinger of the Candlelight Pavilion also on guitar and Sam Graham on harmonica.

The visible collaboration of University of La Verne staff and faculty members on this night of eclectic music proved a success.

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Team efforts propel sweep of Stags

Amanda Stutevoss
Staff Writer



Amy Babin

In the first game of a doubleheader against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Saturday afternoon, shortstop Nick Lemas throws for the double play after second baseman Greg Garay made a dive to get the ball to second. La Verne turned the double play and went on to win the first game, 6-0. The team won game two of the day 15-5.

A shutout, 46 runs and a defensive showcase capped off the week for the La Verne baseball team as they swept Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic opponents Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, and one non-conference game against nationally ranked DeSales University of Pennsylvania.

The Leopards traveled to Claremont on Friday to face the Stags, although the term "home-field advantage" did not apply in this meeting. The Leopards scored 15 runs and ended up winning by a score of 15-5.

Saturday's double-header brought more of the same for the Leopards.

In the first game, senior Brian Grimm started the game on the mound for the Leopards. Grimm kept the Stags scoreless throughout nine innings, allowing seven hits and striking out five, completing a shutout.

"I felt good out there. The team was really strong behind me playing great defense and it helped that I didn't walk anyone; we won as a team," Grimm said.

"He created a tempo all day long, he made their hitters swing," said head coach Scott Winterburn.

Despite Grimm's impressive performance, the Leopards offense was reserved, keeping the game close, until the bottom of the fifth.

Junior Joe Garcia came up to the plate and knocked in a solo-homerun starting the Leopards scoring rally.

After a walk and an error on the right fielder, on a hard hit ball from junior Ray Podesta and a single from junior John Doak, the Leopards' rally was halted at four.

The Leopards walked away with a win in game one, 6-0.

Game two started off shaky for the Leopards, allowing the Stags to score one in the first inning off an error.

The Leopards did more than answer back in the bottom of the second.

With a lead-off double from Podesta, not to mention another double later in that inning, a triple from sophomore Joe Scott, and a double from Mark Chiappelli, the Leopards racked up eleven runs on nine hits, and two errors.

But it did not stop there.

In the bottom of the third, junior Todd Farrell led off with a double, then senior Steve Smith singled and advanced Farrell to third. Sophomore James Ortega came up next and singled, scoring Farrell.

A sacrifice fly to right field from Podesta and an error on the Stags shortstop sophomore Tyler Kimura, scored two this inning and propelled the Leopards headed by two more.

The bottom of the seventh inning would be the last time that the Leopards would cross home plate.

The Leopards scored two runs off of two hits, singles from Podesta and junior Justin Brown, ending game three of the series with a final score of 15-5.

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"Claremont is a good team, but it seemed that they didn't even want to be there," said Farrell. "The wind was out of their sail."

The Leopards outscored the Stags 36-10 on the weekend.

Podesta led the Leopards in their first conference match-up, and his hitting spree continued on into Monday's competition against DeSales University of Pennsylvania.

"Ray is our best practice player. There is a distinct relationship in his good swings in practice and how he has been performing in games," Winterburn said.

Podesta's efforts were also notice by the SCIAC and he was named SCIAC Athlete of the Week honorable mention for the week ending March 3rd.

The Bulldogs were ranked 26th in the nation in pre-season polls, according to *Baseball Magazine*.

The Leopards came alive in the second inning scoring three runs off of two hits and two errors, jumping ahead 3-0.

ULV waited until the fourth to score three more runs with three back to back hits, a lead off double from Garcia, a single up the middle from Scott, and a double hit into deep left field from Lemas which scored two runs.

A sacrifice fly into center from Garay advanced Lemas to third. Lemas would score on the next pitch on a balk, giving the Leopards three more runs.

The Bulldogs tried to get something going at the plate in the top of the fifth scoring one run on two hits, putting an end to Van Duyne perfect game.

Freshman Matt Froid came in relief for Van Duyne and struck out two and allowed two hits.

The Leopards answered back in the bottom of the fifth and scored two runs.

With two outs Leopards' Garcia doubled and Scott walked, giving Lemas two ducks on a pond for his at bat. Lemas hit a double and scored Garcia and Scott, giving the Leopards an 8-1 lead.

The Leopards scored one in the bottom of the seventh when Garcia led off being hit by the pitch.

Junior Justin Brown substituted in for Garcia. Farrell singled, advancing Brown to second, and with help from DeSales pitcher senior Blake Boyer, who walked two, advancing Brown home, the Leopards gained one to increase their lead to 9-1.

A pitching change in the eighth brought in senior Gil Hernandez, who allowed two hits, and one run giving DeSales their second run on the day, which would be their final.

The Leopards scored one more in the eighth to increase their lead to 10. Hernandez held DeSales and the game ended with a score of 10-2.

"We've beaten several nationally ranked teams," said Winterburn. "We expect to play well and I think that it is finally starting to show."

"Everyone really collectively contributed," said Podesta. Podesta who went 8 for 15 at the plate with five RBI's, modestly contributed last weekend's performance to the team work ethic and dedication in practice.

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> —*Scott Winterburn head coach*

"Hard work at practice has helped all of us find our swing," Podesta said.

The Leopards took on Division II Cal State San Bernardino on Feb. 26 at home.

Coyotes coach Don Parnell said that the La Verne game was added into their schedule in order to provide the Coyotes bullpen with some work.

A spot in the Coyotes schedule opened up when game three in a three game series to Grand Canyon University was cancelled due to rain.

The Coyotes did not expect the Division III Leopards to have an effect on their record play, but the Leopards determination prevailed.

The Coyotes had just advanced into the 15th spot in the Collegiate Baseball News Division II national poll after taking three of four games from Cal Poly Pomona, and increasing their record to 5-2 in conference play.

However, the Leopards offense battled hard throughout the nine innings and took advantage of mental errors made by the Coyotes defense.

ULV overcame three home-runs from the Coyotes and capitalized on four errors made by the opposition to win by a score of 8-6.

The Leopards will take on tough competition again this weekend. They will face the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens.

The Sagehens are going into this weekend leading conference with a 6-0 record, including sweeps against Occidental and Whittier.

Five of the Sagehen's starting nine are hitting above .420. The Leopards are ready for the competition.

"When we get caught up in the result, we lose our concentration. We need to stay focused on the process," said Winterburn.

"I don't think that we want to do anything different against Pomona-Pitzer," Podesta said. "We just want to play the game that we have been playing."

"We are finally beating teams that we should be beating, and making a name for ourselves in the process," said Grimm.

The Leopards will take on the Sagehens today on Ben Hines Field at 2:30 p.m. and they will meet again Saturday in Pomona at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Meza named queen of the diamond

Amanda Egan
Staff Writer

She is an offensive powerhouse with a golden glove that leads the University of La Verne softball team to many victories on the diamond.

She was named All-American and the Most Valuable Player in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a sophomore during the 2001 University of La Verne softball season.

Junior, Gina Meza, has experienced and contributed to many great achievements during her three seasons with the squad.

"Without question, Gina Meza is one of the most talented players that we have had in our program," head coach Julie Kline said.

Meza grew up in Hacienda Heights with her family and attended the private Catholic high school, Bishop Amat.

She began playing softball at age 6 and is still going as ULV opened its season play a couple of weeks ago.

Out of high school, Meza had a few offers to play ball at other universities, all the way up to Division I schools, but she opted for ULV to stay close to her family.

Not to mention the fact that Kline called her repeatedly to influence her decision.

She is happy with her choice and really enjoys the small school. At ULV Meza started as shortstop as a freshman and also began making her contribution at bat.

During her first season at La Verne Meza suffered a minor concussion after a collision on the playing field. That was the only time during her career at ULV that the silent warrior had to sit out for a week, just to be cautious.

That season the team reached regional playoffs in Orange County, but was eliminated before reaching nationals.

After her freshman year, Meza was selected by United States Athletics to represent the USA in a tournament in Hamburg, Germany.

Playing softball in Germany "was an incredible and well worth it experience," Meza said.

After returning, she resumed play at ULV and had an exceptional 2001 season as one of the leading players to the conference title.

Meza was named MVP of SCIAC for the 2001 season.

"Overall her play is so intense, she makes me want to be a better player," senior, Kim Schrepfer said.

She hit 13 homeruns and made numerous great defensive plays contributing to several defeats.

"Offensively, Gina is a big-time hitter, she has the ability to go with power to any field," Kline said. "Defensively, her range and arm at shortstop is the best at any level."

After winning SCIAC the team attended regional play in Pella, Iowa. There Meza was recognized. She eventually received All-American honors for NCAA Division III.

Meza was thrilled about her past awards but believes there is room for improvement. As long as she gives 100 percent she said she is happy.

"Gina leads by example and motivates us to do well," Schrepfer said.

The team is stronger than ever this season with lots of new talent and many returners. And she has high hopes for the season.

"We have a really strong team, with returners and good newcomers that add a lot of depth," Meza said.

So far ULV is undefeated with a 9-0-1 record. They are 6-0 in conference play.

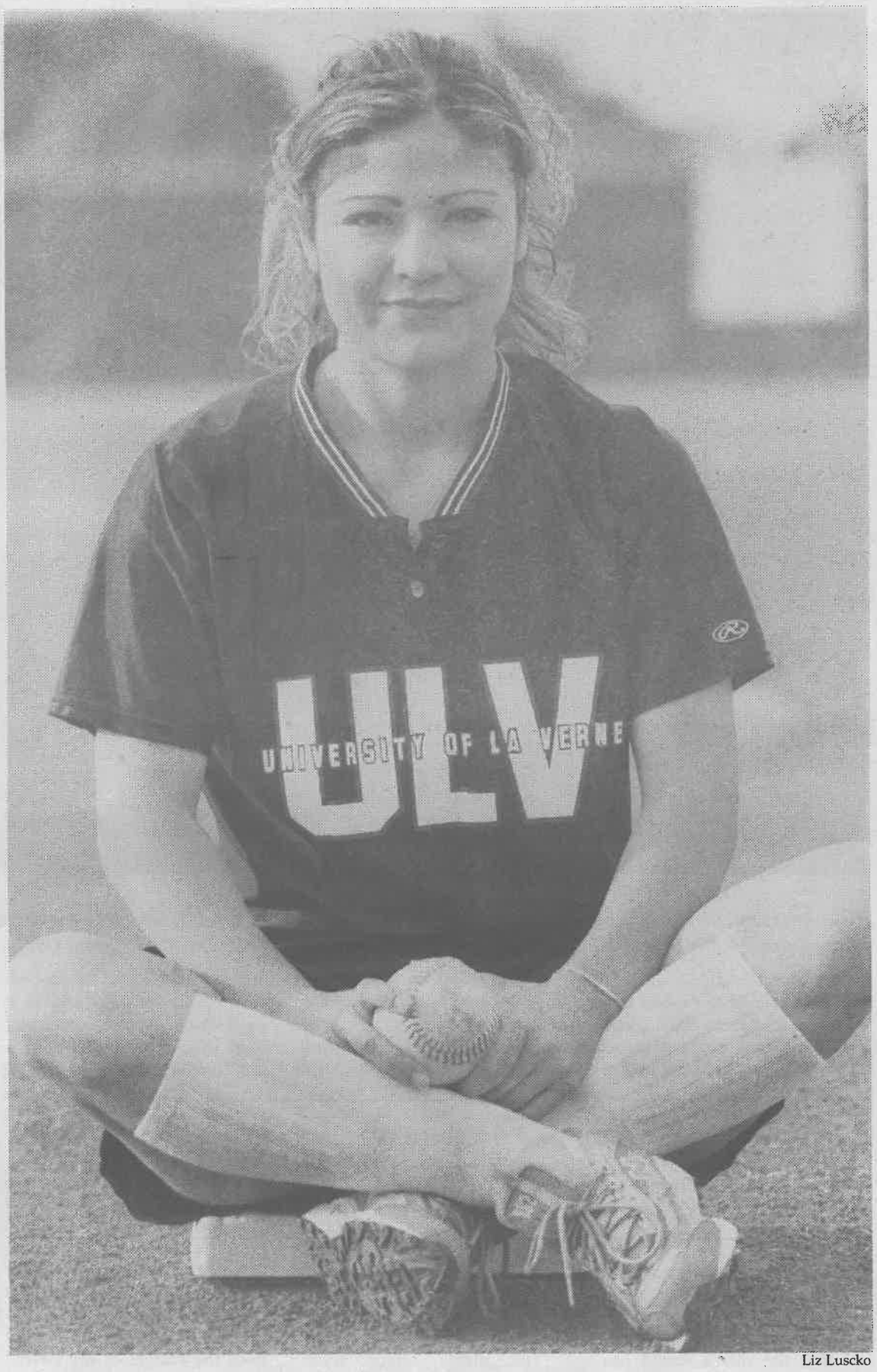
Meza hopes and expects ULV will reach the World Series this season.

Outside of softball, Meza, a criminology major, concentrates on her studies and is on track to graduate in the spring of 2003, she said.

Meza hopes to get into law enforcement as a detective, who investigates crimes.

Meza also holds a job as server at the local Coppacabana restaurant.

"Gina's success is a result of her work ethic, focus and desire to be the best," Kline said.



Liz Luscko

Junior Gina Meza, Women's Softball shortstop, was honored as an All American in NCAA Division III, and SCIAC player of the year. Meza traveled to Pella, Iowa, last season to compete in the NCAA Division III Softball Regional playoffs. Meza, who plans to be graduated from La Verne in December, will have another year of eligibility.

Polo stays afloat with two wins, two losses

Dimitri Watson
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's women's water polo team got their first taste of competition in a four game tournament Saturday at the Claremont Colleges Tournament, in Claremont.

The tournament did not consist of any obvious winner because the team's competition was already prearranged. This tournament was to gage how teams competitively played against a variety of levels.The day started off for the Leopards against the team from Cal State Bakersfield.

ULV was coming into its first game of the season, while Bakersfield had already played ten games.

"We played hard, but it was our first game and we were still developing team chemistry," junior driver Emily Tollefson said.

The second game was against UC Santa Cruz. The Leopards lost this game by three goals.

"We came out flat and struggled to execute," Tollefson said.

The third game of the day was against Chapman University, and the Leopards dominated this game, winning 12-2.

"We were fired up after losing our last game and we had something to come out and prove," Tollefson said.

"We had just come off a loss, and we were extremely hungry for a win," junior 2-meter Jennifer Pacheco said. Pacheco had to sit out this tournament because of an injury to her knee, which she had surgery on during the off-season. Her participation is questionable for the next few games.

The last game was arguably the biggest match of the day for La Verne. The Leopards faced off against the University of Villanova. Villanova is a Division I school from Pennsylvania.

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"We went into this game and didn't pay any extra attention to it because it was an out of conference game. We feel like we can beat any team on any given day. The key is getting out to a good strong start, and setting the mood for the game. In this game we came out strong even though we were down early," Tollefson said.

In the first quarter ULV was down three goals. The Leopards came back in the fourth quarter to tie the game after dominating the second half.

The game remained tied at the end of the fourth quarter and the two teams were going into overtime. In overtime, it was senior driver Tandis Morgan who scored ULV's ninth goal to win the game.

"We caught on to their defense early and we were executing pretty well. We played within our game and came back to win the game in overtime.

"Our goalie Maria De Santis played great the whole tournament. Especially against Villanova who took twice as many shots as us in the overtime period, but could not score on any of them because of her great goalie play," Pacheco said.

The next game for the Leopards will be tomorrow in tournament play. The Leopards will face the University of Redlands, Michigan State, and Notre Dame. The team has hopes to continue with victories into conference games, said Desantis.

Tennis mauled by Bulldogs, 7-0

•Men struggle in SCIAC play

Matt Paulson
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's tennis team dropped to .500 in both season and conference play last Saturday at the Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion when they were shutout by Redlands, 7-0.

The Leopards now stand at 3-3 for the regular season and hold a record of 2-2 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

The top seed for ULV, sophomore Josh Horwitz provided the most impressive Leopard singles performance, losing 4-6 and 3-6 to Redlands' Rob Condiotly.

Horwitz and his partner, the second seed for ULV in singles, Chad Rodriguez, battled to a tight 6-8 loss in doubles to Condiotly and Redlands' third seed: Marco Bravo.

Head coach Steve Bergovoy expressed that Horwitz and Rodriguez's match could have gone in favor of ULV if only a few points had fallen their way.

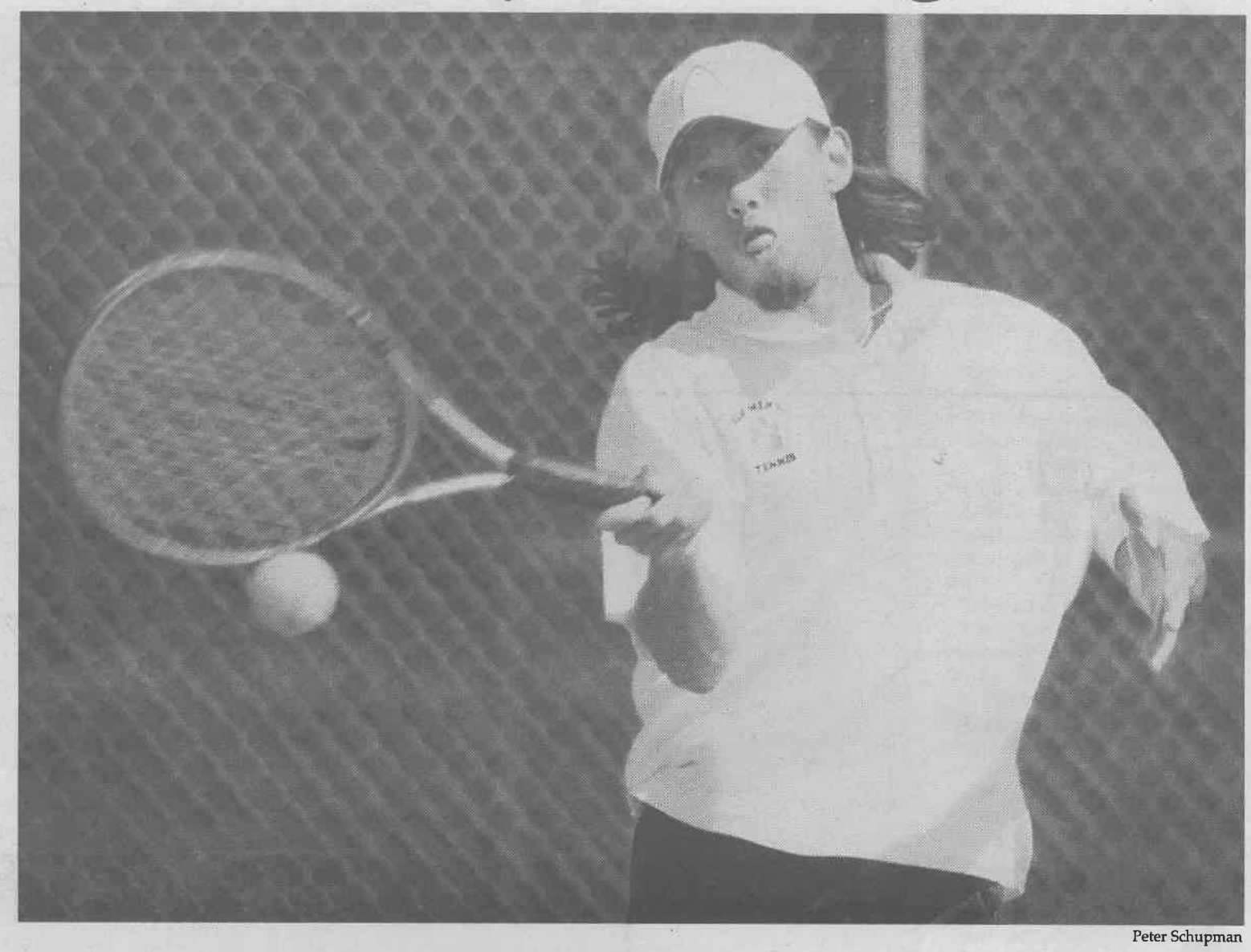
"We played well overall. At least we gave them a good fight," said Horwitz.

"I thought we played well. I think we could have done better, but they're pretty good," echoed Jarrod Hesler.

The Redlands Bulldogs finished No. 3 in the nation last year as a team and is currently 6-0 in SCIAC with an overall record of 11-2.

Bergovoy credited ULV's loss to the experience of the Redlands squad, which "strengthens their armor" when they face relatively inexperienced opponents such as the Leopards.

"Better experience carried them through these matches. The key thing is that they play a much deeper schedule," said Bergovoy.



Peter Schupman

Concentrating in his second set, sophomore singles player Jason Cortez volleys for a hard-fought point. Cortez lost his match 6-1, 6-3, as La Verne lost to Redlands, 7-0. The Leopards will match up against Cal Lutheran today at home.

He continued to explain that because Redlands only plays one match against certain teams in SCIAC, they hold the ability to "fill their schedule with top Division III and Division II teams, which is smart."

As a team, Horwitz articulated that the men's squad has commendable team unity, saying, "We're all on the same page at all times."

Hugo Valencia expressed that, to be competitors, the Leopards must "keep the ball in play and be mentally tough. We start getting negative and getting disappointed, and we lose."

The men's tennis team believes that in order to beat teams of the Bulldogs' caliber, it must display a more consistent work ethic in practice.

"Their work ethic must be a notch or two higher. Until we get there, we're going to be a step lower. We have the skills to beat these teams; I believe that from the bottom of my heart," Bergovoy said.

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—Steve Bergovoy, head coach

"We need to be more serious at practice. If we practice better, we can probably do better in matches," said Horwitz.

Bergovoy compares the Leopards' situation to that of David and Goliath.He says that they just need to believe in their abilities and they will be able to take down the larger powers.

"I have to instill in them an inner belief. It'll come together; it'll just take time."

The next match for the Leopards is today against Cal Lutheran at 2 p.m. at the Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion.

Leopards heat up, head out to Orange

•Softball begins Chapman tourney undefeated

Nate Silva
Staff Writer

Putting their undefeated record on the line the University of La Verne's softball team took the field three times last weekend against the Sagehens of Pomona-Pitzer. Their fans would soon find out that the Leopard would have very little to worry about as they disposed of the overmatched Sagehens in all three games.

In the first game Friday afternoon, the Leopards traveled to Pomona-Pitzer's home field, but it served as little advantage for the Sagehens. After five innings the game was called due to the eight run mercy rule and the Leopards registered their sixth win of the season, with an easy 14-0 victory.

The offense was led by the hot bat of junior Sue Whitcher who went 2-2 with a double and a home run, driving in five of La Verne's runs.

Leopard hitters continued to connect the following morning, as La Verne batted just four times on their home field in another five-inning contest.

Whitcher, who started in the circle of Saturday's doubleheader, threw a one-hitter while striking out six of the 19 batters she faced. Whitcher also continued her offensive charge, belting her second home run in as many games and driving in three of the Leopards' 11 runs.

Teammate Kim Schrepfer also went deep for La Verne in game one and finished the day 4-5 with three RBI.

Capturing the feeling of the Leopards' bats that would score 33 runs in this three game series.

"We are really starting to hit better as a team," said Whitcher.

The third match up between the two teams would be no different as the Sagehens were again shutout by the Leopards.

'Our first priority is conference. We try to take one game at a time.'
—Julie Kline, head coach

A game that lasted just over an hour would see Pomona-Pitzer get just two hits off of starting pitcher, freshman Chrissy Zehrbach.

Zehrbach exhibited great control over her five innings of work striking out six, while not walking any.

Perfect through 2 1/3, Zehrbach gave up a single that dropped just fair over the first baseman's head.

The Leopards' arm would surrender another hit in the top of the fourth inning, but no Sagehen runner would get past second base.

Though Zehrbach only needed one run for the win, the Leopard again scored eight, forcing the umpire to call the game in the bottom of the fifth.

In their last six games, which have all been against SCIAC foes Pomona-Pitzer and Redlands, the Leopards have outscored their opponents 75-0.

Though their SCIAC games have not been close, the Leopards have not lost sight of what they need to do.

"Our first priority is conference. We try to take one game at a time," says head coach Julie Kline.

La Verne will try to keep their undefeated record, which now stands at 8-0-1, intact as they face the competition of the Chapman Tournament. The tournament, which lasts two weeks, will give the Leopards opportunities to test their strength against eight non-league teams, including many from out of state.

"We are looking forward to our upcoming games at the Chapman Tournament," says Whitcher, who will split time between first base and the pitcher's circle.

"It will be a good test for us," says Klein. In the tournament the Leopards will face competition closer to their own #15 national ranking, including Central who eliminated La Verne from postseason play last year.

Kline credits her team's all around game saying, "We're strong in all aspects, our pitching staff is very dominant, but so is our offense."

The Leopards next game will be today at home against the Whittier Poets at 2 p.m.