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Debate team 12th in world

Bailey Porter
Staff Writer

A University of La Verne debate team placed an impressive 12th place in the World Universities Debating Championships, beating out Yale, Princeton, MIT and all of its U.S. competitors in the annual tournament held in January in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

The team, made up of ULV sophomore Travis Raymond and senior Andrew Kim, was one of three ULV teams competing against 190 teams from universities around the world.

"It's quite amazing the kind of expertise of the people they're up against, and they were able to not just hold their own, but impress them," said ULV Debate Coach Ian Lising, who is beginning his second year in the elected position of World Council Chairman.

In traditional debate format, but with the added intensity that comes with the culmination of a year's preparation, "Worlds" sets four teams to compete in each round. There are nine preliminaries over the course of three days.

After each round, at least three judges rank and score the teams based on speech, structure and content.

On New Year's Eve, following the preliminaries, the top 32 teams were announced at what is called "the Break."

The win for the team of Raymond and Kim, La Verne Team A, marks the first time in Worlds history that only one U.S. team made it to the Break. It also marks the third time in three years that a La Verne team has reached this milestone, Lising said.

La Verne placed 18th in 2001 and 28th in 2000.

Kim and Raymond did not have any prior debating experience before coming to ULV.

Yet both, "have taken the time out to read voraciously and work so diligently," Lising said.

It is necessary for the debaters to have extensive knowledge and understanding of issues from economics to political science to social issues because teams are given their topics 15 minutes before each round, Kim said.

This need to stay current and well versed in events and issues from around the world while remaining unbiased is necessary for Kim, who considers John Adams a role model for public speaking.

"The art of being a debater, and I think what makes it noble, is that it's not about all the information that you know necessary because a lot of people know a lot of different things," Kim said. "It's about how many different lenses you can filter that information through, how many different viewpoints and perspectives you can force that information through."

Kim applied this same willingness to look at things from as many angles as possible as he and the rest of the ULV debaters toured Stellenbosch and neighboring Cape Town when the grueling days of the championships ended.

He said the ability to witness the culture and landscape, but also the poverty of a country, is a way of adding lenses to his ever

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Soggy days of winter



Adam Omernik

Rain swept through La Verne Wednesday, leaving people like Eugene Shang of the University of La Verne Student Housing Office searching for dry ground. The first major storm of 2003 dumped more than an inch of rain on most of the Southland, leaving many areas flooded and traffic congested.

University fine is slashed

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Assistant Editor

The University of La Verne reached an agreement with the Department of Education to dramatically reduce the $6.9 million fine, originally recommended in last year's audit of recruiting practices by the School of Continuing Education.

ULV will pay a $27,500 administrative fine, one of the remedies requested by the administration in its formal response to the audit.

University and Education Department attorneys finalized the settlement Jan. 14, seven months after the department's Office of Inspector General submitted its final audit report and recommendation.

The investigation came after the Department discovered that during the 1999-2000 school year, the SCE had violated a statute in the Higher Education Act, prohibiting incentive payments for recruiters based on securing enrollment.

The number of staff that violated the statute is disputed by the administration and the Department of Education: the department claims 15 staff members were involved, while ULV officials say only four were paid illegally.

According to the final audit report filed last June, the SCE's Marketing Incentive Plan for the year included inducements paid from a "bonus pool" of revenue derived from enrollment exceeding a base quota.

SCE marketing directors received 3 percent of this pool with other staff being paid 0.3 percent to 0.8 percent.

The report states that ULV's payroll records for July 2000 indicated that $133,954 had been awarded under this system.

ULV officials explained that the incentive program only existed for a year and that they discontinued it immediately upon discovering the problem, long before the Department of Education became involved.

"Four people made a mistake," said Philip Hawkey.

ULV executive vice pres-

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University mourns loss of beloved professor

Amby Sarabia
Staff Writer

A memorial service was held Jan. 26 in honor of Dr. George Arnold, former chairman of the Department of Physics and Mathematics, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer Jan.16.

A member of the University's faculty from 1965 to 2000 as an associate professor of physics, Dr. Arnold's expertise helped strengthen the small science division.

"George brought a lot to the University," said Robert Neher, professor of biology and chairman of the natural science division. "He was a major part in helping it grow into what it is today."

Following his vision, Dr. Arnold began to establish physics as a major.

He ran a one-man physics department, teaching close to eight classes a year, including some CAPA weekend classes. He worked to grab students' attention.

Dr. Arnold's classes soon started to fill as the professor's dedication and unique style of teaching was well received by the students.

"George was a wonderful teacher," said University of La Verne President Steve Morgan. "He did his very best to relay his information to his students in a very enjoyable way."

Harvey Good, chairman of the biology department and professor of biology, said he remembered how accessible Dr. Arnold was to his students.

"He was very dedicated to his students," said Good.

"He always helped and spent time with them, he even kept in contact [with them] after they graduated."

Born on February 16, 1933 in Elgin, Ill., to George R. Arnold and Ada Miller, Dr. Arnold was raised in a typical, conservative Brethren family where hard work and study was enforced. Abiding by his family's guidelines, Dr. Arnold received high grades throughout high school.

After high school Dr. Arnold graduated from Manchester College with a bachelor of science in physics in 1955 and received his master of science in physics at the University of Wisconsin.

He came to ULV from the State University of New York in Buffalo where he taught physics and astronomy.

Dr. Arnold's hard work paid off in 1971 when he was promoted professor of physics. Two years later he was named chairman of the department of physics and mathematics.

Aside from teaching classes and introducing the university to physics, Dr. Arnold took part in many campus activities. He served on almost every committee during his 35-years at the university and attended all the faculty luncheons, tennis and volleyball tournaments. And he was a long-time member of the lion's club.

After years of such a hectic schedule, Dr. Arnold chose to work only half time and retired two years later to spend more time with his wife, Donna; and daughters Jeanne and Susan.

Even after his retirement Dr. Arnold continued to visit the campus daily, attended the Wednesday faculty lunches and kept his Friday lunch dates with Good.

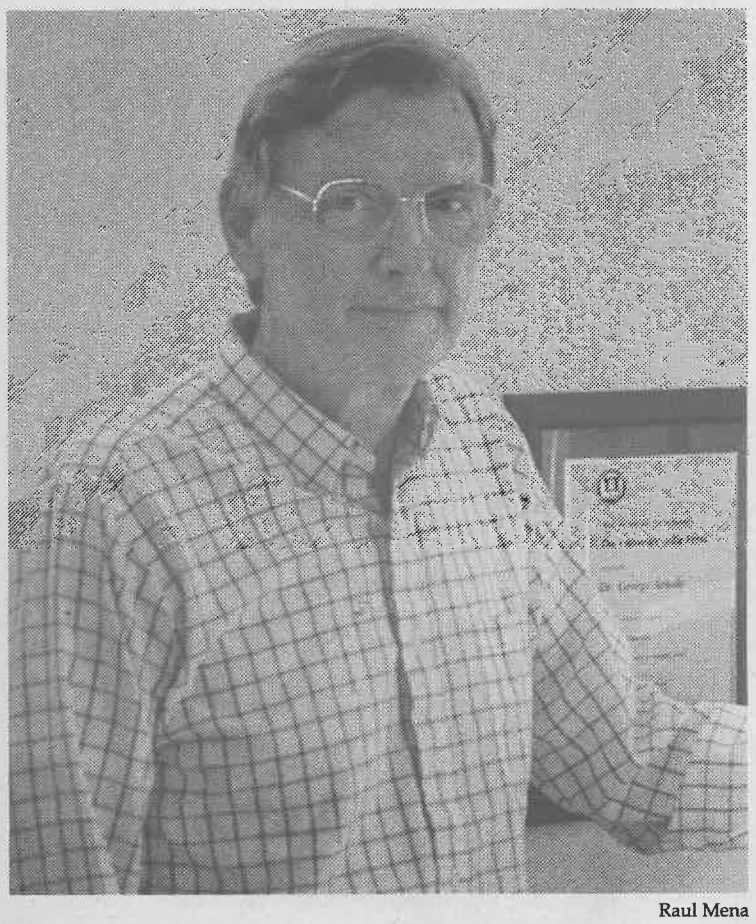
It was not until he was diagnosed with cancer that he stopped attending the lunches.

While the disease took its toll on his health Dr. Arnold tried to stay active. He even attended the 2002 December division party.

"He was smiling even though he had to sit in a wheel chair the entire night," Neher said.

But that was Dr. Arnold, an optimistic man with a ready smile. He left his mark on the university and everyone he came in contact with.

His positive attitude, teaching ability, dedication and quick smile will be missed by all of his friends and colleagues.



Raul Mena

Dr. George Arnold joined the science faculty at La Verne College in 1965, hired by Dr. Robert Neher, as a Physics professor, under the leadership of President Harold Fasnacht.

Athens campus' financial matters are resolved

•ULV will maintain sole ownership

Rebecca Cooper
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The University of La Verne Athens campus, located in the suburb Kifissia, Greece, recently agreed to pay the University $800,000 in back pay that has not been paid for over a year, according to University officials.

The main campus sends the Athens campus money to pay its bills, and then Athens reimburses the main campus after it receives money from student tuition and fees.

"They had fallen behind for 14 to 16 months, but they have now resumed payments on the plan that we agreed upon. It will take some time, but we are confident they will do what they agreed to," said President Stephen Morgan.

Phil Hawkey, executive vice president, Richard McDowell, provost and vice president of academic affairs, and Morgan had a telephone conference with Athens officials Feb. 5 to discuss the state of that campus.

Athens campus has about 1,000 students from countries around the world. There is an exchange program between the main campus and the Athens campus for students and faculty.

During the past few months, ULV administrators considered sharing the financial and administrative aspects of the Athens campus with another university, prompting talk across the ULV community about the possible sale of the Athens campus.

"We never wanted to actually put the Athens campus up for sale, but rather enter a partnership with another university," Morgan said. "We had conversations going with another institution, but those fell through, and Athens will stay the way it is."

During the Feb. 5 telephone conversation, Athens officials claimed declining student enrollment in the last two years affected revenue, putting a financial strain on the campus, Morgan said.

The Athens campus agreed to reduce part-time faculty loads, because of the lower enrollment and Athens is trying new ways to increase total enrollment.

"If you have fewer students, you don't need to offer as many classes," McDowell said. "We are trying to situate things differently and look at all options for the future."

During the telephone conference, they also discussed how to strengthen and clarify the governing structure of the Athens campus, as well as its relationship with the main campus.

The relationship between the main campus and the Athens campus is not well spelled out, McDowell said. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, one of six regional associations that accredit public and private schools, colleges, and universities, visited Athens during the 2000-2001 school year and told officials at the two campuses that they need to work on their relationship, as well as their government structure.

WASC will make a special visit to the Athens campus during the 2004-2005 school year to review its program and to analyze any changes, McDowell said.

"Right now we're trying to make sure all the bells and whistles are worked out," McDowell said. "The short-term goal is aligning the finances, but the long term goal i to get them ready for the special visit from the accreditation officials and get them in shape to continue to grow and improve for years."

News Briefs

OIT Upgrade

The Office of Information Technology will conduct a server upgrade between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. on Feb. 14. The internet server will be down between these times. For more information contact extension 4575.

—Gloria Diaz

OWL Applications

The New Student Orientation program is searching for Orientation Week Leaders for the Fall 2003 Orientation Session. Applications are due at the Student Center Desk by 5 p.m. on Feb. 14.

—Chrissy Zehrbach

Jerico's Mile

"Foxy Boxing" is being held every Thursday night at Jerico's Mile. Call (909) 946-5888 for directions and information.

—Gloria Diaz

ULV remembers Lola Porpora

Gloria Flores
Staff Writer

Lola Porpora, well-loved associate registrar at the University of La Verne, lost her fight against cancer Feb. 5 following an extended medical leave.

Ms. Porpora is survived by her three sons, Michael, Matthew and Adam; and her husband Gary. Her son Adam is currently a student here.

Friend and colleague Philip Hofer, Director of the International Student Services and Study Abroad center, said Ms. Porpora was "enormously devoted to her three sons."

In addition to her devotion to her children, Ms. Porpora was extremely supportive of her husband Gary's screen writing career, Hofer said.

Ms. Porpora joined the Office of the registrar in 1999. University Registrar Marilyn Sesser Davies described her as a bright and knowledgeable woman.

Ms. Porpora was trained as a student records officer at Carnegie Mellon University where she served five years before joining ULV.

Among her skills were an expertise in legal issues affecting student records, facilities management and project planning.

It was Ms. Porpora who skillfully led ULV through the successful implementation of the current classroom scheduling software, Schedule 25.

"She was an excellent professional," Hofer said. "She did her job well and efficiently."

Ms. Porpora was a member of many organizations including Carnegie Mellon 5888 Association. She was certified in Conflict Management and hoped to someday attend law school.

Besides her goals and achievements, colleagues described Ms. Porpora as a caring, gentle individual who was sincerely concerned herself with students and staff. Megan Howard, a Registrar work-study employee said she remembers Ms. Porpora as "very kind and approachable.

"She always took time to talk to student workers and did so as if they were equals in the workplace," Howard said.

"Ms. Porpora was always bubbly and positive," Davies said. "She had so much vibrant energy."

Originally from Pittsburgh, Ms. Porpora's bubbly spirit shined through her enthusiasm and love of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Stealers. "She never missed a game," Davies said. And few around the office did not know about Ms. Porpora's dog, Ophelia, who she frequently talked about.

Many faculty members agree that Ms. Porpora served the university well.

"It is a real tragedy," Hofer said.

Ms. Porpora will be deeply missed by friends, family and the entire ULV community. Her professionalism and dedication to ULV will not soon be forgotten.

Her husband and children joined the family in Pittsburgh for funeral services on Feb. 11. A campus memorial service will be held when the family returns to California.

Faculty, staff to get $500 bonuses

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Assistant Editor

University of La Verne will distribute the remainder of funds originally budgeted for the School of Continuing Education fine as $500 bonuses to all regular full-time employees.

The bonus plan, announced in January, has received with mixed reactions.

While many have expressed appreciation for the bonus, some said they feel it does not adequately address the ongoing issue of compensation.

"At the base level, people are appreciative of the money and the good faith shown by the administration," said Sharon Davis, co-chair of the Faculty Salary Committee. "Others felt it was meager and were disappointed that it wasn't put into base pay."

Had the bonus been allocated to base salaries, it would have become a permanent factor in future University budgets.

"The one-time, lump-sum bonuses made the most sense at this time," said professor Rita Thakur.

A 25-year ULV veteran, Thakur represented the faculty at a University Council meeting that considered how to address a mid-year increase.

Options they discussed included an across-the-board 2 percent raise, a $500 addition to base salaries, and the one-time bonuses.

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"Any permanent increase to [base salary] would have to be included in next year's budget, which would mean less money for next year's raises," said Thakur.

"The majority of classifieds are in favor of the plan," said Bill Myers, chair of the Classified Committee.

Myers represented classified employees in the University Council discussion.

But the larger issue for many employees remains the disparity between salaries here and those at comparable institutions.

Following the conclusion of a three-year plan to address such disparity issues for the three employee groups, last July's pay raise of 2.19 percent came as a disappointment to many.

It was then that talk of a mid-year raise began.

The three-year plan had been agreed to in 1999 after a compensation task force found ULV salaries averaged well below comparable colleges and universities.

The three-year plan did make some progress towards narrowing the gap, but also has achieved less than was anticipated because salaries in the comparison groups also rose.

Working towards this goal, the University is considering a new multi-year plan for next July's increase.

Another possibility would be a two-part raise. All employees would receive a general raise, while those whose salaries are far below average would receive an additional amount.

"We want to make sure all employee groups get taken care of, and this plan would help bring up the people who are really behind," Myers said.

The University hopes to eventually bring salaries for all employee groups up to competitive levels.

"The University philosophy is that people are the most important resource," Davis said. "We believe our faculty to be better than average in quality, so why not be at least average in pay?"

Leatha Webster named financial aid chief

Jaclyn Roco
Editor in Chief

University of La Verne officials recently appointed Leatha Webster financial aid director, the position left behind by Mary Lindsey, who resigned last year. Previously hired as interim director, Webster was chosen to fill the position last month and officially took over Feb. 12, 2003.

Phil Hawkey, executive vice president, took charge of the financial aid department after Lindsey and Pat Coleman, director of enrollment services, resigned abruptly last year. He was also part of the committee, which included President Stephen Morgan, that officially hired Webster. Hawkey said Webster's previous experience as ULV's interim director allowed them to understand her style, knowledge and skills.

"She was most certainly the best person we talked to over a period of a couple of years," Hawkey said. "She went through a long interview process, and we were very impressed."

As director, Webster said she has a main goal to fulfill. Her focus in the department is to straighten the financial aid process and disbursement, she said. To do this, Webster plans to remove obstacles so students can receive money as quickly as possible.

One of Webster's first improvements was to implement a financial aid adviser to be on call every day at the department's counter in Woody Hall. The advisor's job is to answer questions and to get issues resolved, she said.

Some ULV students said they hope Webster's improvements will prevent often serious problems from occurring in the first place.

Junior Karla Pineda is just one out of many students who has experienced a problem that she said was financial aid's fault. Pineda complained about being charged extra because the department had mistakenly placed her as a graduate student. She added that financial aid also failed to inform her of whether her grant had come in on time.

"They need to keep on top of

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ident in charge of resolving the University's case. "We discovered it, and we corrected it. Good public policy would reward that. You levy a fine for repeated and egregious violation."

Auditors were only following protocol, Morgan said.

"It's their job to follow the letter of the law, weigh in the heaviest extent of the law, and make a recommendation based on the maximum penalties possible," Morgan said.

Hence the $6.9 million.

Auditors based that amount on all Title IV federal aid received by students who enrolled in the SCE in 1999-2000, maintaining that the University should be compelled to forfeit all such funds.

In their official response, ULV attorneys said "there was no adverse, harmful effect on students or the institution based on [the incentive program]."

'We discovered it, and we corrected it. Good public policy would reward that'
—Phil Hawkey, executive vice president

"The financial aid awarded to students was used for the purpose the federal government intended," Morgan said. "To assist students in paying for their education. At no time did we dilute admissions standards for the sake of recruiting."

Morgan said a lack of training and communication between departments led to the violation.

To prevent future problems, the administration has implemented new training and orientation programs for staff.

Incoming Director of Financial Aid Leatha Webster will oversee the disbursement of federal funds and ensure that other departments do not violate federal statutes.

Meanwhile, ULV had set aside $600,000 in this year's fiscal budget toward paying the anticipated fine.

Half of that money will now be invested in needed campus construction and maintenance projects.

The remaining $272,500 will go to one-time bonuses of $500 to all full-time faculty, staff and administration.

The assistance of area congressional representatives was vital to reducing the fine, Hawkey said.

Reps. David Dreier, R-Glendora; Gary Miller, R-Diamond Bar; and Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Santa Clarita, advocated for the University at the Education Department.

"All the work that I did, all the work our attorneys did in Washington, was minor compared to a couple of telephone calls and the personal intervention of the congressmen," Hawkey said.

The University Board of Trustees' role was essential in enlisting their assistance.

"Through our Board of Trustees we were able to get direct access and support from Congressman Miller," Hawkey said. "Through him we were able to get the support of Congressman Buck McKeon, member of the House Committee on Education."

Trustee Bill McIntyre has also additionally aided the University by donating a Mercedes-Benz to the University, the auction of which will go toward paying the fine.

ULV has already delivered a check for the fine and consider the audit resolved.

"We are glad to have achieved closure," Morgan said.

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The primary purpose of the *Campus Times* is to publish unbiased news accounts, to provide a vehicle for the balanced expression of student opinion and to maintain strong, responsible leadership. Further, the *Campus Times* shall strive to be the mirror of the public mind, interpreter of the public intent and troubler of the public conscience.

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1. The *Campus Times* shall seek to uphold the finest standards and highest ideas of journalism, and, in particular, be devoted to truth, accuracy and fairness.

2. Realizing the power of the written word, the *Campus Times* staff members shall strive to use good judgment and sensitivity toward the protection of the well-being of the people of the University of La Verne.

3. The *Campus Times* is the information line of the University and shall be treated in a manner that reflects the personality of the campus.

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3. The *Campus Times* will not be subject to censorship by University officials or agents unless a specific issue is deemed to include contents of a libelous or otherwise illegal nature.

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1. The *Campus Times* shall cover the entire scope of student activities as space allows and present a timely, unbiased and balanced representation of University of La Verne activities and events occurring on its campuses.

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IX. AMENDMENTS

Further, the structure or existence of the code of ethics should be viewed as continually open to change and evolution. For just as the requirements and purposes of the University of La Verne are altered by time, so also its newspaper.

Bush and the economy

In a time when the United States needs answers and solutions, the American people find themselves without any guidance. Instead, our fearless leader seems to ignore what his public needs and has raised our budget deficit to historical heights.

President Bush's 2004 budget calls for $1.46 trillion in tax cuts over 10 years with a projected shortfall of $307 billion, but it fails to include the costs of war with Iraq. This new fiscal budget has increased from the 2003 shortfall of $304 billion.

The hardest hit federally funded programs are Social Security and Medicare. Combined, these programs provide financial support to 39 million senior citizens (14 percent of the population), according to the 2004 United States budget submitted to Congress.

More than 100 pages long, the proposal states, "The cost of these programs will grow enormously, so rapidly that they will threaten to overwhelm the rest of the budget."

What happened to the budget surplus that existed during Bill Clinton's presidency in the White House?

It has virtually turned to dust. In the eight years he was in office, President Clinton made a promise to the Baby Boomers and Generations X and Y.

His promise was known as the "lockbox." It promised that Washington will balance its budget without tapping into the budget surplus, and instead the surplus will be used to pay off the national debt (then $3.4 trillion). In the end, the surplus would provide retirement money to Baby Boomers and pay off the national debt.

During the 2000 presidential campaign, Bush endorsed the lockbox idea. In the same year, the Congressional Budget Office projected that if the government kept to the lockbox idea, the national debt would be paid off by 2008, making the United States debt free for the first time since the 1830s, but that is now a lost dream.

In his State of the Union Address last month, our Commander-in-Chief touched on our economic troubles, but offered no solutions. His focus was on the impending war with Iraq and his effort to persuade the public to support the war.

In Bush's defense, the start of the recession after Sept. 11 was out of his control, but his actions have worsened the debt, with no sign of improvement.

Currently the national debt stands at $6.3 trillion while the debt ceiling is $6.4 trillion. At this rate, the United States will reach the ceiling by the end of February.

In June 2002, Congress increased the limit by $450 billion from $5.95 trillion to its current amount of $6.4 trillion. But the increase did not help control governmental spending, nor did it stimulate the economy; instead the spending worsened.

If Congress does not raise the debt limit, the federal government will default on the national debt. This could ultimately weaken the world economy and would be a political blow to Bush's chance for re-election.

As we stand on the threshold of war, here is one thought to ponder: Why are we really going to war? Is it for peace? Or is it to get the United States out of its economic slump? How can Bush even think of financially supporting a war when he cannot financially support the United States? His irresponsible spending has sunk the United States into a deep economic hole.

President Bush and his Congress need to get a new economic plan — one that will have future positive results, not one that will have our children paying for four years of mistakes.

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From the Editor...

Children leave lasting impression



Jaclyn Roco

I never expected that the day would come when I would finally appreciate my life for what it is, instead of what I wished it to be.

That day, however, arrived when I least expected it, during a class trip last month.

I had taken a peace class out of curiosity and was more then intrigued at the thought of taking a class trip to Tijuana one Saturday.

Tijuana?! Why, what a great idea, I thought. What a great place to bargain and to get out of the country.

My heart stopped though when the teacher explained the trip.

We were going to assist the volunteers at an orphanage in La Gloria.

Orphanage?

I admit that I got a little uneasy at the idea. The images that cascaded into my mind were plentiful.

It's not that I hate children, but the thought of having to see children living a life completely different from mine as night is from day was more than weird.

But the chance to offer something other than money or pity, to give a part of myself, even if it meant giving up a Saturday, was too much to miss.

The drive south went by sluggishly at first. But when California changed into Mexico, my mind took in the poverty, the pollution and the hidden troubles of a different country and went wild.

What if the kids were so poor and dirty that I couldn't hide my disbelief?

What if I was so unkind that I actually offended someone? What if...?

After brief introductions made by the patron of the orphanage, the kids immediately grabbed us and encouraged us to play with them.

My Spanish was not that great, but luckily I had a friend with me who was fluent.

Our kid was named Raul, and he was about four.

His nose was runny, his nails were dirty, but his smile was so eager and honest that I couldn't help but smile back at him. We spent the next hour or so sliding and swinging in the orphanage's play area.

Although the orphanage wasn't all that bad, I was utterly depressed to see the type of play area they had.

Sure there were swing sets and slides and toys, but the fact was that the kids had to play in complete dirt.

Balls that were being thrown around rolled down steep hills.

Old toys that lay forgotten were full of dust.

And the area surrounding the wire fence protecting the orphanage was seedy-looking.

What struck me and even made me shed a few tears, was when Raul grabbed a little toy train from the ground.

He offered it to me after he showed where the button was to push.

I pushed it, and the alphabet song began to play.

I gulped back my salty tears because this was the same exact toy that I had played with another little boy – my boyfriend's brother.

But unlike Raul's dusty old train, my boyfriend's brother's little toy train had been bright and clean, and it was part of a complete set, not a sad-looking remnant that was meant to be shared with 40 other kids.

I was choked up once again later that day when I got the chance to play with a toddler girl named Evelyn.

She was beautiful and refused to leave my side.

I finally had to sneak my way out from behind her to escape to the safety of the van.

Although I admit I'm a coward, I know that I'll remember this day as one unlike any other.

I finally was given the chance to be thankful for my blessings, the gifts and privileges that I have always possessed.

Why does this day, which took place a year ago, come to mind now?

I guess the specter of war makes me think about those children.

And it makes me wonder why our government wants to waste its efforts on wars that will result in more destruction, when the true weapon to heal the world has been within us all along: our hearts.

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Powell's speech is persuasive



Amanda Stutevoss

On Nov. 8, 2002, the United Nations passed Resolution 1441 by a unanimous vote.

Its purpose was to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction.

And now, just three months and a 12,200-page declaration later, we see that the resolution has not been successful.

I took the time last week to print a transcript of the U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's Feb. 4 address to the United Nations off the Internet.

It took me two days to sift through his presentation.

I tried to carefully examine the examples that he presented, which challenged my previous feelings about a this war we are on the verge of.

Powell presented satellite photos, and recordings of intercepted phone calls between Iraqi weapons officials.

He presented firsthand accounts from international intelligence officers of Saddam Hussein's blatant defiance to help solidify President Bush's case for war.

Powell put forth charges that Iraqi officials moved biological and chemical weapons just prior to U.N. weapons inspections.

He also charged that Iraq has several mobile biological and chemical weapons labs hidden in trailers and railcars, making them almost impossible to find.

Powell also attempted to show Iraqi ties, mainly Hussein's, with the terrorist organization al-Qaeda.

In my opinion he did so successfully.

Before reading Powell's words, I will admit I was apprehensive about the situation with Iraq and the decisions that the United States government had made.

The decision, that is, to go to war.

After, I finally felt reality set in.

This is a strange time to be living.

After Sept. 11, 2001, many Americans either reveled in patriotism or questioned the U.S. government for its willingness to so quickly point a finger.

I am the first to admit that I am guilty of the latter.

However, after sitting down and really letting the information sink in, I began to realize that perhaps this war is necessary.

Hussein is not a force to be reckoned with. He is unstable, and frankly, he scares my sense of security.

We as Americans should feel safe in our country.

But personally, I find that difficult to fathom post-Sept. 11.

In the past I have stated that there are peaceful alternatives, but after 12 years of our government's dealing with Iraq's sinister leader, I am beginning to wonder if there is truly another way.

I have stayed up late at night trying to fully understand the situation that the United States is in.

I have tried to understand what makes a person like Hussein tick.

How can anyone have so little respect for human rights?

But I have come up empty-handed with answers to fulfill these questions that weigh in the air.

I have recently said goodbye to friends who are leaving for war, which is something that I never expected I would have to do in my lifetime.

And I hope that I never will have to go through this again.

I can hardly wait for a time when peace is more of a reality than war, and when words can serve as our artillery, rather than rifles and missiles.

Until that time, what are we as Americans supposed to do?

We must live and confront reality, no matter how troubling it may be.

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A lesson in letting go



Alejandra Molina

She stood outside, dumfounded at the thought that it all was actually over.

He looks at her with anguished eyes, and she knows that things were much worse than she had thought.

He is not the same; he is distant, and she is confused because she does not know what to expect.

She thinks they are going to talk things through this time instead of ignoring them and believing that things were going to work themselves out.

As they begin to argue, she realizes how unprepared she was for the changes they were going through.

He tells her that he cannot handle the way she thinks and the way she views her future.

If only she had done and said things differently, but she did not, and she does not regret it.

She remembers how she waited for him while he was gone.

He came back and everything seemed perfect; they were together again, enjoying every minute.

But their differences get in the way.

She asks him what he thinks is the best thing to do, and all he can say is, "I don't know."

She gets impatient and asks him if he still wants to be with her.

He hesitates to answer.

Finally he says that the best thing to do is to separate.

She does not know how to react.

She looks away from him and covers her face.

She refuses to cry because she is not supposed to cry; she does not want to feel stupid.

But somehow, without her knowing it, tears come down her face.

She is surprised – surprised that she did not handle things the way she always did, without emotion.

She hopes that if he would just hold her, he would know what he would be missing out on.

But he does not, and she knows it is the end.

So she agrees to it.

She tells him that she is not going to waste her time worrying about it because she has better things to worry about.

It is tearing her up inside, but she does not show it.

She could have said the right things to make it work out, but she did not; she said what she believed to be right.

If she could have done things differently, she would not, because that is who she is.

She is not the victim; she knows that. They were both at fault with the immature decisions they made, and it hurt.

But what hurt more was that deep inside; she believed it to be the best decision. It hurt because she did not understand how the love they had for each other was put aside by their differences.

So she walks away from him without knowing what to expect in the future.

She remembers the moments they shared: their long and spontaneous walks on the beach, their jokes, nicknames, laughter and the promises they made to each other.

She told him that things would never be the same again, but she hopes the promises they made to each other are strong enough to withhold their friendship.

So she is the same now – the same girl who is always occupied and does not have time to worry about things like this. She walks around as if there was not a worry in the world, but deep inside she knows it is hurting her.

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Candidate supports hometown appeal

•Vinci asks citizens to have a voice

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At the age of 24, when most young adults are worrying about finding that special someone or climbing the corporate ladder, Lucas Vinci is deliberating over the financial crises facing La Verne.

Ways to preserve the small-town heritage, and improve the city's safety record are of top concern for this former Bonita High School student and UCLA alumnus, who is currently in a race to become one of the next members of La Verne's city council.

Most 24-year-olds would shudder at the thought of being in charge of an entire city, but Vinci is not like most. His determination to get the tough questions addressed and answered has set him apart from most young adults and has given him a foothold in the world of politics, one that will lead him into a successful future and carry La Verne along for the ride.

Vinci has called La Verne home for the last 24 years, and he will continue to do so, no matter where his political career takes him.

After receiving his bachelor of arts degree from UCLA, studying World Government at Oxford University in England, and traveling from San Francisco to Orange County to work on the lieutenant governor race, Vinci has always returned to his hometown.

"La Verne is my home and where I want to raise my family," Vinci said in a city council debate Feb. 6 at La Verne's community center. The fact that La Verne is such a small town does not sway Vinci from his political aspirations. In fact, preserving La Verne's hometown appeal is one of his top priorities. By attracting family oriented restaurants and preserving the family owned shops that have long been a part of La Verne's history, the small town atmosphere will thrive.

Also among Vinci's list of priorities is developing a teen center, a place that will provide opportunity, security, and responsibility for the teenagers of La Verne, by giving them a place to study, learn and have fun in a positive and safe environment. As a substitute teacher and former football coach at Bonita High School, he has had the opportunity to be a role model to many students and young adults.

"He has been a great inspiration not only to me, but also my students at various points," said Desiree Mouzoon, co-worker and friend of Vinci and current English teacher at Alta Loma High School. "They really look up to him as a role model. He's somebody who's really out to make a difference in our community."



Liz Lucsko

University of California, Los Angeles, graduate, Lucas Vinci, 24, is running again for La Verne city council in the March 4 election. There are five candidates running for the two open city council positions. Vinci lost in the March 2001 election by a certified 50 votes.

One way in which Vinci has began making that difference is through a little tool known as the internet. Vinci has established a community-based web magazine, devoted to encouraging more community involvement in the city of La Verne. **Ourlaverne.com** is a collection of upcoming events and articles written for, about and by the people of La Verne.

Running **ourlaverne.com**, being a substitute teacher, doing volunteer work and being a young adult in a tight political race, is no easy task.

"I'm always a busy guy, I never stop working," Vinci said. Maintaining a social life is not an option, work has become his social life.

A big part of Vinci's campaign is a plan to bring political conferences and debates back to the public. By using television and the internet to showcase various political meetings, the community will become more involved. Having insight into the process of establishing certain regulations and how the community is actually being managed will allow citizens to voice their opinions and make a difference.

> 'It takes responsibility and creating an opportunity for yourself, so that no matter where you go you're always trying to learn more,'
> *—Luke Vinci, city council candidate*

Asking the questions no one else is asking, and actually making people search for answers is what Vinci strives to do. Accepting common responses just because they are what is given is no longer an option. Vinci encourages everyone, especially the youth, to go out and ask these questions and make a difference for themselves and their cities.

"It takes responsibility and creating an opportunity for yourself, so that no matter where you go you're always trying to learn more," Vinci said.

On Tuesday, Mar. 4 2003, an opportunity will be given to the citizens of La Verne to spark a change.

By voting the true leaders of our democracy, the voters, will gain their voice.

Financial aid...

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things, to organize and to inform instead of giving us 'Oh, you owe $15,000' notices last minute," Pineda said.

Other students have made even more dire complaints. The inability to pay on time, the chance of being kicked out of school and the fear of not being able to eat at Davenport are just some of the occurrences that have happened because, students claim, financial aid is not organized enough.

Senior Emily Tollefson said her former roommate, Audrey Rios, had a case that made her thankful that she never had to deal with financial aid.

Rios had to give up her residency at the Oaks partly because financial aid failed to set her payments and classes up on time, Tollefson said. As a result, Rios was forced to go home and can no longer attend school, she said.

Hawkey assures, however, that substantial improvements will be seen since Webster is now on the job. Although the improvements cannot be "instantaneous," Hawkey said they will be "continuous."

"Mrs. Webster is particularly concerned with simplifying the whole process giving good information in a timely process," Hawkey said. "(She) has a lot of experience, and she is in the position to understand and to deal with complex issues."

A major project of the financial aid department is converting the whole process into a new computer system known as Banner (now known as "My ULV Banner").

As of now, the department is the only one in Woody Hall using the old computer system called Power Faids.

Hawkey said using the old program made work harder because everything had to be typed in manually. He said moving to Banner would mean more changes. Students will be able to receive immediate information about payments, and Student Accounts would be able to see how much financial aid students have.

"This will allow us to interface to one common computer system," Hawkey said. "Information can flow back and forth to better serve the students."

The conversion to Banner is just one step toward simplifying the department's process, Webster said. Since enrollment, records and grades are all on this system, converting financial aid records to Banner would mean one, integrative system, she said.

Another change to occur through the next couple of years would be to put the department on the internet.

Allowing students to check the status of their financial aid on-line would prevent long lines, Hawkey said.

Webster said any changes to occur were all tied into her goal of making processes simpler.

Because her area of expertise is looking at systems, Webster said she will work with Hawkey to make sure improvements occur.

"I enjoy doing what we do," she said. "I enjoy financial aid. We make a difference to assist students in receiving the dollars to complete their education. My goal is to make that process uneventful."

> 'We make a difference to assist students in receiving dollars to complete their education.'
> *—Leatha Webtser, financial aid director*

Garden festival

The 56th annual Pomona Valley Camellia Festival will be held 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, at the La Verne Community Center and again from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

This event is an educational and recreated event hosted by the city of La Verne for all levels of garden expertise.

—Amanda Stutzcoss

Simms crowned Miss La Verne 2003

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Staff Writer

The five contestants stood under the spotlights, their hands clenched tightly together, as the name of the winner was announced.

La Kia Simms was named Miss La Verne 2003.

Raina Becerra's name was first announced as Miss La Verne 2003, but Field Director Tom Woods quickly walked onto the stage and made the correction that Becerra was the first runner up.

The Miss La Verne 2003 title was given to Simms, and in the flurry of of tears and confusion, Simms held her flowers with pride and accepted the crown for Miss La Verne 2003.

'I wanted the experience and excitement to meet other woman participating and just have fun.'

—La Kia Simms, Miss La Verne 2003

Saturday evening marked the sixth annual Miss La Verne pageant, held in Founders Hall on the University of La Verne campus.

There were five contestants participating this year.

From ULV were Simms, Amber McLaughlin, Raina Becerra, and Katrina Ordonez. The fifth contestant, Colleen Boland, attends Citrus College.

"I enjoyed working with each girl, as a group and as individuals," said Kelli Smith, the executive director.

"We all had fun this year and will remain in close contact," she said.

Contestants were judged in five categories: interview skills, physical fitness, talent, evening wear, and onstage questions.

A panel of five judges met the contestants early Saturday afternoon in an interview that Simms said was the most relaxing interview she ever had.

"The judges were very comfortable, and I wanted them to know as much about me as possible," she said.

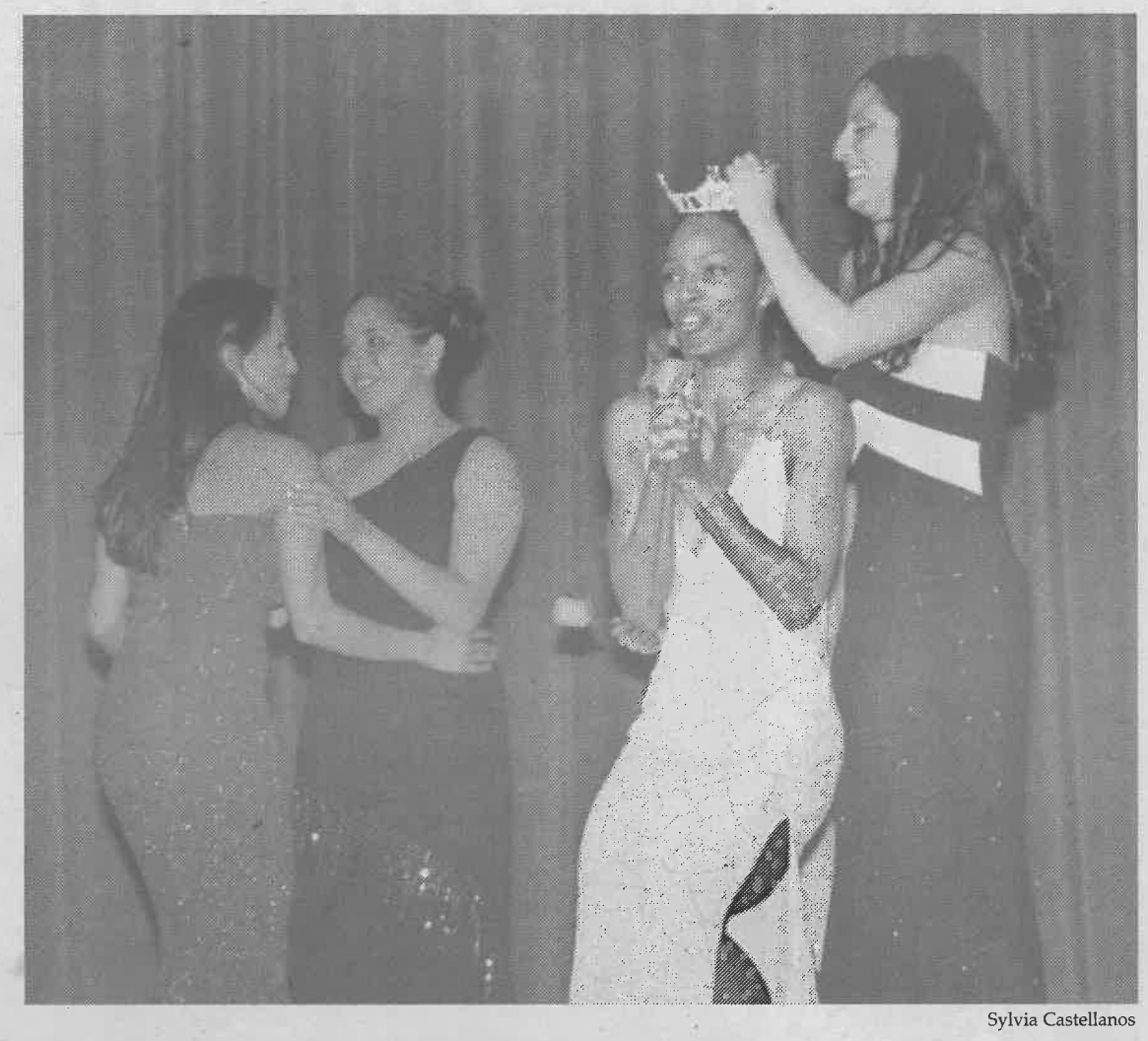
The Miss La Verne program, a preliminary for Miss California and Miss America, is trying to stray away from being a beauty pageant, Smith said.

It is trying to distinguish itself as a scholarship program for women.

Local pageants, state pageants and the Miss America contest combined make up one of the largest scholarship programs for women in the world.

The contestant crowned Miss La Verne 2003 is awarded $1200. The first runner up gets $500. And even non-finalists receive a $100 scholarship award.

Throughout the evening, the contestants participated in different activities showcasing their talent, poise and personality.



Sylvia Castellanos

La Kia Simms, winner of the 2003 Miss La Verne Scholarship, is crowned by former queen Julianne Ibarra. From left: Raina Becerra, first runner-up, is consoled by Katrina Ordonez. Simms received a $1,200 scholarship for winning the contest.

"I had been in the pageant last year, and I play the saxophone," McLaughlin said. "I had my talent and I wanted to participate again."

Each woman also presented her platform, that is a social issue that holds great meaning and interest to her.

The women had been working on their platforms since October, they said.

Contestants talked of their personal experience connecting them to their issue.

Just before the crowing, Julianne Ibarra, Miss La Verne 2002, said her final farewell, expressing her gratitude and appreciation for the experience that she described as an opportunity to serve the city of La Verne.

Ibarra removed her crown and waved goodbye as she walked off the stage.

"It was good that they showed Miss La Verne 2002, say goodbye," said Martha Espinosa, an audience member. "It made the evening very personal."

The judges compiled their scores, and chose who they felt could uphold the title of Miss La Verne 2003.

Two other awards, besides the title Miss La Vern were given.

Simms was named "Most Photogenic 2003," and Colleen Boland received the "People's Choice Award 2003."

Simms said she chose to participate in the Miss La Verne contest because she was a contestant in the Miss Lakewood pageant previously.

She said she "wanted the experience and excitement to meet other women participating and just have fun."

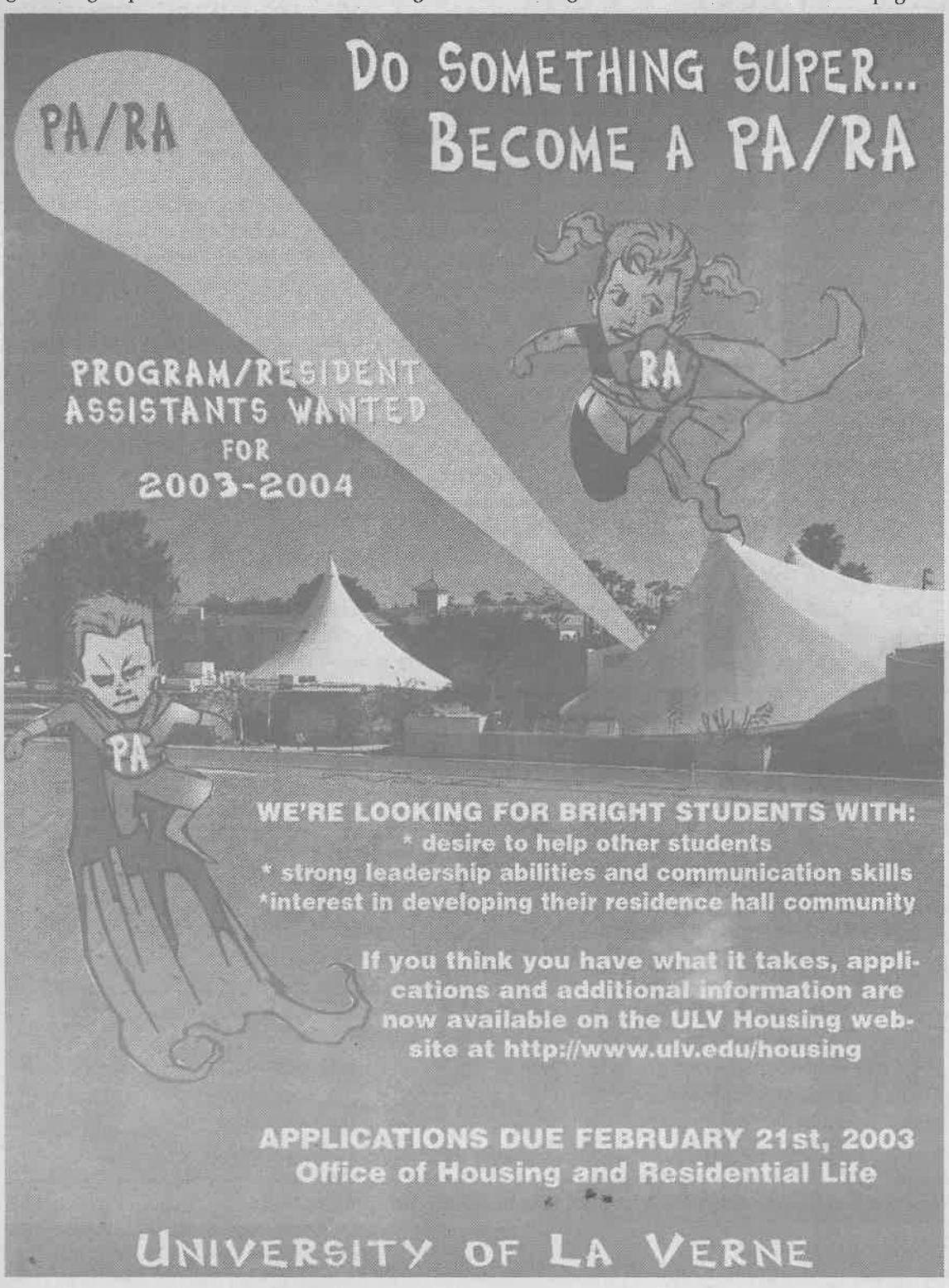
Her platform had to do with placing foster children in safe and nurturing homes.

She said this was a passion of hers, not only because her mother works at a foster agency, but because she was inspired by her grandmother, who had adopted her cousin whose mother had died.

She also wanted the chance to win a scholarship prize.

As Miss La Verne 2003, Simms will have many responsibilities as a representative of the city of La Verne, including special making appearances at events and ribbon cuttings.

But the role she said she is most looking forward to is that of role model for youth, especially foster children, who, as she put it: "With any and all of my ability, I would like to do all that I can," she said.



Debate...

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expanding and shaping world outlook.

"Africa is a land of contrast," said fellow ULV debater Nathan Baca.

"You can see wonderful natural beauty. You can see that the law says that people should have an equal chance, but you're reminded that even though the laws change, society takes a while to change with it," he said.

La Verne Team B of Nathan Baca, senior, and Juan Garcia, senior, placed 74th, and La Verne Team C of Elissa Salas, junior, and Nikkia Williams, senior took 163rd place at Worlds.

Additionally Senior Jennifer Contreras was selected as an Octofinal Adjudicator, placing her among the top 40 of over 200 judges for Worlds.

In the Grand Final, the University of Cambridge took the championship.

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Motivational Speaker

Artist and motivational speaker Eric Wahl will present his program "The Art of Vision" at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 18 in Founders Auditorium.

Art Exhibit

"Particles and Waves," an art exhibit of paintings on laminated Plexiglas, opened Feb. 9. The artwork, by Eric Zammitt, will be on display in the Harris Art Gallery until March 7.

Faculty Recital

Paul Stein, violinist and Timothy Durkovic, pianist will perform a faculty recital as part of the Spring Concert Series. The concert will be at 8 p.m., Feb. 18 in Founders Auditorium. General Admission is $5, and is free for students.

Photo Exhibit

"Kevin Hass: Finding Color," a photo exhibit featuring the day-to-day life in America and Cuba, is currently on display at the Irene Carlson Gallery in Miller Hall. The photos will be exhibited until Feb. 21.

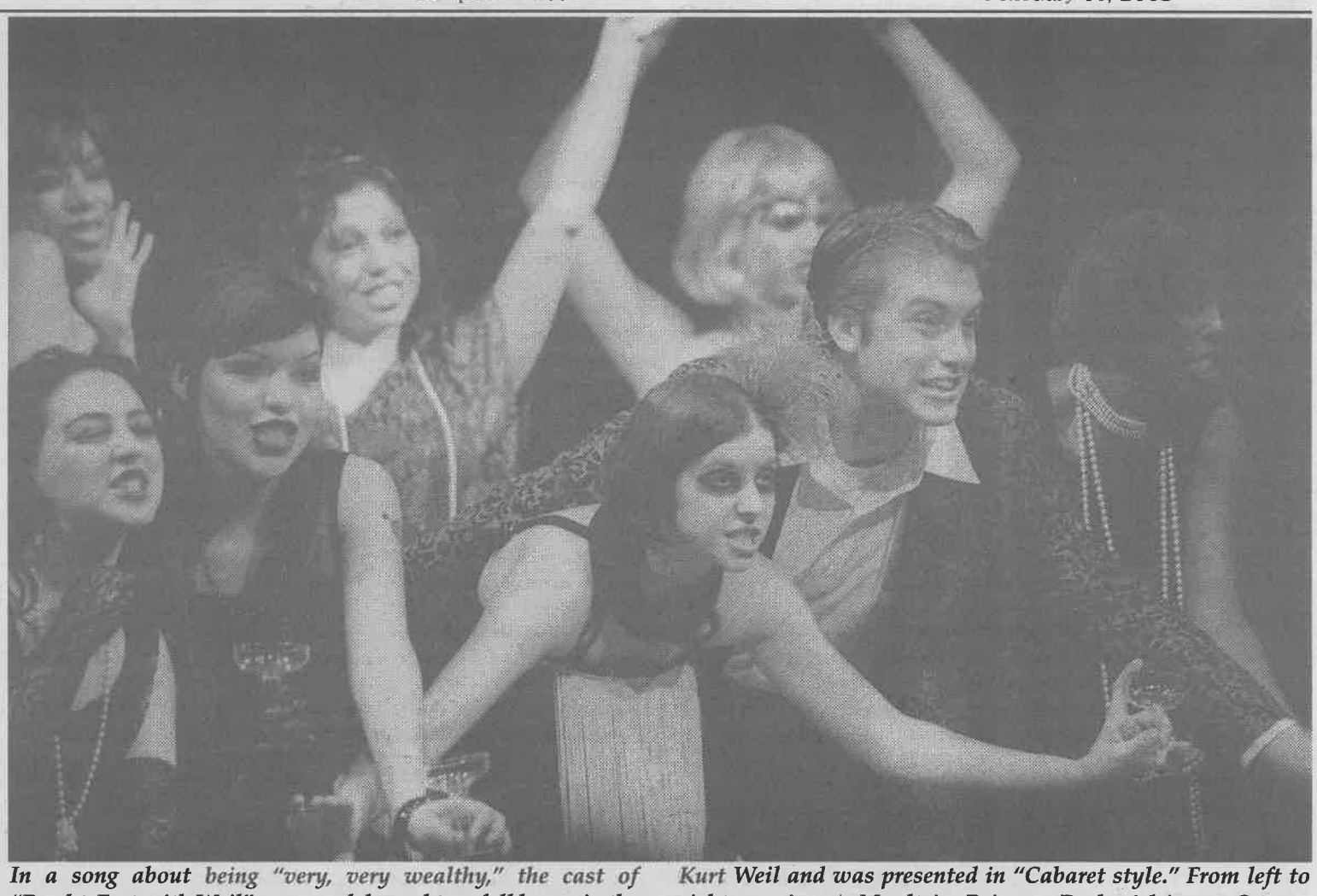
Movies

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner star in the latest comicbook saga turned big screen thriller "Daredevil." The film opens today nationwide.

Academy Awards Nominations

On Tuesday, the nominees for the 75th annual Academy Awards were announced. The nominees in the Best Picture Category are "Chicago," "Gangs of New York," "The Hours," "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" and "The Pianist." The winners will be announced at the awards show March 23, 2003.

—Rebecca Cooper



In a song about being "very, very wealthy," the cast of "Brecht-Fest with Weil", sang and danced to a full house in the Cabaret, Friday night. The show, which ran from Feb. 4 to 8, combined poetry and prose from Bertolt Brecht and music from Kurt Weil and was presented in "Cabaret style." From left to right are Ayana Moultrie, Brianna Roth, Adrianna Ortega, Sarah Morales, Whitney Wickman, Jonathan Serret, James Darrah and Bjana Washington.

'Brecht-Fest with Weil' dazes audiences

by Rima Thompson

photography by Jennifer Contreras

The University of La Verne's theater and music department's presentation of Brecht-Fest with Weill was definitely a show within a show.

Steve Kent, director of the institute for conscious acting, directed the Cabaret-style play, and Scott Farthing, chairman of the music department, did the musical direction.

The ambiance of the theater was mesmerizing and delightfully surprised the audience with a club-like atmosphere. Bistro tables replaced the usual rows of chairs, and to complete the setting, waitresses graciously waited on each table.

The costumes complemented the stories being told. Especially noticeable were the costume and makeup design for Chris Smith and Anthony Guerrero, who respectively played Mack, the club owner, and Clive Destrous, a Cabaret performer.

These two actors brought natural humor to their characters. Their unique line gestures perfectly matched their characters' personality.

The other actors and actresses seemed to be into the spirit of the play, which made it an enjoyable feature for most to participate in.

"I really enjoyed it, and anyone who hasn't seen it is missing out," said sophomore Wanda Groppi.

The Cabaret's plot, although difficult to grasp at times, touched upon many issues relevant to today. It discussed serious issues like poverty and the roles of women and minorities in society – issues that society tends to shun away from.

However, although performers intended to address serious issues, much of the comedy, such as the drag queen, seemed unnecessary due to its distracting nature. Additionally, the audience lacked previous knowledge of the composer and poet, so it was difficult to fully understand the content of the performances.

Despite minor problems in attempts to understand the plot, most audience members greeted them with nothing but praise.

"I think a big part of the play was to reach out to the troubled youth about taking responsibility for their own actions," said freshmen Cassie Hoeffer.

A desire to connect the music and theater departments, as well as teaching familiar students, inspired Kent to approach Farthing about doing a January class where they would plan and put together an original Cabaret.

They decided to incorporate the music of Kurt Weill and the poetry of Bertolt Brecht. Kent said most of the student population has probably not heard of either of those men.

"I got permission to use any Kurt Weill songs," Kent said. "Most people are not aware that Brecht was a poet as well as a playwright. Most people are aware of his plays, which can be a little didactic."

The cast went through a selection process of the songs and poems to be used, and then the formation of characters began.

Farthing worked with the students in the morning to talk about the songs and interpretation. Kent worked with them in the afternoon, talking to them about putting the show together. After awhile, they teamed up to work together with the performers.

"It was quite an experience developing the characters," said sophomore cast member Bjana Washington. "Understanding what a Cabaret is was a starting point for us. And then developing and establishing how we were going to portray the Cabaret and do it justice was another main focus."

Washington played Ashton Lundia, a young undercover journalist interning at a newspaper who was writing a documentary on Cabaret life.

"My character is very sarcastic, easily irritated and one of the showgirls," Washington said.

Sophomore Christina Massengale, who played Sharlene "Shar" Church, the club owner that looked after the girls, said in order to help develop their roles, each actor came up with an animal that would represent them the best.

"I was a lioness," Massengale said. "A lioness hunts for her pack and looks over her pack to make sure that they are secure."

Washington said Kent wanted each character to have a story and past to bring their character to life.

The cast members watched movies and studied costumes and makeup designs from the 1920s. They studied

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Television Review

In defense of Michael Jackson

Taylor Kingsbury
Staff Writer

ABC's 20/20 special "Living With Michael Jackson" promised the most intimate look ever granted into the life of the legendary and infamous former pop sensation.

Journalist Martin Bashir spent an unprecedented eight months with Jackson, giving him an opportunity no other media entity has ever had: the chance to present a balanced journalistic study of one of the most intriguing public figures in America.

Unfortunately for the long-beleaguered "King of Pop," the American media has conjured so much sensationalism that most descriptions are unflattering.

Bashir apparently followed the groundwork laid out by his American media counterparts by forgetting the most important aspect of the complex entity known as Michael Jackson: human being.

It's about time someone said something nice about Michael Jackson. So here it is...

Jackson has every right to be outraged at this presentation of his life, and Bashir is the lowest form of media scum: a gossip-seeking muckraker in the guise of a professional journalist.

It is apparent that artificial charm was used to disarm Jackson, leaving him off guard as the journalist asked the big questions in the final interview. It is also clear that Jackson developed genuine trust in his interviewer.

Things began rather smoothly, with Bashir inquiring into Jackson's creative process and gaining insight into the artist's performing mindset. However, things took a sinister turn before the first commercial break, when Bashir let his true motives shine through, asking Jackson "You would rather climb a tree than make love?"

Fittingly, the majority of the interviews in the final edit all revolved around Jackson's sex life. Even when showing the pop star surrounded by children who seemed to genuinely adore him, there were strong implications that Bashir sensed impropriety on the part of Jackson.

There was also extended attention paid to the sexual abuse allegations Jackson settled out of court in 1993. Although Jackson was never charged with a crime, he was found guilty by the court of the American public, and Bashir spent time on this topic that was undue. Still, the British journalist seemed to genuinely connect with our citizens, knowing that in America, if there's no new dirt to dig up, we just dig up the old repeatedly.

Bashir also questioned Jackson's parental fitness, and seemed genuinely horrified to meet the pop star's children, who wore elaborate masks during the telecast. If Bashir had any sense of humanity, he might have taken a moment to ponder that perhaps Jackson is smart for keeping his children's faces out of the public eye. By doing this, he is sparing them the public scrutiny he has endured since childhood.

We have put Jackson in a situation where he can do no right, which is why "Invincible," his attempt at a comeback album, was mocked and lauded. Sure, it's not that great, but think about it: could you produce a good essay with your instructor leering over your shoulder inspecting every stroke of your pen? How much harder would it be to know that no matter how good your essay was, you would still get an F?

Because we are so repulsed by Jackson, everything he touches is tainted. When he makes tepid, uninspired Michael Jackson knock-offs, he is criticized and dismissed. Yet, when Justin Timberlake does the same thing, he is met with critical and commercial praise.

Perhaps the most telling moment of the broadcast came when Jackson took his children to the zoo to see a gorilla exhibit. As he gathered at the glass, the camera pulled back, revealing the scene behind his entourage: a huge crowd of onlookers and a frenzy of flashing cameras. As Jackson and his loved ones watched the zoo exhibit, they became one.

Yes, there is something inherently disturbing about a man whose appearance has changed so dramatically denying he did anything to cosmetically assist his metamorphosis. Granted, it is very strange that a man who was black for most of his life has three children with glaringly white skin. And, sure, Jackson did provide two drastically conflicting stories describing the circumstances behind the birth of his third child. But none of that matters. Do you know why?

Because it's none of our freaking business.

The public seems to believe we have the right to know every detail about our celebrities. We want to know who they are having sex with, how much money they make, what their Crib looks like, and every other lurid detail of their lives outside the spotlight. Enough already.

Unless your child is one of the "many children" Jackson admits sharing his bed with, that is none of your business either. You can get grossed out, offended, or merely shocked, but don't forget the key non-sexual reason that children constantly surround Michael Jackson: the guy lives at an amusement park. If you were a kid, you would want to spend the night there too.

Of all our public figures, Michael Jackson has taken the most media abuse. It's time to put a stop to it. From now on, when we think "Michael Jackson", let us think about "Off The Wall," "Thriller," and "Bad," which, despite its horrid cover photo, was still a damn good record.

So America, let's start minding our own business and stop kicking a man while he's down.

Brecht...

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costumes and designs from the 1920s. They also studied Cabaret performers, Brecht and Weil, to get an idea of what to do for their characters.

"We started to understand the history and just how amazing theater and Cabaret work could be," Washington said.

Besides developing characters, the cast was also responsible for designing the set and lighting. Preparation involved working weekday's during interterm from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on the weekends during the last two weeks before opening night on Feb. 4.

"We became like a family," Massengale said. "We ate lunch and dinner together, and went to the movies three times."

The basic premise of the play was the study of Cabaret, Kent said. He wanted the students to get an idea of what it was like to do everything in theater.

"I also wanted to teach them intuitive," Kent said. "Don't wait around to be asked to do a role."

Washington said that Kent is a man that knows what he wants and what he wants to portray.

"He tries to inspire us to give us the intuitive to accomplish what we want. He guides us," Washington said.

Massengale said that she is a better performer because of Kent.

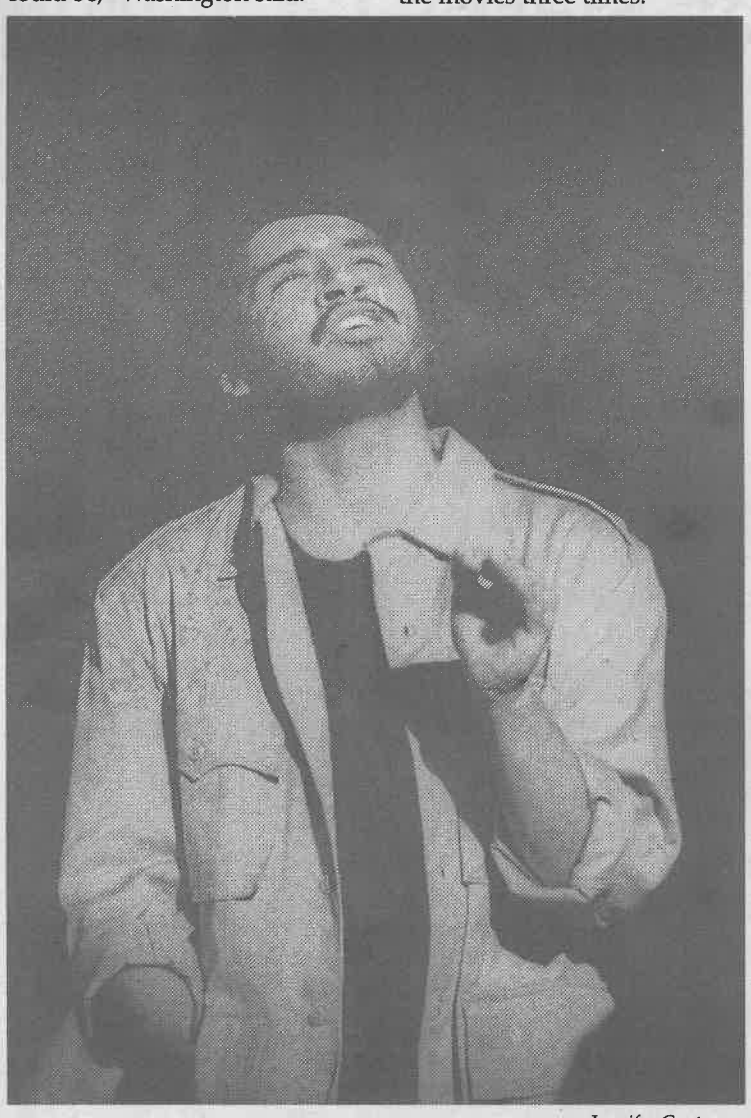
"I am better at trying to be an actress because of Steve. He knows how to pull people in," Massengale said.

As for Farthing, Massengale and Washington said he was wonderful in helping them mold the songs to portray.

"He made a conscious effort in trying to create the right essence of what the songs were trying to say," Washington said.

Both Massengale and Washington enjoyed doing the Cabaret and learned a lot from it.

"It was a very fulfilling experience. It helped me understand what it would be like to be involved in a theater company from the ground up," Massengale said.



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As "Raoul," junior theatre major Eli Hernandez plays the poet/playwright who directed Brecht-Fest with Weil. Hernandez's character says that he "very much agrees with Brecht's theories, which deal with making the audience 'think' about what they are seeing in the theatre and 'why'." Twenty-two actors performed various songs, monologues and scenes from playwright Bertolt Brecht and composer Kurt Weil, was showcased in the Cabaret last week. .

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Leopard women shutout by Pitzer

Lori Waters
Staff Writer



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Desiree Whipperman, junior, plants her feet firmly as she follows through on a backhand shot to her Sagehen opponent. The ULV women's tennis team played Pomona-Pitzer on Friday. The Leopards were shutout by the Sagehens, 8-0.

The University of La Verne women's tennis team was defeated by the Sagehens of Pomona-Pitzer on Feb. 7.

Michelle Fontanez and Lacy Cascadden teamed up and played a tough game, and, although there were many solid plays, the Leopards were defeated 8-0.

"I think that we should work on our volleys and serves," Fontanez said.

While that was the action on court No. 1, on court No. 2, Paige Hanawalt and Michelle Tang played a competitive doubles match.

Though they were defeated 8-2, Hanawalt and Tang played a tough game with many great rallies.

"We played well, though there were a lot of forced errors on our part," Tang said.

On court No. 3, Desiree Whipperman and Emily Hofer were defeated 8-0.

"Every game went long; we just couldn't finish," Whipperman said.

"We really need to work on playing a more aggressive doubles game and finishing the game competitively," said head coach Brian Harrison.

Harrison also said that Pitzer is a pretty deep team. They have a lot of competitive athletes.

On Feb. 4, the Leopards battled Biola University. Although they were defeated, ULV's top three players were Cascadden, Tang and Fontanez.

"They played a really good singles game, and they had a lot of great opportunities," Harrison said.

"This season should go well, though we are still in the process of building the tennis program at La Verne," Harrison said.

"We've got a really good group of girls this year; we've been doing a lot of stuff on and off the court to build better games."

ULV's next match will be against Occidental College at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Los Angeles.

LV embarrasses Kingsmen at Sierra La Verne

Matt Paulson
Sports Editor

In its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference match of the year, the University of La Verne golf team defeated Cal Lutheran by a comfortable margin of 17 strokes on Monday at Sierra La Verne Country Club.

ULV was led by medalist Joe Skovron, a junior who posted an even-par 71. Just three strokes behind was freshman James Pearce, who put up a front-nine 33, and struggled to a back-nine 41 for a total of 74: the second best score in the match.

Skovron, who is normally ULV's top player, struggled throughout January. In fact, Skovron qualified at ULV's fifth spot, when he is usually at least in the top two on the Leopard squad.

"It was awful," he said.

With Monday's 71, though, Skovron "found something" in his swing.

Head coach Rex Huigens remarked that it was nice to see Skovron pull himself out of the funk he had been in throughout the preseason.

Pearce's 33 on the front nine started off with an eagle on the first hole of his collegiate career. He then backed up the eagle by draining a 30-foot birdie putt on the second hole after being struck in the shoulder by a stray tee shot.

On the back nine, Pearce caught an unlucky break on the tenth green, which resulted in a three-putt bogey. That three putt would set the tone for the rest of the back side, in which he grinded to a score of 41.

"I felt good about the 33, but I had some bad luck [on the back nine]," Pearce said. "I put myself in some of the wrong spots."

Even with Pearce's score coming in, Skovron felt optimistic about the freshman's potential.

"I think he's got the ability to go low," Skovron said.

The Leopards recorded a team score of 301 on their difficult home track. Cal Lu trudged its way to a team score of 318. ULV's worst score of the six golfers that played in the match was an 80. This equaled Cal Lu's second-best score of the day.

Part of the reason for the one-sidedness of Monday's match was the home-course advantage that ULV possesses with Sierra La Verne, especially on the back nine.

"We've got a pretty big home course advantage," Skovron said. "The back nine just gets to people, no matter who we play. It's pretty hard for us to lose at home."

Although the Leopards trounced the Kingsmen, Huigens expressed that the team has much room for improvement.

"We are capable of playing much better than we did," Huigens said.

His disappointment is based mainly on the high expectations he holds for the team and the expectations the players hold for themselves.

For a long time, the school record was a team score of 297 in a match, Huigens said. Now, the Leopard squad expects to shoot less than 300 in every match in which it plays.

"Our expectations are so much higher than they've ever been, and our capabilities are so much higher than they've ever been," Huigens said.

He said this year, the Leopards boast "the best depth we've ever had, maybe the best team we've ever had, but time will tell."

Another strength that has added to the Leopards' arsenal is the addition of two freshman, both of whom qualified for spots in Monday's meet – Pearce and Doug Green, who posted a modest 79.

"They're going to help make us better," Huigens said.

Skovron forecasted that both Pearce and Green were going to be "mainstays in the lineup" throughout the year.

After a trip to the last two national tournaments, the

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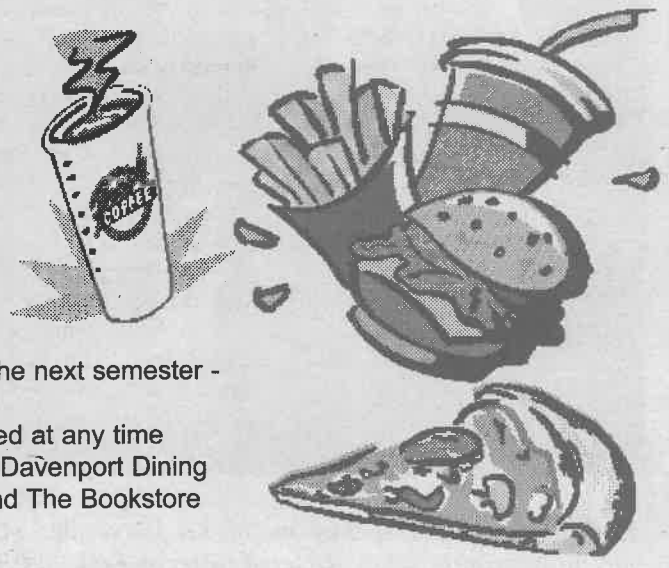

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Volleyball surprises Trojans in first

Matt Paulson
Sports Editor

After taking the first game of its Feb. 4 match, in which the University of La Verne men's volleyball team hosted Division I counterpart, University of Southern California, the Leopards then dropped the next three games of the match to lose by a score of 3-1.

The USC Trojans have lifted the National Collegiate Athletic Association title four times in the last 26 years – 1977, 1980, 1988, and 1990 – along with a barrage of second places to supplement those titles. At home, in the last 26 years, the Trojans hold an impressive record of 209-62, which translates into an astounding .771 winning percentage.

In game one, though, it was obvious that no one bothered to tell this to the Division III Leopards. ULV fired its way to a massive lead by the end of the game. USC managed a small comeback, but it would not prove to be enough, as the Leopards ended the game at 30-22 in their favor.

ULV dominated play at the net, hitting for a team percentage of .219, with 16 kills, while holding the Trojans to only seven kills on 28 attempts with 10 errors, for a lackluster percentage of -.107.

Game two displayed the closest competition out of the four throughout the match. The two teams traded sideouts until the score reached 29-28, with ULV ahead. But, after a Leopard miscue on game point, USC regained possession to tie the score at 29. The Trojans then rallied off two consecutive strikes to secure the victory and tie the match at one game apiece.

"The second game took a lot out of us physically and emotionally," said senior Nate Silva. "To work so hard and come out with a loss was really hard for us to respond to."

The conclusion of the second game seemed to let the wind out of the proverbial Leopard sails, and the third game displayed evidence of this. The Trojans regained control of play at the net, holding ULV to a relatively minuscule hitting percentage of .031, with 11 errors and 12 kills, while making only three errors on 12 kills themselves.

"The guys just mentally let down. A loss like that is hard for anybody to battle back," said associate head coach Morgan Coberly. "They got in a funk."

Game four displayed much closer competition, but ultimately, the Leopards found themselves unable to bounce back from the disappointing second and third game losses, as USC took the fourth game and the match by respective scores of 30-25 and 3-1.

Offensively, the match appeared statistically to have been an even battle.

ULV mounted 57 kills and a hitting percentage of .181, while the Trojans put away 46 kills for a slightly higher team percentage of .224.

"We were just going through the motions," said freshman Matt Cornell.

"That third game just killed us, and it hurt us in the fourth game too," Coberly said in reference to USC's edge late in the match.

Coberly went on to site good scouting on the part of USC's coaching staff.

"They had a good blocking scheme," Coberly said. USC managed to shut down senior Dave Engle, who is generally a "high percentage hitter," Coberly said.

They also served short balls to the Leopards, which, Coberly said, "threw us off."

New faces on the ULV roster this year, Cornell and senior transfer Brad Evans, led the Leopards in kills with match totals of 20 and 14, respectively. Cornell hit for a solid percentage of .293, while Evans was not far behind with .192. Combined, the two received the majority of the Leopard offensive looks, accumulating about half of senior Scott Alley's sets.

Coberly called Evans and Cornell the "best offensive guys all season."

"(Cornell) is a true freshman, and we've been looking to him to step up. This is the best he's played," Coberly said.

"To have a freshman put up big numbers against such a big team is truly impressive," Silva said.

The loss to a Division I school definitely does not hurt the Leopards, Coberly said, but if ULV had won, it would have helped tremendously in the national polls. Another advantage to a win over a Division I squad is the confidence boost it breeds.

"Based on the first game, if we all play together, we can beat any one at any time," Cornell said.

It also teaches the team a new way to play, Coberly said.

"Against Division I teams, you have to play ugly, play defensive," Coberly said.

Next week, ULV hosts more tough competition in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic foe California Baptist.

With a 3-0 win over UC San Diego, who is ranked above USC in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I-II poll, and a 3-2 loss to fourth-ranked Division I competition Pepperdine, Cal Baptist has secured a 6-3 overall record and the top ranking in NAIA.

A large roadblock in the way of Leopard success against the Lancers will be the obvious height advantage held by Cal Baptist.

The Lancers' roster includes five players at 6 foot 5 inches or more, including two at 6 foot 10 inches and 6 foot 11 inches. ULV's tallest player is middle blocker Nate Silva, who is listed at 6 foot 6 inches.

Coberly called Cal Baptist a "huge, but streaky team."

"They're intimidating, but you have to stay consistent, keep the ball in play and wait for them to go on a bad streak," Coberly said.

ULV will host the Lancers at 7 p.m., Tuesday in the Supertents.

"They're monsters, and we're going to have to play a really good game to beat them," Coberly said.

Men drop opener to Sagehens, 7-0

Antonette Manabat
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's tennis team played its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game Friday against high-ranking Pomona-Pitzer.

The Leopards struggled but fought without two key players, as they lost to the Sagehens, 7-0.

ULV had to start its season without top seed, junior Josh Horwitz, who is injured with a sprained ankle.

"Josh is being very optimistic. He wanted to play today, but it will probably be another week; we want him to be 100 percent," said head coach Steve Bergovoy.

Also missing was sophomore Todd Hurst, who will miss the beginning of the season due to his prior commitment to the ULV men's basketball team.

"It is unfortunate that we have to start off the season without Josh and Todd, but it's not keeping us down, we're going to make up for them," said junior Chad Rodriquez.

Both are not only expected back on the court but are also expected contribute to the Leopards' success this season.

With Hurst and Horwitz out of the line-up, Rodriquez moved up to No. 1 singles.

Rodriquez, who is usually teamed up with Horwitz as the No. 1 doubles pairing, played with junior Jason Cortez.

"It wasn't hard playing with Jason. He pumps me up, and we know each other as well as each other's game," Rodriquez said.

As every doubles team was quickly defeated by the Sagehens, Rodriquez and Cortez held on strong, but eventually lost, 8-5.

Still, the Leopards held on to their hope.

"We did a lot better than I expected," Cortez said. "It was a close score, and they just outplayed us on key points. It could've gone either way."

Last season Pomona-Pitzer finished No. 4 in SCIAC, and ULV was No. 5. Pomona was also ranked 23rd in the nation last year, Bergovoy said.

ULV has only played two matches this year: Azusa Pacific University and Pomona-Pitzer.

In both, the Leopards came out winless, but Bergovoy still thinks positively.

"Both teams have taught us a lesson. We are learning, and we are right on schedule," Bergovoy said.

The team has been in one of the nation's most competitive conferences, and this year is no exception.

Bergovoy hopes to finish No. 5 or better, but he is looking for more than standings from his team this season.

"I'm looking more for players to find themselves in the game and improve as individuals. I'm also looking forward to some upsets," Bergovoy said.

"We're a young team, and we're doing great; we only have one senior, so every game is a learning experience," Horwitz said.

The next match for the Leopards is at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion against Occidental College.

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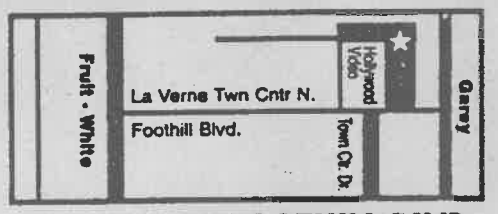

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ULV masters the 'Stangs in opener

• Baseball goes 2-0 Saturday

Chrissy Zehrbach
Assistant Editor

Setting a precedent for the 2003 season, the University of La Verne baseball team swept Master's College in the season-opening double header Saturday in Santa Clarita.

Strong offense was the key aspect for the Leopards as they dominated over the Mustangs.

In the first game, La Verne got off to a quick start, scoring two runs in the first and third innings and continued its success with eight in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Junior pitcher Scott Lindeen gave up only one run in each of the first, fifth and sixth innings for a final score of 16-3.

Junior outfielder Daniel Soriano and designated hitter Aaron Mendoza led the team in hitting with three hits each, including a homerun apiece.

The second game was a closer contest in the early innings.

After the Leopards scored one run in the first, the Mustangs came back to tie the game at one apiece.

They would also answer La Verne's single run in the third with their own in the fourth to tie the game at two.

It was in the fifth inning that the Leopards took the reins and jumped on a big lead with four more runs, followed by one in the sixth and three in the seventh.

The Mustangs continued to struggle with their at-bats as they could only produce one final run in the seventh inning off freshman reliever Michael Bockstahler, resulting in a 10-3 win for ULV.

"The guys have an understanding of what we need to do offensively," Winterburn said. "We have a good opportunity to hit the ball with a little more power than the last couple years."

In the series against Master's, the Leopards scored 26 runs off 25 hits, while defensively, they allowed only six runs off the Mustangs' 15 hits.

"We ran our offense fluidly and created great opportunities to score some runs," said senior third baseman Derek King.

"We played really well and did a good job coming out and implementing the things we've worked on in practice," Winterburn said. "Games are an extension of practice. We will need to stay focused on the little things it takes to win."

"Pitching is going to be key," Bockstahler said in regards to the season.

Winterburn will look to his 10-man pitching staff this season to execute and lead the defense with strong starts and relief.

"The true test of our staff is going to the bullpen," Winterburn said.

As it exhibited Saturday, the squad is strong this year.

"This is the strongest group we've had in my three years here," Winterburn said. "We're a deeper team in the field than we've been in the past."

The Leopards return 17 players from last year's roster and welcome 11 new players to the program.

Winterburn said the newcomers will be a big contribution to the team.

"The new players will fill the holes in our team that needed to be filled," he said.

Carrying a big team will create a lot of opportunities and lend a lot of support to the team.

"The season will depend on how well players come off the bench and help the team," Soriano said.

This season, the Leopards' main focus will be preparation. Winterburn said he plans to take it one game at a time and prepare for each game individually and complete the objectives.

"Winning is nice, but my goal for this group is to prepare for every opponent like it means something," Winterburn said. "Then, at the end of the season, someone will tell you where you rank.

"We have a tough schedule ahead of us," Winterburn said. "I'm looking forward to finding out more about what the team can do as we play."

The Leopards, who placed third in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last season, will also look to improve their 22-16 overall record (10-8 in SCIAC).

"I expect very good things this season," King said. "I'll be very disappointed if we don't have a good run in SCIAC."

The Leopards will begin conference play with games against Claremont at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at Ben Hines Field and 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 in Claremont.

Golf...

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Leopards' goals for this season do not change dramatically.

"We need to win conference," said junior Joey Murray.

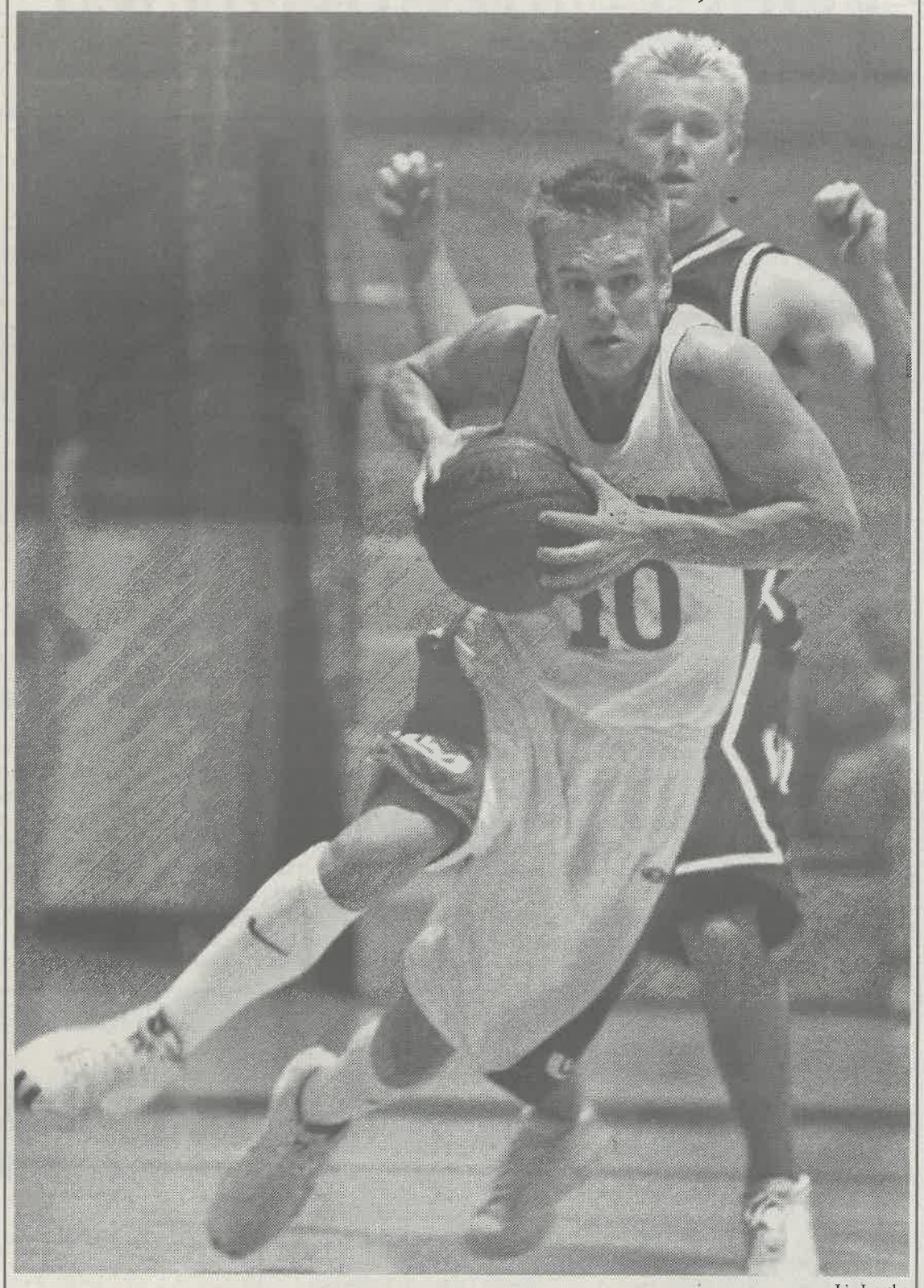
"We need just to win every match," Skovron said. If the Leopards achieve this, it will negate the necessity of regaining ground on the final 36 holes of the season in the conference tournament.

The biggest obstacle in the way of a conference title is the University of Redlands, Huigens said.

Redlands, last year's conference champion by 2-1/2 points over ULV, made a strong showing in the Ken Sherman kickoff, which the Bulldogs hosted. The Bulldogs finished at even par, defeating the closest competition, ULV, by 13 strokes.

The Leopards' march to a conference title continues when they tee off at 12:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 18 against Occidental after a cancellation of the Feb. 12 match against Claremont due to unplayable course conditions caused by this week's rain.

Leo basketball defeats Poets, 93-85



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Junior Marc McCoy (No. 10) was fouled by Whittier's Erik Giesler (No. 22) with 2:30 remaining in ULV's Feb. 5 game. McCoy shot 15 for 16 from the free throw line and helped with the Leopards' 93-85 win over the Poets. The game marked the end of the first round of SCIAC play. The men's basketball team is 14-6 overall this season (4-5 in SCIAC).

Uncle Sam summons Alley

Matt Paulson
Sports Editor

Scott Alley, senior setter and captain of the University of La Verne men's volleyball team and a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, has been activated as of 8 a.m., Thursday morning and forced to leave his teammates and ULV to serve his country.

Alley, who was originally recruited by associate head men's volleyball coach Morgan Coberly, a former Leopard setter, from Orange Coast College in the fall of 2000, is one of the best overall players in Division III volleyball and is undoubtedly the best setter in the country at Division III, Coberly said.

In addition, if he had played this year's entire season, Alley would have broken Coberly's career assists record that he has held since his stint as a player on the ULV men's squad, which ended in 1998.

"As a player, it really hurts to lose his leadership," Coberly said.

A large obstacle that Alley's leaving presents is ULV's responsibility to now "start over with a new setter a month into the season," said senior Josh Miller, who has known Alley since his days at Orange Coast.

Many of those associated with the ULV men's volleyball team will not miss Alley's consistency as the solid leader of their offense nearly as much as they will miss their buddy.

"It's losing a captain, a setter, and most of all: a friend," said senior middle blocker Dave Engle, who played against Alley in high school and with him at Orange Coast and ULV.

Alley oozes charisma and beems with personality; all those that come in contact with him remember him, for he leaves a lasting, positive impression on them, Engle said.

For those who know Alley, two words come to mind: hugs and smiles. Whenever one sees Alley anywhere, his perpetual smile is inevitably followed by a genuine hug just to say "hello."

"I found it really hard to wipe that goofy grin off his face," said senior libero Shane Haldeman, who has played with Alley since his arrival at ULV. "I'm just going to miss his zaniness. You always had to be on your toes with Scott because you never knew what he was going to do."

"Scotty's just not replaceable," said student athletic trainer Kira Au.

"It's still a little confusing," said Jared Dodson, who ran out of eligibility after last year's season, but has played with Alley since his arrival at ULV. "Does he really need to be over there?"

Most of the Leopards are struggling with the blaring unpredictability of Alley's situation.

"There is such uncertainty, not for our team or our season, but for our friend," said senior middle blocker Nate Silva.

"I don't know when I'll see him again or where he's going. It's a complete mystery," said Will Paulson, Leopard men's volleyball class of 2002.

"Saying good bye is just not appropriate," Engle said. "It's like saying 'See you later,' but you don't know exactly when."