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Peace fair has international focus

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LV Life Editor

For three days last week, the University of La Verne Peace Fair promoted diversity, education and peaceful alternatives to war and violence.

Associated Student Federation Forum President Kim Reed facilitated the Hunger Banquet, the fair's first event, which was co-sponsored by Oxfam, a hunger relief program.

"Their vision is empowering people who are oppressed, working from ground up," said Debbie Roberts, director of the University's peace studies program.

The ULV Peace Fair is an annual event, but the tone of this year's fair – given the state of world affairs – was decidedly more urgent that that of past years.

Students participating in the Hunger Banquet represented three distinct economic groups at one of three meals served:

The first was at a dining table with and a nice meal the second group sat on the ground with rice and water and the third group was given even less.

"You get to learn how tenuous your own economic class is," Roberts said.

Through this, students can understand how the global system works and how they want to contribute to the system, she said.

For another Peace Fair event, Gitty Amini, professor of political science, spoke to a crowd of more than 50 about the history of the Middle East and U.S. policy.

"We decided to have a teach-in about the impending war with Iraq," Roberts said.

Amini told the audience about how Iraq's history has contributed to the current problems they are having with the United States.

She started her talk with a history of the Middle East, explaining that until 1920 the region of Baghdad used to be known as Mesopotamia.

In the 20th Century, Iraq was still not a separate entity; first it was controlled by the Ottomans and later by the British, who gained control during World War I.

Amini said that most people in the Middle East are Arabs. The exceptions are in Iran, where there are Persians; Israel, where there are Jews and Turkey, home of the Turks, she said.

During the post war era, the main idea was to unite all Arabs into one nation, Amini said.

By the early 1960s, the Arabs ran the province, which they had taken by revolt from the British in 1958.

Saddam Hussein came into the pictore in the early 1970s.

His cousin Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr became president, and Hussein eventually beame vice president in 1973.

From 1973 to 1974 OPEC was at its peak, and the United States was the main target, Amini said.

Since the United States supported Israel in the Yom Kippur war, members of OPEC refused to sell oil to the United States.

Under the Baath party, the party under which Hussein still rules, it was believed that being anti-Israeli was one of the responsibilities of the Arab nation.

Hussein became president of Iraq in 1979 and cleared out any governments who were disloyal to him.

Hussein targeted Iran as a problem nation due to the Islamic Republic it had established.

Iran and the southern region of Iraq, which followed the Islamic republic, called to revolt against Hussein.

Hussein cut in half the Irani military in an attempt to consolidate power. In 1980, Hussein took advantage of Iran's weakness and declared war.

Iraq was supported by the United States because of the radical version of Islam that was established in Iran.

The war ended in a stalemate in 1988.

In 1990 Iraq faced a severe war debt, and Hussein claimed that he did not get any support from his neighbors. Also, he claimed that Kuwait was unfairly drilling into the oil fields. These were just excuses for Hussein to take over Kuwait.

In 1991, the United States led a coalition to force Iraq out of Kuwait.

In the early 1990s there were economic sanctions and weapon inspections, but in 1998, inspectors were expelled.

Nobody was watching what Hussein was doing, Amini said.

In November 2002, the United Nations Security Council sent inspectors to Iraq.

There was heated pressure by the United States, Amini said.

President Clinton was more interested in the Palestine-Israeli

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Career fair brings job opportunities

Amy Babin

Rosette Martinez, D.C., enthusiastically described programs and opportunities at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Senior biochemistry major Katrina Ordóñez is interested in acupuncture programs after her graduation from the University of La Verne. Ordoñez was among many students who visited the Career Fair on Tuesday in Sneaky Park. **Story on page 2.**

Students find book buying alternatives cheaper

Gloria Flores
Staff Writer

With so many college expenses, some students are trying to save their money by purchasing textbooks online rather than buying them at the University of La Verne bookstore.

"Coming up with $500 every semester isn't easy," said Erica Pembleton, freshman psychology major. "I never knew that buying text books on-line could save me money."

Dozens of web sites today are dedicated to helping customers shop and sell merchandise via the Internet. Many of these web sites function much like **eBay.com**, which has a mission to provide a global trading platform where, according to eBay representatives, "Practically anyone can trade practically anything."

Half.com is a product of eBay, which calls itself the world's online marketplace. **Half.com** lets people both buy and sell merchandise to each other through the Web site.

By trading books through **Half.com**, shoppers can easily search for specific titles or browse for items that are categorized and surrounded with product descriptions, reviews and artwork.

Sellers list items for sale by typing in a UPC code, ISBN or model number, selecting the item's condition and setting the sale price.

Half.com's president, Joshua Kopelman, created the site when he realized there were inefficiencies between the supply and demand for used mass-market items.

According to Kopelman, **Half.com** overcomes these inefficiencies and significantly streamlines the entire process of connecting people to buy and sell over the Internet.

Allbookstores.com goes a step beyond **Half.com** and creates a price comparison engine that searches more than 30 online bookstores with one click, saving the customer time and money.

Additionally, some on-line book search engines like **Alibris.com** work in conjunction with Borders, the large bookstore chain.

"Alibris is delighted to offer Borders' customers millions of books from around the world," said Martin Manley, president and CEO of **Alibris.com**. "Borders and Alibris have made it easy for any Borders customer to order a hard-to-find book. This is the kind of service that Borders customers have come to expect, and we are pleased to help them deliver."

Half.com user and freshman Liberal Studies major, Nancy Reyes, said, "Buying books this way was very convenient and economical for me."

But for students who have never shopped around for books on-line, the ULV bookstore has been their primary source for textbooks.

"I just never considered going anywhere else to buy my books," said Ryan Holland, sophomore communications major.

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Fair offers employment opportunities

Valerie Rojas
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne Career Development and Placement Center hosted the annual career fair Tuesday in Sneaky Park, giving approximately 35 corporations the opportunity to inform ULV students of positions in their businesses.

Companies such as Wells Fargo, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Mercury Insurance and the Los Angeles and Covina Police Departments, were in attendance.

Employers set up their booths, complete with fliers and informational packets, in hopes of attracting any promising future employees.

Billie Mills, a group counselor for the Riverside City Probation Department, was looking to recruit students interested in working in the juvenile hall system. Group counselor positions are available, as well as a position of Deputy Probation Officer.

Working as a group counselor is like a stepping stone into the probation department, Mills said.

The Deputy Probation Officer position, like many of the other positions offered at the fair, require completion of a certain number of college units, some requiring a bachelor's degree. For this reason, most of the employers were interested in students graduating this year.

"The fair is mostly designed for seniors," said ULV freshman April Cardoza, a student worker in the Career Center. "But it is helpful to anyone looking to get their foot in the door or find out more information about their major."

Although most businesses were offering paid employment, there were a few businesses interested in finding student volunteers.

The Brethren Volunteer Service is an organization dedicated to preserving basic human needs and the spreading of peace.

Volunteering with BVS offers little pay and a lot of dedication; but as representative Dena Gilbert said, this experience "will change your life forever. It is for those who want to make a difference in the world."

Many ULV students attended the fair looking to find careers specifically linked with their major.

Nancy Gonzalez, a ULV sophomore and criminology major, attended the career fair in hopes of finding out information about various police academies.

"The fair was really informative and helpful. I wasn't able to talk to anyone from the FBI, but I did find out about some interesting training programs," Gonzalez said.

Besides just offering students the chance to learn more about possible employment opportunities, the fair also gave different businesses and organizations the chance to gain some exposure.

ULV's Legal Studies Program gives students the opportunity to receive their professional credentials and paralegal certificate.

The fair helps to raise visibility of programs such as this one on campus, said Elizabeth Miller, a representative for the Legal Studies Program.

"I'm glad I decided to attend the fair," said ULV freshman Daisy Gonzalez. "I learned a lot of stuff that will come in handy when it's time to actually get a career in a few years."

Laura S. Kiralla, Career Development and Placement director at ULV, suggests a few things that students should do before they can get a job.

Using resources such as the Internet, the Career Center staff and the local community, the student can build a strong network with potential employees, while learning more details about the job search process, she said.

"The key is for all students to begin their job search early. It takes students an average of three to six months to find full-time employment after graduation," Kiralla said.

For more information about employment opportunities on and off campus, contact the ULV Career Development and Placement Center at (909) 593-3511 extension 4430. You can also find job opportinities by visiting **www.monstertrak.com** and click on "search jobs" and enter the password: leojobs.

Hollins presents research of the 'Tragic Mulatto'

•Professor speaks about internal struggle

Bailey Porter
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Out of 250 individuals who applied for the new modern languages writing faculty position at the University of La Verne, only three were selected to make presentations of their research.

Among them was Tamara Hollins, a visiting professor at ULV, who presented "Encountering the Tragic Mulatto" on March 4.

The purpose of these presentations, which are open to all ULV faculty and students, is to determine if the candidates possess qualities of scholarship that will give them respect in the scholarly community and their own community in ULV, said John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who was among the 10 faculty members who attended Hollins' presentation.

Janice Johnson, associate professor of English as a second language, said she looks for originality and the comfort level of the candidates when they present their topics of research and give a teaching demonstration.

"It's not just presenting your research, it is being able to connect," Johnson said.

Hollins' presentation is based on seven years of research on the mulatto identity, the subject of her dissertation for Claremont Graduate University where Hollins will graduate in May.

> 'I certainly appreciated her scholarly presentation. It broadened my perspective.'
> *—John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences*

Before coming to California, Hollins pursued undergraduate education at Hendricks College and has previously attended Benington College.

In her presentation, she explained that mulattos, people of mixed black and white heritage, carry with them confusion of identity in which there is a constant struggle.

Race is not a question of biology, Hollins said. It is a fight within oneself that the mulatto must face, and it is here that the conflict between self and other takes place.

The self is the mulatto's white heritage and the other, the mulatto's black heritage, she said.

Included in the presentation was a discussion of the novels and poetry used by Hollins in her research to determine how the mulatto was addressed in 19th and 20th century literature. Hollins read the poem "Mulatto" by Langston Hughes during her presentation, emphasizing, as the poem points out, that the struggle with one's identity as a mulatto never ceases.

Other literature Hollins mentioned included "Passing" by Nella Larsen, "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison and "Caucasia" by Danzy Senna.

Questions followed the presentation. Among the issues discussed was Hollins' use of mulatto to represent all people with black and white ancestry instead of using the complicated system of classification often used in society.

"Mulatto is a metaphor for the war between the self and the other," Hollins said. "In our world, and also in literature, when characters and people demonstrate a true understanding of how others are, then that can lead to being in the heterogeneous one."

Hollins has incorporated into her research such elements as the psychology of Jacques Lacan when describing the three ways one can assimilate: in behavior, passing or a way of seeing. Assimilation can reiterate racial hierarchy, Hollins said.

"I certainly appreciated her scholarly presentation. It broadened my perspective," Gingrich said, who sites that the most important rule in his opinion is that the candidate for such a position be a good teacher.

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ASF planning activities to entertain and educate

•Activities for next year lead agenda

Janah Valenzuela
Staff Writer

As the academic year is coming to an end, the Associated Student Federation Forum is working on the year's final events and starting to plan for the 2003-2004 calendar.

Last semester, ASF held several events, attended by many students. Cosmic Bowling, a popular event for commuters and campus residents alike, was held several times throughout the semester, including the week of Homecoming. Pizza and karaoke at Warehouse Pizza, was another event enjoyed by many students during Homecoming week. ASF also held the annual winter formal this year at the Sheraton Hotel. The organization held several school wide lunches in the quad as well.

ASF still has some events on the agenda for the rest of the spring semester. This week was "Body Image Week," with activities involving stress relief and sleep management, makeovers, mocktail night and yoga night. Other sponsors for the week's events included the Foothill Aids Project, Planned Parenthood and the University of La Verne's Counseling Center.

Scheduled for this month is Commuter Day, tentatively set for March 27. Commuter Day will include a club fair, school-wide lunch in the quad and a professional band.

In April, students can attend the "Heads versus Feds" debate. Additionally, Greek Week is scheduled for April.

May 2 is a comedy show. May 9 will feature the leadership banquet for ASF, Landis Scholars and Leadership Education and Development. There are also two more Cosmic Bowling nights scheduled for this semester.

As for the advocacy side of ASF, the federation is working on a peace rally with the Model United Nations club, said Travis Berry, vice president of ASF.

ASF is beginning to plan for next year's events, such as Homecoming and Winter Formal.

"We need a theme and activities for Homecoming Week," Berry said. "We are also starting to look for places to have the winter formal."

Ideas for next year's events include having more karaoke and pizza nights at Warehouse because of such a positive response during Homecoming Week, more school wide lunches and possibly sponsoring Orientation Week again. This year, ASF sponsored Orientation Week T-shirts.

Overall, ASF has been a hard working organization that has been successful with its activities and events thus far.

"I'm very happy with how the year went. We were able to incorporate activities students wanted," Berry said. " I am happy with our board; many of them are freshmen. They are very energetic and get business done. ASF has a promising future for the next few years."

Berry said he looks forward to having just as many activities next year. He also reminded students they are always welcome to bring their new ideas to the ASF meetings. Meetings are held at 3 p.m. every Friday in the West Dining Room.

News Briefs

Chocolate Festival

Bring your favorite chocolate treat to a "Chocolate Festival" 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., today in the Miller Hall Faculty Lounge.

MyULV running

The online student information system, formerly Banner 2000, has been re-launched on the University of La Verne Web site as "MyULV." Registration will be offered through this system starting November 2003. For more information call extension 4130.

Pray and Eat

Students, faculty and staff are invited to a "Pizza & Prayer" time in the West Dining Room from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday. For more information call extension 4686.

Summer Service

Applications are available in the University of La Verne chapel for the Summer Service program. The program involves 10 weeks of volunteer work. For more information call extension 4320.

—Kenneth Todd Ruiz

La Verne celebrates early Seder

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Jennifer Contreras

In the Jewish tradition of the Seder, Rabbi Leslie Bergson places matzoah into a ceremonial cloth at the University of La Verne's Model Seder on March 5 in the West Dining Room. Rabbi Bergson, Jewish chaplain for the Claremont Colleges led the seder was a retelling of the story of exodus in honor of peace week. Peace week was sponsored by the Peace Studies Program, Campus Ministry, MUN, ASF, Amnesty International and the Church of the Bretheren.

Last Wednesday, more than 50 people gathered in the West Dinning Room for a model Jewish Seder, a ritual dinner that was part history lesson, part sing-a-long and part training session.

Emcee for the semi-traditional dinner was Leslie Bergson, a guitar-wielding rabbi and Jewish chaplain of the Claremont Colleges.

"The Passover Seder is a meal that is also about teaching," Bergson said. "It's a stylized meal based on scripture, with an element of a Greek symposium. "We are all participants this evening, not spectators," she said before beginning.

And participate they did. Alternately reciting passages, prayers and songs while interacting with an array of symbolic food items, everyone present took turns reading aloud the story of Moses' liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

The vocal element is essential to the experience as the seder is a modern, living product of ancient oral traditions. Long before the advent of the Internet, or even Gutenberg's press, knowledge was passed on through the art of storytelling. These oral traditions were the only record of all human history, folklore and practical knowledge – easily lost without a living voice to tell them.

The absence of written rules, however, made it a powerfully dynamic process. Narrators could keep their stories relevant by updating and recasting them for new audiences. No longer a purely oral event, seders evolved to feature a Hagadah, which serves as a script for the ritual. In keeping with the flexibility of the oral tradition, the seder is not a strictly defined or dogmatic procedure. The Hagadah used by Bergson, "The Rainbow Hagadah," was written in 1984 by Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center. It draws parallels between the strife of the exodus and that of the 20th century.

"The Rainbow Hagadah" evinces an anti-war theme, emphasizing the horror of nuclear weapons:

"We are the generation that stands between the fires. Behind us is the flame and smoke that rose from Auschwitz and from Hiroshima. Before us is the nightmare of a flood of fire: a thermonuclear holocaust that could make every city a crematorium without a chimney."

This hagadah, or "telling," is only one of thousands that exist. There are countless thematic varieties of haggadot for audiences such as vegetarians, single-parents, feminists and Dr. Seuss fans. There was even a

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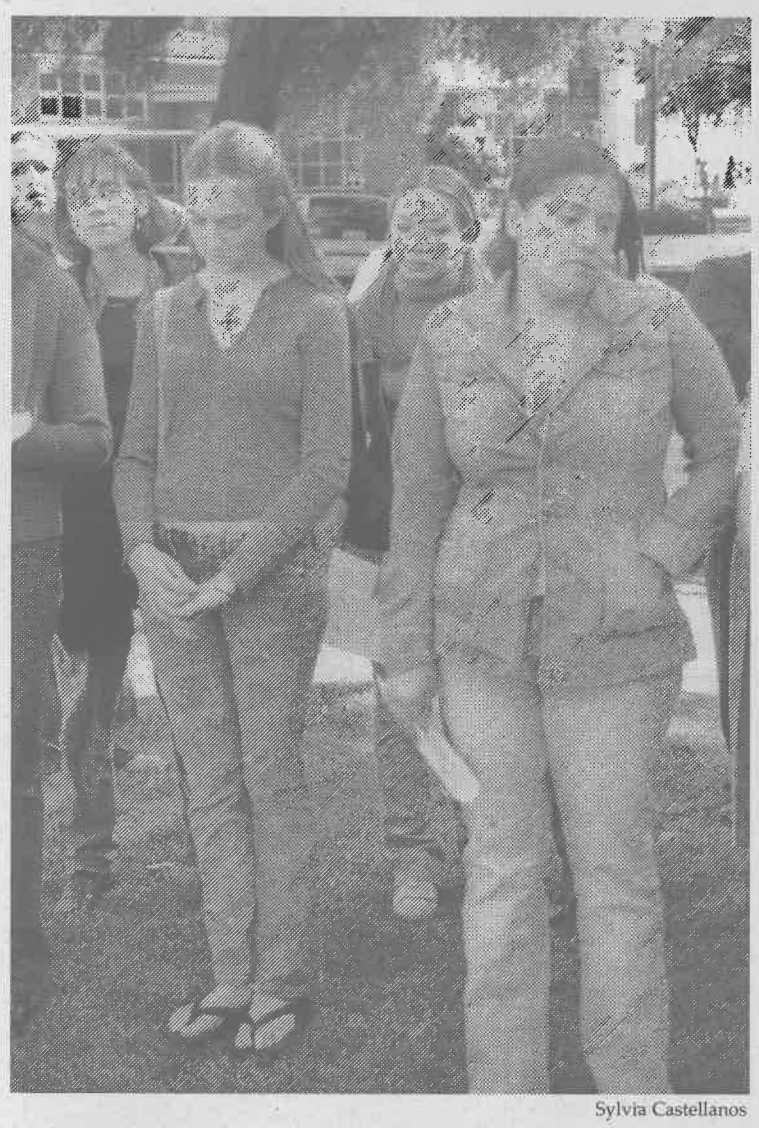
Students mark beginning of Lenten season



Sylvia Castellanos

From left, Zandra Wagoner, a Bonita High School student, Myra Ortega and Monique Flores attended the peace pole rally for Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes followed the rally for those observing Lent.

Monique Jimenez
Staff Writer

In keeping with the interfaith tone of last week's peace fair events, the University of La Verne Campus Ministry also held Catholic services March 5 in observance of Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in the Catholic religion.

There were three services throughout the day with the largest attendance at the noon service.

Services were officiated by a Protestant minister and a Catholic nun.

Since there is no longer a Catholic minister at ULV, Campus Minister Debbie Roberts distributed ashes throughout the day.

"Campus Ministry tries to administer to what the campus needs in nourishment and spiritual guidance, and ushering in of the Lenten season is a very important celebration," Roberts said.

Ash Wednesday was originally called Day of Ashes.

It is an observance during which Christians are invited to the altar to receive ashes in the shape of a cross on their foreheads.

When administering the ashes, the distributor says: "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return," from Genesis 3:19.

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burned palm leaves used in the previous year's celebration of Palm Sunday.

The burned palms are then blessed by a priest and distributed on Ash Wednesday.

Ashes and dust are an ancient symbol of penance. They have been used interchangeably to stress not only penance but also the inevitability of physical death.

On the Day of Ashes, many Catholics are seen with a cross of ashes on their forehead.

But when the tradition began, the penitents were supposed to wipe away the ashes on their forehead when they left the church.

The mark of the ashes was to be kept in their hearts instead.

"In the world today, any observance of peace and self awareness helps in the spiritual healing of people who are unsure and in need of guidance and solitude," said senior Gema Santiago.

The service symbolized a way to prepare the community to find inner peace amidst the impending war with Iraq.

"I have studied abroad, as well as traveled to many other countries, and the events that are occurring today are very negative," Santiago said.

"In taking some time on a day like Ash Wednesday, it helps me in my inner peace and reflectance." Santiago said.

One of the services had a peaceful mood, which was perfect for the occassion.

The service began as participants proceeded into the chapel while music played faintly in the background.

Everyone was welcomed to the service, and it started with an opening prayer.

Then a student participant read the first reading.

More music was played, and the community was asked to respond to short prayers.

"Forty percent of the campus is Catholic," Roberts said. "It is important to observe Ash Wednesday since it is one of the biggest Campus Ministry celebrations."

Everyone in the chapel stood to receive ashes.

The service ended with the closing prayer, allowing participants to reflect on the season of Lent.

The Lenton season lasts for the 40 days leading to Easter Sunday.

These 40 days are representative of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the desert.

There are actually 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, but the six Sundays that occur in this period are not considered part of Lent.

Summer service volunteers wanted

Desiree Quintero
Staff Writer

Summer Service is an opportunity to help others through volunteer work and community service. It consists of doing volunteer work for 10 weeks during the summer. Volunteer work can be served in California, Oregon, Washington or Idaho.

During the 10 weeks of service help out in whatever way possible, putting others ahead of themselves.

"Summer Service is a wonderful opportunity to develop personal, spiritual and service values," said Deborah Roberts, campus minister. "It is for every student who is interested in spending the summer in an environment where they are both receiving from and giving back to the greater community," Roberts said.

"You need to be interested in volunteer work, and be interested in being away from your normal world."

Volunteers may be needed in churches, child-care centers, nursing homes and centers for the homeless and hungry. There may be need at camps at churches, for handicapped youth, for inner city children and other such community-oriented programs as well.

During the 10 weeks of service, personal goals, spiritual goals and service goals are worked on.

"You're outside your own environment and your own comfortable setting; you can work on a connection with a force outside yourself, (and) you are doing a service by volunteering," Roberts said.

Several ULV students and alumni who have completed Summer Service said it was a positive experience.

"Summer Service is a life-changing experience," said junior Elissa Salas. "It is a really great program, encouraging students to have self reflection."

"Summer Service means more than meeting people and learning new skills. It gives one a greater love and concern for the world," said Lisa Manley, ULV alumna.

During Summer Service, room and board is provided, as well as a weekly stipend of $50 each week for the 10 weeks.

The program also provides a chance to practice and develop leadership skills, make new friends and fulfill the Core 305 service-learning requirement.

Participants in Summer Service also receive a sizable scholarship of up to $3,000.

Summer Service is a great opportunity, and all are encouraged to apply. "It is a beautiful experience," Salas said.

An information table will be set up in Davenport Dinning Hall from noon to 1 p.m., March 19 to 20.

To apply for Summer Service, pick up an application at the Chapel and return it to Roberts in the Chapel office by the end of March.

Roberts can be reached at extension 4320.

Peace Fair...

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problem, Amini said.

Toward the end of the Clinton administration, there was a warm relationship between Iran and the United States, Amini said.

Bush shifted everything, said Amini.

"He goes for a tougher variation of dual containment," she said.

Rather than waiting for a threat, the United States is going to identify the threats.

Amini said there are two reasons why Bush wants this war with Iraq.

One has to do with the Sept. 11 attacks and making sure the United States is not seen as a passive victim. The second reason is the belief in the positive role the United States could play in the world.

"My fear with this coming war is that it has already begun," Amini said.

Roberts, who facilitated the fair, said this year's event followed a different format than fairs of the past, which consisted primarily of booths and keynote speakers.

The focus has always been to make students aware of current events, she said.

"When you are educated you are better able to make your own decisions, you can think critically," said Roberts.

Other events of the three-day fair March 4, 5 and 6 included an interfaith panel including representatives from Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam and Baha'i.

"All of those traditions have a strong basis in peace making, a loving God and compassion," Roberts said.

On March 5, ULV students joined schools around the country with a walkout to protest the pending war.

After the walkout some students went to the Cabaret Theatre to watch a "Reflections on War" performance.

ULV students also performed excerpts from the "Brecht Fest" they had prepared for since January.

"Throughout January the impact we wanted to have on people is that war is not the answer," said sophomore theater major Christina Massengale.

After the performance, students and faculty sat around in a circle to express their feelings about the performance and the current situation with Iraq.

"Our purpose was to unite at ULV and share each other's voices," said sophomore Samantha Chung, one of the performers.

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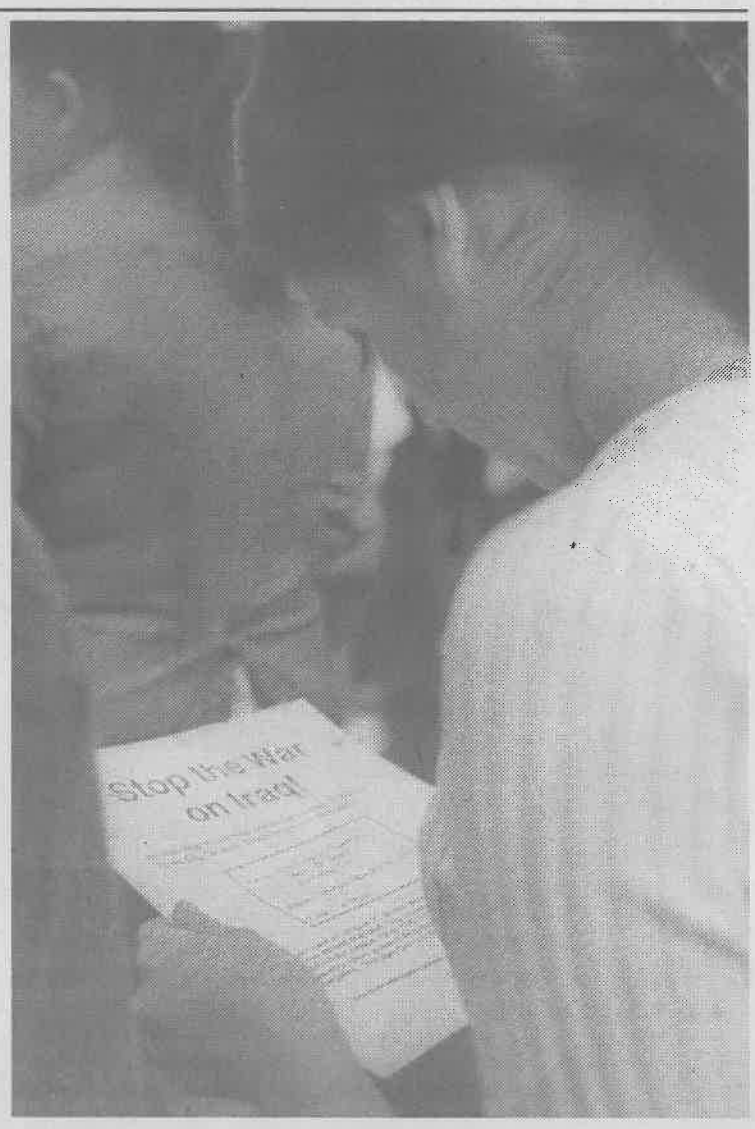
—Debbie Roberts, campus minister



Sylvia Castellanos

Reina Santa Cruz received the anti-war flyer handed out by Mauricio Terrazas, a La Verne resident and anti-war activist, who took the initiative to come to the University to recruit students for the anti-war resolution that will be presented to the La Verne City Council.

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Faculty benefits may be compromised

Gloria Diaz
Managing Editor

University of La Verne employees expressed their discontent for a salary proposal that cuts benefits and calls for differential pay among disciplines in an open forum Wednesday.

President Stephen Morgan and the compensation task force explained the main points of the plan set to take effect July 1. Some ULV faculty disapproved of separating faculty into four groups based on academic discipline and paying the disciplines in the first group less than those in the last group. Other faculty members questioned if the plan adequate enough to bring employee salaries close to target pay.

Since last year, President Morgan and the task force have been working with employees to find an agreeable plan that will raise salaries.

Tuition remission and retirement benefits sparked a heated discussion, as these benefits are in jeopardy of being reduced under the new plan.

It was suggested to the task force that tuition remission be granted upon hire rather than waiting one year after hire as the plan proposes.

At the meeting, President Morgan announced that the proposal is scheduled to go to the Board of Trustees when they meet April 25. He assured employees that he, along with the task force, welcomes any suggestions and alternatives. If the Board of Trustees approves the plan in April, the plan will take effect on July 1.

Opinions

Salary proposal inadequate

Finally, the news University of La Verne employees have been waiting for: pay increases are on the way. But this news comes with some unfair sacrifices as well.

Since last summer, University employees have been looking to gain some ground in the battle for increased pay. Currently University employee salaries lag between 5 percent and 15 percent behind the market average.

The newest draft of the plan titled "Principles of Compensation" was released to employees in an open forum earlier this week. The plan proposes bringing employees who have been with the University for less than two years within 81 percent of the pay target, the rate of comparable colleges and universities, otherwise known as parity. Employees with two-to-four years on the job will receive 84 percent of the pay target.

Ultimately, after four-to-six years on the job under this plan, the minimum salary must be within 87 percent of the pay target.

Why is 87 percent the goal? No one should be satisfied with that. Don't ULV faculty and staff deserve to be paid equally or better than their colleagues at comparable schools?

The news of this modest – to say the least – raise; however, is not the only bad news for faculty who were clearly upset, and rightfully so; the plan revealed by administrators also slashed benefits.

Tuition remission, a benefit that allows employees and their dependents to have ULV tuition fully paid for by the University, will be reduced for employees hired after the start of the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003.

The plan proposes that after one year of employment at ULV, employees will receive 50 percent of tuition coverage. After two years at ULV, coverage would go up to 75 percent, with 100 percent coverage coming after three years of employment at ULV.

Tuition remission is one of the main reasons some employees, particularly classified staff, take positions at ULV. In fact, many take a pay cut from their previous job to work here because of the alluring benefit of tuition remission. In taking the position, they are willing to take the below average pay, expecting the benefits to make up for it.

What happens when the main benefit is cut drastically? The result is that there will be fewer applicants wanting to come work at ULV, and students will have to settle for faculty who considered this school a last resort in the first place.

Another crucial benefit on the chopping block for the employee community is the retirement plan. Currently, employees are vested immediately upon hire. Under the new plan, an employee would have to wait five years after being hired to be vested.

Employees who attended the open forum, as one might imagine, were not too thrilled about the suggestions posed by the plan. One faculty member noted that paying some faculty more than others will cause a break down within the employee community.

So what does all this mean to the students of ULV?

Students want the best professors and the friendliest staff. Just because a professor is paid more does not mean he or she is more qualified to teach in a classroom.

Cutting back the benefits that entice professors to come to ULV will leave the University unable to compete for highly-qualified applicants. This tuning down of benefits will risk student learning experience.

There are many professors that put in the extra time it takes to get the job done, but for some reason, they do not receive the compensation they so deserve.

While we are comparing salaries to professors at other schools, we should also look at the cost of living in the area. There are a number of faculty and staff who live nearby, who cannot even afford to buy a home.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Good satire is hard to find these days, so I for one especially appreciated Andrew Barton's lampoon of right-wing bluster and illogic in the Feb. 28 issue ["Letters to the Editor"]. The condescending tone ("And that, boys and girls, journalists and college instructors, is how the tax system works.") was perfect, as was the subjuvenile name-calling ("... liberals cannot grasp this straight-forward logic!"). Hilarious! And to cap it all off, the Rush Limbaughesque math error in the silly story: Barton "forgot" to subtract the cost of the absent 10th man's dinner before calculating how much they were short when it came time to pay the bill. Brilliant!

In the spirit of Barton's great satire, let me point out that Janis Dietz' letter in the same issue points toward a way to end all American participation in wars, thus inadvertently giving comfort and aid to her liberal/pacifist enemies. Since every war that we have ever participated in has been justified in terms of establishing and defending our freedoms, if we simply gave up all of our freedoms as Dietz suggests then we would obviously have no more reason to go to war! I wonder if there is a budding right-wing John Lennon out there who could turn this into a song ("Imagine no more freedom, nothing to kill or die for ..."). Does John Ashcroft write songs?

Keep up the good work, *Campus Times*!

Ernie Thomson
Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminology

Dear Editor,

Jaclyn, after reading your column last week ["Comedians provide needed insight," March 7], I am so glad you live in America where you can publicly disparage the President, appropriately protected by your first amendment right to free speech. If you were living in Iraq and the author of a similar article directed toward President Hussein, by now your family would most likely be wondering to where you had disappeared! Sadly, too many Americans share your belief that life is about "the pursuit of happiness" – one best lived in a cocoon where you can spend $80 a person being entertained and only willing to confront global issues when they directly affect you.

Your analysis and inference that Bush is driven more by his father's Presidency than the founding principles of 'life, liberty and justice' is shallow and unfortunate. Throughout history, sending American men and women to the prospect of death in a foreign land has undoubtedly been the most serious decision of any Presidency. Unfortunately, outside of utopia, war is sometimes a necessary last resort to rid the world of evil. As history has shown, including most recently in Bosnia, such men don't respond to diplomacy and hearty renditions of kum-by-ya, but rather to the force they understand.

As a British citizen, and student of history, I know too well the consequence of appeasing dictators because of fear of conflict. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's infamous 1938 "peace in our time" episode – a black spot in European history – is an example of how indecision and fear only bought time for a dictator to conquer much of Western Europe and murder millions of men, women and children.

Is the prospect of war scary? Yes. Would I rather us close our borders and confront evil with pointless discussions about the definition of what constitutes "immediate?" Absolutely not! Fear is no reason to avoid the responsibility the U.S. has as a world leader. Too whom much is given, much is expected. France, Germany, Russia and many of my own countrymen are paralyzed by fear or concern about financial loss in a post-Saddam Iraq. I am thankful that we have a leader that is willing to face evil with authority and purpose. Is Saddam another Hitler? I doubt he'll ever have the military might the latter had, however directly assisting in the detonation of a chemical or biological device in the U.S. or U.K., I'd rather not wait and see.

Time will only tell whether former President Clinton's multi-billion dollar blackmail payments to North Korea in the mid-'90s to appease the threat from the Korean peninsula will come back to bite this President or the next. Is a military conflict in North Korea necessary? I hope not, and believe not. One thing I do know is that the United Nations will do absolutely nothing in the face of North Korea's defiance of their nuclear watchdog (IAEA). Well maybe that is not true. This bastion of inaction will likely spend the next twelve years talking about it.

Jaclyn – you may want to make a joke of our President. Instead, I choose to pray for wisdom, strength and clarity for him and his cabinet. At least I know President Bush and Prime Minister Blair are willing to stand before the world, despite negative polls, and confront the threat of evil head on.

Andrew Barton
Director of Development

Dear Editor,

In reference to Paul Alvarez's response to Janis Dietz' letter to the editor [March 7]; it is distressing that, in perilous times such as these, it seems some can only recall mistakes our country made, rather than our countless acts of virtue, kindness and generosity.

One would have to be a certain age bracket to remember the Berlin Air Lift, when we fed a city for some time while the Communists did their best to starve Berliners to death. America, in the main, is responsible for the dismantling of Communism and the Berlin Wall coming down. We have all lived to see a world free of this despotic way of life, and the people of a legion of countries given a chance to enjoy some of the freedoms we have and take so for granted. Perhaps our younger generation should be told of our many finer moments and battles fought and won for the freedom and dignity of mankind, and of the many peoples of the world we feed, clothe, and bring medical treatment to. Perhaps we should celebrate our humanity to the world, rather than seize upon our mistakes.

As I recall, we went to war with Japan when the cowardly attacked us at Pearl Harbor, killing countless Americans. What country so attacked would win the war, then occupy briefly, and help our former enemy to rebuild and rejoin the community of the nations. Perhaps we should revisit this memory as quickly as we do the tragedy of the incarceration of America Japanese. It would probably be only fair to also consider the mood of our country at the moment of that attack and the battle we were engaged in for our very survival.

When our American soldiers go "into harms way," we can only hope that Americans will support them and for our great country to come through this war with as few casualties on "all" sides as possible. God be with them.

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From the Editor...

Struggling with role-reversal



Jaclyn Roco

All my life I've looked up to one person – my father. But lately I've felt dubious toward him.

My thoughts nowadays seem a betrayal of what I used to feel. I was so sure of him, so trustful and respectful...until now.

So perhaps this would be a good time to reaffirm my loyalty to a man I have a chance to keep for the remainder of my life.

As far back as I remember, my father was the one pushing me to be better, urging me to dream bigger and to aim higher. A C grade was not acceptable; it was grounds for punishment. And even when I managed to turn in As, my father would still not give me the affection I thought I needed; a mere grunt and a nod was all I received.

I hungered for his approval; I craved it, and so I would continue to work harder and to do the impossible only for him. My attendance record from elementary until now looks like a Xerox copy; out of my whole experience at school, I think I've only missed about a week's worth. (Yea, tell me about it. How nerdy can you be?) My grades from second grade to this present semester are a scream; my lowest grade has been a C, and I've only received that twice. (Okay, so I'm not just a nerd, I'm a freak.)

And throughout the teasing and the misconceptions I've endured since...well since forever, there has been only one man standing behind me, my father. (Even my brother thought I was an alien; unlike me he was perfectly normal.)

When my mother died, I thought my world had turned into a dark vortex; all my efforts seemed to dull in comparison. Yet, while I was wrapped up in my protective shell, there was still my father to handle.

How could I give up on life when I knew he was still counting on me? How could I give up on my goals when my father too was suffering, even more so than I?

I had known my mother for the 16 years she had loved me; my father had loved her for the 16 years we had been a family plus the 20 or more years they had been married.

I felt selfish to leave him alone with life's struggles, and so again I maintained a dutiful relationship with him. He was there for me when I needed him; I would be there for him in return.

But now, life seems so different. My house, devoid of girlish laughter wafting from the kitchen or sibling rivalry tumbling down stairways, is now a sterile place reserved for escaping into dreamland – where reality can be forgotten, even if for just a little while.

I guess my father has dealt with being a widower in a strange way; he has resorted to pretending he is back to age 25 instead of 50.

He is the one who goes out partying every night – a young buck again, who is bald by choice, not by nature.

He is the one who chooses to hide his new tattoo from me and gets into bar fights. (I've never even gotten into a brawl in my life.)

His car is modified to the point of indecency with all the fixtures and gadgets like a DVD player that seems all the rage nowadays, and I assume he does all this or buys extravagant things to help deal with the fact that he is alone, unlike friends of his own age who still have families to love.

At least I try to tell myself that. How else would I be able to explain my dad's youthful appearance to others who may think that he is my boyfriend instead of my father?

In essence, he is leading the life I should be leading. But instead, our roles have reversed, and I feel bereft of the father I once knew.

But hey, life isn't perfect, and at least I still have a father.

Someone once said that while he gets younger, I get older, but I find that somehow pleasing.

Because now I can give him what he once gave me. I can give him the strength to aim high and to dream once again; and then if I succeed, I can get him to believe in love again.

And maybe, just maybe then I can be his daughter again.

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Well-being threatened by sticky fingers



Gloria Diaz

Attention University of La Verne students – be on the look out for a Sony Vaio laptop. It was stolen at approximately 5 p.m., Tuesday from Stu-Han wing four.

For all of you who have not heard through the ULV grapevine, someone walked into my room and stole my roommate's computer. Let me catch you up on the events of Tuesday afternoon.

Just like any normal day, my roommate, Alexis, went to visit our neighbor, Callie. Thinking the door was closed, she walked down the hall and knocked on Callie's door. About 20 seconds later they both returned to our room to find her cords and her CD burner on the floor and her laptop gone. Rather than beating someone up, which is what they both wanted to do, Alexis called the Resident Assistant on duty who then called the "valiant" campus safety officer.

He asked the routine questions: What happened? When did you notice this? What was not so routine, but in fact rude, were his comments about what had happened – patronizing comments like: "This wouldn't have happened if the door had been locked," and "Well you know, you should keep your door locked when you leave the room."

Please, this is not something you want to hear when your laptop has just been stolen.

True, maybe Alexis should have locked the door when she left the room, but how many of us who live in the dorms actually lock the door when we visit a friend down the hall? Or make a stop at the bathroom? Whatever the precautions she could have taken, it is not an excuse for someone to go into a room and steal a person's private property.

Nor can taking these safety measures give any reason to have a campus safety officer belittle my roommate given the situation at hand. His comments did not help to calm Alexis; they only made her frustrated.

After questioning the girls in the quad next door and some people downstairs, who saw two men and one woman walking around looking into rooms, the only description we have is a woman with an elaborate piercing and red hair walking with two Caucasian men.

Later that evening, when my RA came to my room to talk to my roommate about what happened, I realized that my purse and my camera had also been stolen.

Tell me, why is it that people feel the need to steal? How can you just go into someone's room and take a computer? Why would you steal the computer that holds the life of your fellow college student? It bothers me to know that I go to the same school as these people that have little-to-no morals.

I know that times are tough. I too have no money in my bank account, but I am not going to go and steal someone else's stuff to make an extra buck. Thank you to whomever went into my private room with my private possessions and stole something that my roommate holds near and dear.

I, just like most people in the dorms, have let people into the building if they are waiting to get in.

As of today, if I see anyone waiting outside, do not count on me let you in. I would not wish upon anyone the pain and hurt that my roommate has endured.

So I leave you all with one thought: If you see anything suspicious, call campus safety or the RA on duty. Think about how you would feel if you were the one with your computer or your purse stolen. Have a safe and wonderful weekend and don't steal other people's stuff!

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Peace week offers insight



Jennifer Contreras

I do not ascribe to any organized religion. While my family is Catholic, I have chosen to be a religiously and spiritually independent soul. I follow my own set of beliefs and values and, contrary to popular belief, I am not going to hell – whatever hell is. I am perfectly fine with my choice; in fact I prefer this route as opposed to being limited to the beliefs of one religion. Instead, I am allowed to appreciate and give credence to the beliefs and practices of all religions.

In keeping with this approach, last Wednesday (as a part of Peace Week) I participated in two religious traditions, and in doing so I was reminded of why faith is so important to people and how people forget how similar we all are.

After the walkout for peace on Wednesday afternoon, Campus Minister Debbie Roberts offered ash in the Catholic tradition of Ash Wednesday. When I was younger, my mother took me to receive ash all the time. However, I had not accepted ash in years. The reason that I decided to accept it last week was because of the words Debbie shared. She said that it is a reminder that we as human beings are not free of sin and that we are not immortal. These are two things I think people often ignore.

I thought to myself, how can anyone justify killing other human beings when we are all guilty of the same crimes? My thoughts were echoed in a statement made by one of my fellow students at the walkout, she said regarding pending war with Iraq, "How can Christians justify killing people? It just doesn't make sense to me."

As the day progressed I found myself frustrated with the world. We all want the same things out of life, so why don't we understand each other?

That evening I attended the Model Seder. In the Jewish tradition, the Seder is a celebration of the Passover. They observe the anniversary of the night God delivered them from slavery. The night is full of ritual and symbolism – every detail is beautifully significant.

Like I said before, I do not belong to any organized religion. But my curiosity led me to that dinner, and I learned so much. While reading the passages and singing the songs that accompany the Seder, my eyes swelled up and tears rolled out. It was powerful and beautiful.

But my tears were mostly filled with frustration and sadness. Most of us have faiths that are rooted in the ideas of peace, whether it is an organized religion or your own idea of religion. Now my questions come: why do we need to be such vengeful people? Why do we need to seek revenge and call it justice? Why do we need to fight with our neighbors just because they attend a different church? How do we forget that we are all connected and that we are all human?

I am not a religious person in any way, but when I look at the world I see that religion is the constant that both holds people together and tears people apart. Now if only we all believed that truly ascribing to a faith, is to truly follow the underlying point to the whole thing. This point, I believe, is that there are no faiths better than the next, and that they are all similar in many ways.

So to all the people out there fighting for faiths, space and resources –Israel and Palestine, The United States and Iraq (a Christian Bush Administration versus Saddam Hussein) – it is self-defeating to disregard the importance of the other by fighting. War is truly not the answer. War is not healthy for children and other living things. War kills faith. War kills peace.

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Cold and flu season hits LV

•Spotting symptoms early key to recovery

Jaclyn Roco
Editor in Chief

With days hitting 80 degrees and above and the nights dropping as low as 40 degrees, it is no wonder experts claim the sick season is here to stay, at least for a while.

Although people usually get sick during early winter, odd weather patterns may be part of the problem in bringing the flu and cold season in recent weeks. Flu surveillance networks indicate that although this is not a record year for viruses, cases are showing up later than usual, and may even continue showing until spring.

Cynthia Denne, ULV director of student health services, said she expects to see cold and flu patients with similar cases for the next two months.

For now, Denne said she has had plenty of patients who usually come in sporting classic symptoms of Upper Respiratory Infection, or the common cold.

The chances of students getting sick increases in close residence halls, she said.

The more severe flu is also circulating. And students experiencing symptoms should distinguish between the two.

Both the cold and the flu are viruses that are colorless and odorless, said Dr. William Norcross, at U.C. San Diego Family and Preventive Medicine.

In a report found in the University's Health Center, Dr. Marguerite McNeely wrote that a virus is comprised of bits of genetic information surrounded by a protein shell that tricks cells into making many copies of the virus. The virus copies are then released to infect new cells, she said.

"Basically a virus is something that takes time and systematic treatment," Denne said. "It can't be cured by an antibiotic." A virus has to run its course, unlike certain throat infections that can be treated by antibiotics with improvement in 24 hours, she said.

The common cold, which affects some people annually, especially during the winter months, is a viral infection that includes the symptoms of nasal congestion, a clear runny nose, sneezing, headache and a scratchy throat, Dr. Norcross said. Viruses that cause the cold can also cause laryngitis or bronchitis inflammatory infections, he said.

"You just don't feel well at all," Denne said.

The flu, on the other hand, is much more serious and is the cause of more than 69 million work or school days lost in a year in the United States, Dr. McNeely said.

The flu is an infection of the respiratory tract that also strikes primarily in winter, Dr. Norcross said.

"Again the flu is just another viral infection. It has no magic medicine," Denne said.

Although commonly mistaken for gastroenteritis, also known as the stomach flu, the flu's symptoms tend to include much more than stomach pain, she said.

The flu tends to cause less congestion than the common cold, Dr. McNeely said.

Although people in good health usually do not have to see a doctor for regular cold symptoms, Dr. Norcross suggests seeing a doctor if cold symptoms worsen. A fever higher than 102 degrees, asthma, ear infection, laryngitis, bronchitis or symptoms lasting longer than 10 days are signals that the disease is more serious than the common cold.

Whether or not you choose to do something about it, a cold will run its course in 7 to 10 days, Denne said. Time is usually what heals a cold, she said.

Prevention is key, and drinking eight glasses of fluid daily, and getting adequate rest are a few ways to prevent catching a cold, Dr. Norcross said. Stress and exhaustion will only make you more likely to get sick.

Denne also suggests washing your hands frequently as a preventive measure.

"But how many actually take this advice?" she said. "(Unfortunately on campus) people always shake hands, share drinks and books."

There is no proven medical treatment for a cold, Dr. Norcross said, though over-the-counter medications might help relieve uncomfortable symptoms. He also recommends decongestants to ease nasal congestion, aspirin, acetaminophen or ibuprofen for aches and pains and lozenges, sprays and mouthwashes to soothe the throat.

ULV's Health Center usually recommends over the counter medication to those suffering cold symptoms, Denne said. The Center gives students packets of medicine to hold them over until they can head over to the drug store themselves.

Other suggestions for prevention are keeping distance from people who are sneezing and coughing, Dr. Norcross said. Also avoid touching your nose and eyes because viruses invade the body through nasal mucous membranes or down tear ducts, he said.

To determine whether what you have is a cold or the flu, Dr. McNeely says to look for the following flu symptoms: muscle aches, fever and chills, headache, dry cough or weakness.

"The worst symptoms generally last only a few days," Dr. McNeely said. "The feeling of exhaustion may last longer."

Complications of the flu include the following: shaking, chills, high fever that lasts more than 2-3 days, severe headache if associated with fever or neck stiffness, dark urine, severe muscle pain or tenderness, wheezing or other difficulty breathing beyond cough or stuffiness, she said. Symptoms that do not get better after seven days, or get worse again after getting better are a signal that a doctor visit is necessary.

"The most common complication of influenza is pneumonia," said Dr. Leland Rickman, medical director U.C. San Diego Epidemiology Unit, Department of Medicine. "The most important thing for people to do to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated on a yearly basis."

"The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends the flu vaccine for anyone who wishes to reduce the chances of getting the flu,"

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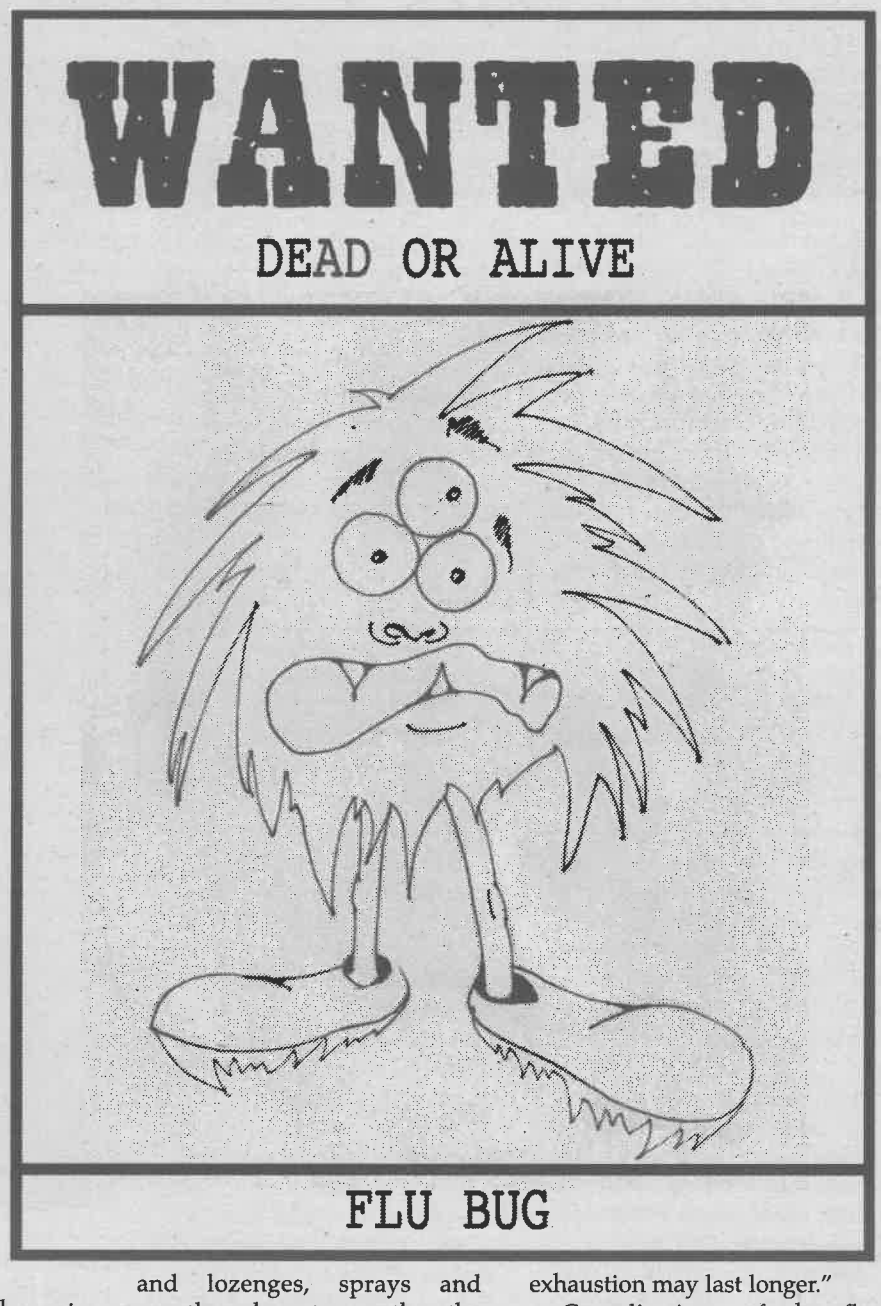

'The flu is just another viral infection. It has no magic medicine.'
–Cynthia Denne, director of student health services

Students at risk for meningitis

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Assistant Editor

Joseph "Pat" Kepferle was 19 when he entered Towson University in Maryland as a freshman. Six months later, his parents were summoned to a hospital where Pat's friends had brought him after he became seriously ill.

By the time they arrived, Pat was unconscious and in the final moments of life.

"The doctors let us touch his head and tell him how much we loved him," Michael Kepferle wrote after his son's death. "Our hearts were broken; we had lost our Pat, the laughter of our hearts."

Kepferle was the victim of meningococcal meningitis, a rare but potentially fatal bacterial infection of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord.

Few people give much thought to meningitis, a relatively obscure disease. Though it is rare, infection often results in tragic results. Victims can progress from peak health to death in less than 24 hours, while survivors are often left with severe aftereffects including mental retardation, hearing loss and loss of limbs.

Research by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have determined that college students living on campus are at least six times as likely to contract meningitis. Lack of sleep, cigarette smoke, alcohol consumption and a crowded living environment – common dormitory life- create ideal conditions for the bacteria to spread.

"You can be totally healthy one moment, become exposed, and then rapidly decline," said Cynthia Denne, director of student health services at the University of La Verne.

The disease is transmitted through prolonged airborne exposure and direct transfer of saliva through such things as sharing drinking glasses, cigarettes or kissing.

Early symptoms include high fever, severe headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting,

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Morris brings diversity to the Board

•Alumna is first Latina Trustee

Valerie Rojas
Staff Writer

With a seat on the board of trustees, a role in the Latino Alumni Association, a career, family and plans for furthering her eader in the La Verne community and on the University of La Verne campus.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping ULV tontial leader in the La Verne community and on the ULV campus.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping ULV together. Aside from seeking funding possibilities that allow the University to award many scholarships yearly, the Board also serves as a guide to President Stephen Morgan.

By working through various committees, the Board oversees funding, building and planning projects.

spective and brings a strong sense of diversity to an important group of leaders on campus.

"It's had to have been a missing voice," said Daniel Loera, secretary of the Latino Alumni Association and a friend of Morris. "It's about time."

On a campus so heavily populated by Latino students, it was odd that there was no association directly designed for the Latino Alumni, Morris said. After the Association began to take fleet, Morris became extremely interested in its purpose. She became heavily involved and as of the summer, became chair of the group.

With hopes of building a strong support system and making the LAA a more integral part of ULV, plans have been made to reach out to the Black Alumni and general Alumni Associations.

Morris plans to increase the number of those involved in the LAA. By providing mentorships and employment opportunities for ULV students, Morris hopes that the Association will grow stronger.

"She's got a real good vision," Loera said. "With her, we have hit a gold mine."

> 'She's got a real good vision. With her, we have hit a gold mine.'
> *—Daniel Loera, multicultural affairs director*

Morris was presented with the opportunity to become a board member early last year. Because of her connectioV in 1972, majoring in education with a minor in sociology. She graduated from ULV a few years later.

After receiving her provisional credentials, Morris began working as a counselor for the Monrovia Unified School District, at a time when the need rd was definitely lacking.

Although the offer was flattering, Morris was well aware that being a member would require a lot of hard work.

"It was a great honor," Morris said. "Then I said to myself, 'Can you do this?'"

Morris decided she could. She became a member of the Board of Trustees and made history as the first Latina to ever hold a seat on this board.

Morris brings a new voice to the Board. She offers a frame of reference from the Latina perspective and brings a strong sense of diversity to an important group of leaders on campus.

Morris was born in El Paso, Texas. Her parents were always very strong in encouraging the importance of education in her life, especially Morris' mother, who only had a fifth grade education, she said. Morris' father was a college graduate.

"They were my biggest cheerleaders," Morris said.

After attending the University of Texas for two years, Morris moved to Southern California. She began teaching at Hacienda La Puente School District, where she heard about ULV, when one of her coworkers encouraged her to finish her education.

Morris began attending ULminority counselors was looming. She then obtained her master's at Cal State Fullerton.

While furthering her education, Morris found time to raise five children, a few who have also attended ULV.

She currently enjoys spending time with her six grandchildrs to certain major corporations, it was apparent that she would bring a stable financial contribution to the Board.

Her leadership management experience and diverse background, made it even more apparent that Morris' presence was something that the BoaBo. When she is not busy with family issues or her career, Morris spends her time on the green golf courses of Southern California.

In the coming years, Morris plans to not only improve the La Verne community, but also to continue her education. Although she is too busy now to go back to school, she plans on obtaining her doctorate from ULV within the next two to three years. After her retirement, she hopes to go back to what she believes she does best: teaching.

"I am a teacher. It's what I do," Morris said. "You can feed a person, but if you teach them to fish, they can feed themselves forever."

Her desire to teach has been

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Sylvia Castellanos

Cecilia Morris joined the University of La Verne Board of Trustees in fall 2002. When she's not recruiting for State Farm Insurance, Morris enjoys golfing, listening to music, working with students and her six grandchildren.

Seder...

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hagadah for Jewish Confederate soldiers in the American civil war.

Portions of the model seder were overtly entertaining. After the feast, the ritual could not proceed until the game, best characterized as "hide the afikoman," was resolved.

At the start, Bergson had broken a matzah in two and placed the larger piece, the "afikoman," on a table behind her with stern warning that it was not to be touched.

For the uninitiated, this was taken as a serious admonition. None of the gentiles present would have been so brazenly insensitive to disturb the afikoman, no matter how much it resembled a broken cracker in a paper napkin.

When the afikoman later turned up missing, it took intensive negotiating and a few quarters to win it back from three year old Michael Davis.

Such entertainment serves ostensibly to keep young children engaged and interested, but is probably helpful for adult participants counting the number of pages remaining before the next glass of wine or chance to eat.

If the seder were merely the commemoration of a historical event, it probably would have fallen out of tradition long ago.

Its longevity is due to the universality of its theme.

Overcoming bondage and slavery to achieve liberation are important human themes of transcendance.

The Egypt of Exodus, where the Israelites were enslaved, is referred to as "Mitzra-yim," or literally, the "narrow place."

Mitzra-yim is more than Egypt, it represents any narrow place we find ourselves trapped; from the mundane to the metaphysical, the physical to the psychological.

"Mitzra-yim means the narrow place – the place that squeezes the life out of a human soul and body," according to the hagadah. "No one place is always Mitrzra-yim, but any place – even our own – can be turned into Mitzra-yim."

Portions of the ceremony felt rushed, with some instructions from the hagadah overlooked or skipped.

There was some confusion among the uninitiated gentiles, who were seen scrambling to keep up with the singing, reading, glass raising, and parsley dipping fun.

Being a dry run for the real Passover seder, Bergson recommends attending in April for the full experience.

Passover begins this year on April 16, and Bergson said all are welcome to the seders she will host on April 16 and 17 at the Claremont Colleges.

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There's a new face on the University of La Verne campus and in the School of Business and Global Studies: Associate Professor of Business Administration Mehdi Beheshtian.

An instructor with 25 years of teaching experience, Beheshtian said his knowledge of his field comes from a combination of research, study and hands-on experience.

"I am interested in doing research because it helps me in being a better teacher as well as staying up to date in current issues," Beheshtian said.

As a professor and a professional, Beheshtian has gone above and beyond the usual. Beheshtian has operated his own international consulting firm, which focused on information technology.

The company, he said, trained top management in ISO 9000, a methodology program used by most companies.

Born and raised in Iran, Beheshtian came to the United States in 1973.

He attended the University of Texas in Austin, where he received his doctorate and eventually joined the faculty.

Beheshtian has also taught at the University of Missouri and Loyola University in Chicago.

> 'My time so far at ULV has been very interesting and informative.'
>
> – *Mehdi Beheshtian*

"I enjoy the attention to the students that private universities give, as well as the sense of helping all the students and being available to them and resources," Beheshtian said.

Teaching and working with students is something Beheshtian has always wanted to do, he said.

He enjoys the hands-on experience and the family atmosphere at ULV, he said.

"We are like a family here at ULV, which is very important," Beheshtian said.

Beheshtian said he hopes to contribute to the La Verne community as well as in the classroom.

In fact, the Iranian professor may offer valuable insight to help community members make sense of the current situation in the Middle East.

Every year Beheshtian and his family take a trip back to Iran.

In 1990 he went to Iran to teach at Tehran Polytechnic in Tehran and served as director of the research center at the Center for Productivity Research, another productive experience for his teaching career.

At ULV he said he is getting all the support and resources he needs to continue his research.

"My time so far at ULV has been very interesting and informative," he said.

Beheshtian, along with others at the School of Business and Global Studies, are in the process of creating a research center, not only for the students and professors, but for giving service to the community as well.

A colleague of Beheshtian and professor of the School of Business and Global Studies, Mohsen Modarres, believes that Beheshtian's academic background is impressive.

"Dr. Mehdi Beheshtian has been a great addition to our faculty, and I believe that our graduate and undergraduate students would greatly benefit from Dr. Beheshtian's academic background and professional experience," Modarres said.

Colds and flu...

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Dr. McNeely said. The vaccine reduces the chance of catching the flu by 75 percent if taken each year.

Despite common belief, students are not liable to get the flu as a result of taking the vaccine.

"Influenza vaccine does not cause the flu or any other illness," Dr. Norcross said. "It is made from killed virus, and is incapable of infecting anyone."

Flu shots must be given every year because there are different strains of the flu, Dr. McNeely said.

She recommends getting a flu shot from October to November.

Denne said that one year's vaccine consists of three of the most virulent strains found the year before.

The hope is that a vaccine will be the best defense against the same strains. It is only a best guess, she said.

Perhaps misconceptions have kept some students from getting the flu shot during the recommended fall season. As a result, the University Health Center has seen its share of flu sufferers.

"We still have some vaccines left from our fall campaign," Denne said. "But I don't know that I'd recommend to get the dose now. It takes two weeks to kick in."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report said those at high risk for developing serious complications due to influenza infection should get the vaccine. This advice is aimed for those susceptible to pneumonia.

Other steps to prevent the flu are washing hands often, keeping in good health by eating healthy, exercising and resting and not smoking, Dr. McNeely said.

Keep yourself comfortable, rest and drink lots of fluids is Denne's advice for those suffering the flu.

"By fluids, I say anything you feel comfortable drinking, anything that gives you liquid or hydration," she said. "Milk can cause phlegm, though. But everyone has his or her own taste.

"If people washed their hands more, and if people didn't smoke cigarettes, they could avoid several illnesses," Denne said. "It's so simple, but we forget to do this."

UV senior Cesi Covarrubias, who recently had a throat infection and a runny nose, agreed with Denne's advice.

Covarrubias said it is easy to forget that one can get sick just by sharing drinks, which is what she believes got her sick.

Although she found the Student Center's posted hours inconvenient, Covarrubias said she found the doctors to be helpful and friendly.

"We try our best to work everyone in. That's what we're here for," Denne said.

Denne encourages students to visit the Health Center after 24 hours of experiencing symptoms at the posted hours – from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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lethargy and a spreading rash. These symptoms are often mistaken for influenza, but the disease can progress in as few as 12 hours, and without prompt diagnosis and treatment, can result in death.

Meningitis infects approximately 3,000 Americans annually, killing about 300. One hundred to 125 of these 3,000 are college students.

Incidents of infection peak in late winter and early spring, and since 1991, cases of meningitis among 15 to 24-year-olds has doubled, according to the CDC.

"We had received a vaccination notification from the school," said Kepferle, who has helped found the nonprofit National Meningitis Association (**www.nmaus.org**). "We tried to get Pat vaccinated at the local clinic, but they didn't have the meningitis vaccination."

The Kepferles were not too concerned about it, but urged their son to get it done once he was in school, offering to pay for the vaccine. Unfortunately, Pat did not make the time in his hectic college schedule.

Recently, several states have moved to mandate that all incoming dormitory and residence hall students be vaccinated against the disease. While vaccination is not required under California law, universities are required to communicate the option to incoming students.

The current vaccine, "Menomune," provides 85 percent protection against common strains of the bacteria and is available at the UV Student Health Center for approximately $65. A physical exam is required, Denne said, but is provided free of charge for students.

"Students (should) consider vaccination to reduce their risk for potentially fatal meningococcal disease," the American College Health Association said.

Denne urges students to call (909) 593-3511 extension 4254 to schedule a vaccination.

The CDC said that given the rarity of the disease, mandating vaccination for the almost 600 thousand dormitory living freshmen would be impractical.

"The risk for meningococcal disease among college students is low; therefore, vaccination of all college students who live in dormitories or residence halls is not likely to be cost-effective for society as a whole," said the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in a June 2000 recommendation.

Kepferle disagrees.

"Unequivocally, I would urge parents to have your kid vaccinated," he said. "After Pat died, I wanted everybody to have to get the shot."

Entertainment Briefs

Faculty Recital

Martin Glucklich and Timothy Durkovic will play music on the flute and piano at the faculty recital at 8 p.m., tonight in Founders Auditorium. Admission is free for students and $5 for the general public.

Dailey Theatre

"Brecht-Fest with Weill" is back at ULV by popular demand. The hit cabaret show from earlier this semester will be staged again at Dailey Theatre at 12 p.m., today and 7:30 p.m., March 15.

Storytelling Monologues

The African American Student Alliance will present the "Griot Monologues" at 7:30 p.m., March 20 in La Fetra Hall. A Griot is a historian of black culture who tells inspiring stories of their ancestors.

Volunteer Opportunity

The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles is seeking volunteers to help visitors and members. Applications are due by March 24. To receive an application form, call (213)621-1741.

Movies

The movie "Prozac Nation" is opening nationwide today. The movie is about a young woman (Christina Ricci) who battles depression during her freshman year of college. She eventually turns to the popular drug Prozac to deal with the stress of college life. The movie is based on the book of the same name.

–Rebecca Cooper

Pence provides window to 'Seeing Again'

by Rebecca Cooper

photography by Adam Omernik



Shirley Welch listens as Gerry Pence responds to inquiries about his photography at his gallery reception, titled "Seeing Again," on Wednesday, March 5. Pence's work will be on display in the Irene Carlson Gallery of Photography, located on the ground floor of Miller Hall, through April 4.

Almost 60 years after his father offered Gerry Pence his first camera, Pence is inspiring the University of La Verne community with his photography in the exhibit "Seeing Again."

The exhibit includes a variety of photographs, including landscape photos from Germany in the 1950s, buildings in the desert ghost town of Bodie in the 1980s, photographs of children and family in La Verne in the 1990s and pictures of various flowers from 2000.

The photograph "Dentures Anyone?" stands out because of the unusual content. The photograph, which is in Randsburg, is of an old wood window with children's toys lining the shelf and a hanging sign, which says, "Yes we have used dentures."

The picture next to "Dentures Anyone?" is titled "Trust Elway" and is a direct contrast to the old feeling in Randsburg. Pence photographed "Trust Elway" at an abandoned service station in Blythe.

Someone spray painted "Trust Jesus," which was crossed out and replaced by multiple sports heroes names. When Pence was in Blythe in 1999, someone spray painted "Trust Elway." Today, Elway's name is probably crossed out and replaced with "Trust Jackson," for Dexter Jackson, the last Super Bowl MVP.

Another photo that stands out is "Market Place," which Pence photographed in Kassel, Germany in 1951. The market place is where shoppers can buy everything from clothes to fresh fruits and vegetables to little handmade wooden trinkets.

> 'I just like to get my hands dirty and watch the image come up when I develop my pictures.'
>
> —*Gerry Pence*

"At first glance, my eyes were distracted by the patterns and prints of the bustling street scene," said Jessica Lord, a senior art major.

"But when I looked closer, I began to see the tension between the women. The people and the intensity between them (are) really more dominant than the visual landscape. (Pence) really shot a compelling photo."

The photograph "Bristlecone Snag" provides viewers with a typical view of the native California desert. Pence shot this picture in California's White Mountains in 1979. It is a large desert shrub that is thriving in the middle of sand and rocks, with no water in sight. It makes viewers wonder how the bush has grown so large.

Another style of photography exhibited in "Seeing Again" is one titled "Man on a Path." Pence took this when he was in Grindelwald, Switzerland in 1952.

The photograph is of a small Swiss Mountain town that is desolate, except one man on a tree-lined mud path. You begin to wonder where the lone man is headed on this dark and gloomy day following the mass destruction of World War II.

Pence was chosen to be featured in the exhibit by Gary Colby, professor of photography. ULV produces the show and provides the facility, but does not pay photography staff or the artist extra money for their work on the show.

"The purpose of the show is to feature emerging artists who work avocationally, not established photographers," Colby said. "I choose people like Pence who are lively and really like what they are doing and sharing their photographs with others."

When Gerry Pence graduated high school in Oregon in 1945, his father offered to buy him a camera as a graduation gift, but Pence did not think it was a practical gift and asked for a wristwatch instead.

After high school he attended La Verne College, married his wife Bernice, and the couple went to Germany for two years after World War II with the Brethren Service Commission.

Their trip to Germany was to lead 30 American youth to help reconstruct the buildings that were destroyed during the war. They also worked with Heifer Project to provide animals and food to the people of Germany.

While in Germany, Pence bought two used cameras and began the exciting hobby of photography.

The Pences then returned to the United States and pursued further education in music at Fresno State, Pomona College and University of California, Los Angeles.

Pence then attended graduate school at the University of Southern California, later teaching choral music and English at Bonita High School until he retired in 1987.

"When we started our family I really brought out the camera and took pictures and realized why my dad wanted to buy me that camera" Pence said. "But after, I retired, I felt that I needed formal training in the craft."

Pence took pictures along the journey of life, and after retiring, decided it was time to take formal classes in photography. He enrolled at Tri-Community School of Photography in Covina and took classes in color and black and white photography for three years.

"I just like to get my hands dirty and watch the image come up when I develop my pictures," Pence said. "Photography takes you outdoors and really reveals things about people."

When each of Pence's grandchildren graduate from high school, he lets them chose a framed photograph as their graduation gift.

"It's a great, personal gift that I can give them, and it is something they will always have," Pence said.

The 30 black and white photographs of the "Seeing Again" exhibit will be on display in the Irene Carlson Gallery of Photography on the bottom floor of Miller Hall until April 4.

Feedback

Concerts keep bands afloat



Taylor Kingsbury

Okay, I know it's March, and summer is still a midterm and a final away. But if you have any interest in taking in some live entertainment come June, it's time to get yourself in gear.

For music fans, March is the official start of the summer concert season, because this is the month we have to max out our credit cards to obtain coveted tickets to the onslaught of shows the summer months bring to Southern California.

This year, the field is more crowded than usual. Several festivals will be battling each other for dollars, and the stragglers not tied to any of these package tours are launching high profile outings of their own.

Deciding which artists to buy grossly overpriced tickets from is a heady task. You can't see everything, but that's okay because most of it isn't worth seeing. Let's trim the fat, shall we?

Do yourself a favor, and get an early start on summer with the Melvins and Tomahawk. This pairing of two of rock's most unique and brilliant bands promises to be the year's standout club show. Though I have never seen Mike Patton rage live with Tomahawk, I can tell you that a Melvins show is something that every music fan should experience at least once in their life. With opening support from Skeleton Key, a band you will be hearing a lot about very soon, this will be an incredible night. The show hits the Anaheim House of Blues May 1.

Pearl Jam is the best live band you will ever see. They will make their rounds on June 2 with a stop at the Verizon Wireless Ampitheatre, and a more intimate show is being discussed. Something truly magical happens when these gentlemen take the stage, so if you only make it to one concert this summer, make it Pearl Jam. Or, if you're completely crazy, you can follow them. If you fall into that category, I will see you in Irvine, San Diego, Las Vegas and Phoenix.

Hopefully, you'll still be on the road when the Honda Civic Tour hits town June 7. Punk rock hasn't been interesting in years, but A New Found Glory and Good Charlotte have helped propel the nauseating pop-punk movement. They will share the bill on a night that will deliver dozens of inane sing-along choruses, but nothing resembling artistry. If you're excited about this show, you probably shouldn't even finish this article, and if you are, I won't see you at the Universal Ampitheatre.

A week later, you can catch the powerhouse duo of Matchbox 20 and Sugar Ray on the "Remember Us? We Had Some Hits A Few Years Ago" tour. Yawn. Why waste your money on a ticket for the Staples Center when you can see both of these bands at the Fair next year? If you can't wait that long, however, be at Staples on June 14.

Two nights later, Christina Aguilera and Justin Timberlake are joining forces for a pair of shows. The first show sold out, a feat which really amazes me. Why would anyone pay $80 to watch Christina and Justin lip synch? You can see that on MTV. Hey, maybe they'll come out and do some songs together, you think? I will be waiting with baited breath at the Staples Center June 16 and 17.

Matt Groening is not usually associated with music, but he apparently has great taste. Groening is curating the Los Angeles leg of All Tomorrow's Parties, a multi-day outing that looks to be a must-go event. Groening has chosen the Breeders, Black Heart Procession, the Melvins and scads more of indie rock's finest brethren for the fest. This fantastic show will be unveiled June 22-26 in Los Angeles at a location to be announced.

Ozzfest always brings in the big bucks, but the line-up seems to get weaker and wacker every year. This time out, Ozzy will shuffle his disheveled corpse around the stage as headliner, with support from one-trick ponies Cradle of Filth and Chevelle. Also on board are Disturbed, who will play you the same song 10 times. Ozzy needs to stop, and so does this tour. Ozzfest hits the Blockbuster Pavillion July 5.

The Warped Tour looks a little more promising, with great up-and-comers Glassjaw, Thrice and Poison the Well reminding us that, yes, "emo" is inherently boring music, but there are ways to do it right. Unfortunately, they will have to trade chops with more bland pop-punkers (the Ataris and Simple Plan), as well as acts who need gimmicks to distract from their inadequate songwriting chops (AFI and Dropkick Murphys). The lineup is a mixed bag as always, but the Warped Tour is always the best of the major fests. It hits the Pomona Fairplex July 8.

Metallica will return with another Summer Sanitarium outing, but they forgot one thing: Limp Bizkit is the worst band of all time, and everybody hates them. The two former megastars are vying for a comeback; let us hope that only one of them is successful. Despite the presence of the ever-graceful Deftones, this is one to avoid. If you must give Fred Durst money, you can do it at the L.A. Colisseum Aug. 9.

Those who caught Ben Harper's amazing show at Bridges Auditorium last week know what a versatile and powerful performer he is. He will be back in Los Angeles Aug. 11 at a venue yet to be decided. The power of a Ben Harper show is beyond description, but rest assured, it will be well worth sitting through opener Jack Johnson. Yes, Ben is that good.

Other high profile summer tours still being finalized include the return of Lollapalooza, which boasts a phenomenal lineup that includes Queens of the Stone Age, Incubus, Jurassic 5, Audioslave and Jane's Addiction. This will be the package tour of the decade, if it actually happens this time. We've been promised a renewed Lollapalooza for the last four years now.

Also underway is the pairing of Aerosmith and Kiss, a show that would be monumentally exciting if the year was 1976.

Today, however, Aerosmith are fast approaching the Rolling Stones as the band that looks the silliest trying to pull off the old rock tricks.

Kiss, meanwhile, wore out their welcome long ago. They finished their Farewell Tour in 2000, and have spent the last three years on a ludicrously extended goodbye. To save yourself the money and time that would be wasted on this geezer trek, stay home and listen to "Alive!" and "Double Live Bootleg" instead.

It is not easy to choose which shows are worth your money. Still, we must give it, because thanks to record companies' clever assessment of royalties, our concert dollars are what keep our favorite bands afloat.

So, support the bands that you love, and don't let some opinionated college columnist tell you what shows to see.

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Paintball warriors dig in for combat



Adam Omernik

Ryan Beesley of the University of La Verne provides cover fire for his teammate Sean Takeda as their team, "Splat Factory," scores a victory over team "Justice" in a three-day paintball tournament at the Fairplex. The teams included 5-man, 10-man and Division I and II X-ball troms from throughout the country. The 2003 PSP LA Open tournament was held on the infield of the horse race track, Friday, March 7, through Sunday, March 9.

Joe Bagg Trio gives ULV some jazz

•ULV alum right at home in Founders

Amby Sarabia
Staff Writer

The sounds of jazz music could be heard throughout Founders Hall Auditorium Tuesday night, as the Joe Bagg Organ Trio entertained ULV students and faculty.

A ULV alumnus, Joe Bagg seemed right at home on the stage in Founders Auditorium, where he performed for an audience of 40.

The organ trio gave a jazz concert, which is common for these traditional jazz groups.

The trio consisted of Bagg on the Hammond B-3 organ, Steve Cardenas on guitar and Mark Ferber on drums.

"This was our first time playing together," said Bagg, jazz composer and musician. "Steve was actually subbing for someone."

The trio did not miss a beat., performing a total of nine songs, five of which were composed by Bagg and two composed by Cardenas.

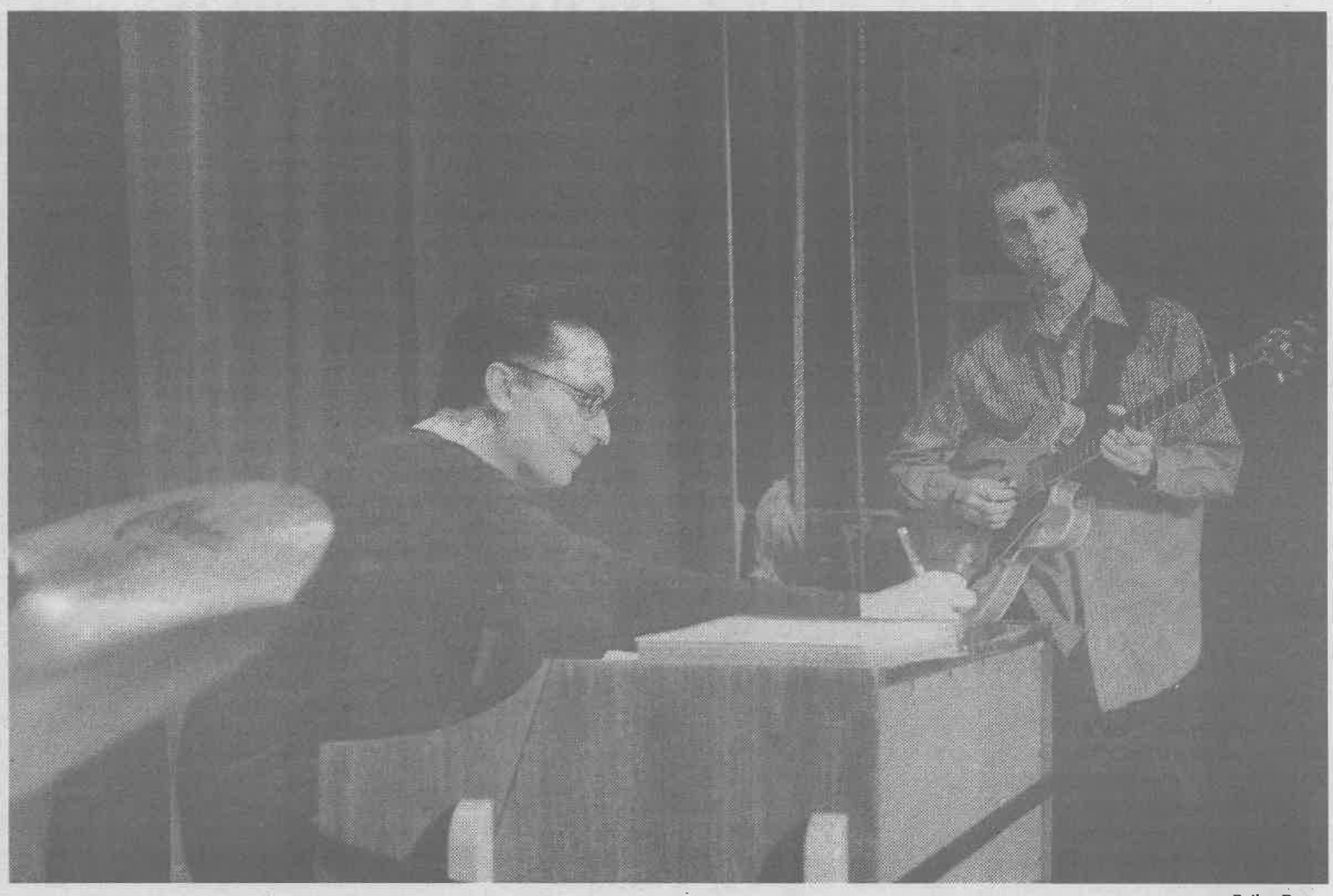
While attending ULV, Bagg proved to be more than mediocre when it came to music.

"He was an outstanding student when he was here at La Verne; he showed a lot of potential," said Reed Gratz, professor of music. "I'm sure he learned more on his own than from me."

Bagg was originally a computer science major, but when he discovered jazz in college, he immediately changed his major to music.

Bagg followed the typical jazz musician style of teaching himself.

Surrounding himself with a large CD collection, Bagg learned many techniques from listening to jazz recordings.



Bailey Porter

The Joe Bagg Organ Trio performed for a small audience on Tuesday in University of La Verne's Founders Auditorium. The trio, which is composed of Joe Bagg on the organ, Steve Cardenas on the guitar and Mark Ferber on the drums, played many of their own tunes of soft jazz sounds.

After graduating from ULV in 1989, Bagg went on to graduate from Rutgers University in New Jersey with a master's degree in musicology.

He chose Rutgers, because he heard that jazz pianist Kenny Barron was teaching there.

After graduating from Rutgers, Bagg joined the Army and served as a Russian linguist stationed in Germany.

After finishing his enlistment, Bagg returned to the Los Angeles area and quickly became part of the Los Angeles jazz scene.

Bagg has recorded with some of the biggest names in jazz music today, including Bobby Hutcherson, Charles McPherson, Seamus Blake and Marvin "Smitty" Smith, just to name a few.

"I've also played with Bobby Hutcherson who's a living legend," Bagg said.

Although he is in the process of becoming one of the best-known jazz organists in the Los Angeles area, Bagg continues to perform in local clubs around the Los Angeles and Claremont area, Gratz said.

> 'He was an outstanding student when he was here at La Verne; he showed a lot of potential. I'm sure he learned more on his own than from me.'
> *—Reed Gratz, professor of music*

While Bagg normally performs with Ferber, he typically plays with a loose network of musicians, Bagg said.

"I'm going to play with Mark and Joe tomorrow night," said Ryan Meagher, guitarist and student at San Diego State.

Admitting to being the trio's "groupie," Meagher became a fan of the band two years ago after watching them perform in San Diego, Meagher said.

"I think these guys are great, Meagher said. "They're underrated and need more recognition in the jazz world."

Their performance Tuesday helped to expose the audience to the jazz world.

Unbeknownst to the majority of ULV students, the trio performs at the local jazz club, Casa De Salsa in Claremont, Gratz said.

"(Jazz musicians) are always trying to fill up their book," Gratz said. "So they still play small clubs."

The trio's next performance will be at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at Citrus College.

Hollins...

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He also said that it is not the presenting of research for scholarship alone that the department is looking for in these candidates, but the use of scholarship as a tool to make teaching more relevant and interesting for the students.

Working at ULV while writing her dissertation has impacted Hollins as a student and as a teacher. It has allowed her to come up with interesting themes for the courses, she said.

In the courses she currently teaches, Hollins uses themes of identity and ways of seeing as it concerns reality and fantasy.

"And because I was doing the research, I felt more connected to it, and it was more vibrant, more alive to me, and so it was easier for me to bring that into the classroom and to communicate that same energy," she said.

Sophomore Ron Robinson said, "Hollins is an educated professor who cares for her students. I enjoyed having her class."

Morris...

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sparked recently, since she has begun working on the ULV campus.

"It has been a wonder getting back on campus with hardworking young people," Morris said. "It awakens my desire to be a teacher. It keeps me young and motivated."

Morris realizes that being a student is a lot of hard work, and she sympathizes.

"Being a student was the hardest thing I have done in my life," Morris said, "but it pays off."

Morris encourages students to continue learning and educating themselves. With a lot of energy, patience and positivity, it will be easier to accept life's challenges, she said.

"It gets pretty negative out there," Morris said. "Prepare yourself as well as you can, so when opportunities present themselves, you are comfortable."

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Leos test diplomatic skills vs. Clippers

•Volleyball 1-2 in last week's play

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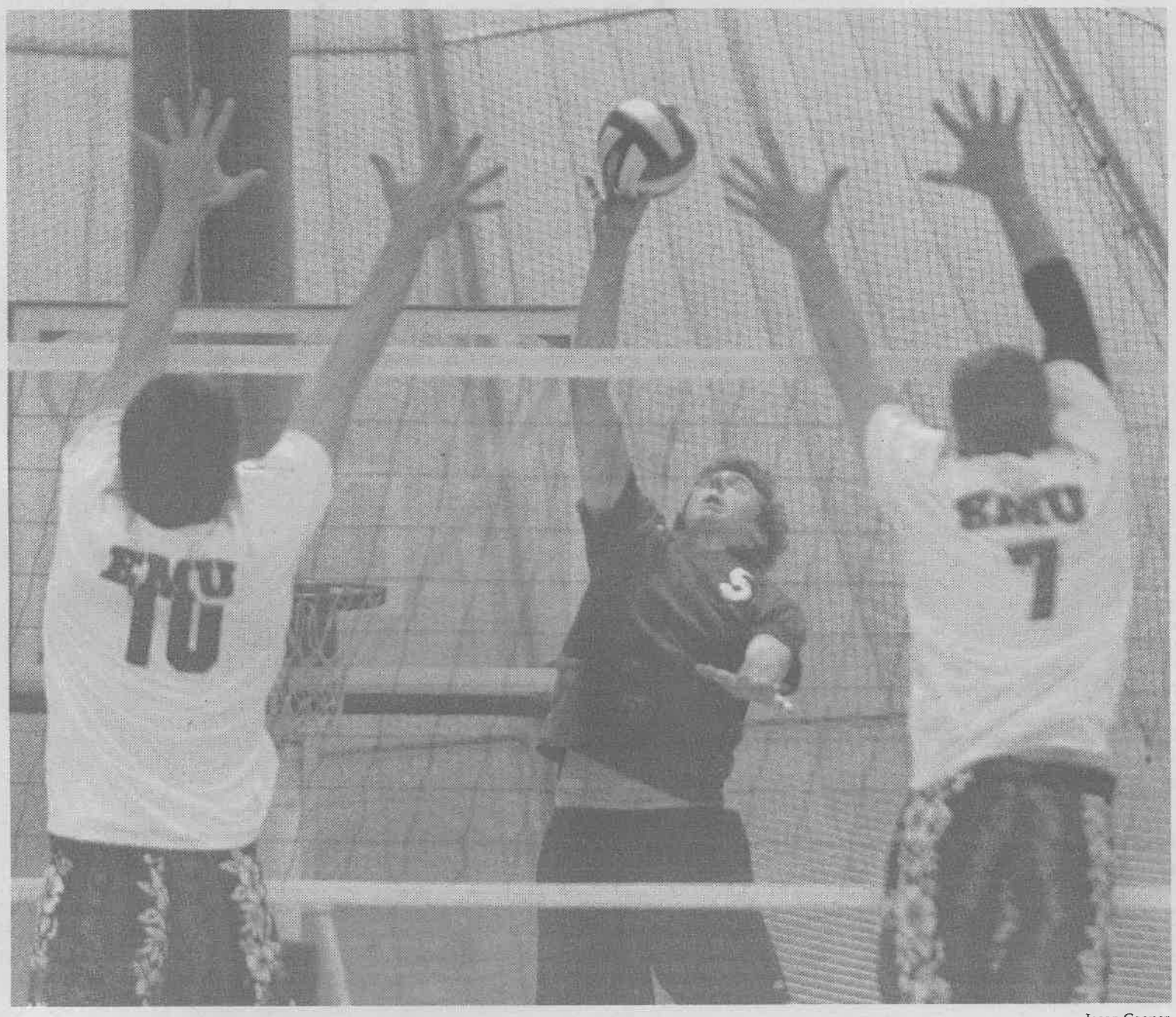

Jason Cooper

Outside hitter Matt Cornell (No. 5) hits through the block attempt of Derek King (No. 10) and Matt Musselman (No. 7) of Eastern Mennonite University. La Verne defeated the Royals in three games last Friday as the Leopards continued their eight game home stand. Losses to Concordia College and Vassar College later in the week dropped ULV to 7-10 on the season.

After failing to convert on three match points in the fifth and deciding game of Monday's match, the University of La Verne men's volleyball team was handed its first loss in its last four matches by the entirely international squad of Concordia College in New York.

After splitting the first four games of the match, the Leopards and Clippers would need a 15-point, win-by-two fifth game to decide the night's victor.

When the game was tied at 15 apiece, Concordia outside hitter Jesus Perez smashed one of his 18 kills on the evening to get Concordia to match point.

ULV would not lie down, as senior middle blocker Dave Engle answered back with a kill, tying the game at 16.

Concordia junior setter Rafael Diaz disagreed with the call, and he voiced his opinion to the referee, prompting the referee to hand Diaz a yellow card, giving ULV a point to take the lead and get to its first match point.

Unable to capitalize on this match point and the two to follow, ULV opened the door for Concordia as the Clippers took the lead at 20-19. Concordia did not waste any more time, ending the fifth game, 21-19, and the nearly two-hour match, 3-2.

The inability to finish a game has plagued ULV this season. The three missed opportunities to win the match in Monday's fifth game were evidence of this.

"It's our demeanor that we're OK with a lead," said Morgan Coberly, associate head coach.

> 'It's our demeanor that we're OK with a lead.'
> *—Morgan Coberly, associate head coach*

Instead of just sticking with its opponents, as ULV did against Concordia, the Leopards must learn "to beat them into the ground," Morgan Coberly said.

Earlier, after winning the first game in the match, the Leopards then lost two straight to the Clippers by scores of 30-24 and 30-21.

"(In those games), we dug ourselves too big of a hole to come back," said senior libero Shane Haldeman.

The five-game loss to the Clippers, whose roster displays only two players below 6 feet 4 inches tall and none from the United States, was due mainly to ULV's inconsistency.

When playing a team with players of the Clippers' stature, ULV, who holds an obscene height disadvantage, must play solidly, wait for the Clippers to make their inevitable mistakes and capitalize on those mistakes. Monday, the Leopards did not achieve this.

"Our problem was that we gave them so many errors," Morgan Coberly said. "We didn't give them a chance to get cold."

Sophomore opposite Dwayne Wibeto, who earned the position when senior setter Scott Alley was called to active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps, has stepped up his game immensely in the past week. Wibeto led ULV in the match with 16 kills on 32 attempts for a hitting percentage of .219. He also contributed defensively with four digs and three blocks.

"It's nice to finally see him progress to a level of confidence," Engle said.

Wednesday night, ULV took on No. 4 ranked Vassar College of New York in an important Division III match.

Led in the first game by three Wibeto aces, ULV looked to be in control of the game-one momentum.

But the Brewers rallied back to win the game, 30-28.

In game two, the Leopards came out storming as they rode three consecutive blocks to a 7-2 lead.

But inconsistency crept in. The Leopards let Vassar back into the contest. Unable to recover from this Brewer comeback, ULV dropped the second straight game to the Brewers, 30-28.

Game three was the closest of the match, with the two sides trading points until the game was tied at 26.

Vassar, led by senior Jesse Lam, won two consecutive points take the lead, 28-26. This deficit proved to be insurmountable, as the Brewers finished off ULV, 30-27, in the third game and 3-0 in the match.

Wednesday's loss marks the first time ULV has been defeated by a Division III team since dropping last year's National Championship match to Springfield College in five games.

Friday night, Wibeto led ULV from the service line against Eastern Mennonite of Virginia, as one bicoastal rivalry was laid to rest when the Leopards defeated the Royals, 3-0.

In game one, ULV had earned a 14-11 lead when Wibeto came to the service line.

Wibeto and ULV pieced together a seven-point run, which was highlighted by Wibeto's two aces.

The Leopards went on to win the first game, 30-20.

Wibeto's night was far from complete. In game two, he came to the line with the score tied at five. The pride of Hanford then tallied two more aces to help the Leopards take a two-point lead. Wibeto's two aces proved to be all the cushion ULV would need to pull out the second game, 30-26.

In the third game, Wibeto stepped to the line, and once again, got the best of the Royal defense, boasting an additional two consecutive aces. These final two aces in the third and final game of the match brought Wibeto's evening total to six, setting a new school record of aces in a match, breaking assistant coach Jeff Pang's old mark of five.

> 'Dwayne went off. He did unbelievable in aces.'
> *—Dave Engle, senior middle blocker*

"Dwayne went off," Engle said. "He did unbelievable in aces."

Later in the third, the Coberly coaching duo subbed in nearly an entire squad of back-ups. At 27-21, with ULV leading, freshmen Adam Hilton and Jason Haldeman received looks. Jason Haldeman and Hilton joined freshman middle blocker Ben Paine, senior opposite Jay Chapman and sophomore outside hitter Elliot Naito, who were already in the match.

With only two of the night's starters left on the floor, Shane Haldeman and freshman outside hitter Matt Cornell, Eastern Mennonite put together a 3-1 run, forcing Jack Coberly to call a timeout.

After giving up one more point to the Royals, ULV answered back, winning two consecutive points, capped by a Hilton dump, to win the game, 30-27, and the match, 3-0.

ULV's second team performance in the third game, though it was enough to send the Royals away with a loss, did not impress Morgan Coberly.

"It still needs to be cleaner," he said.

The Leopards will attempt to close a two-match losing streak at 7 p.m. today in the Supertents against Newman University.

Leopards halt losing streak at seven

Antonette Manabat
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne baseball team ended its three-game weekend and seven-game losing streak with a win over Whittier Saturday.

The Leopards won the final game of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference series, defeating Whittier 4-3. ULV struggled against the Poets Friday at Whittier, losing 9-6. ULV then faced Whittier Saturday for a doubleheader on Ben Hines Field. The Leopards lost the first game, 7-3.

ULV was able to come back from the two losses, to get through the close 12-inning game, coming out on top over the Poets.

"Our emotion and passion was as good as it's been all year; they played with great desire in the second game," said head coach Scott Winterburn.

In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, ULV started things off, scoring two runs in the second inning. Junior Daniel Soriano scored first off an RBI by junior Aaron Mendoza, and Mendoza scored off an RBI by junior Adrian Reyes.

Whittier was scoreless until the fifth inning when it broke out and took the lead.

Whittier freshmen Ryan Kitamura started things by getting on base on a walk. Senior Joe Moreno then stepped up to hit a homerun to tie the game.

Junior Jonathon Vasquez was then able to score, capitalizing on ULV mistakes: from wild pitches to an error by freshmen shortstop Michael Bockstahler.

The Leopards answered back, tying the game in the fifth inning on junior Joe Scott's homerun.

"The dugout was really into the game, and they had a great deal of energy; it really carried onto the field," Winterburn said.

Both teams went scoreless until ULV won the game in the 12th inning. Junior Justin Van Duyne was able to hold off the Poets by pitching seven innings of relief, allowing three hits and no runs.

"Justin played the ball of the year by any pitcher," Winterburn said.

In the 12th inning, there were two runners on base: Mendoza on first, and Bockstahler on second, when Reyes stepped to the plate.

Reyes doubled, and Bockstahler scored, winning the game for ULV.

Saturday's first game of the double header began and ended in Whittier's favor. The Poets scored first in the third inning with Vasquez' homerun.

The Leopards remained scoreless until the seventh inning, while the Poets continued with three more runs.

Senior Justin Brown scored the Leopards' first run on an RBI by senior John Doak. Whittier regained its scoring momentum in the eighth inning, scoring three runs by sophomore Ryan Jones, junior Colter Bollinger and Slaney.

ULV answered back in the eighth inning, scoring one run by senior Todd Farrell on an RBI by Mendoza.

The Poets went scoreless in the ninth inning, and it was ULV's last chance for a comeback, but Bockstahler was the only run to score.

"We haven't been winning games, and the team has been real beat up by all the losses; they were tired of seeing another game drop," Winterburn said.

ULV also faced Division II Cal State San Bernardino Tuesday in a non-conference game. The Leopards were defeated 11-10.

The ULV baseball team is now 4-10 overall and 2-7 in SCIAC.

The Leopards host the annual California Classic this weekend at Ben Hines Field.

The Leopards' first game is 2 p.m., Saturday against Ithaca College of New York, followed by a 5 p.m. game against Redlands at Ben Hines Field.



Jason Cooper

La Verne second baseman Justin Brown attempts a double play after forcing Jonathan Vasquez of Whittier out at second base. The play would produce one out and La Verne's efforts would result in a 7-3 loss in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday. ULV won the second game of the doubleheader in 12 innings, 4-3. The Leopards went 1-2 on the weekend.

LV tennis shutout by APU

Chrissy Zehrbach
Assistant Editor

In non-conference competition, the University of La Verne women's tennis team suffered a 9-0 loss to Azusa Pacific University Saturday, in Azusa.

The Leopards' doubles teams put up a good fight against the Cougars, who are currently ranked No. 20 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

"We didn't just give them points; we made them work for them," Michelle Tang said.

ULV's No. 1 doubles, Tang and Michelle Fontanez, and No. 2 doubles, Paige Hanawalt and Lacy Cascadden, both dropped their matches, 4-8.

"Their team had a really good backcourt game," Hanawalt said. "They all played like singles players."

No. 3 doubles pair Desiree Whipperman and Angelina Martinez were defeated by Marilyn Wise and Hephzibah Segura 8-2.

As a doubles pair, Wise and Segura are undefeated.

Assistant coach Brian Harrison said the doubles matches were quick-paced with a lot of movement. Many points were decided by the Cougars' ability to close points off at the net, he said.

"The girls were right there through the matches, but when APU had the opportunity to win games, they won it," Harrison said.

Following the doubles losses, the Leopards took to the singles courts in hopes of gaining a victory.

"Doubles scores were pretty high, but the singles scores were even better," Harrison said.

Three of the six singles matches were close for the Leopards.

No. 1 singles player Cascadden faced Mayo Sato. After losing the first set 6-2, Cascadden came back in the second to split sets with a 7-5 win.

Sato regained control in the third and took the set 6-4, winning the match.

"(Cascadden) could have taken the match, but things didn't fall her way," Harrison said.

No. 3 singles player Fontanez faced Segura.

Fontanez lost the first set 6-1, but came back in the second set with determination. With the score tied at 6-6, a tie breaker ensued.

Segura clenched the tie breaker 7-1 and the set 7-6.

In final hopes of a ULV win, No. 6 singles player Emily Hofer faced APU's Laurel Buehler.

Hofer put pressure on her opponent but dropped the first set 7-6 after a 4-7 tie breaker. She then fell short 6-4 in the second set.

"They're putting pressure on the other girls, and they keep building," Harrison said. "The ladies are taking sets off girls and becoming better. We're not focusing on wins, more on the learning process. The situation of winning is the next step."

APU gave the Leopards their third consecutive loss, which brings ULV's overall record to 1-7.

ULV will host the University of Puget Sound at 2 p.m., today and Colorado College at 2 p.m., tomorrow at the Nancy Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion.

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Setting convenience aside, there is a significant price range between shopping at the bookstore and shopping on-line.

A general education course book required for Biology 101 will cost ULV students $60 for a used copy and $79.95 for a new copy if purchased at ULV's bookstore.

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Track beats Oxy and Cal Lu

•Leo teams sweep at Cal Tech

Lori Waters
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's and women's track and field teams are 4-0 after competing against Occidental College and Cal Lutheran University Saturday at Cal Tech.

The women beat Occidental College 125-69 and Cal Lutheran 123-59. The men beat Occidental College 120-73 and Cal Lutheran 141-55.

On the field, freshman Dionte Holloway placed first in the high jump with a leap of 6'07".

Senior John Horton shined on the field as he placed first in the long jump with a jump of 21'09. 75" and in the triple jump with a jump of 44'03. 75".

In the women's jump competition, senior Liz Lucsko long jumped 17'06" to win the competition.

In the throw competition, All-American senior Brandon Tedrow scored big points in the javelin as he threw a National Collegiate Athletic Association provisional nationals qualifying mark of 189'11. 75". Tedrow also placed second in the men's pole vault, with a vault of 12'06".

In the hammer throw, junior Bobby Vail launched the hammer 165'01", winning the competition.

On the track, the men's and women's 4x100 relay teams were both on top of their game. The women's relay team won with a time of 48.99. This time also qualified the women's relay team provisionally for the NCAA national tournament.

The men won with a time of 42.88.

In the sprints, senior Dimitri Watson placed first in the 200-meter dash with a blazing time of 22.60 seconds. Junior Eric Thomas placed third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.77 seconds.

In the women's 200-meter dash, senior Dejuana Satchell finished first with a time of 25.37 seconds, Satchell also qualified for the NCAA nationals provisionally in the 200-meter dash. Transfer student Deonne McClean was not far behind, placing third with a time of 26.51 seconds.

Junior Eje' Ash and senior Amber Clayton placed first and second in the women's 100-meter dash.

Eric Thomas, Brandon Jones and Will Lawson placed first, third and fourth respectively in the men's 400-meter dash. Lawson and Jones also took first and second place in the 400 Hurdles.

Akia Hason placed first for the women's hurdle competition.

In the distance events, sophomore Kelly Wood took over as he placed first in the men's 5000-meter race and the men's steeplechase.

In the men's 1500-meter race, sophomore Cecilio Barrera was on top with a run of 4:10.

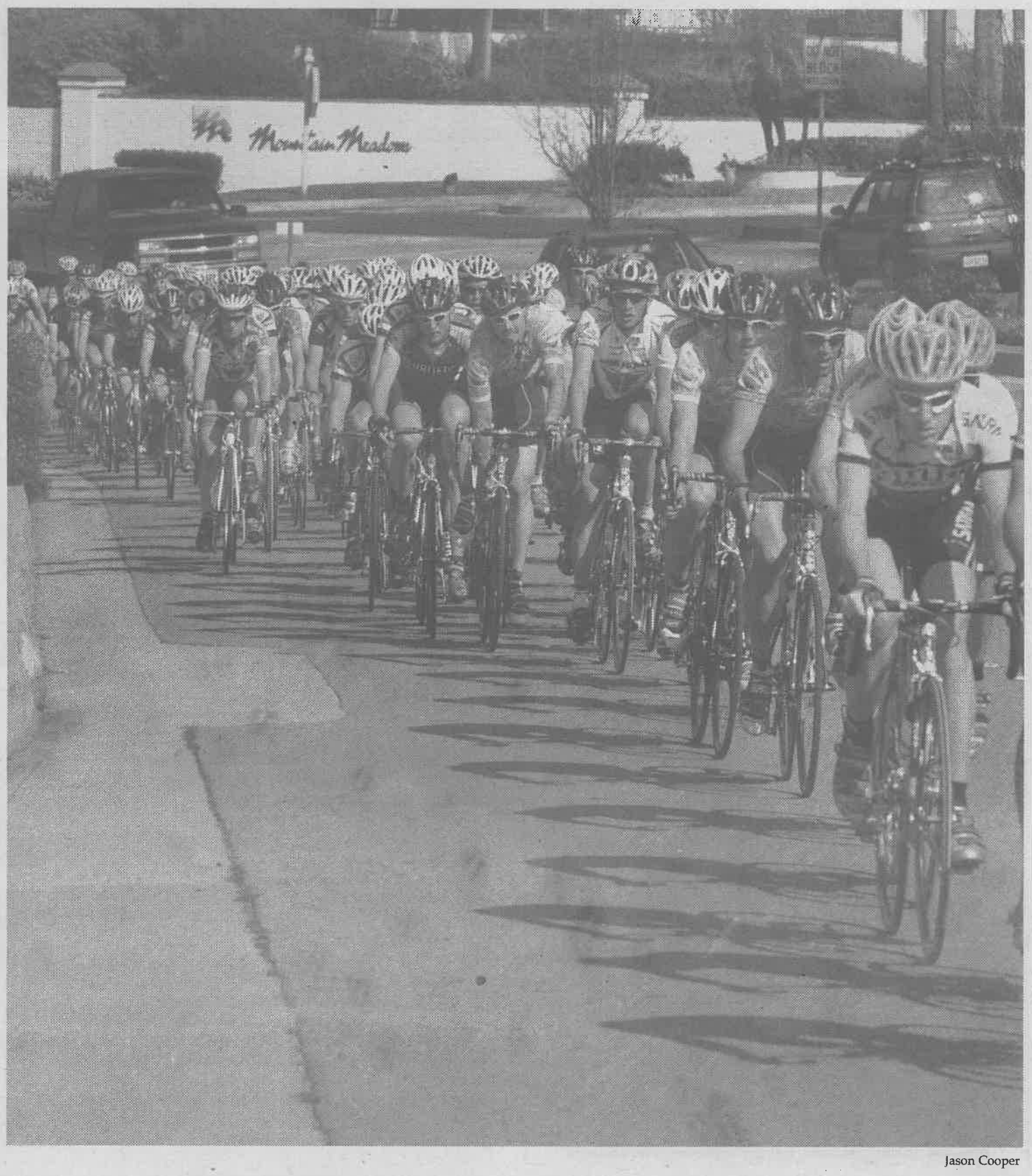
"It was great to beat a team like Oxy that has a tremendous amount of resources and tradition," said head coach Pat Widolff.

After the big win for the ULV men's and women's teams, Widolff said "There was a total team effort from both the men's and the women's teams."

The Leopards' next meet, the ULV invitational will take place at 11 a.m., March 22 at Ortmayer Stadium.

ULV's next conference meet is April 5 at the University of Redlands.

LV's own 'American Flyers' scale Fairplex Drive



Jason Cooper

The fight for first place brought hundreds of cyclists up Fairplex Drive last Saturday. The fourth annual Pomona Valley Stage Race held the third leg of its four-stage race on a route that encompassed Puddingstone Lake in Bonelli Park. The Pomona Valley Stage Race is the year's first event on the National Racing Calendar. Tom Danielson, from Durango, Colo., won the event after Sunday's leg through historic downtown San Dimas.

Softball wins 6 of 7 games in 7 days

Brian Ortega
Staff Writer

This past week, the University of La Verne was able to earn a win over Rensselaer Polytechnic from New York, 8-0, on March 9, along with wins over Albion College 8-2, and Texas Lutheran 5-1, on March 11, helping to establish ULV as a force to be reckoned with in the Sun West Tournament.

The only loss the Leopards met thus far in the tournament was a loss to Central College from Iowa on March 9.

The Sun West Tournament is an on-going, month long tournament, which displays some of the best teams from across the nation in softball. The tournament is being held at Chapman University.

This past weekend, ULV took on fellow Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member Whittier College with an afternoon game Friday and a doubleheader Saturday at Wheeler Park.

Coming off a shutout win of 15-0 against the Poets on March 7, the Leopards were pumped and ready for more action Saturday.

In the first game, the Leopards were able to capitalize early in the game as they brought in Libby Ramos on a sacrifice hit from Gina Meza.

In the fourth inning, however, the Poets were able to sneak one past ULV on an overthrow to third base.

ULV answered back with a double RBI off Amber Guerra.

The Leopards then capitalized off another opportunity by Brandi Thompson, as she was able to bring in a run off a single.

But it was in the 6th inning that the Leopards came out strongest on offense. With the bases loaded, Gina Meza hit a line drive past third base that brought in two runs.

2001 SCIAC MVP Sue Whitcher continued the rally, hitting a double that brought in a run.

The Leopards then sealed the game by stealing home and having the eight-run mercy rule take effect.

The final score for the first game was 9-1.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Gina Meza brought in a runner off a line drive past second base.

The Poets were not able to post a score until the third inning.

But in the fourth inning, Meza started the rally with a hard double; this was followed by a single from Whitcher that brought in Meza for the run.

Jessica DeGiacomo finished off the rally by hitting a single that brought in two runs for ULV.

The Leopards ended the second game victorious, 4-1.

ULV will take on Cal Lutheran at 3 p.m. today at Wheeler Park, followed by a 12 p.m. start tomorrow at Cal Lutheran.



Jennifer Contreras

After much deliberation between coaches and umpires, senior shortstop Gina Meza was declared safe at first base. Sophomore Courtney Lum of Whittier defended first base in both games of the doubleheader in La Verne Saturday. La Verne took both games against Whittier, 9-1 and 5-1, after trouncing the Poets 15-0 in Friday's game. ULV is 10-6 on the season.

Dykstra enters next phase

Staff Reports

Former University of La Verne senior quarterback Rollie Dykstra was released from Loma Linda Community Medical Center Tuesday morning, almost five months after suffering a nearly fatal head injury that occurred in the Leopards' game against the University of Redlands on Oct. 19.

Dykstra will be moved to the Centre for Neuro Skills in Bakersfield where he will spend three-to-six months in therapy for permanent brain damage and loss of eyesight.

While there, Dykstra will reside in an apartment with three other men who have suffered the same type of injury. He will re-learn everyday skills, like cooking, in his quest for further autonomy.

Monday through Friday, Dykstra and his roommates will undergo physical therapy and will be free on the weekends to spend time with their families and friends.

Dykstra's five-month struggle has gone through phases, ever since being rushed to Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center during the game on Oct. 19 after trainers performed an emergency tracheotomy on the sidelines.

At Pomona Valley, the medical staff placed Dykstra on life support, unsure of his chances for survival, where he remained for two weeks to relieve swelling in his brain.

Dykstra was then transferred from Pomona to Loma Linda.

Shortly after the injury, rumors spread that Dykstra had suffered a concussion in the previous week's game against Cal Lutheran.

Although these rumors were not confirmed, Dykstra's father and girlfriend did confirm that Dykstra was suffering headaches throughout the week before Oct. 19.

Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer

Softball vs. Albion, March 11

La Verne	**8**
Albion	2

Softball vs. Texas, March 11

La Verne	**5**
Texas Lutheran	1

W. polo vs. CMS, March 9

La Verne	4
Claremont	**8**

Schedule

Today

Men's and women's tennis vs. University of Puget Sound 2 p.m. @ Blickenstaff Pavilion.

Softball vs. Cal Lu 3 p.m. @ Wheeler Park.

Men's volleyball vs. Newman University 7 p.m. @ Supertents.

Tomorrow

Baseball vs. Ithaca 2 p.m. @ Ben Hines Field.

Baseball vs. Redlands 5 p.m. @ Ben Hines Field.

Monday

Golf vs. Whittier 12:30 p.m. @ Sierra La Verne Country Club.

Did You Know?

Sophomore opposite Dwayne Wibeto eclipsed the University of La Verne men's volleyball team record of aces in a match. With six aces in last Friday's match against Eastern Mennonite University, Wibeto passed the old mark of five, which was held by Leopard assistant coach Jeff Pang.