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Acquisition to boost LV research

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The University of La Verne biology department has recently acquired new laboratory equipment that will enable faculty and students to perform cellular analysis, which – among other things – can determine whether cells are cancerous and chart their degeneration.

The instrument, called a flow cytometer, will help bring ULV research facilities up to par with other universities, said Christine Broussard, assistant professor of biology, who was the driving force behind the acquisition.

"(Flow cytometry) has revolutionized research being done for immunophenotyping (cell identification and analysis)," she said. "It's essential."

Purchasing a new cytometer, however, would have required roughly $200,000.

But thanks to what Broussard called a chance opportunity, the department was able to purchase an older model from the California Institute of Technology for only $24,000.

It can be difficult for science departments at liberal arts colleges to be competitive because building comprehensive laboratories can be so expensive, Broussard said.

In fact, Broussard was inquiring at different facilities about renting time on their cytometers when she lamented to a colleague at Cal Tech how inconvenient it was not having one here.

The rest, she said, is "a story of serendipity."

Rochelle Diamond, manager of Cal Tech's flow cytometry group, told Broussard about a unit in Cal Tech's lab that had gone unused for several years.

Cal Tech made an offer to sell the instrument that was too good to refuse.

The flow cytometer consists of two components; an optical unit where the laser scans the sample, and a computer workstation used by the operator. The work station that came with the cytometer is obsolete, and the biology department is purchasing a $20,000 upgrade, Broussard said.

ULV students familiar with the device will not only be able to conduct advanced research but could also participate in an internship program at Cal Tech.

"The idea when we sold it was to eventually get students once a year to come in and help," Diamond said.

Seniors Kristine Zapata and Candice Taan will be using the cytometer for their senior projects, studying the effects of different substances on cell health.

Flow cytometry also has important clinical applications. Hospitals, such as the City of Hope, use it to diagnose cancer patients. Another clinical use is counting important white blood cells in HIV-infected patients to gauge the health of their immune systems.

In the future, the ULV biology department hopes to offer training in such clinical uses.

Broussard credits the purchase to the teamwork of her department colleagues, and their willingness to sacrifice their own purchasing "wish lists" when this opportunity arose.

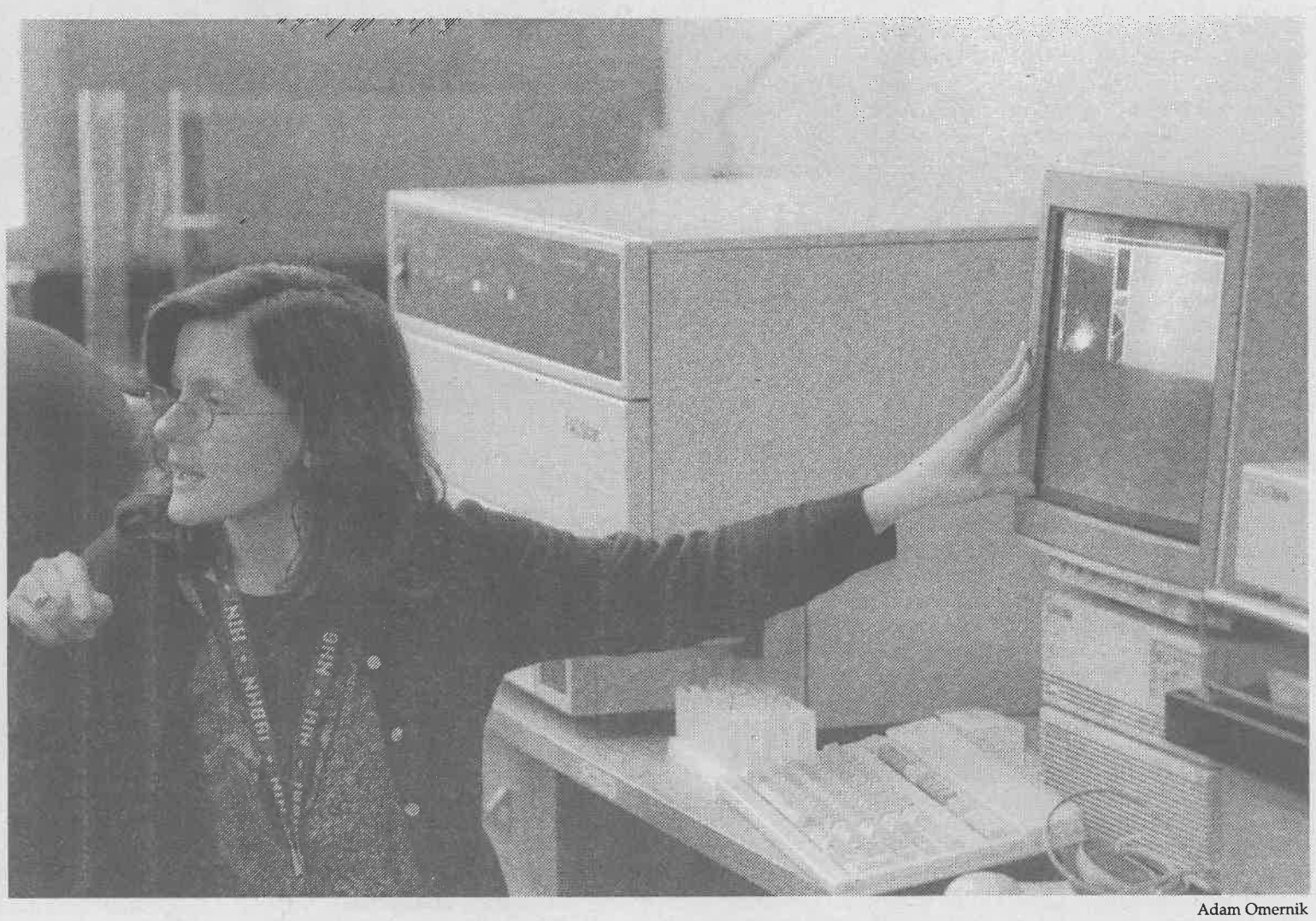
"We really are excited about the instrument," said Robert Neher, professor of biology. "Having it here gives us a powerful new tool and direction to study cells."

With the device students will be able to perform immunophenotyping, the study, identification and analysis of samples such as animal cells, plant cells or phytoplankton. Such analysis can determine if cells are cancerous, or evaluate their state of degeneration. Another valuable use will be looking at how cells respond to different chemical signals in their environment.

"If you had to pick any aspect of scientific research that is the hottest today, it is cell signaling," Broussard said.

Broussard added that there is an important lesson to learn from this success story.

"Make lots of friends."



Adam Omernik

Biology professor Christine Broussard presents her department's new flow cytometer, which was acquired from Cal Tech in March. Once the cytometer's work station is updated, students will be able to study and identify different cell types.

U.S., foreign charities help Iraqi refugees

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Staff Writer

In the wake of the war in Iraq, many Iraqis, though liberated, are without life's basic necessities.

In a humanitarian effort, several charitable organizations in the United States and across the world are offering help through relief programs.

Among them is Mercy Corps, which donates roughly $140 million a year to various countries in need and has established a new office in south central Iraq to assist Iraqis with food, water, shelter and medicine.

"We are currently assisting about 300,000 people in Iraq," said Mercy Corps spokeswoman Margaret Larson.

Americans who want to help may donate $33, $83 or $144. The money will go directly to water and hygiene kits as well as medicine and food, Larson said.

But she warned: "It's too costly to send goods, so send cash. The agency will buy the needed items in Iraq and distribute them wisely."

Melissa Winkler, spokeswoman for the International Rescue Committee, said that many charitable Americans have approached IRC with ideas of sending books, clothes and kits for children in Iraq. But she too said cash donations are preferable.

"No planes are flying into Iraq, so things have to be shipped to a nearby country and transported by land."

IRC also urges Americans, who want to do their part, to do so by lobbying for humanitarian assistance.

"The monies that went to the military are enormous compared to monies for humanitarian aid," Winkler said. "(Americans) need to contact members of Congress to make them give a larger financial commitment for humanitarian spending, They have to ask for United Nations coordination to assist the people of Iraq."

Katherine Poma, senior director of Direct Relief, said her

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FACTS offers online payment option

•Payment system will lessen lines

Gloria Flores
Staff Writer

In attempts to make registration an easier process for both students and faculty, the University of La Verne is replacing the current Tuition Management System with FACTS.

FACT, by a company that offers a new form of online registration and payment instillation, will be up and running here this fall.

And with its implementation, ULV students will have the options that thousands of other college and university students have enjoyed for years.

"Tuition Management System was not offering student accounts an integrated solution to accommodate the growing needs of the students," said accounting department controller Lori Gordien.

In an effort to keep up with many other universities that have already adopted this form of tuition management, ULV opted for FACTS, an organization that partners with other schools that own an approved interface system.

"Other than the online availability and convenience, there should be no visible difference in the system and its options," Gordien said.

The same options and installment plans will still be available. The option of entering Woody Hall and registering with the Registrar's Office is still available to all students with an additional online option that is expected to decrease much of the lines and wait.

"The goal is to achieve shorter lines and more accessibility for students," Gordien said.

Students are glad to hear that progress is being made to the registration and payment process.

"It does not make sense that our school is so small, and we have so much to go through so much red tape when it comes to class registration in comparison to schools with a much larger student population," said Kathy Carr, sophomore. "This should have been done a long time ago."

"All of this renovation and improvement took a lot of work and dedication on the staff's part," Gordien said. "It has been an enormous amount of work to get off of the ground but we feel that it will be very beneficial to the staff and the students in the long run."

Multiple committees and departments, including financial aid and student accounts, worked together to make this project a success.

"My role in this process was to oversee student accounts," said Gordien. "I reviewed the contracted aspects and made certain that the project ran on schedule, but I give full credit to the staff from the various departments who made this happen."

The web registration accessibility is also expected to benefit those who work in student accounts and in the Registrar's Office.

Junior Megan Howard, student employee at the Registrar's Office, said she hopes that this new system will lighten the workload come registration time.

"It is the busiest and most hectic time of the year," Howard said.

"As a result of replacing TMS with FACTS, paperwork and long lines should decrease. Plus, it will make it much easier for people who may have problems registering in person, especially if they attend classes off of the main campus."

Howard also said that students that choose to take care of their business on line will be pleases with the change in systems.

"Students can register at their own convenience on the web," Howard said.

Gordien said brochures with information will be available to students who have questions about the changes and options.

New SBGS dean takes office

Janah Valenzuela
Staff Writer

Associate Professor of Finance, Abe Helou was recently promoted to associate dean of the School of Business and Global Studies.

Helou came to the University of La Verne in 1993 as assistant professor of business and economics after earning a Doctorate in finance at Arizona State University.

Helou was promoted by Gordon Badovick, dean of the School of Business and Global Studies.

"The school has an ambitious agenda to accomplish within the next few years," Helou said."I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the associate dean position will present me."

Helou will be adding to his responsibilities as associate professor of finance and program chair of the graduate business programs, as he takes on several tasks as the new associate dean.

"His added responsibilities will include coordinating all activities as the school moves toward national accreditation of its business programs," Badovick said.

"(Helou) will also be responsible for oversight of the development and implementation of a comprehensive outcomes assessment program for both on and off campus programs," Badovick said.

Helou will also coordinate and spearhead ULV's Association of Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business accreditation efforts.

In addition, he will work on special projects as needed while ULV merges the School of Business and Global Studies and the School of Public Administration and Health Administration together into one academic unit.

Claudio Muñoz, associate professor of accounting, said Helou was promoted as a result of his many talented contributions to the school of business and global studies.

"He is highly deserving of his promotion to associate dean of ULV's school of business and global studies," Muñoz said.

Renee Miller, associate professor of business said she enjoys working with Helou.

"In addition to being an outstanding instructor, he is a very effective administrator," Miller said. "He is supportive, well organized and works with high energy. He has been doing a wonderful job as chair of the graduate business programs and is now applying those same leadership and team building talents in his new position as associate dean."

ULV law student wins top award

Lori Waters
Staff Writer

The 2003 Outstanding Individual Achievement and Oral Advocacy Moot Court Award went to University of La Verne's third-year law student Anthony Costanzo.

The Moot Court award was sponsored by the University of San Francisco.

Costanzo said it took him 15 weeks to prepare for it, including a 30 page brief that proved to be the hardest part.

The argument that led Costanzo to be honored for the most outstanding oralist was a real-life case about a contract dispute.

Costanzo was required to argue both sides of the issue, which can be a tough challenge for any Moot Court member.

"This has been the highlight of my school experience," Costanzo said.

Costanzo said he practiced long and hard throughout Christmas break until the final breaking days of the argument.

Costanzo said he contributes a lot of his success to two professors.

"I'd like to thank professor Dean McVay and Dean Rubin for making it all possible," he said.

"We were thrilled that Anthony was recognized for his achievement; it was the first time that we had won an award at trainer," McVay said about Costanto's accomplishments.

This award is important to him because as a law student he has learned how to apply classes he has taken at The University of La Verne College of Law to real life legal problems, Costanzo said.

He also said that he draws on his education for inspiration

He said he has the desire to defend people with real life problems and become a public defender.

Broussard chosen for prestigious course

Desiree Quintero
Staff Writer

Christine Broussard, assistant professor of biology, was among the select few in the nation chosen to attend one of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Ma. courses this summer.

After completing an application and turning in letters of recommendation, Broussard waited for a response.

"The Marine Biological Lab is very well known for its summer classes and their special topic courses," Broussard said.

The Marine Biological Laboratory accepted Broussard into their Embryology course.

"Being able to take this class will give me more ideas and more skills in dealing with different model systems," Broussard said.

The Embryology course is an intensive six-week laboratory and lecture course for advanced graduate students, postdoctoral students and senior researchers who seek a broad and balanced view of the modern issues of developmental biology in an evolutionary context.

"The class consists of a morning lecture and an afternoon and evening laboratory, six days a week," Broussard said.

Broussard also received several scholarships to pay for her six-weeks of schooling .Broussard earned scholarship funds from organizations including: the Edwin Grant Conklin Memorial Fund, Caswell Grave Scholarship Fund and the Arts and Sciences Summer Research Grant.

Broussard is hoping to increase her knowledge by taking the course at the Marine Biological Laboratory, she said.

"This is an opportunity for me to be trained using different models in biology," Broussard said.

"No one has ever gone to an MBL course from (the University of La Verne)," she said.

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Bennis promotes leadership education

Gloria Flores
Staff Writer

"Coffee, cake and conversation" was the theme for renowned author and leadership expert Warren Bennis, whose lecture was held in Founders Auditorium Saturday.

Bennis presented his most recent and critically acclaimed book "Geeks and Geezers," which he co-authored with fellow leadership expert, Robert J. Thomas. The book addresses the differences between two successful business generations.

Bennis and Thomas present a model of business leadership based on interviews with successful business people from a range of generations.

In their book, the authors coin the older group geezers and the younger group geeks, as they seek to understand how experience and values shape the actions and attitudes of present and past business leaders.

A key term frequently used in the book is "crucible," which is used to describe a test of patience that can utterly transform an individual through hardship.

Many of Bennis' fans filled Founders Auditorium with a personal copy of "Geeks and Geezers" in hand for the book signing that preceded the discussion.

University of La Verne President Stephen Morgan, introduced Bennis, saying that he regards Bennis as a mentor from the time they spent together at University of Southern California.

Morgan joked about being unable to spot celebrities that directly cross his path at an airport or restaurant, "but I saw Warren Bennis pulling up from a block away. That's how you know I have my priorities straight."

Bennis' lecture followed a structured format as he admitted that he has a tendency to drift off subject. He opened by describing the key differences between the two generations.

He spoke and showed the audience clips that demonstrated how many of today's younger leaders are on a quest to find balance between their personal lives and careers.

WWII leaders, on the other hand, attribute many of their accomplishments to their relentless dedication to their careers, which were driven by a strong passion for the cause.

Bennis continued discussing the adaptations to "crucibles" and leadership competencies. He concluded with a powerful poem on leadership and opened the floor to questions.

Bennis' first interest in the subject of leadership was sparked while observing his older twin brothers, one whom had natural leadership abilities unlike the other.

Bennis' early fascination would later carry him through a very successful and prestigious career as a leadership educator, writer and adviser.

During his youth, Bennis served as an Army lieutenant during WWII, which was when he first studied leadership seriously.

"I learned as much from my men as they learned from me," Bennis said.

Bennis later attended Antioch College on his GI Bill. It was there that Bennis met his mentor, Antioch College President Douglas McGregor. McGregor founded the school of industrial psychology at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bennis earned a Doctorate in economics and social science at MIT and then went on to teach at its Sloan School of Management.

The further he advanced in his academic career, the more he became preoccupied with his need "not just to teach and research management and leadership, but to experience it firsthand," Bennis said.

Since then, Bennis has served as an adviser to the past four U.S. Presidents and consulted many corporations and agencies, including the United Nations.

Bennis is currently a distinguished professor of business administration at USC and the founding chairman of USCs Leadership Institute.

He has now entered what he calls a great stage in life. One where he is actively pursuing his writing while mentoring and educating youth.

"I am interested in these youngsters," Bennis said. "They are the visual, virtual and digital generation that is so different from my WWII generation."

Clark Crawford, student of business administration at USC, said, "I have always admired Warren Bennis. I like his overall approach to leadership and management and his use of light humor to deliver his message."

Upcoming guest authors brought to ULV by the Master's Program in Leadership and Management include Jay Conger, Kevin Cashman and Jean Lipman-Blumen. For more information, visit **www.ulv.edu/mslm**.

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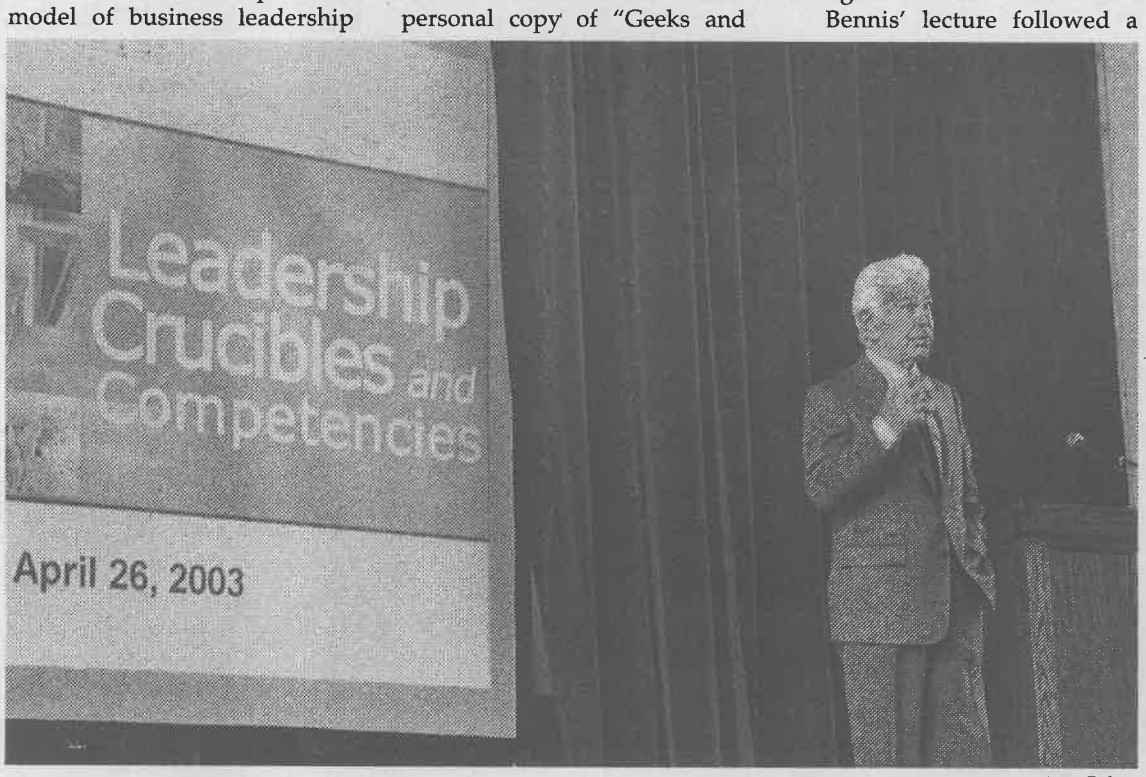
> —*Warren Bennis*



Amy Babin

Author Warren Bennis visited ULV on Saturday to discuss his book, "Geeks and Geezers." He was featured as the 34th author in ULV's eight-year series "Coffee, Cake, and Conversation." Founders Auditorium was packed with students, faculty and alumni to share in his lifetime of experience in leadership and management.

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organization does not have a staff stationed in Iraq, but that they work with three-to-four agencies that set up office networks and relief projects in there.

"These agencies are currently positioned in Kuwait and Jordan," Poma said. "As the military allows, they travel to Iraq and evaluate their (medical) needs. The agencies then report back to Direct Relief by giving them a needs assessment list."

Direct Relief is a private nonprofit humanitarian medical organization that distributes medical and surgical supplies as well as refurbished medical equipment.

While the agency receives annual government funding for ocean freight shipping, the funds usually run out in six months.

It also depends on donations, particularly at this crucial time.

"Americans should only donate to (agencies) that will handle their money responsibly. Watch to make sure that a higher percentage of the monies are going for aid and not to administration," Poma said.

Another agency, Doctors Without Borders, has also been working in and around Iraq since before the war started.

It has both a medical and surgical team in Baghdad, said the organization's spokesman, Kris Togeson.

Right now the organization is occupied with assessing Iraq's vast medical needs.

Doctors Without Borders provides drugs, supplies and medical care to hospitals, Togeson said, adding that the organization accepts donations from $35 to $5500.

Americans who prefer children-centered charities may want to consider Save the Children, who also has a strong presence in Iraq, said the organization's spokeswoman, Colleen Barton.

Also coming to the aid of the children of Iraq is the Lutheran World Relief Charity.

The organization has recently sent nearly a half-million school kits and 22,000 quilts, not to mention food, blankets and first aid kits to 52 parishes and community health centers.

Lutheran World Relief is currently running a campaign called "All Our Children of Iraq" to raise funds for the supply and shipment of medical needs.

Three shipments have been sent thus far.

"Lutheran World Relief is doing a lot of hands-on humanitarian things right now. They are a neutral agency who help solely on the basis of need in the country," said the organization's spokeswoman, Vicky Wetstone.

She added that the organization is drilling wells, and supplying water tanks to 150 churches, mosques and schools.

Additionally, LWR is training workers to help in Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. Like the others, it also accepts cash donations.

Some Americans, Larson said, are hesitant to donate money and understandably so, which is why she recommends they do thorough research and choose charities they feel comfortable with.

"Americans have individual consciences and should help those in need if they choose to do so," Larson said.

She added that there are other ways to help besides donating money.

"Keep up on the issues at hand, learn about the impact on civilians and write Congressional leaders to ensure protection for women and children," she said.

For more information on the charities, or to make donations online visit their Web sites:

- Save the children: **www.savethechildren.org**
- Mercy Corps: **www.mercycorps.org**
- Lutheran World Relief: **ww.lwr.org**
- International Rescue Committee: **www.theirc.org**
- Direct Relief: **www.directre**
- Doctors Without Borders: **www.doctorswithoutborders.org**

News Briefs

Combining schools

On April 25, the Board of Trustees approved the merger of the School of Public Affairs and the School of Business and Global Studies. The merger will be effective July 1 under the name of the College of Business and Public Management. Also effective July 1, the Master's in Leadership and Management program will move from the School of Education and Organizational Leadership to the College of Business and Public Management.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society is sponsoring an informational meeting for those students considering applying to law school in the fall or in the future. The meeting starts at 3 p.m., Thursday in Founders Hall, room 114.

Commencement speakers

The speaker for the Baccalaureate commencement will be David Radcliff, director of Brethren Witness, a peace and justice program of the Church of the Brethren. Peace Corps Director Gaddi Vasquez will speak at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 24. Mary Catherine Swanson, founder and director of Advancement Via Individual Determination, will speak at the Graduate ceremony on May 25. Speaking at the College of Law hooding and commencement ceremony will be U.S. Representative David Drier, who represents the cities of Glendora, Pomona, Claremont and La Verne.

LV commissions

The city of La Verne is currently accepting applications for volunteers to serve on city commissions or committees. The City Council invites residents of La Verne who are 18 years or older to apply. The last day to submit an application is 6 p.m., May 22. For more information, call (909) 596-8726, or go to the City Clerk's Office located at 3660 D St. or visit Internet at **www.ci.laverne.ca.us/bulletin.shtml**.

—*Gloria Diaz*

Bush's new peace plan

President George W. Bush should be congratulated for finally unveiling the long-delayed road map for peace in the Middle East, which would establish a Palestinian state and end 31 months of violence.

Since the Palestinian Authority's Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas formed his Cabinet, and its members took office, the Bush administration has unveiled this peace plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Abbas was inaugurated as prime minister on Wednesday and vowed to end Israeli attacks.

With Abbas as prime minister, Bush will have a good opportunity for advancing the peace process.

Bush made a good call in refusing to deal with longtime Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been accused by Israel of being linked to terrorists.

Bush has joined other world leaders, calling for reforms of the Palestinian Authority.

The United States and Israel support and welcome Abbas and view him as a means to oust Arafat and his support of terrorism.

The restarting of the Middle East peace process brings forth many benefits.

Suggestions include a Palestinian state by 2005 and an end to Jewish settlements being built on occupied land.

Israel will also begin to withdrawal from Palestinian areas re-occupied since September 2000.

There are reforming of Palestinian institutions, which include leadership freeze in Jewish settlement buildings, also are taking place.

U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer presented the plan to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem.

Abbas then received the news of the peace plan in the West Bank town of Ramallah from representatives of the parties that constructed the plan.

Those parties were the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations.

In order for this peace plan to work, both parties must comply with their responsibilities.

Bush acted in good morale, urging both Palestine and Israel to act "in good faith" towards the building of a Palestinian state.

He urged Palestinians to cut funding for terrorism and demanded that Israel end settlement activity in the occupied territories.

Abbas will need to build more authority in order to step away from Arafats rule and the United States can do their part by providing economic and political aid.

Though Bush did wait too long to finally unveil this peace plan because of their focus on Saddam Hussein, the Iraq crisis actually helped, giving time for the US and UK to bring support from Arab and other allies.

> This road map, said Bush, represents a starting point in achieving the vision of two states, a secure state of Israel and a democratic and peaceful Palestine.

This peace plan has been welcomed around the world. The European Union, Russia, United Nations; Jordan, France and Russia have all agreed with the plan.

This shows that there is a form of unanimity among nations.

Abbas has been invited to the White House but no date has been set. Powell will begin to travel the region in May and will meet with Abbas.

This road map, said Bush, represents a starting point in achieving the vision of two states, a secure state of Israel and a democratic and peaceful Palestine.

Since 2000, the Israeli-Palestine conflict has led to 2,287 Palestinian deaths and 763 Israeli deaths.

Past plans have failed, but now with the unveiling of this plan, the conflict should soon come to an end.

Share environmental responsibility

As Earth Day approached and passed for another year, we are reminded of our duty to do our part in saving our planet.

As Americans each year we throw out more than enough trash to fill a 24-lane highway about one-foot deep from Boston to Los Angeles.

Each day, every one of us produces 3.5 pounds of trash.

We produce enough diapers every six hours to fill a barge half a city block long. Think about it: gazing at a serene, flowing waterway as some monstrosity floats by, followed instantaneously by an all-out olfactory attack of digested mashed carrots and peas.

We use one-third of the world's paper, and 27 percent of the aluminum.

But trash is not all we dump. Each year, we generate enough hazardous waste to fill the New Orleans Superdome, a stadium that boasts a diameter of 680 feet and a capacity of 100,000 people for conventions, more than 1,500 times.

The University of La Verne is not independent of America's trash problem. We are as guilty as the rest of our nation.

In the month of February, Leopards walked out Davenport's door with more than 2,450 to-go containers and sipped from more than 3,100 disposable cups.

> Each year, we generate enough hazardous waste to fill the New Orleans Superdome, a stadium that boasts a diameter of 680 feet and a capacity of 100,000 people for conventions, more than 1,500 times.

Students in the dorms leave their lights and computers on all day simply because they can.

Well, it is time to help out. Our landfills are overflowing, our water supply is constantly suffering and our fossil fuels are dwindling.

It is time to better our world, starting right here, at ULV.

Even though the 33rd anniversary of Earth Day has passed this year, the proverbial slogan, "everyday is Earth Day" must ring true here, on our campus.

Water can be conserved. When brushing your teeth, never let the water run. This can save up to four gallons each time you brush. If each person does this, brushing twice a day, that is eight gallons per person per day. With 522 students on campus, we can, as a community, save well more than 4,100 gallons of water per day.

We can also cut paper usage nearly in half by simply using both sides of a sheet of paper and reusing scrap paper.

For those who drive cars, there is a plethora of options for helping out.

First off, maintain your vehicles as much as possible. Money is not always a luxury college students have, but make vehicle maintenance a priority. Your cars will run better and it will help the environment.

For instance, one simple way to help out is maintaining properly inflated tires. This will increase fuel economy.

Also, carpool when possible. Go with your friends to cosmic bowling and on your late-night trips to Jack in the Box, Carl's Jr. and Del Taco.

When sitting in the perpetually annoying Los Angeles traffic, shut off your car if you are idling for more than 30 seconds.

This cuts down on vehicle emissions.

Sodexho also provides tips for conserving trash and other items.

To cut back on the number of to-go containers, just dine in.

Do not hoard nor waste napkins. If you are eating ribs, OK. But if you are eating a salad with no dressing, you are not going to need to take your weight in napkins.

Take only one cup for each meal.

Sodexho is also running a Recycle Mug Program next fall, where students can purchase a mug for discounted prices on coffee and soda. 15 cents of each mug purchased goes to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Finally, one of the easiest ways is through recycling. It only takes two-thirds the amount of energy to manufacture a glass bottle from a recycled bottle rather than from scratch.

In fact, glass bottles can take up to one million years to decompose in our nation's landfills. Aluminum cans take up to 80-100 years to waste away, so recycle your Coors Original cans, ULV.

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From the Editor...

Life is a circle of problems



Jaclyn Roco

One of the realizations I've had in my young age is that all of life is a catch-22.

I just received a notice from my financial aid lenders; it read, "Congratulations from Sallie Mae. Our records indicate that you will graduate by this May. This is a reminder that you have a six-month grace period following you commencement date until you pay the following fee of..."

It's interesting, isn't it? I'm paying to attend college in hopes that I will be able to enter a prestigious career and earn money, which in turn I end up paying back for having attended college in the first place.

Here's another thing:

I was recently surfing the web, trying to see what kind of job market awaits me, and even here I was led in circles.

The fact that I'm actually a candidate to graduate after four years means that I couldn't have possibly pursued working outside of school. So how is a person supposed to pay back his or her loans (that, I might add, have such an absurdly high interest rate) if all the jobs advertised require "at least 1 to 3 years experience?"

I just don't understand the concept of "full-time student" being another way of saying "not qualified."

And how about the average college student who does work, living off her paycheck, while fitting random classes into her tight schedule? What is her compensation? Well, let's see. Besides exhaustion, inconsistent grades and a seven-year graduation plan, she at least gets the bonus of having her own money.

However, like all else, there is a catch for the working college student. Usually these students end up slipping away from their studies in the hopes of making more money, therefore they are less likely to get promoted because they never successfully received a diploma.

There is more to this crazy game of life than mere financial trouble. Take our country, for instance. Take this war.

OK, so the war is considered won, yet, there was a rather large cost to pay. I'm sure that all of us were taught that to kill is beyond sinful, yet our troops (who mostly joined the military to be able to make money, despite the horrific job), did their duty and may come back successful, but with broken spirits.

Our president asked his people to support him in an effort to protect democracy and ourselves, yet the very reasons he came up with to start a war may backfire.

President Bush asked us to search for and destroy weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, however, the few that we have found (or claimed to have found) were never used during the war. Although this is a good thing, where does this leave our cause for war? I'm certain that many of us prayed to find these weapons to support our president, yet at the same time fervently wished that the weapons never be used at all.

And what about our democracy – the rights that our founding fathers put quill to paper in such documents like the Bill of Rights? Is our media doing a right thing if they are required to report to the government with their information before airing it on television? Although many news stations like Fox and CNN strive to appease their audience with the truth, they are being watered down because America seems to not want the truth.

So how can the media be watchdogs if their corporate owners force them to feed the audience images and facts just for the ratings? How can we see what is really going on if all the news outlets are owned by one mother hen? (Did you wonder why so much of the news we watch is all the same? Maybe it's because the stations are the same!)

Just like the media, the people of America are also being denied free speech. The Dixie Chicks were publicly lashed only because one was brave enough to voice her feelings. One of the winners in the Academy Awards was booed for again saying what he felt.

I guess the most important catch-22 of America then is the fact that we claim to be a free country, although we never seem to practice it. Let democracy live by letting everyone speak without reprimand; be patriotic to yourself and do what's best for the country, and not what the president seems to think is best for us.

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Finding the way back to myself



Gloria Diaz

One moment she is happy and enjoying life, the next moment she can be the unhappiest person, hating life. It is difficult to be her friend because an insignificant comment to you can be the most hurtful one to her.

Every other day of the week she functions as a normal student.

She smiles; she laughs at funny jokes; she lets hurtful comments pass her by. If she gives any hint of her pain, she quickly covers it up with a "just kidding" or a chuckle.

There is always that one night when the thoughts she set aside for six days hit her hard. She tries to hide the fact that she has been crying, but her friends see the red in her eyes and the dry tears around on her face, and they know.

The sad fact is that she does not exactly know why all this started, which makes her feel somewhat helpless in solving this problem.

Maybe it is one thing, or maybe it is a combination of things; whatever it might be, it has been hard for her to deal with it.

For all of you who are still reading, I would like to share something with you: the girl I am talking about is me.

I have had the extreme highs and lows that leave me asking myself, "What is wrong with me?" I have listened to almost every sad song ever made. I am the one who has had a hard time finding joy in what used to make me happy six months ago.

It used to be easy for me to laugh at jokes and have fun, but up until a few weeks ago this was impossible for me to do.

Over spring break, while I was lounging around watching television, I realized that I needed to change and try to find my way back to ME.

Since I have been back, I think I have been a lot more "cheerful" (for the lack of a better word) and a lot more pleasant to be around.

I also realized that the past few months have also been trying on my friends.

They have told me that they would like to help me, but the fact is that there is nothing they could do to help me deal with what was going on inside of me.

With all that said, I would like to say thank you to the people who have listened to my weekly rants, and who have provided me with a shoulder to cry on.

I know this semester has been hard for all of us, but your willingness to understand and help has made me see that I am not alone (like I once thought).

You have all understood that the change that I needed to make had to come from me.

A special thanks goes to my roommate who has had to put up with the music of Travis Tritt and Thisway.

Now that there are a few weeks left in the semester, I want to make them the best, (especially this weekend). This semester has been hard, and this is my optimistic side kicking in, but next year will be better.

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Good people care about animals



Bailey Porter

I volunteer at the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and through my work there I started a mobile adoption unit with my mom and other volunteers that takes dogs and cats to Petco in San Dimas. Every Saturday, we load up our Suburban with tail-wagging enthusiasts, who seem to come alive with the break from the monotonous and dreary confines of the shelter.

Sure, doing this every weekend gets tedious at times, but not because I'd rather sleep in. It is emotionally draining as an animal lover to continually subject myself to the feeling of helplessness at not being able to do more for them. And then there's the rage I have for those who are to blame for their conditions.

Still there is a constant reward for me in finding homes for these dogs and cats that have been neglected, abused and thrown away by those who can't keep their "pets." Simply put, I meet such good people.

There are the good people who make donations to our cause when that is all they can do. These people listen to the stories about how each animal came to be at the shelter. And as their eyes begin to mist, I just want to hug them for feeling these emotions. Or someone speaks of the cruelty people so easily inflict on other living creatures, and I want to stand up on my soapbox right along with them; I find strength in knowing my views are shared.

Then there are the good people who open up their homes to our mobile unit friends. One of my favorite examples is a family that adopted a 5-year-old German Shepherd mix named Ruff. They often bring Ruff to show us how much a part of the family she is. Ruff had spent months in a plastic cage at the shelter, and now she lives in a house waking up the young boys with big, slobbery kisses in the morning and becoming a big pillow for them when they watch TV at night. They look adoringly at Ruff and insist that she has really completed their little family.

My mom and I spoke to one man a couple of weeks ago who was searching frantically for his completely deaf cat who had been missing for a day.

The cat had given birth to kittens a few days before, but something frightened her, and she bolted outside. The distraught man asked for help. We decided the first thing was to get the kittens some milk, so he left Petco armed with powdered formula.

The next evening, the man called us, gushing that his cat was safe. The cat had been stuck on top of an electrical pole. The man called the fire department, but they said they could do nothing, as there could be a live wire.

Aren't all firefighters supposed to rescue cats? The man was able to get Edison to come, but only after waiting seven hours. Neighbors came to stand with the man and even held blankets as nets to catch the cat if she fell. One woman brought coffee to the nervous cat owner.

Good people. We know them simply as Barbara and John, a couple who have been visiting us at Petco since we began almost a year ago. They come to keep us company – well, I'm sure it's mostly about the dogs. Recently, they were struck by the story of a little lab-mix puppy that we had brought. The puppy had mange, a nasty, but completely curable skin condition. The puppy's disease was expensive to treat, so the shelter was going to put her to sleep unless we found her a home.

This was all Barbara and John needed to know, and they volunteered to foster her and provide the $100-plus to medicate her for the mange. Barbara and John have decided they can't part with newly named Maggie, who now has a gleaming black coat.

Christina Wright is a 17-year-old volunteer, who is sort of like a horse whisperer for dogs and cats. Along with caring for her two dogs, numerous cats and a rabbit, Christina has fostered four litters of kittens and four dogs in recent months. All were in danger of euthanasia, but each has been adopted into good homes. She keeps them content, and even the shyest have blossomed under her care because they too can sense that she is one of those good people I have been telling you about.

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'Doing their own thing' live

by Amanda Stutevoss
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It is 7:15 a.m. when University of La Verne seniors Michelle Powell and Vania Joseph enter the Arts and Communications Building. Powell's eyes are shaded by the tint from her sunglasses: a strategic move to hide her weariness. Rustled papers and enormous notebooks fill her hands. Joseph saunters in with a cool relaxed confidence.

They enter the KULV studio, prepare for the task at hand, and when the mic flips on, the two transform into The Blonde Bombshell and Rocquelle: "Two girls doing their own thing."

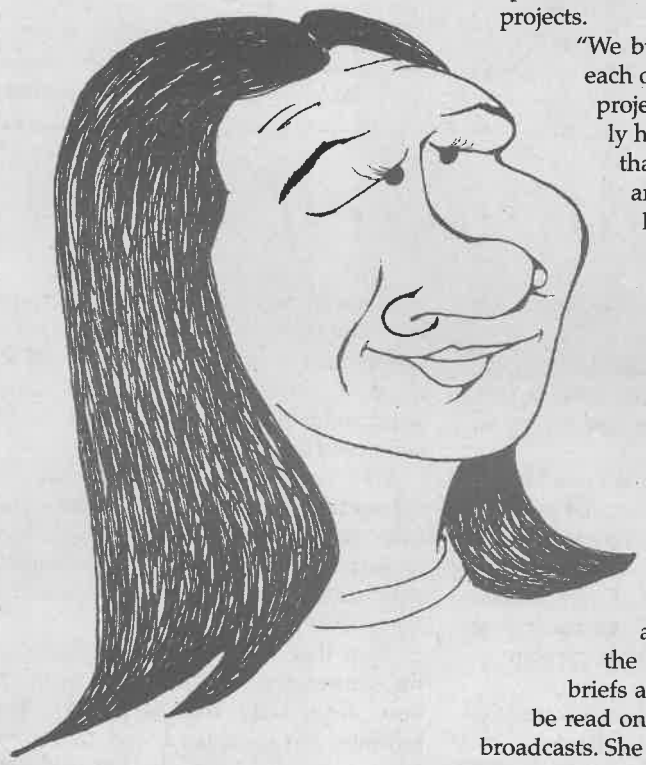
For two hours, three days a week, this is their routine. While most ULV students are still sleeping, these two women host the KULV morning show – a show that took a lot of convincing to even pull off.

Project adviser Mike Laponis, professor of communications, helped Joseph and Powell streamline their idea of the morning show into a format that would fit KULV's.

"The process of getting approved to do the morning show is so difficult because of the strict guidelines for senior project," Laponis said.

"It was a challenge to convince our adviser to let us do this as our senior project," Powell said. "But once he knew how bad we wanted it, and how committed we are to it, he agreed.

Joseph and Powell dreamt up the idea during the fall semester. They worked together in many classes and learned to depend on each other for various radio projects.



"We built a trust and loyalty to each other, " Powell said. "For a project like this, you must really have a person to work with that is as committed as you are to be a success, and we knew that we could count on each other to do that."

"It helps that they both want to do what they are doing," Laponis said.

The two spent weeks doing pre-production planning for the show. They split the responsibilities into two different areas.

Powell is in charge of the pre-production and promotions aspect of the show. She gathers news briefs and entertainment news to be read on-air and organizes remote broadcasts. She also designs flyers as well as plans promotional events and giveaways.

Joseph does all the radio production work and imaging. She produces commercials for every show and is the board operator in the studio during the broadcast.

"Michelle and I really appreciate the amount of work that the other does," Joseph said. "We both know that we could not do the other's job; it makes us invaluable to the other."

Along with their responsibilities to the morning show, the pair is involved in other aspects of KULV.

Powell holds the position of promotions director, while Joseph is the assistant to the music director.

The two also have experience working for professional radio stations.

Joseph worked at Power 106 as an intern for 10 months. She was the assistant to Nautica de la Cruz, wife of ULV alumnus PJ Butta. She ran the board while de la Cruz was on the air and said that she learned an enormous amount from working and watching her.



"My internship was only six months, but I wanted to stay longer so I just hung out," Joseph said. "It was such a great experience for me."

Joseph said that it is her dream to be a full-time mid-day on-air personality. Powell has complete faith in her partner.

"She is going to be famous one day," Powell said. "She has a great voice and a chill attitude on the air; she is great at what she does."

Powell has worked for KZLA and KFRG, where she still works today. At KZLA she was an assistant on the morning show. Now she does music research for KFRG. However, she said that is not what she has in mind for the future.

"I would love to be on the air, but I also love promotions," Powell said. "I need something that is new and always changing."

"They are really doing a good job," Laponis said. "It is obvious that they are getting better. It took them awhile to find that focus, but they are doing it now. I am very proud of them."

ULV students find life easier off campus

Janah Valenzuela
Staff Writer

This spring it seems that many University of La Verne students have something to say about living on campus, or for some, the need to move off campus. Some are content with living in Brandt, Stu-Han or the Oaks. But others have various reasons for wanting to move away.

Junior Andrea Benitez, who lives in the Oaks, is ready to move out.

"I lived on campus for three years, and I'm really tired of it," Benitez said. "The bathrooms get really dirty, and no one cleans up after themselves, and it can be really noisy at times."

She said she did not agree with the activity fee being raised from $20 to $40 dollars.

"I don't go (to the activities) so I don't see why I should be charged even more," Benitez said.

Sophomore Lara Kerr, Brandt resident, had the similar feelings about the activity fee.

She suggested that only students who wanted to participate in the activities should pay the fee.

Kerr, who plans on living on campus again next year, is also disappointed with housing expenses overall.

"It's too expensive for what we get, or actually what we don't get," Kerr said.

Kerr also questioned why it costs just as much to live in Brandt as it does in the Oaks.

Freshman Kenny Colby, an Oaks resident, on the other hand, is pleased with his experience on campus so far.

"I'm living in the same room (next year), and I'm happy that housing gave us the option to keep our rooms," Colby said.

In response to the activity fee going up, Colby said it was disappointing and also felt the activities were not targeted toward all residents.

"Not many people attend activities outside of their own dorms," Colby said. "The activities should appeal to all residents from all the dorms."

Overall, however, Colby said he enjoyed his year living on campus.

Junior Pete Hanson, a resident assistant in the Oaks, also said he has enjoyed his experience on campus.

"Even though I don't plan on living here next year, I'm pleased with the housing situation overall," Hanson said.

Hanson said spending three years on campus is good enough, but is ready to move off campus.

Freshman Adrian Ferrera, who lives in Brandt, is also planning to live off campus next year.

He said living on campus costs too much, and he does not like the food.

He feels ready to live off campus after spending a year in the dorms.

"My mom wanted me to get the experience of living on campus and being on my own for a year," Ferrera said. "So now I can get my own place."

Freshman Ruthie Garcia, also a Brandt resident, said she does not have a problem with living on campus.

"It's easier and more convenient because it cuts out all the commuting and most parking problems," Garcia said. "I don't have to worry about waking up as early."

Convenience for junior Rachel Leber, an Oaks resident, involves moving back home.

Leber has lived on campus for two years and finds it too expensive to pay for housing when she only lives 20 minutes away.

"Why should I pay to live on campus for bad food and few meal options?" Leber said."Plus, I never get any homework done."

Leber also said the dorms need to be updated.

"The Oaks and Brandt have no handicap access to the upper floors," Leber said.

Leber said the only good thing about living in the dorms was her roommates.

On the other hand, senior Amelia Tabullo has enjoyed living on campus for all four years.

Tabullo spent two years in Brandt and two years in the Oaks.

"I didn't like living in Brandt because they didn't have any air conditioning," Tabullo said. "But I liked living at the Oaks. There is a different maturity level at the Oaks, and people are more mellow."

Whether it is the cost of living on campus, the poor meal options or lack of air conditioning, the Office of Housing and Residential Life has begun to address these concerns for the students.

Eugene Shang, interim assistant director of housing services, in response to residents' concerns, is working to start a Residence Hall Association.

"An RHA can talk to administration and housing about their concerns," Shang said. "Most importantly, they are representing the students."

Shang, a former RHA adviser at California State Fullerton, said his goals with the RHA program would be for residents to work in conjunction with housing in a manner that would allow them to voice their opinions and concerns.

"We need the voice of the students and their support," Shang said. "They need to feel empowered to speak up."

Shang explained that the housing activity fee was partly raised to support the new RHA program.

With RHA, Shang hopes to provide a community experience in all of the residence halls and build pride within the residence community. He also wishes to bridge the gap between residents and the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

"I don't want residents to wonder if their dorm is a community or merely a place to live," Shang said.

Shang has plans to begin the RHA program next fall.

Laser eye surgery improves vision

•Procedure is quick, but not simple

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Assistant Editor

Vision strained, bleary-eyed college students are considering increasingly affordable alternatives for improving their sight.

Recent technological advances have made laser eye surgery into a viable alternative, even though some of the long term benefits remain fuzzy.

While contact lenses have enabled the appearance-conscious to shed their spectacles, using them usually meant a headache of regular maintenance and expensive supplies.

After investing in exams, lenses, eye-drops, cases, cleaning solutions and a small laboratory's worth in equipment, many lens wearers nonetheless settled into denial over how uncomfortable they were to wear.

Over the past two decades, surgical procedures have gone from a risky gamble offered by a few specialists to a mainstream alternative. Approximately one million laser eye surgery procedures are performed annually worldwide.

New advances have resulted in an alphabet soup of esoteric acronyms distinguishing different procedures and variations that have emerged.

The two most common are PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) and LASIK (laser in situ Keratomileusis).

Both are performed on an outpatient basis using anesthetic eye drops, which allow patients to remain awake during the procedure and go home afterwards.

PRK is the simpler of the two, and consists of reshaping the cornea of the eye by vaporizing microscopic amounts of tissue on the surface.

Because the procedure removes the protective layer that covers the eye, only one eye is done at a time and recovery takes a month.

LASIK, also known as the "flap and zap" procedure, has become the preferred alternative for 95 percent of clarity seeking clients thanks to dramatically reduced recovery time.

According to Stephen Kilmer, a spokesman for TCL Laser Eye, the LASIK procedure requires the surgeon to cut a small flap in the cornea using a small knife called a microkeratome.

The doctor then peals the flap back and burns away the tissue underneath with the laser.

"It's like when you shine a light through a prism," Kilmer said. "LASIK reshapes the cornea, creating the proper shape to properly focus light passing through."

After the procedure, patients are sent home with blinders taped to their head and should not expect to do anything but lie in bed and let the tears roll for the next 24 hours.

According to Kilmer, LASIK corrects nearsightedness, farsightedness and minor astigmatism.

An able surgeon is essential, a steady hand being indispensable for the manual eyeball-slicing endeavor.

"The skill and experience of the surgeon is paramount," Kilmer said.

Obtaining meaningful statistics on success rates can be a Sisyphean task; the Food and Drug Administration rates effectiveness based on clinical studies of each of the many makes of lasers in use.

"Most laser patients with mild to moderate prescriptions do achieve 20/20 vision or are within 1 to 2 lines of 20/20 vision on an eye chart," according to the Web site of TLC Laser Eye, one of the major LASIK providers.

Yet even with the advances made in laser eye procedures, prospective patients need to accept that there are risks.

Although less than one percent of patients have any serious side effects, the FDA said that some patients experience varying degrees of side effects.

While daytime visual acuity is usually improved, it is often coupled with decreased night vision, including large halos around light sources and loss of detail, according to the FDA.

"Patients with especially large pupils can experience issues with night vision, but these usually correct themselves after one to three months," Kilmer said.

According to Kilmer, eye dryness and under or over-correction can also result.

Those considering the laser solution need to take several factors into account before rushing, credit card in hand, to the nearest strip-mall for a few minutes of eye burning fun.

Because eyes change size and shape as people age, the procedure is not for teens.

The FDA and most professional doctors recommend the procedure for patients 21- to 39-years old.

If your vision quality or prescription has changed in the past year, it is better to wait until it has stabilized before considering surgery. Patients should be forthcoming with their doctor about any prescription drugs being taken and any existing eye problems.

Contact lens users should stop wearing them prior to the evaluation exam. The length of time depends on what type of lenses worn – ask your eye doctor.

At the evaluation, you are unlikely to speak to the doctor who will actually perform your procedure. Prepare every question you might have and be persistent in getting them answered. If you are not comfortable with the responses offered, take your business elsewhere.

LASIK proponents tend to underplay the actual procedure as producing "minor discomfort," when it can be nothing short of painful. Find out exactly what will be expected of you during the actual procedure as some patients report confusion muddying the already anxiety-rich event.

The price tag for LASIK runs around $3,000. Few health insurance plans cover the procedure, making it usually an elective out-of-pocket expense.

Included in most fees are a pre-op evaluation, eye exam, follow-up visits and any medications required. Many surgeons also offer free "touch-up" surgery if needed.

For more information, visit the relatively objective **allaboutvision.com**.

> 'The skill and experience of the surgeon is paramount.'
> —*Stephen Kilmer, TCL Laser Eye spokesman*

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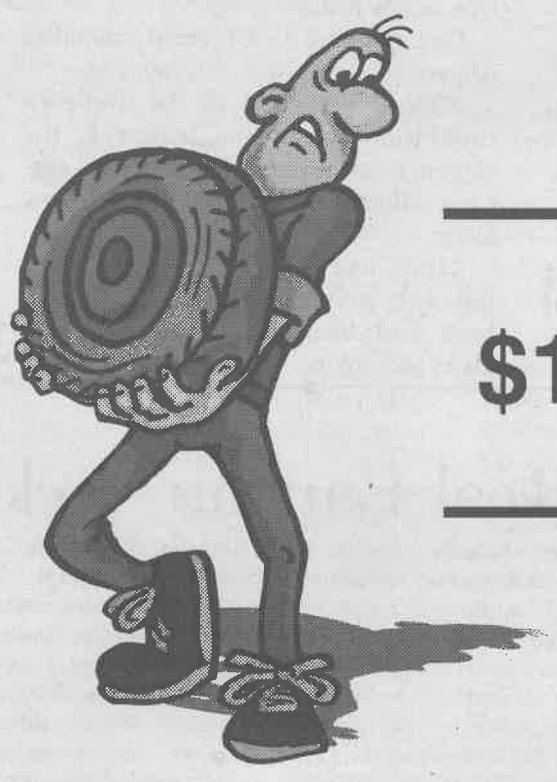

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Entertainment Briefs

Faculty Recital

Carol Stephenson and Timothy Durkovic will perform a faculty recital at 8 p.m., tonight in Founders Auditorium. Admission is $5 for the public and students are free.

Theatre

"A Night of Latin Influence with La Llorona," the senior acting thesis of Veronica Estrada, will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday in ULV's Dailey Theatre. Admission is $3 for students and $5 for the public.

Fairplex Events

The Fairplex is hosting a Super Chevy Show from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., today and tomorrow and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday at the Drag Strip. Admission is $20 for one day, $30 for two days and $35 for a three day pass.

The Country Music Round Up, featuring Mark Chestnutt, Joe Diffie and Tracy Lawrence, will be from noon to 9:30 p.m., Sunday at the Fairplex Infield. An all day ticket is $35.

Also at the Fairplex is the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The quilt will be displayed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m, Saturday and Sunday in Building 3. Admission is free.

Movies

"X2: X-Men United," staring Halle Berry, Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart starts nationwide today. New mutants add to Professor Xavier's already tough crew of crime fighters.

Also in theatres today is "The Dancer Upstairs," directed by John Malkovich and "The Lizzie McGuire Movie," starring Hilary Duff.

—Rebecca Cooper

International Fest features different cultures

by Valerie Rojas

photography by Jennifer Contreras



In coordination with the International Fair, the ULV Chamber Singers and Chorale performed at the International Festival of the Arts. The concert, held Friday in Founders Auditorium, featured music from Brazil, Argentina, Samoa and Japan.

The beautiful sound of languages from Bengalese to Spanish filled Founders Auditorium during the International Festival of the Arts.

The concert gave ULV chamber singers, chorale members and musicians the opportunity to dazzle the audience with a broad range of international musical pieces.

This presentation of music was a representation of the different cultures present at ULV.

Musical selections ranged from South American to Samoan traditional songs.

"We were very energized, and the audience seemed like they were into it," said chorale member Anthony Guerrero.

The week-long festival was designed to show people that the world is a lot bigger than just the La Verne community, said director Scott Farthing.

The evening started with Felix Mendelssohn's "Hochzeitmarsch," from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

International students Hiromi Kuroda and Masami Tomita shared the piano and wowed the audience with each keystroke.

The real highlight of the show was Marcos Leite's "Tres Cantos Nativos, Dos Indios Krao."

Performed by the University chamber singers, this song was entertaining.

Although no one in the audience could understand the language, the singers facial expressions and hand gestures allowed the audience to follow along.

"They had a really awesome stage presence, and they were very strong, loud and beautiful," said freshman Dana McJunkin.

In past international festivals, Nobel Peace prize winners and peace activists were invited to the campus to take part in the festivities and provide insight.

This year, guest pianist Franklin Larey, director of music from the University of Cape Town, South Africa participated in this concert.

Larey is currently in the United States working on recordings with pianists in New York and Chicago.

Through his musical talents, Larey works to make his community better.

By being involved in numerous children's choirs in Africa, Larey has been able to reach out and influence children, whom he said, "need exposure to other forms of music."

For more information on international activities at ULV, contact Philip Hofer at extension 4330.

Movie Review

'The Real Cancun' lacks reality

Amanda Stutevoss
Editorial Director

The concept of reality TV has finally reached the big screen in the movie "The Real Cancun" and is showing audiences nationwide the uncensored side to reality TV.

"The Real Cancun" is the true story of 16 strangers picked to go on spring break in Cancun, and have their lives taped, however their lives for a week, consist only of getting drunk, making out with random people and doing it all over again night after night.

The makers of this movie, the masterminds behind MTV's hit series "The Real World," have done a brilliant job of casting once again.

The casting call went out to college students across the nation and reached 10,000 uninhibited applicants. The trip included an all-expenses paid spring vacation at a gratuitously large beachfront resort in Cancun, Mexico – the ultimate spring break destination.

The cast of 16 includes: Laura, a 20-year-old self-proclaimed "naughty girl," Jorrel and Paul, two funny guys out to get some action and have some laughs while doing it and the twins, Roxanne and Nicole who shamelessly kiss and fondle each other at every opportunity throughout the movie, not to mention pretty boys Ryan and Jeremy who profess that they are the reason girls go on spring break.

Although the beginning of the movie feels like a drawn-out version of a "Girls Gone Wild" video, several moments throughout are seemingly real and, dare I say, heartwarming.

For example, watching the most genuine character in the movie, 19-year-old Alan from Texas, who never had a drink before heading south of the border, progress from a boy, who prefers milk to tequila, into a make-out machine is touching, in a spring break kind of way.

Alan's transition from one extreme to the other is filled with bumps (and grinds) along the way. Despite his makeover, he maintains his southern hospitality (by making sure to get a girl's name before making out with her.) It is his journey that makes the movie worth seeing.

Most of the other character's story lines remain undeveloped. The steamy nights between Laura and Jeremy create such heat that the audience can feel the fire.

However, the movie's edits douse the pair, showing only the couple's their quick encounters beneath the sheets rather than exploring the "real" circumstances that surround their spring break hook-up.

This movie is exactly what you would expect from a reality show staged in Cancun. People get drunk; shirts fly off; pants drop and everyone hooks up.

Is the cast filled with exhibitionists? Yes. Is it reality? Possibly. (Reality would probably show at least one character with a hangover from the constant partying.) Is it entertaining? Yes, but make sure to lower your expectations.

Feedback

An open letter to the RIAA



Taylor Kingsbury

Dear Recording Industry Association of America,

I recently read about lawsuits you have levied against four college students who participated in the illegal distribution of recorded music by creating file-sharing services.

I would like to commend you for your swift and severe reaction to this heinous and despicable act. Considering that a $98 lawsuit would be sufficient to crush the average college student, the $98-billion your fine organization is seeking is an excess that should send a message to similarly-minded criminals who seek to steal revenue from major record labels who so desperately need it.

Treating these scoundrels like the dregs of society they are is the first step toward thwarting others from following them down the path of crime, and perhaps helping these four students turn their lives around. I can only hope that illegal site-runners like Daniel Peng, the 17-year old Princeton sophomore named in one of your lawsuits, will regard this punishment as the impetus they need to get their lives headed in the right direction.

I also read the informative articles on your Web site regarding the costs of producing an audio CD. Your figures indicate that the majority of these costs are related to the marketing and exposure of an artist, and that only 10 percent of the CDs released generate a profit. This article also informed me that the $20 standard on mass-produced CDs is actually used to offset the revenue lost by the 90 percent of recordings that do not turn a profit.

I think if the public were more aware of this policy, individuals would be less apt to complain about the price tag on CDs they purchase. After all, it is our fault for not supporting all of the artists you represent, and if more of us had bought the last Papa Roach album, we probably wouldn't have to pay $20 for the new Deftones record.

It is well-documented that recorded music sales have decreased in recent years, and it is clear from your arguments that downloading is the direct cause of this slump. Since prominent artists like Avril Lavigne and 50 Cent are clearly artistic geniuses, it is painfully obvious that the quality of the product you market is unquestionably not a factor contributing to the downward slide of record sales.

Your organization is correct: Why would anyone go to the store and buy a CD when they can simply get the track listing elsewhere, log onto a file sharing site, sift through countless listings for the same song, wait 45 minutes to download the tune they want, repeat these steps 12 times to get every song on the album, print out the cover art off another site, upload a program that converts from MP3 to CD, put a CD burner in their computer, and spend an hour sequencing and burning the CD?

The ease with which we steal music is compounded by the fact that the average user only gets cut off from a transaction a few times before successfully downloading a track. Additionally, it usually only takes a few times downloading the same song to secure a version with good sound quality, no static interference and with the song in its entirety.

This simplistic method is costing your labels millions, and I sincerely hope now that you have identified the problem, we will see even more severe crackdowns on this lewd and rampant sharing of music.

But, the real reason I am writing is because I feel that, while the RIAA is adequately prosecuting the pirates who plunder the internet for free music, your organization has only scratched the surface of the numerous problems that are contributing to the decline of CD sales. Downloaders are not the only individuals costing you money. Since you are enacting such swift justice on them, I think it would be prudent to duly prosecute other offenders as well.

We must also issue stiff penalties against those who own and use CD recording devices of any kind. House to house searches would be the best method for identifying these perpetrators, and I'm sure since your organization is the most important in the world, you will have adequate means to bypass any sort of constitutional rights that such searches may negate.

Stores that carry used CDs should also be harshly dealt with. Used CDs not only persuade consumers not to buy new $20 units, they allow businesses to keep all of the profit, since these businesses purchase such discs from other consumers, not from the record label who issued the recording.

Lastly, we must identify the garage bands around the world and penalize them for creating music. After all, musicians are consumers who do not have to sift through dozens of units to find a sound that moves them. They can merely create the music themselves, thus depriving your industry of vast revenue. We must stop these horrible people from making music, and teach them the slogan on the RIAA battle flag: "Music is not to be enjoyed or explored, merely mindlessly consumed."

I know that all of us have contributed to this climate, and when I think of all the money I have deprived your organization by making mix-tapes for my friends, I am just sick inside.

If all consumers work together under your fine leadership, I know we can turn the tide. Let us make it our mission to keep your rappers and pop icons rich beyond imagination. If you need any assistance with any of the campaigns you are waging, I am your humble servant. We can win this war; and we must.

Insincerely,

Taylor Kingsbury

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Movie Review

'Anger Management' provides sporadic laughter

Jaclyn Roco
Editor in Chief

There are two types of comedic movies Hollywood creates: one that explodes with laughter and fun from beginning to end, and one where laughter and fun implode until the very end.

Director Peter Segal's "Anger Management" proves to be the latter. The audience is reeled in with bated breath throughout the first half of the movie and slowly rewarded with sporadic scenes worthy of a snicker or two.

As the movie progresses, the laughter increases until the very end, when viewers are left with an aching side and a wide grin.

The cleverness of "Anger Management's" plot more than makes up for its slow beginning, thanks to the witty rapport between its two stars.

Fiercely gifted Adam Sandler plays Dave Buznik, a man who forever seems to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The antics begin after Buznik goes on a flight and is seated next to one of America's favorites, Jack Nicholson, who plays the role of Dr. Buddy Rydell.

With devilish eyebrows and hair reminiscent of Einstein, Nicholson plays his devious role to perfection.

He disturbs Buznik's sleep during the long flight until Buznik finally agrees to remain awake to watch the flight's featured film with his seatmate.

But alas, to watch a movie while in flight means having to talk to one of those chatty, inefficient stewardesses (ahem, flight attendants) to buy a headset.

Although an easy enough task, poor Buznik is again denied an enjoyable flight when the flight attendant accuses him of assaulting her.

Buznik finds himself in court defending his actions, but because of his "treatment against women," is placed in anger management to control his "disturbing behavior."

And who else can fit the image of a proper anger management counselor than the "Buddy" himself?

Buznik, glad to find his assigned counselor ,the very man who sat next to him during his ordeal, pleads with Dr. Rydell to free him from this misunderstanding.

In the first session, the audience is treated to its first gales of laughter, especially after hearing the stories from Buznik's new classmates: a gay man, a lesbian couple, a sports fanatic and a man guilty of incest.

Buznik is given treatment aimed to cure his anger disease called Toxic Anger Syndrome. Following a scene in a bar, he lands himself back in court, this time for "knocking out" a cocktail waitress after stealing a blind man's cane.

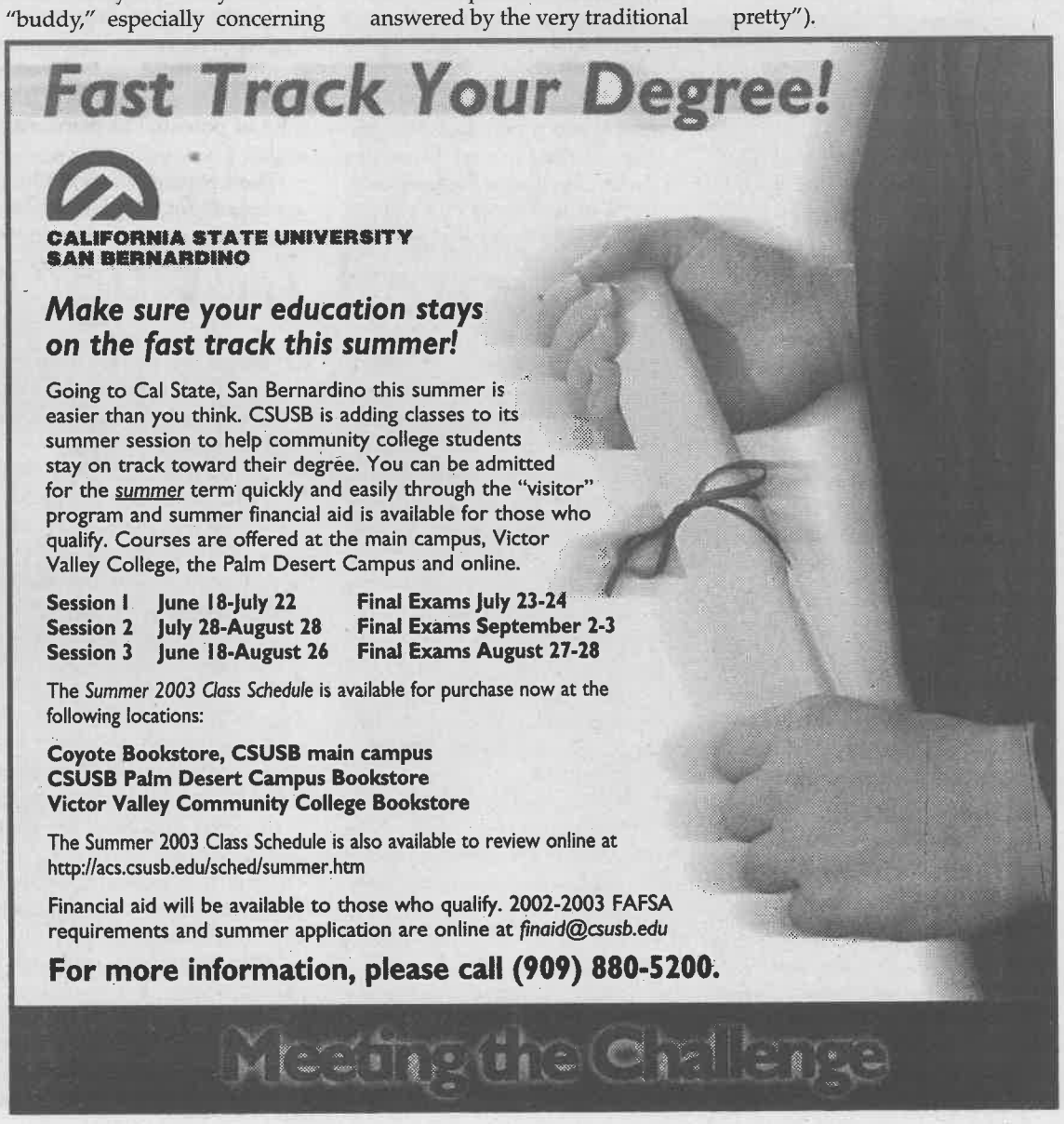
For his unconceivable actions toward women, the female judge sentences him to jail unless he agrees to 30 days of personal, intensive treatment from Dr. Rydell.

Finding out what this personal treatment is becomes the highlight of the movie. The scenes that follow are marked with bawdy laughter on the part of the audience because one never knows what comes next. It becomes clear toward the end that Dr. Rydell, in reality, is not what he portrays himself to be.

Is Dr. Rydell really Busker's "buddy," especially concerning the way he excuses his advancements toward Buznik's own love interest (Marisa Tomei)? Can Buznik finally find the courage to display his emotions outright and treat all women with respect?

These questions and more are answered by the very traditional ending of the movie.

Although cheesy in its own right, the ending teaches the audience that appearances indeed can be very deceiving (Who ever knew that Sandler and Nicholson could sing "so pretty").



Skovron leads ULV to No. 2 finish

•Leopards earn spot in nationals

Matt Paulson
Sports Editor

Despite a par-breaking performance by the University of Redlands in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament Wednesday, the University of La Verne golf team managed to secure a second-place finish in the conference and a berth in the national tournament.

"I was really happy with how we played," head coach Rex Huigens said. "We could have played better, but we certainly could have played worse."

On the two courses at Los Serranos Country Club that hold pars of 74 and 72, Redlands fired a one-under par team score of 583, 11 strokes better than La Verne's team total of 594.

"I give credit to Redlands," Huigens said. "They played outstanding."

With its finish Wednesday, ULV secured a bid in the national tournament, May 12-16 in Columbus, Ohio.

To earn the bid, the Leopards were fighting to be deemed one of the top four schools in the district, which includes Texas, California, Washington and Oregon.

ULV's top finisher in the tournament, junior Joe Skovron, who plays No. 1 for the Leopards, fired 73-72—145 to earn the third-place individual honor.

Along with freshman James Pearce, and sophomore Andrew Garcia, Skovron was awarded First-Team All-Conference honors.

Adding to Skovron's list of accolades was this year's Jess Clarke Award, which is given to the best golfer in the conference, as voted by the SCIAC men's golf participants.

With his one-under par individual total Wednesday, Skovron also earned the lowest conference scoring average.

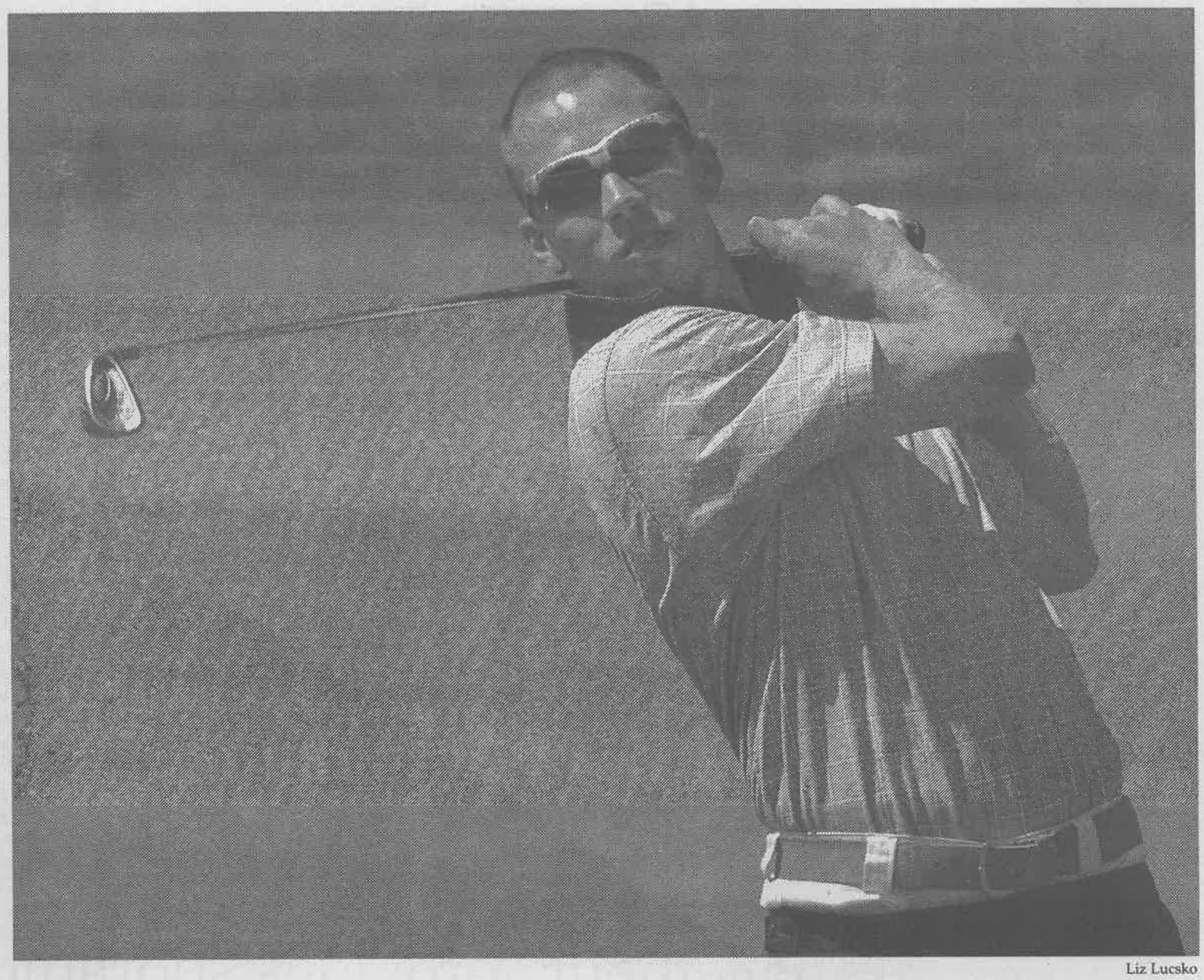
Freshman Doug Green, who finished second for ULV Wednesday with rounds of 72 and 77, and junior Joey Murray were awarded Second-Team All-Conference, giving the Leopards a total of five spots on the first and second all-conference teams.

"It was good to see Doug play well," Huigens said.

ULV's trip to the national tournament this year is the Leopards' third in a row.

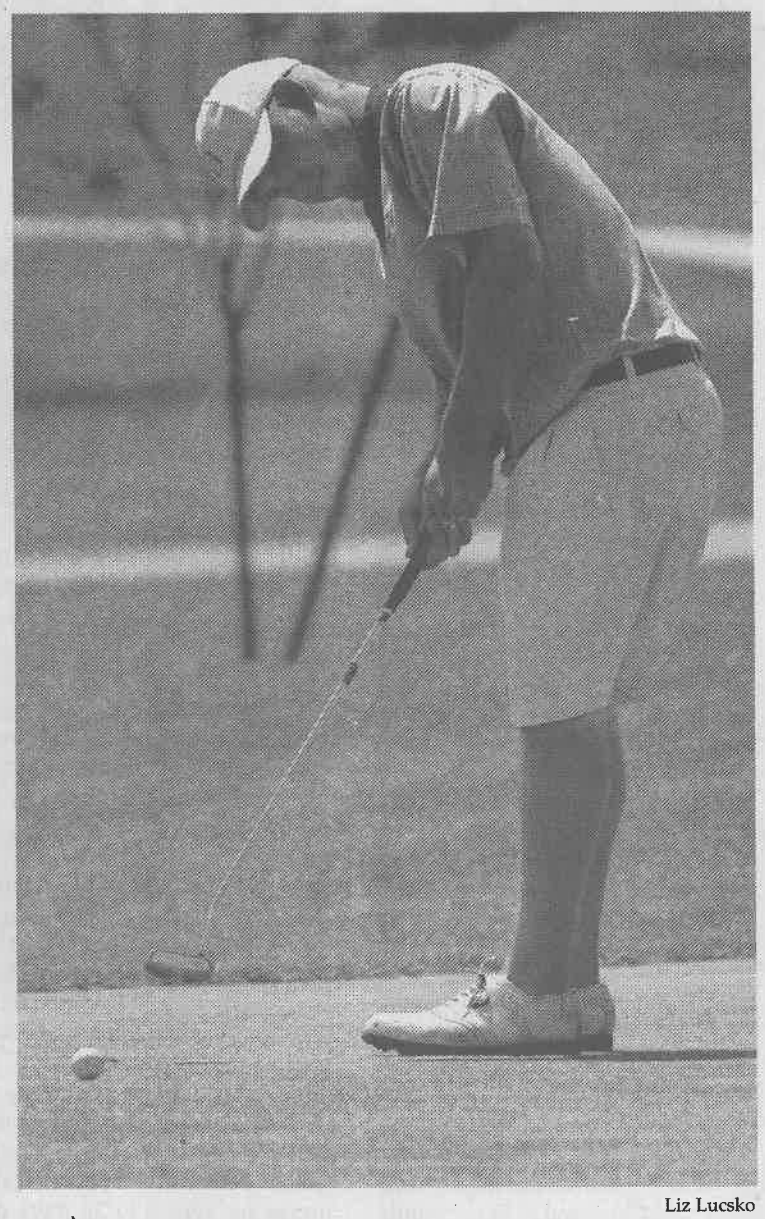
"We have good momentum coming off (Wednesday's) tournament," Green said. "We have a lot of potential to place really high."

The Leopards, Green added, are hoping for a top-10 finish.



Liz Lucsko

University of La Verne junior Joe Skovron shot 73 in the first round of the SCIAC Golf Championships Wednesday. Skovron made an eagle on the par five 14th at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills on his way to a third-place finish.



Liz Lucsko

University of La Verne junior Joey Murray shot 77 in the first round of the SCIAC Golf Championships Wednesday. Murray made a par on the par five 18th hole at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills. Murray shot 74 in his second round.

Leo men defeated in Ojai

Lacy Cascadden
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's tennis team officially concluded its season last weekend with a trip to Ojai for a final tournament.

Ojai is one of the biggest and oldest amateur tennis tournaments in existence. Some of the nation's greatest players once graced those tournament courts—players like the great Billy Jean King and the legendary Arthur Ash.

Each year in the city of Ojai, hundreds of hopeful tennis players travel to compete and test their skills against some of the nation's top players. It is an honor to play there and an even greater honor to win there.

ULV's top three players, Chad Rodriguez, Jason Cortez and Josh Horwitz finished their tennis season with a bang. The three men, along with head coach Steve Bergovoy, traveled to the 103rd Ojai tournament to try their hand.

Horwitz and Rodriguez entered the tournament in singles and Rodriguez and Cortez entered as a doubles team.

Although all three were defeated in their first matches, it was an eventful weekend for them.

"We went in with expectations too high and played tough guys in the first round," Horwitz said.

Rodriguez faced off against Matt Brunner from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He was taken in two sets by Brunner.

"We just got outplayed," Horwitz said

Horwitz faced Erik Jansen from Linfield and also lost in two sets.

"I had high expectations, but the people we played were just superior," Rodriguez said. "But I was not disappointed with the way I played."

The doubles team had similar luck, after a bye in the first round. They then faced the team of Kevin Casey, who was ranked sixth in the nation last year, and Shane Templeman.

"I was happy that our ability got us there," Rodriguez said.

The Leopards held on as long as they could, but lost, 8-4.

"They played the best I have ever seen them play," Bergovoy said. "They played even better than when they beat the team from Redlands."

Prior to Ojai, Rodriguez and Cortez beat one of the nation's top doubles teams.

"We wished we could have stayed longer," Bergovoy said.

The No. 1 seed, Amir Marandy from Cal Lutheran, won the singles tournament.

Women run away with SCIAC title

Antonette Manabat
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne women's track team grabbed the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference crown, while the men's team showed a strong performance, taking second place in the conference.

For the first time in eight years, ULV hosted the 2003 SCIAC Track and Field Championships at Ortmayer Stadium with the preliminaries held Saturday and the finals held Monday.

The women's team ran away with the SCIAC championship title with a total of 222 points, 55 more than the second place team.

This victory is only the second win in ULV history — the first was in 1997.

"We have five great seniors, and they've always taken second place," said head coach Pat Widolff. "To have the team win their last year means a lot."

Seniors Dejuana Satchell and Liz Lucsko carried the women's team as they each took victories in two events as well as the 4x100 relay.

Satchell took her third win in four seasons in the 100 meter with a time of 12.45; she also captured the 200 meter with a time of 25.27.

"It was exciting," Satchell said. "I'm glad the girls team came together to win."

Lucsko had her personal best in long jump, 18'8.50", as she took her second consecutive title.

This mark also became the third best in ULV history. Lucsko took her second victory in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.41.

Lucsko, along with sophomore Lakia Sims, scored in seven events. Sims gave a strong performance, defeating all competition in the 400 hurdles, 66.54, and the triple jump, with a 38'0.75"mark.

"I've been training since the summer, trying to get stronger and faster," Sims said. "It felt like it really came together."

The 4x100 relay team: Sims, Lucsko, Satchell and sophomore Deonne McLean came together to run a league-best, receiving a National Collegiate Athletic Association qualifying time as they defeated all others with a time of 47.86.

"We have a real team concept; that's hard to have in track," Widolff said. "My goal has always been to sell the team idea."

"We've been working really hard, and a lot of us were focused and determined to win, and we did," Sims said.

Another top female performer was freshman Alexis Candelaria, who became victorious in the steeplechase, 11:48.1, and also took second in the 5,000 meter.

"Alexis' wins were really huge. Claremont has always been strong in the distance events, so she scored some key points that we weren't really expecting," Widolff said.

Other winners were junior Christy DeLapp in high jump with a mark of 5'3.75", and Lori Waters was victorious in shot put.

The men's team held the second-place spot in SCIAC with 147 points behind only Claremont.

"The men's team did really well. I'm very pleased; we were only behind Claremont, and we beat six other teams," Widolff said.

"I feel (the) men's team did well provided that we had a lot of new talent that wasn't used to the program," senior Will Lawson said.

Lawson made history with a win in the 400 hurdles with a time of 53.16, becoming the first ULV athlete to win a SCIAC event for four consecutive years.

"I'm really proud; it feels good that I made ULV history," Lawson said. "I'm satisfied because I have no what ifs."

Other strong performances were made by sophomore Eric Thomas who captured his second 400 meter SCIAC title with a time of 48.51. Senior Dimitri Watson grabbed the 100 meter, 11.01, and took second in the 200 meter with a time of 22.09.

"I felt I performed well; I came in focused, and with the help of the coaches, I was well prepared," Watson said.

Senior John Horton ended his last year on top, taking the long jump, 22'10", and second in triple jump, 47'75".

Other notable Leopard performances came from senior decathlete Brandon Tedrow, who took second place in the

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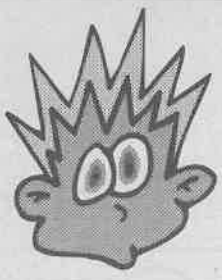
Adam Omernik

Amy Smith of La Verne takes second in the high jump behind teammate Christy De Lapp in the SCIAC championships held at Ortmayer Stadium Monday. Both jumped at 5'3.75", but De Lapp received first by virtue of fewer misses. The women's track and field team took first overall with 222 points, 55 points ahead of the second place team.



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Claremont thwarts ULV four-peat

Lacy Cascadden
Staff Writer



Jason Cooper

Safe by an inch, senior shortstop Gina Meza legs out a single against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. The Leopards would come up short in their bid for a win, losing 8-5 in the first game of a double-header last Saturday. The loss would prevent La Verne from clinching the SCIAC title and a NCAA playoff berth, instead leaving that distinction to Cal Lutheran.

The University of La Verne softball team faced off against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps last weekend in hopes of grabbing their fourth consecutive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title. The Leopards needed to win all three games of the weekend to take first place in SCIAC and move on to regionals.

ULV was not victorious in its first game on Saturday as it began the doubleheader losing, 8-5. This was the most important game for ULV because it gave the Leopards one more loss than league champions Cal Lutheran, knocking ULV into second place in SCIAC.

"I think if we would have taken care of business earlier in the season against conference teams, we would not have been in the must-win position," said head coach Julie Kline.

"We didn't get down emotionally," said sophomore Kourtney Tomlinson. "But we couldn't get it together."

"Gina (Meza) stepped up big time, and the seniors really tried to pull through," Silagyi said

Six ULV seniors played their final games at Wheeler park Saturday in the doubleheader with CMS.

The Leopards ended the season in second place, one game away from a championship title.

"We did not play to our potential in the second game of our series with CMS," Kline said.

However, the team still has a chance at regionals

"We still have a chance to get a wild card," said freshman Kelley Silagyi.

"We may have a slight chance of getting into the NCAA tournament because of our strength of schedule and winning percentage, especially in region," Kline said.

The Leopards battled CMS, taking two out of three games, but it would not be enough. ULV took the second game of the doubleheader Saturday at Wheeler Park in La Verne. The Leopards defeated CMS, 7-6.

The series looked hopeful for the Leopards when they took CMS at Claremont, 3-1.

Last weekend's games also marked an era for the team, as it was Kline's last game as head softball coach. Kline will remain as ULV women's basketball coach, however, she will no longer be running the softball program.

"Her leaving is going to change things," Silagyi said. "It is going to be a completely different program."

The team will see a whole new coaching staff next year.

"It is going to be impossible to replace coach; she was a great leader," Tomlinson said. "But we are looking forward to the new coach."

Polo goes 1-4 in conference tourney

Brian Ortega
Staff Writer

The women's water polo team was met by tough competition as it traveled to Redlands last weekend to take part in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships. La Verne came away with four losses and only one win.

La Verne's highlight on the weekend came with only seconds left in the game against Whittier.

With only three seconds left in the game, and the score tied at six, head coach Tim Hugar called a timeout. The team then executed a quick play where sophomore Renee Moyer assisted Sarah Kelley, who put the game-winning goal in the net to win, 7-6.

"We really wanted to beat Whittier," Moyer said. "Since we had come off a hard loss, we were really motivated to win."

The last day of competition brought on another familiar opponent as La Verne took on Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. The game proved to be one of the most competitive, as the score was tied 4-4 until the fourth quarter. It was then in the fourth that CMS put one past La Verne to break the tie and take the win, 5-4.

"The loss against CMS was upsetting for us because we almost had it until they scored in the fourth." Moyer said.

The first set of games took place April 25 as La Verne experienced one of its worst losses of the weekend from cross-town rival Pomona-Pitzer.

The Leopards were only able to score three goals against the strong Pomona-Pitzer offense that put 10 points on the scoreboard.

On day two, ULV dropped matches to Occidental (7-1) and Redlands (12-5).

"The second day was really hard on us; we tried hard, but just came up short," said freshman Tiffany Cleveland.

Prior to the tournament, La Verne beat Whittier College, 6-4, April 12. The Leopards entered the tournament with two losses. The first loss came April 13 against Redlands by a score of 9-4, and another loss to Pomona April 16, 10-5.

La Verne finished off the season 3-7 in league play with a 9-16 overall record.

Track...

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javelin throw with a mark of 202'7". This was the first time in Tedrow's career that he has exceeded the 200 foot mark. It is also an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Tedrow took second in discus with 153'2". Freshmen Dionte Holloway gave a promising performance in high jump, taking second with a jump of 6'4".

The Leopards compete at 11 a.m., Sunday in the Steve Scott Invitational in Irvine.

Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer

Polo vs. Whittier, April 25

La Verne	**7**
Whittier	6

Softball vs. CMS, April 25

La Verne	**3**
Claremont	1

Baseball vs. APU, April 30

La Verne	**13**
Azusa Pacific	6

Schedule

Today
Baseball vs. Cal Tech 3 p.m. @ Ben Hines Field.

Tomorrow
Baseball doubleheader vs. Cal Tech 11 a.m. @ Ben Hines Field.

Men's and women's track and field in Steve Scott Invitational 11 a.m. @ Irvine.

Did You Know?

For the second time in his career at the University of La Verne, junior Joe Skovron of the golf team earned the lowest scoring average in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this year. Shooting 73-72—145 in the conference tournament, Skovron earned a yearly average of 73.48.

Twenty six, Twenty seven

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Habitat for Humanity builds lives

Jennifer Newman
Staff writer

In 1976 Millard and Linda Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, non-denominational, Christian housing organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing in the world by providing affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity relies on volunteer work and tax-deductible donations of money and building supplies.

The Fullers vision now includes over 1,900 Habitat for Humanity affiliates in 80 countries worldwide. Over 125,000 homes have been provided for families.

One affiliate is the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity (PVHFH), which was founded in 1991. The PVHFH offices are located in the city of La Verne. Eighteen cities are included in the PVHFH district. Starting at the east boundary of San Bernardino County and reaching to the west boundary of Los Angeles County. To date, PVHFH has completed 26 houses and recently started on number 27 in the city of Pomona.

The 26th house, located on First Street in La Verne will be dedicated to the Montoya family on May 3. The Montoya family consists of John and Marcie, and their four sons; John II, 11; Noah, 6; Abel, 4; and Vincent, 2. The Montoyas will be moving from a two bedroom, one bathroom house to a three bedroom, two bathroom Habitat for Humanity house.

The 27th house located on Wisconsin Street in Pomona broke ground on March 29. Felisa Phillips and her five daughters: Aquilla, 17; Atara, 16; Ashley, 15; Amber, 9; and April, 6 are the selected recipients of the home. Felisa's grandmother will also be living with the Phillips. They will move into the house upon the estimated completion date in August. The house will have four bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

'Habitat has saved my life.'
-Felisa Phillips, prospective Habitat homeowner

PVHFH receives approximately 25-40 applicants per house; other affiliates receive over 500 stated Cyndi Torres, the executive director of the PVHFH affiliate.

Three factors are looked at when selecting a family to receive a home: actual need, ability to pay for the home and willingness to partner with Habitat.

One-third of applicants do not meet the qualifications.

References, a credit check and a "Why I should be selected" essay are also required as part of the application process.

Actual need is based on inadequate living conditions. Once the field of applicants has been narrowed, home visits are performed to evaluate the applicants' current living conditions.

The Phillips currently live with a heater that smokes when turned on and a ceiling that leaks. The Montoyas current house has termites and a chimney that is pulling away from the house.

Applicants must fall within income guidelines based on the yearly income and the number of people they support financially. Also, a one percent down payment is required before moving into the house. After that, monthly payments are due on a no-interest mortgage typically for a 30-year period.

If a Habitat for Humanity homeowner must move before their loan is paid off Habitat retains the "Right of First Refusal" to purchase the home back. This prevents the homeowner from making a profit off the house.

"Once you have build your own house, you won't want to leave," said Marcie Montoya.

A willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity requires the recipient to perform sweat equity hours. Sweat equity hours are labor-intensive hours, either at build sites or in the office, required of each adult living in the house. Each adult must complete 250 hours.



Top: *Felisa Phillips (fourth from the left) helps raise the north wall of her home on April 26. The home should be completed in August.* ***Above:*** *Tony DellaMarna puts the finishing touches on 1756 First Street in La Verne. The home will be dedicated to the Montoya family on May 3.*

Along with the sweat equity hours, volunteers contribute numerous hours towards the construction of a home.

"Thousands of hours go into a build," said Torres. Torres' business card is titled with "Building Homes, Building Lives, Building Communities" to represent the Habitat relationship.

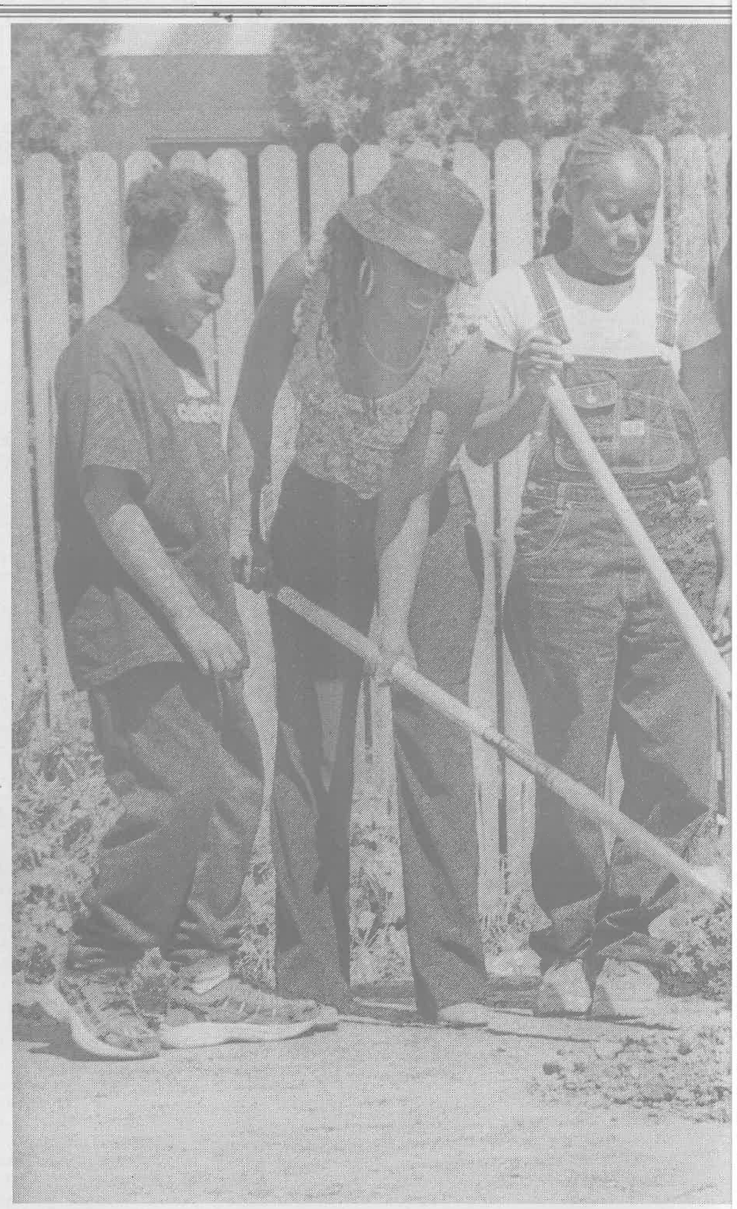
"It's amazing to find a group of people so wonderful," said Marcie Montoya about the Habitat volunteers. "Habitat has saved my life," said Felisa Phillips. She feels without Habitat for Humanity's help she would not have been able to own a home or move out of her current home.

To volunteer at a Habitat site, or to make a donation, call (909) 596-7098.

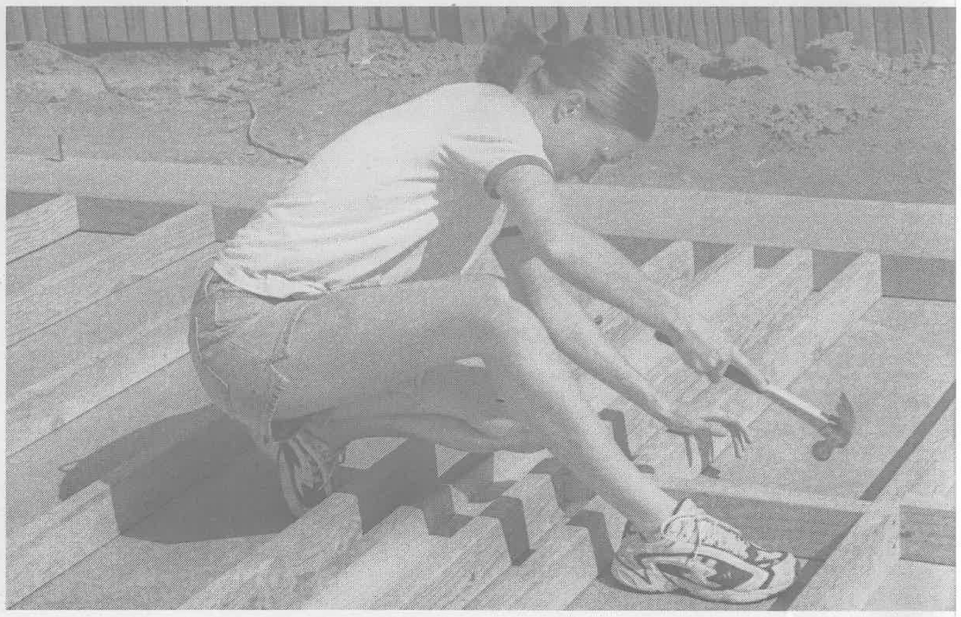
'Thousands of hours go into a build.'
-Cyndi Torres, executive director

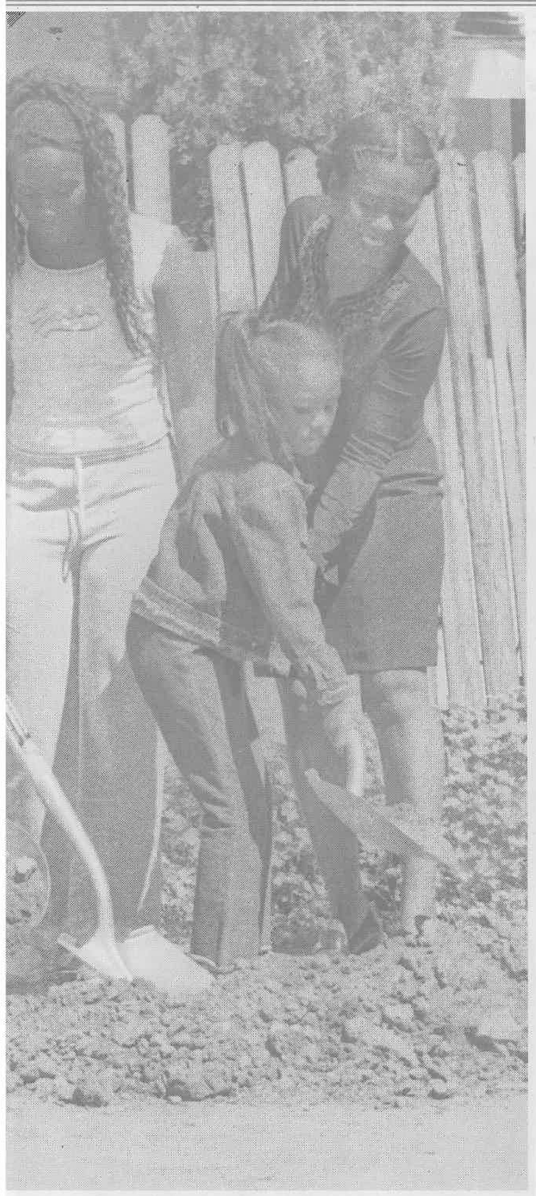
***Right**: (From left to right) Amber, Aquilla, Ashley, Atara, April and Felisa Phillips break ground on the 27th Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity house on March29. Special gold shovels were used for the ground breaking. The mayor of Pomona, Edward Cortez, also turned over a scoop of soil.*

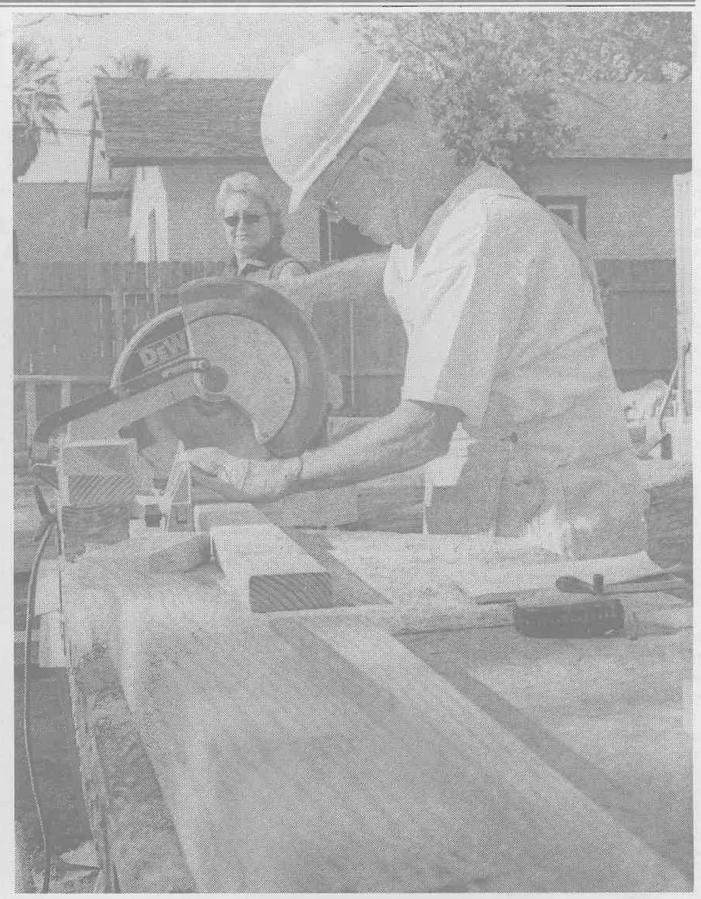




***Above**: Bill DeKleine, a regular volunteer on Habitat for Humanity sites, fills in the sewer line. "Once they realized I was a hard worker they won't let me go," said DeKleine.*
***Right**: Groups of volunteers donate their Saturdays to Habitat for Humanity. Laura Heffley, a first time volunteer, helps put in supportive beams. No construction knowledge is needed to volunteer. Heffley works for the donations department of IndyMac bank. Her and five other volunteers from different IndyMac bank branches were at the Pomona site on April 26.*











***Top**: Eugene Bowers, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors President makes a rare visit to the build site. Jill Carter, an IndyMac bank volunteer, helps feed wood to Eugene. Orders were given as they would be to a short order cook.*
***Above**: Gil Kerbergen and Tony DellaMarna work together to saw a pipe for plumbing. All plumbing lines had to be laid and approved by a contractor before the cement slab was poured.*
***Left**: Virgil Welch, site supervisor, braces the north wall of the Pomona site. Welch as the site supervisor is the only paid person on the site. He returns to supervise the Pomona build after a leave for knee surgery during the La Verne build.*

Care comes to Pomona Valley

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An RV Care-A-Vanner needs two things: a temporary place to live – a motor home, a trailer, a van or even a tent – while on the road and a desire to help others.

The RV Care-A-Vanners is a special group of Habitat for Humanity volunteers. The program was started in 1988 with eight couples that donated their time and effort to building Habitat homes as they traveled in their RVs.

This year there are approximately 2,000 active members and a database of over 6,000 past volunteers. Seminars are given at RV rallies nationwide, and RV Care-A-Vanners distribute brochures at campgrounds and RV parks where they stay to spread awareness.

A strong majority of the RV Care-A-Vanner volunteers are retired. The youngest active volunteers are in their forties.

"The retired no longer want to sit in rocking chairs. They want to continue being as active as they were in their working years," said Marge Kitterman, the sole coordinator for the RV Care-A-Vanners.

RV Care-A-Vanners are sent a newsletter in January, April, July, and October informing them of Habitat for Humanity affiliates that are requesting help in the upcoming months. The newsletter is sent out three weeks before registration, which allows those currently on the road to have their mail forwarded to them. During registration, Kitterman receives approximately 250 calls.

RV Care-A-Vanners spend two weeks at each site. RV Care-A-Vanner volunteers give anywhere from six months to two weeks service to Habitat for Humanity across the United States and internationally.

Kitterman and her husband have traveled to New Zealand twice to contribute at builds.

The Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate recently received help from seven RV Care-A-Vanners: Creig and Paula Harrison, Lowell and Gwen Larson, Walt and Jean Blackledge, and Richard Gaskill.

The Harrisons have spent six months on the road each year traveling to Habitat sites since they retired in 1997. They have been to South Dakota, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, and California. They returned home to Oregon at the beginning of April after being away since October 2002. This September the Harrisons will caravan to Colorado to help with other Habitat builds.

"Friends thought we were nuts for selling our home and living in a RV. But we have no regrets," said Paula Harrison.

The Larsons began volunteering after they questioned whether they were contributing anything in their retirement.

"We get much more than we give," said Kitterman in regards to the friendships built, memories gained and the feeling serving other gives.

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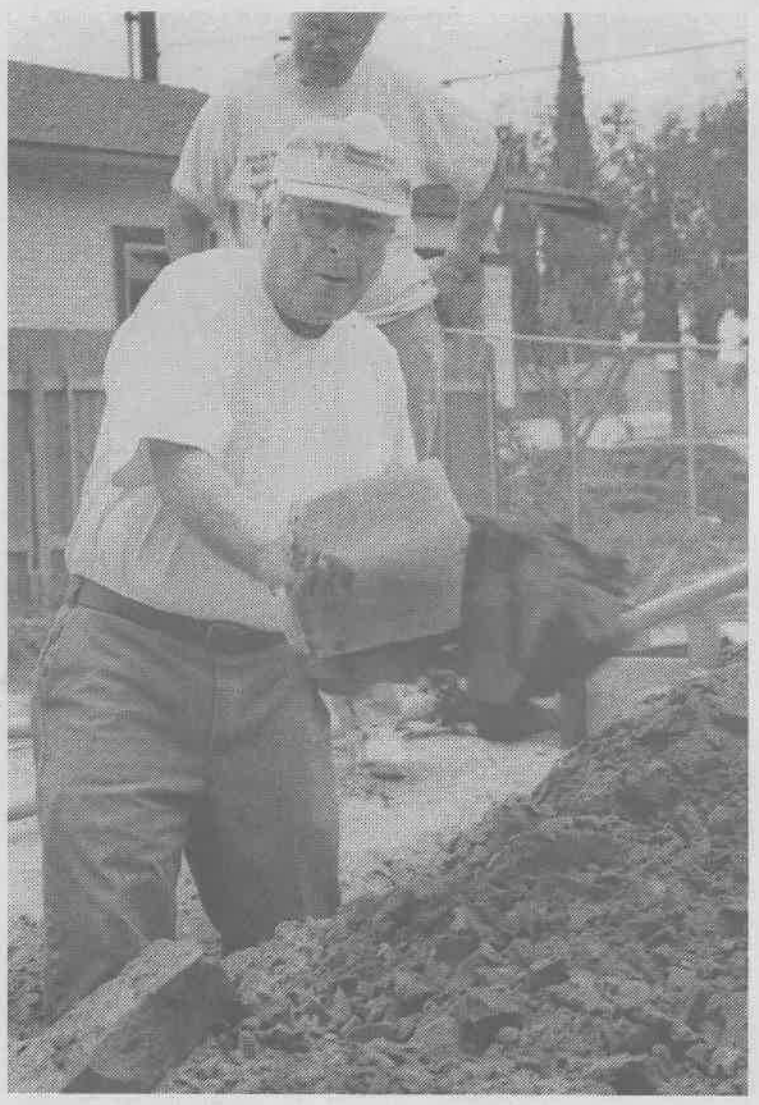
-Marge Kitterman, RV Care-A-Vanner coordinator



***Top**: Creig Harrison, a carpenter until his retirement in 1997, spends six months each year on the road helping at numerous Habitat for Humanity builds. Creig and his wife, Paula, returned to Oregon the beginning of April after being away since October 2002. They travel to the south to avoid the cold weather.*
***Above**: Walt Blackledge and his wife, Jean, traveled to California from Texas to contribute at Habitat for Humanity sites that needed extra help. Walt digs a trench for plumbing at the back of the Pomona site, which will be the 27th house the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity affiliate has constructed since being founded in 1991.*

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