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Elections select Forum members

by Kendra Bridel
Staff Writer

Following elections by the student body, two new members were added to the Associated Student Federation (ASF) this week, increasing the number of forum members to 12, leaving two positions still available.

Freshmen representative Amy Attiyah, and transfer student representative Elizabeth Contreras were the two newest additions to ASF.

Contreras won the election against opponent Dale Schroeder. For the freshman representative position, Attiyah defeated Allison Evans.

"We're really excited to see new faces. I hope when they get into the swing of things and find out how much work is involved they will be great additions to the team," said Tracey Landisi, ASF president.

Dan Lougheed, vice president, does not know the two newly elected Forum members well yet, but he hopes they will perform their duties well.

"They took the initiative to be involved in school, that tells what kind of people they are. They want to be involved," said Lougheed.

Attiyah did some previous research on the student government and had planned to be involved in school activities from the beginning.

"I wanted to get involved in the student government and represent the student class," she said.

In high school, Attiyah was involved in numerous clubs and activities. She was the president and representative for STAND, (Socially Together And Naturally Diverse). She wanted to carry her involvement in high school over and get involved with ASF.

"I've been involved in planning activities. I am organized and I think I can meet the requirement that is asked of me," she said.

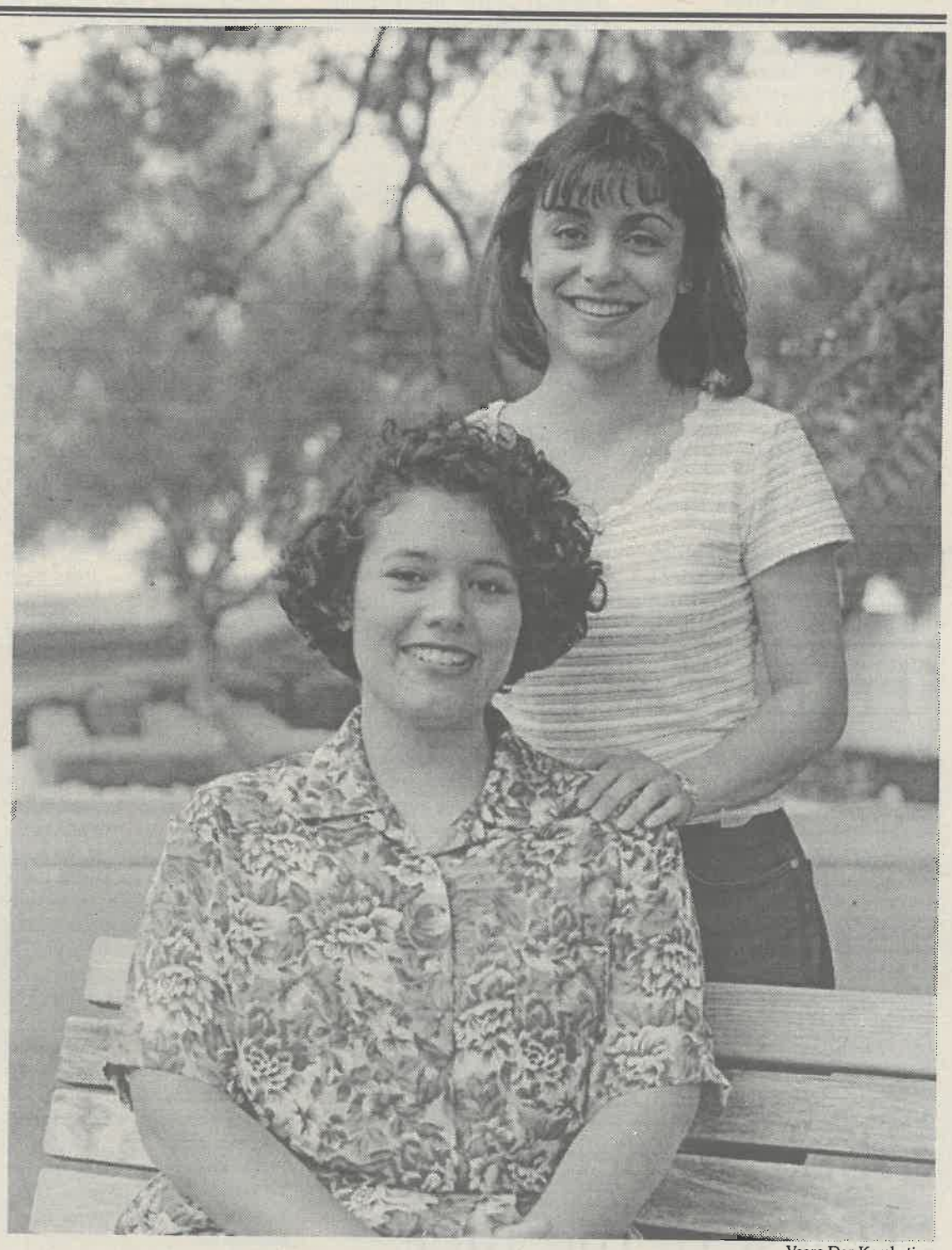
Her main goal is to try to get more students involved in school activities. Attiyah believes that the more involved students are in school the faster they will adapt to college life.

According to Lougheed, "It seems to be the new students who want to be involved. For whatever reason other students heard about ASF and aren't interested."

"Attiyah and Contreras were added to committees where we need more help with homecoming and ASF committees such as box office and the cultural committee," said Landisi.

There are currently two general positions that remain unfilled on ASF. Applications are available for any student who wants to be involved. There will be a special election by the Forum members to fill the positions.

Depending on how many students respond by turning in applications, the voting date is set for Oct. 2; however, if not enough applications are turned in the election will be postponed until Oct. 9.



Veero Der-Karabetian

The Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum recently elected two new members, junior Elizabeth Contreras and freshman Amy Attiyah. Contreras, the transfer representative, lives in Brandt Hall. Attiyah, the freshman representative, commutes from Glendora.

Permit expiration cancels "L" Day tradition

by Laura Czingula
Staff Writer

What has been a tradition for 77 years could be destroyed by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

"L" day is a University tradition where a group of students sign up to hike up Sunset Ridge in the San Gabriel Valley Mountains and clean out any trash or vegetation around the area known as the "L," which stands 340 ft. carved in a block letter.

Last May, ASF organized a spring "L" day. When ASF tried to notify the Forest Service to get the key to open the gate at the bottom of the mountain, they quickly discovered that the permit for ULV to proceed with the process of "L" day had been expired since December 1995. Forest Services were not going to renew the permit for ULV, denying access to the area of the "L."

"This doesn't make sense, we've been going up to the 'L' for 77 years and now our tradition is suddenly taken away," said junior Tracey Landisi, ASF president. "To our knowledge this problem with the permit just popped up. We weren't contacted or notified that the permit was going to be expired."

Soon thereafter Melissa Jaunal, coordinator of student programs, received a letter from the agriculture Forest Service stating, "'L' day is part of San Dimas experimental forest and ULV activities would disturb the research mission and field laboratory." The letter also mentioned that it would "jeopardize their water shed." The letter was signed, Peggy Hernandez, district ranger.

Jaunal wrote back asking the Forest Service to reconsider its decision for the sake of tradition and keeping the area clean. She also stated that if they weren't going to reconsider to at least assign their own maintenance group to keep the area maintained.

Once again the Forest Service responded with a letter informing La Verne that "it would interrupt the research," signed Acting Deputy Ranger, Bernice Bigelow.

In 1926 the Forest Service canceled the same permit that allowed La Verne to maintain the "L." At that time the Forest Service was concerned that a carved college letter would grow in many proportions and in time other communities might want to do the same thing so the best thing for the Forest Service to do was cancel the permit. But soon thereafter they reconsidered their decision and renewed the permit for La Verne and the "L" day tradition went on.

"ASF is looking more into this now and trying to find a way to get the Forest Service to reconsider and get the permit back," said Landisi. "We are going to try to talk to local citizens and ULV alumni that work for the city to see if they can help us out and we tried to contacting Congressman David Dreier for his help but he was in Washington."

Landisi attended Wednesday's University Council meeting and talked with City Council member Tom Harvey. He told Landisi, "ASF should get a Biology professor to test the fact that the maintanence of the "L" would not be a danger to the environment. Having a biology professor on your side would help."

CAPA Dean's List, Spring 1996

The following ULV students, in the School of Continuing Education, earned a 3.75 or higher grade point average during the spring 1996 semester.

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Lenora Forsen
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Karen Godfrey
Barbara Gonzales
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Dyan Guarrera
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Joel Taylor
Melinda Thompson
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Robert Webb
Sylvia Welcher
David Williams
Stephen Williams
Rosalba Zaldatte

Local sorority becomes Phi Sigma Sigma

by Veronica L. McClendon
Staff Writer

What was once a local sorority named Phi Theta Chi founded in 1992 will soon be a chapter of the international sorority Phi Sigma Sigma, founded in 1913.

Phi Theta Chi was founded by seven women with a belief in creating something positive within a group, and also a Greek system.

Phi Sigma Sigma began when 10 women who were best friends wanted to be sisters as well. The problem with the other sororities was all the women were from different religious backgrounds and were not allowed to all be in the same sorority.

Phi Theta Chi has been reviewing their options and investigating national sororities for about a year. "The Baird's Manual," which is a book that has the 26 National Panhellenic sororities listed was used by the members during the investigation process, said Christina Tejeda president of the Phi Sigma Sigma.

Sigma Kappa was eliminated because there is already a chapter on the ULV campus, and Alpha Delta Pi was eliminated because there was a chapter on campus in the past.

The women of Phi Theta Chi then did research on the remaining 24 national sororities and then narrowed it down to 10 choices. Letters were sent to the remaining sororities and in return they received about five responses. From this point they narrowed it down to two sororities, Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Sigma Tau.

Both of these sororities came to the University of La Verne and presented what they had to offer to the members of Phi Theta Chi. Greek presidents, Greek advisers, President Stephen Morgan and other administrators were invited by Phi Theta Chi to attend the presentations.

After reviewing both sororities the women then took a vote and Phi Sigma Sigma was selected.

"This was a very long process, but we wanted to be very careful that who we picked is right for us," said Tejeda of what the process of going international entailed.

Alma Barrera, a Phi Theta Chi member for the past year and a half, said, "I am very optimistic about the growth and the new changes that they will soon undergo."

The sorority undergoes many changes including accepting a new color, letter and flower. They also have to change their Constitution because they can no longer abide by their local constitution.

A few things did not change at all. "We are still going to be the same group of women around campus. Our beliefs, values and morals are still the same," said Tejeda. "We even have one of the same mottos, 'Aim High.' How ironic."

The Phi Sigma Sigma colony has a new philanthropy—the National Kidney Foundation which supports kidney treatment and research. Kidney disease was the leading killer of women when Phi Sigma Sigma was founded. The Phi Sigma Sigma colony will be able to keep their local philanthropy by working with all children. They allowed them to keep a lot of their local traditions which are important to them.

Now that Phi Theta Chi is going national, there will be tremendous benefits. The group will have a strong alumnae foundation as well as more direction.

Junior Veronica Mendez, a sorority member, said, "I think it is great that we are going international because we are expanding ourselves."

At the present time, the sorority is still colony that will have to develop into a successful colony before it becomes a initiated as a chapter.

Kenia Mangallanes, a sophomore member of the Phi Sigma Sigma colony, who pledged last semester said, "I am very excited about going national. I will have sisters not only nationwide but internationally. We have some chapters in Canada also."

She went on to say that she is going to like the benefits that the alumnae receive. "My sisterhood will not end once I graduate; I will go on and participate in the alumnae chapters," said Mangallanes.

Members of the Phi Sigma Sigma colony said they owe their success to all of the Greeks organizations on campus.

Transfers receive welcome at open house

by Kristen Dow
Staff Writer

Informing transfer students of the services available was the main objective of the Career Development Center's Transfer Student Open House which was held last Friday, Sept. 20.

Terrie Lopez, director of career development and placement, said the Career Development Center decided to sponsor the open house because, unlike freshmen, transfer students are not enrolled in a University 100 class, and therefore do not have the opportunity to have a full tour of the center.

"We're trying to reach more students and encourage them to come in before they need us," said Lopez.

She also said the center wanted to make transfers aware that they can help students find off campus part time jobs, offer job placement assistance, help with resume writing and also identify what kind of employers the students want to work with.

The Career Development Center sent out 50 invitations to transfer students over the summer informing them of the open house, and also contacted them once school began. Although only a few students attended the open house this year, Lopez is determined to try again next year with the hope that it will be more successful.

Aaron Carlin, a junior who transferred from Monterey Peninsula College, was one of the few students who attended the open house.

He said of the University of La Verne, "It just appealed to me in comparison to other colleges I applied to."

One of the reasons junior criminology major Kimbley Craig came to the University was because of the beauty of the campus, but said the main reason she came to ULV was because of the personal attention she received.

"La Verne always hand signed letters," said Craig. "They were wonderful when I came to visit."

Craig attended the open house to find out more information about the services they offer.

"I'm interested in the internship program. It's a strong start in getting a job after college," she said.

This year the University of La Verne has seen a slight increase in its number of transfer students, which differs from the current trend in the rest of the country. According to K. Douglas Wible, director of admissions, many other colleges ULV competes with have lower numbers of transfer students this year.

Wible attributes the jump in numbers to the many community colleges that are close to ULV, such as Mt. San Antonio College, Chaffey College, Citrus College and Pasadena City College.

Wibel also said the University of La Verne offers more personal attention to its students in comparison with state colleges in the surrounding areas.

"We spend a lot of time on community college campuses," said Wible. "We visit local feeder colleges twice a semester in their transfer offices. Students are aware of what La Verne offers."

Librarian deemed as 'Truest of the Blue'

by Raechel Fittante
Managing Editor

In honor of being selected as one of the six "Truest of the Blue" fans by the Los Angeles Dodgers over the summer, Sister Mary Dennis Peters, serials librarian for the University of La Verne, was interviewed at her home by KNBC on Wednesday morning. The video footage aired that evening on Fred Roggin's segment of the 4 o'clock news highlighted the final week of the regular baseball season.

Peters, who has been a Dodgers fan for about 60 years, was actually given the award at Dodgers stadium by the team itself at the June 20 game where they "brought her out to the field in a uniform and put her picture up on the screen," she said.

Visited by KNBC representatives at the St. Lucy's Priory School in Glendora, the convent where she resides, Peters, clad in her jersey and cap, got to tell the story of her love for the Dodgers on camera. She and fellow nun Sister Francita Marnell walked the convent grounds with KNBC producer Mike Cunningham and cameraman Roger Harbaugh.

"I used to follow the Dodgers when I was in the midwest and they were still the Brooklyn Dodgers," said Peters reflecting on her early adoration for baseball in Kansas where she grew up. "My mother and I used to iron shirts and listen to baseball on the radio."

For the last 35 years Peters has managed to find the time to attend at least five games a year at Dodgers Stadium, and when she can not attend the games, she and her sisters, who are also Dodger fans, watch the games on television from the "Dodger dugout."

The "dugout" is the ballroom on the bottom floor of the convent mansion which was devoted in past years to promotions where the sisters gave out free Dodger tickets to "A" students from high schools in the area.

She said being selected for the "Truest of the Blue Award" was the thrill of a lifetime that "I owe all to my mother."

"I feel a very close tie with all of the Dodgers," Peters said. "They've all had great gentlemen as their managers, past and present. I've changed my residence but not my allegiance."

She continued, "There's Dodger loyalty that doesn't belong to any other team—the fans always come back."

When asked by Cunningham if she and the other sisters give the Dodgers a little extra push through prayers, Peters shook her head yes and said, "He's the big Dodger in the sky, don't you know?"



Heather Morales

Sister Mary Dennis Peters (center) was selected earlier in the summer as one of the Los Angeles Dodgers' "Truest of the Blue" fans. She was honored at a home game on June 20. Last Wednesday, KNBC cameraman Roger Harbaugh shot an interview with her at St. Lucy's Priory School that was shown on a special pre-game show with Fred Roggin before the Wednesday night Dodgers game. Peters has been the serials librarian at ULV for 11 years. Sister Francita Marnell (right), who also lives at the convent, is also a Dodger fan. Sister Elizabeth Brown (left) films the interview to show to the other sisters and to some of her students at St. Lucy's Priory School.

Y107 'rocks the vote' in La Verne

by Bonnie H. Chuen
Staff Writer

A luminous black van rolled through the streets of La Verne with the license plate "MDN ROCK" signaling a wave of reaction from students who were hoping to pick up free Y-107 gear.

However, students were in for a surprise when they realized the van was not there to promote the radio station. Instead, the van was there for a more important reason; the civil duty of all citizens to vote.

Last Thursday was the second voter registration drive of the year to hit the University, co-sponsored by Y-107 FM, and the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum. The League of Women Voters held a voter registration drive for new students during Orientation.

"We wanted to get involved and help," said Laura Spears, member of the Y-107 street team.

Spears, along with Tony Rodriguez, another Y-107 representative, set up a table outside the Student Center to get students registered, as well as to "help kids out," he said.

The table was set up for an hour. The goal was to get as many students interested as possible, by attracting them with the Y-107 station van and the gear being given away.

The members of ASF also thought it was important for the campus to become more politically involved. According to junior Dan Lougheed, vice president for ASF, the voter registration drive was a "combination of increased involvement and a chance for student to register. Our goal is to get the University more politically involved."

Organizing the event was Board of Trustees Representative Scott Mac Kay, a senior. According to junior Tracey Landisi, ASF president, the idea of putting on a voter registration drive had been in the works since the summer. When Dawn De Pierro, a University of La Verne alumna and a representative from Y-107, contacted ASF, both parties agreed that it would be a "great idea for people to get out and vote," said Landisi.

The voter registration table was set up for an hour between 1-2 p.m. According to Rodriguez and Spears, between 30-40 students registered.

The turnout from the campus was positive, according to Rodriguez.

"It's important because the younger people of the nation need to get involved for the future," said freshman Jeremy Collins, one of those registering that day.

Along with the voter registration drive, Spears and Rodriguez also handed out bumper stickers, pencils and t-shirts. There was a drawing after the registration drive for tickets to an upcoming Sheryl Crow concert.

AIDS Walk raises awareness, money

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Aids Project Los Angeles (APLA) will host its 11th Annual Aids Walk, to raise money to fight the disease, this Sunday, beginning in front of Paramount Studios on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood. The route is 10 kilometers long.

The University of La Verne is doing its part to participate in the cause. Inter-Fraternity and Sorority Council (IFSC) President Joe Martinez has asked the Greeks on campus to participate in this event. Currently, there are 30 students and faculty being sponsored for this effort.

"This walk is important to me because my brother is HIV positive," said Martinez. "This program is important to the University, for students to become educated about AIDS awareness."

Several of ULV's Greek Organizations have inlisted to join the University with the cause in response to Martinez's plea.

"Several members of our sorority are taking part in the AIDS Walk to help the fight against AIDS," said Phi Sigma Sigma colony sorority member Wendy Higgins.

Aside from the University, Iota Delta sorority has decided to register as an individual group from the University according to Jennifer Rubino, Iota Delta member.

Several ULV students are participating in the AIDS Walk through other groups. Junior Julie McDougall, has signed up to walk with the radio station Y-107. "AIDS Walk is a good charity. It helps with community service and it helps fight the disease," she said.

According to speech professor Jason Sandford, several of his students are also registered through their places of work. Sandford is also sponsoring a student. "I decided to sponsor a student, because I personally wanted to walk myself, but couldn't. This is the best way to show my support," he said.

According to current statistics, Los Angeles ranks second nationwide in the number of diagnosed AIDS cases, exceeded only by New York City. At this time, there are more than 90,000 cases of AIDS reported in the state of California, which makes three out of every 1,000 people infected with the disease.

The event raised over $3 million for APLA last year, $2,000 of which was contributed by ULV. Martinez is hoping to achieve more sponsorship and money this year.

Media sponsors include *4-Front Magazine, Edge Magazine, Frontiers Newsmagazine*, the *Gay and Lesbian Times, L.A. Weekly, Los Angeles Film and Music, Los Angeles Reader Magazine, SBC Magazine*, Century Communications, Continental Cablevision, 92.3 FM The Beat, KFI, KLVE, KOST, and KROQ.

Major sponsors also include the David Geffen Foundation, Barton H. Kogan, Macy's West, MCA Music Entertainment Group, MTV Networks and Ticketmaster.

The money is to help APLA provide for more than 30 services and programs for the people affected by HIV and AIDS. APLA reaches the general public with HIV risk reduction education and information. The group also advocates fair and effective public policy on AIDS.

Along with the benefit of helping a worthwhile charity raise money, students can also earn prizes for themselves. According to the AIDS Walk sign up card, "All walkers who turn in $125 or more will be awarded the official 1996 AIDS Walk Los Angeles T-shirt featuring the fantastic AIDS Walk

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Opinions

Forest Service should respect ULV

For 104 years, the University of La Verne has relied on its traditions to keep the college community together. Rituals such as painting the Rock, not stepping on the seal and square dancing at orientation camp are fun, but they have a deeper meaning. These small traditions, so important to University life, have helped students and faculty form a bond that will remain unbroken long after graduation.

One of the most important and well-known of these traditions has been "L Day." For the past 77 years, members of the University community have hiked several miles above the city to maintain the 340-ft. "L" that was proudly carved in the side of the mountain by the class of 1919. The tradition of maintaining the "L" brings individuals together and reminds them of their commitment to each other and to the University of La Verne.

Now, the United States Forest Service has informed ULV that this beloved tradition may soon come to an end.

Last May, the Forest Service notified the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum that it would no longer be able to organize an "L Day" because the activity would interfere with Forest Service experiments being conducting in the area.

Why, after 77 years of knowing about the existence and location of the "L" and the history behind it, has the Forest Service suddenly decided to conduct experiments in that area—especially when there are hundreds of acres available for its research?

It is not as if the "L" poses a threat to the environment or wildlife in the area. In fact, the Forest Service revoked the "L Day" permit once before, in 1926, when they were concerned about environmental impact. However, it was soon proven that the tradition posed no harm, and the permit was quickly renewed.



Furthermore, the letter is cleared and maintained on only one day each year. During the other 364 days, the Forest Service has full access to the area in which the "L" is located. Surely, one day of intervention cannot harm the overall research. The "L" was in place when the experiment was started, and it did not harm the activities of the Forest Service. What would be wrong with keeping it there?

One logical solution would be to have the Forest Service maintain the "L" while it is working in the area. This would take away the tradition of having students and faculty personally involved in the care and maintenance of the "L," but it would ensure that one icon of University life would remain intact for years to come. However, when presented with this option, the Forest Service refused, stating that any involvement would "jeopardize the research."

What about the possibility that "L" Day could even benefit the Forest Service? When students visit the forest to maintain the "L," they may gain a greater appreciation of the area—something more important than research.

This is not to say that research is not important. The Forest Service has every right to do its job as best as it can, and the University of La Verne should respect this.

However, the Forest Service should realize that University tradition is also worthy of respect. Traditions such as "L" Day show just how much individuals care about the University. Through such traditions, history is made and friendships are formed.

The Forest Service should respect the right of the ULV community to carry a 77-year-old tradition into the next century. Without this respect, an important piece of University history could die before future generations of students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to participate in "L" Day, and experience an important aspect of University life.

Punishment may deter molesters

Gov. Pete Wilson signed legislation last week making California the first state to require twice-convicted child molesters to be chemically castrated.

The repeat offenders are required to undergo depo-provera injections upon their release from prison. Judges can enforce the procedure on convicted molesters on the first offense if their crimes are particularly heinous in nature.

For too long, child molesters have received the perfunctory slap on the wrist without having any real punitive damages inflicted upon them. This bill would finally make molesters terminally accountable and responsible for their egregious, despicable acts.

Statistics show that more than 50 percent of first-time offenders for sex crimes against children molest again. A staggering 80 percent of these repeat offenders molest a child again within the first year of their prison release.

The bill was sponsored by Assemblyman Bill Hoge (R- Pasadena) who said in the *Los Angeles Times*, "This is going to have the biggest impact on this horrible, horrible crime of any legislation ever seen."

Depo-provera injections given in Canada and Europe have seen the number of repeat offenders drop drastically, from 80 percent to 4 percent.

Not surprisingly, the American Civil Liberties Union is bashing the bill as "unconstitutional" because it violates prisoners' civil liberties.

Prisoners who molest innocent children should lose the civil liberties that are bestowed upon most American citizens. As soon as a molester makes the decision to commit this heinous act, they should realize that they have given up any right to the liberties enjoyed by law-abiding citizens. By showing concern for these molesters, we once again rob these children of their innocence. By granting the molesters the same sympathy granted the molested, these children are victimized once again.

In California, where up to 200 child molesters are released from prison each week, this bill is sure to send a hard-hitting message to those who prey on innocent children. This law is needed because the fact is, criminals like these cannot be rehabilitated into society.

The only downfall with this bill is that two children must endure the pain and torture inflicted by a child molester before the castration becomes imminent.

On the bright side, opponents of this bill should rejoice that the molester does have a say in their appropriate punishment. They have the option of choosing between chemical or surgical castration.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is written to agree with Veronica and Melissa Negrete. I am a sophomore international business and Spanish major. I feel that KULV should be diverse in the music they play. Our campus is very diversified and I feel that maybe the station could have theme days, just like KIIS or Power 106. They have days or time spans when they play modern rock, hip hop, deep house and even oldies. I feel that it would make more students on campus listen if the station would vary by day or theme. This way, there would be a day or time span that would be dedicated to particular types of audiences. I personally like all types of music and trying to apply this program, it would eliminate the problem of going from "Green Day to Coolio" by having the theme change when different D.J.s come on the air, having an intermediate in between the different music. I know probably each one of the students in the KULV staff could take on a different theme and music.

Elisa Gutierrez
Sophomore

Letters to the Editor

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Implants not even for the dogs



Christie Reed

From "Baywatch" to Rodeo Drive, it is everywhere. Hollywood would not be the same without it—silicone. The "wonder drug" of the nation has advanced from victim to victim, beginning with women and taking its most recent step into the animal world.

Ladies and gentlemen, presenting Neuticles, the latest innovation in the world of veterinary technology. The new implant will take the place of the old policy of neutering by replacing the dog's neutered parts with plastic implants that are supposed to make him look and feel "like a man."

It is an interesting concept. After all, we would not want Scruffy parading the streets being laughed at by all the stray dogs in the neighborhood, would we? This implant promises to end the days of inferiority complexes for dogs.

By introducing this new implant, we have personified dogs all over the country. We have given them characteristics that only humans possess, such as the ability to feel inferior. As far as I know, dogs eat and sleep. Some dogs bring in the morning paper. But I do not think the trauma experienced in the neutering process has called for this new implant. It is bad enough that the human population has been plagued by the need to "look great."

Body parts all over the country are being shot with silicone or stuffed with implants. In today's society, appearance is everything. To some, cost is no object. Whatever it takes to change that "flaw" is worthwhile.

With this "image is everything" belief, women and men all over are taking their physical images and transforming them with one simple shot or implant. For women who feel that their lips are too thin, there is the simple and relatively inexpensive collagen shot, which temporarily inflates the lips to make them "fuller."

What many women do not understand is that these shots are very temporary. Not to mention the swelling that results from this foreign liquid being shot into the lip is both ugly and longstanding.

The ever-popular breast implants have made a comeback. Although it is true that they never went out of style, it is easier to receive the implants than it has ever been. In the early '80s, plastic surgeons did not encourage implants. They did exist, but were only encouraged under circumstances where the patient had suffered a significant decrease in breast size due to child birth or other circumstances. Plastic surgeons were few and far between back then. Now, a person can flip through any phone book or magazine and see either an ad for a plastic surgeon or for a "simple and inexpensive" procedure.

Men can flip through any men's health magazine and read ad upon ad for penile implants. What once was hush-hush in a man's world has become common knowledge. If the size is not just right or if you have been feeling a little inferior, then surgery is the answer for you. The ads boast of thousands of successful implants and thousands of satisfied men. What about the ones who came out marred or dissatisfied? Those customers are not given the same ad space.

It is also not mentioned that oftentimes the length or width increase is not substantial. Other times the pain that is endured is excruciating, or the body just rejects the foreign object, as is often the problem with foreign objects being implanted into human bodies.

Dogs do not need to have plastic parts replacing their real ones. Who does this satisfy? The owner or the dog? The neutering procedure has been practiced for hundreds of years with few complications. Not until now, when appearance is so important, do humans feel that such an implant is necessary for an animal. By perfecting such an implant we are trying to boost the esteem in an animal that never had problems with esteem in the first place.

Whether it is lips or breasts, the problem that is solved with implants is rarely the problem that is at hand. When it is the decision to increase from a "B" cup to a "DD" cup, there is only one problem that needs to be fixed—self-esteem. And no surgeon, shot or implant can help in that department.

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Read the fine print on drug life



Echelle Avelar

Back in the day, our grandparents swallowed goldfish, sat on flagpoles or squeezed into telephone booths to have a good time and become members of the "in crowd." Then times picked up a bit and when our parents came around, they began to go to Beatles concerts, peace marches and disco bars, all because that was the thing to do. And out of that "free love" era we were inevitably hatched.

Generation X, as they so often refer to us, although much different as the previous generations, still must find a way to assimilate into the norm. Yes, we also emphasize on what "in thing" is trekking society. We dress almost in uniform, styling all the trendy back to school ensembles, coloring our language with all forms of slang, hanging out at all the coolest coffee houses. Even with generations separating us, we all have had trends affect us, and for Generation X that problem has gone from yesteryear's marathon dancing to shooting up with drugs.

Somewhere in the mix of all that good old fun, drugs were introduced as not just an optional pastime, but as a well-accepted trend. The initial start was small and almost unrecognizable as cigarettes began to seep into the fashion scene of the '20s as they became a necessary accessory that plastered magazines and infested women's purses.

Then, as if rotting lungs were not enough, someone began to shine the lime light onto alcohol. There probably was not an exact date when beer was introduced at parties, but we can assume that even after Grams and Gramps had a big football win, beer was a beverage at the post-game party.

Pot was quite a delicacy for the '60s flower children as they protested the war with a banner in one hand and a joint in the other. Socializing with others meant sharing a smoke.

Smoked-filled bars, among other unappealing places, became the home for adventure seekers questing for something with more kick than previously tried components. Cocaine and acid hit the scene with quite a trip, as trend seekers kept them alive and in circulation throughout the '70s and '80s.

Marijuana reemerged in the '90s as the music and lifestyles of the '60s and '70s began to trickle back into the mainstream. Aftershocks of the old trends were not limited to rock legends.

Well, now as we are approaching a new millennium, we are embracing a society that still yearns for that underground drug scene. And answering its call is heroin. Being a seedy metropolis favorite for some time, and now being given its day in the sun by the film and music industries, heroin is a habit that middle-class suburbia will hopefully not continue to adopt.

Movies such as "Pulp Fiction" that let you drive in the front seat with John Travolta as he flies through cloud nine after a quick test of his newly-bought heroin, gives us the impression that this drug is in and worth a good trip.

Not playing into the hoopla of Hollywood, "Trainspotting," a low-budget film recently released in major theaters, emphasized the savage and lush Scottish underworld filled with drugs and all its unappetizing side effects. "Trainspotting" gives us a insight on heroin and its horrible effects.

The movie-like life does not have a happy ending. What does when you are led into the world of drugs just because your friends do it? Too much is shoved onto us today. Do not buy the idea that cool can be bought and injected. Read the fine print. Trends come and go, but one's life should last as long as possible. The fad, just like the high, only lasts a short moment in time.

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Shining light on safety



Enedina Perez

After coming out from an evening class, leaving the library as it is being closed or simply stepping out of the dorms for a walk around campus to take a break from studying at night, students and other members of the University community notice not only the University of La Verne's beautiful appearance, but also the many poorly lit areas on campus.

This observation can bring concerns about safety hazards. Even though ULV has taken the initiative to conduct random safety checks with the Safety Committee since spring 1995, no improvements have been made about installing additional lights to get rid off dark areas on campus.

Some of these dark areas include the back side of Brandt Hall on Bonita Avenue, the east side of the President's Dining Room on C Street, the space between the back side of Founders Hall and the Dailey Theatre, the south side of the Landis Academic Center facing the baseball field parking lot and on E Street along the Oaks and the University Health Center.

Besides these areas, parking lots seem to be the areas that should be the most illuminated at night, due to the fact that there are many students and staff members who go home late, and for those who walk alone, more lights might at least make them feel somewhat safer.

This could bring up the issue of requesting a security escort, which ULV's Campus Safety provides to walk with to the car or the dorm room.

Although this is not a bad idea, it could become a hassle for someone who would have to request an escort every night. Besides, students, staff, faculty and every other member of the ULV community should be able to walk around campus feeling safe, confident and secure, whatever time it may be, without having an escort by his or her side.

One way to resolve this problem is to have more lights installed on campus where dark areas are found.

Aside from installing new lights, there are some that only need to be replaced. This is the case for the ones on the corner of Third and C streets, above the ULV sign, and for those above the sitting bench in front of Davenport.

Unlike ULV, some University of California campuses provide a safety device, such as a whistle, for their students to use in case they ever find themselves in danger or trouble. The sound of the whistle helps others on campus arrive at the scene with professional help.

Although these students have to make sure that they do not use the whistle for any purpose besides an emergency, or they will be fined, it seems like a very wise and positive device for them to possess for their own safety.

A certain number of female students at ULV carry their own safety devices, including pepper spray, mace and even personal alarms. If the campus calls for women to carry these objects, obviously for a good reason, they do not feel safe.

Whether people want to accept it, violent acts and crimes do take place on campuses of many universities.

Not too long ago, a UCLA Central Ticket Office employee was killed when he was assaulted and shot by a trespasser.

This is not to say that the same thing can happen at ULV, it simply means that one can never be too safe, and what can be better than being extra cautious?

For many students, the University of La Verne serves as their home away from home. But whether ULV's students are residents or commuters, they should all be able to feel that they are in a very safe and secure environment, where everything possible is being done to insure security and well being of every single one of its members.

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New professors educate, bring experience

•Sogo, Edwards provide wisdom for ULV students

by Jody P. Bethel
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Features Editor

University of La Verne's biology and history departments have each acquired a new professor this year.

Drs. Farah Sogo and Pam Edwards, who teach biology and history, respectively, offer an array of experience and diversity to ULV.

Dr. Sogo, assistant professor of biology, is the new addition to the biology department. A native of California, Dr. Sogo received her bachelor's degree from UC Riverside, and her Ph.D. from UC San Diego.

Dr. Sogo's career goal was teaching. She taught at the high school level for two years, teaching biology, and then proceeded to higher education.

Before coming to La Verne, she taught at Illinois Wesleyan University. Not liking her surroundings, she and her husband decided to look for jobs again in California. Her husband received a teaching job at Webb Academy in Claremont, and she a job at ULV.

ULV's diversity makes it a pleasure for her to teach, according to Dr. Sogo.

Dr. Sogo tries to create an interesting environment in her classes, to break away from the negative feelings towards biology, that students carry along from high school.

Dr. Sogo teaches general biology, as well as molecular basis of disease and cell biology in which she specializes.

"We wanted to strengthen our cellular and molecular genetic aspects of our program," said Dr. Harvey Good, professor of biology.

"We had 160 applicants apply for this position and we interviewed four. Dr. Sogo was our first choice and we were delighted that she accepted," he said.

"We had approval to expand the department last year. We were overwhelmed because we had a great increase in the number of students, and having an additional person has been a real help," Dr. Good said.

She is on tenure track at ULV according to Dr. John Gingrich, dean of college of arts and sciences.

"Dr. Sogo brings vitality, excitement and she has a real enthusiasm for her work," said Dr. Gingrich. "She is the kind of person we are always looking for. She has high expectations and a real caring for her students."

In her personal life, she spends time with her husband and son. Their family time is spent traveling to national parks in the United States and cave exploring. Dr. Sogo also enjoys working on crafts: T-shirt painting, bead making and knitting.

One of the most rewarding parts of teaching, according to Dr. Sogo, is how the students keep her young.

Dr. Edwards, assistant professor of history is the new addition to the History/Political Science Department.

She is replacing Katherine Penovich, who is taking a year-long personal leave of absence. Both teach European history.

Dr. Edwards is a native of Canada, where she taught at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, previous to La Verne. She has her bachelor's of art degree from UBC, and received her doctorate from London University.

'[Dr. Pam Edwards] is very well trained and has experience at varied institutions.'
—Dr. John Gingrich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

In addition to teaching at the University, Dr. Edwards spends time doing research and enjoys visiting the Huntington Library.

"She is very well trained and has experience at varied institutions," Dr. Gingrich said.

Dr. Edwards likes ULV because it is not too administrative and top heavy, as well as being a " charming" community, she said.

History is the study of the past, and finding aspects of history that each student can relate to is part of what Dr. Edwards implements into her teaching style.

Dr. Edwards teaches 20th Century Europe, Theory of History and World Civilization.

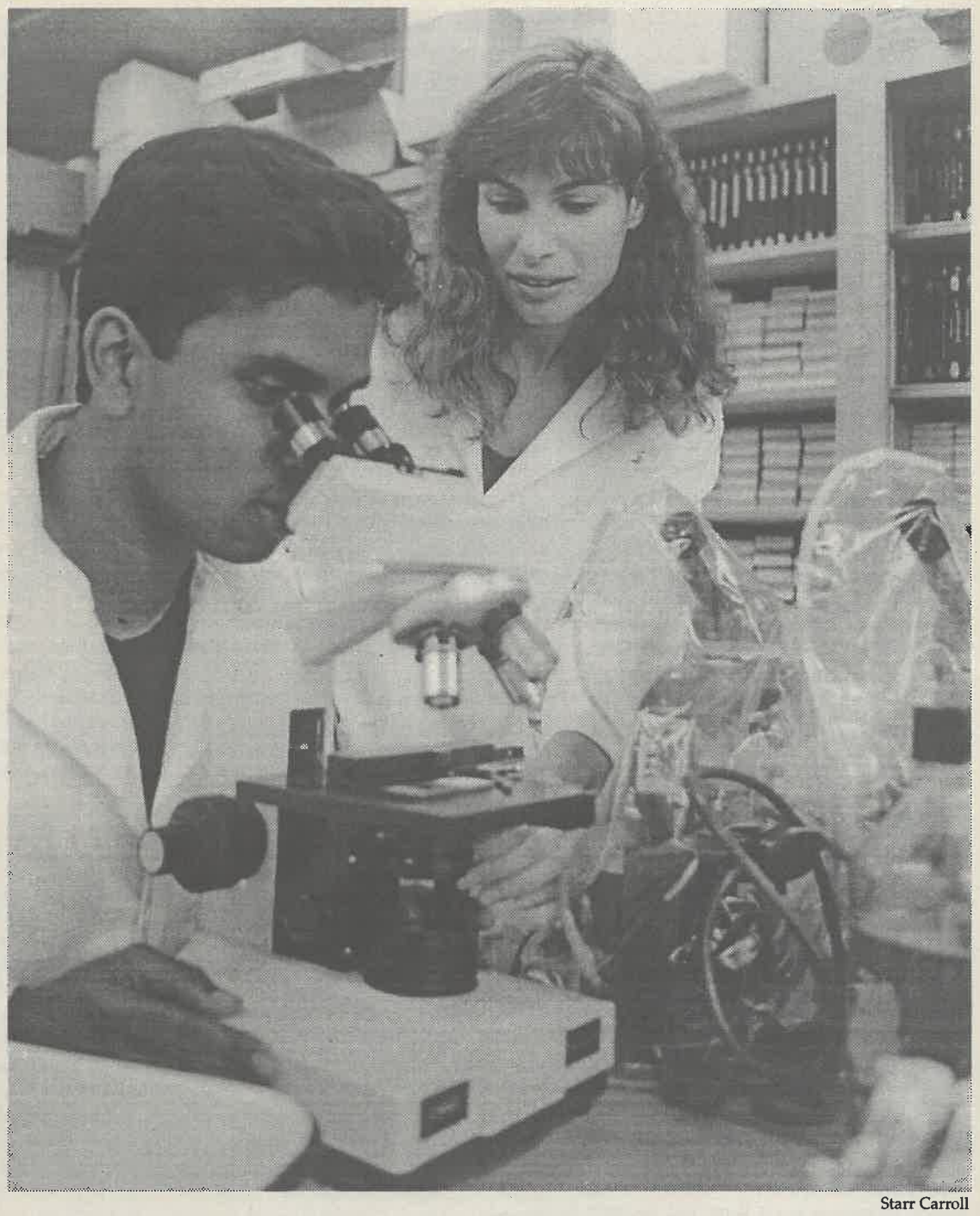
Dr. Richard Gelm, associate professor of political science, who helped hire Dr. Edwards, said, "She was a very strong candidate and she has teaching experience at a variety of different places."

Students who did not think they would like the class, then enjoyed it, are the most rewarding aspect of her job, according to Dr. Edwards.

Dr. Gingrich said it is too early too know if Dr. Edwards will stay on after Penovich returns.

"We don't know exactly what Katherine Penovich will do. If she does not return, there is a possibility that Dr. Edwards would be a candidate, but again, we can't make that decision now," he said.

'Dr. [Farah] Sogo brings vitality, excitement and she has a real enthusiasm for her work.'
—Dr. Gingrich



Starr Carroll



Amy M. Boyle

(Above): "Enjoy what you do," are words to live by, according to Dr. Farah Sogo, assistant professor of biology. Dr. Sogo enjoys working with students, and stresses the importance of student/teacher communication. In the laboratory, Dr. Sogo is assisted by sophomore Faizul Haque.

(Right): Students enrolled in 20th Century Europe, Theory of History or World Civilization will meet Dr. Pam Edwards. In her first semester teaching at the University of La Verne, Dr. Edwards earned her Ph.D. from London University in 1995.

Jones tunes in amateur radio club

by Jody P. Bethel
Staff Writer

An amateur radio club is waiting to happen at the University of La Verne, and interested faculty and students are asked to come forward by Dr. Jay Jones, associate professor of biology and biochemistry, to get the club started.

As of now, there is no set time for a first meeting, but plans are in progress. Dr. Jones, who is initiating the club, has an advanced amateur radio license. He has also obtained an educational license that may be used by members of the club if they have not already obtained their own personal license.

Just as the Internet took off as a new means to communicating with the world, amateur radio can be seen as a different sort of communication that has not yet been discovered by the majority of people, according to Dr. Jones.

Amateur radio clubs have been formed on other college campuses and around the world. "Hams," or amateur hand held radios, are often used in times of emergency. When other means of communication are shut down in a crisis, such as the telephone lines or the Internet, hand held radio will always be of access, said Dr. Jones.

He believes amateur radio is also seen by many as a hobby. It is just another way that enables the world to communicate with one another.

"Ham" is a link to the local area, a distant country, or an orbiting space station.

"Amateur radio knows no country boundaries, and brings people around the world together as good friends," according to the American Radio Relay League's Web page.

In order to operate a hand held radio, a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is required. There are five different stages to earning a license. At first a technical class license or a novice license needs to be obtained. The technical class no longer requires the ability to understand and send Morse code, but the novice requires at least five words per minute of Morse code. The levels go on to general, advanced and extra at the highest level.

Each exam consist of multiple choice questions. The test is based on knowledge of the rules and regulations, the basic theory and formulas. Once a license is obtained, and a mastering of each level is completed, an "Extra" license can be obtained by the person. A study guide titled, "Now You're Talking," can be found at Radio Shack stores.

'I don't think people understand how powerful it is, in other aspects of their lives.'
—Dr. Jay Jones, associate professor of biology



Heather Morales

Trying to recruit members for the new Amateur Radio Club, Dr. Jay Jones, associate professor of biology and biochemistry, explains to junior computer science major Manny Estrada how a two-way radio works. "Ham" radio is often used in times of disaster when other forms of communication are inoperable. Jones hopes that the club can become a part of the University's disaster preparedness plan.

Dr. Jones, who is donating some of his own equipment to the club, is also interested in finding equipment to be donated.

The regular meeting time and location of the club is not yet known. Once people come forward, and the club is formed the "how to's" will be open for discussion.

Some of the possible club activities would be to first prepare for disaster if it should ever strike. The La Verne Police Department will help make this part of its emergency procedures. The club may also start communication with other campuses locally, and around the world for emergency contact as well as a means for a chatting ground.

"I don't think people understand how powerful it is, in other aspects of their lives," said Dr. Jones.

It better enables people to understand technology, and to broaden their ways of communication; it goes into a whole new dimension, according to Dr. Jones.

The University is even considering offering a class, to teach individuals more about amateur radio and get more people interested in it.

Those interested in more information about joining the amateur radio club at ULV can contact Dr. Jones at ext. 4040.

Local candidates gear up for election

•Dreier hopes to hold 28th

by Lori Cruz
Features Editor

Rep. David Dreier, (R-San Dimas) is running for reelection for the 28th Congressional District seat he has held for the last 16 years.

The district stretches from South Pasadena to Claremont.

Dreier considers one of his most important tasks in Congress to be reducing the size and scope of the federal government.

"I have had the pleasure to help completely overhaul Congress," Dreier said, which allows members "to be more accountable and more deliberate," in their actions.

The realms of education and the environment have also been important issues to Dreier, said press secretary Brad Smith.

On education, Smith said, "Clinton and the Democrats tried to impose a government takeover of the student loan program. This would have allowed for $1.5 million to pay for government bureaucracies and would not have helped students receive loans."

Dreier helped approve a measure that increased the money in the Pell Grant program, increasing the maximum average award to $2,440 in one installment and $2,470 in the second.

Dreier is also vocal in supporting environmental issues, including the Safe Drinking Water Act and providing better ground transportation.

Another aspect in which Dreier works is to establish bills that would relieve the tax burden on the middle class and reduce the capital gains tax, both of which would stimulate economic growth.

"Rep. Dreier wants people to keep more of the money that they earn," Smith said.

Dreier added the 104th Congress has been particularly active in the pro-growth arena.

"We have seen great successes in the 104th Congress and I would love to see it again in the 105th," he said.

Another aspect of Congress' pro-growth plan is to "expand individual initiatives and responsibilities," said Dreier.

This week, with Congress ready to adjourn for the year, Dreier is on the floor of the Capital introducing bills that Smith says "would toughen up the laws on illegal immigration, which affect California and he is working of the continuing budget resolution."

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•Levering throws hat into ring

by Enedina Perez
Editorial Assistant

"I believe in giving young people opportunity and older people security," said David Levering, Democratic challenger to Rep. David Dreier (R-San Dimas) for the 28th District, expressing one of the goals that he plans to achieve if he is elected into the 105th Congress.

Levering, a former college history professor, finds this election to be important because it involves many serious issues, including those relating to health, education and the environment.

"We have had two years of the Gingrich/Dreier slash and burn assault on 60 years of social policy," said Levering. "I am very disturbed with the direction that Congress has taken since 1994."

Levering would like to strengthen programs like Social Security and Medicare, protecting environmental programs that ensure clean air and clean water, wanting a living wage for full-time employment, as well as providing a cushion for displaced workers who must retrain, a new emphasis on corporate responsibility and favoring the preservation of the ban on assault weapons.

"I would like to play a role in trying to achieve important objectives in the issues discussed," said Levering.

His most important issue yet, and the one that he says he is considering as his first proposed bill in Congress, relates to education.

"I am passionately devoted to education," said Levering.

This is why he calls for tax credits for college tuition, direct student loans and full funding for the Head Start and Goals 2000 to set world class standard for American schools.

"I hope and pray that most folks want to increase the investment in education," said Levering.

While Levering has his own ideas on bills, he opposes most of Dreier's propositions, including the facilitation of a nuclear waste dump 18 miles from the Colorado River, tax cuts for the rich and cuts in education.

Due to his views, he feels secure about where he stands in this election.

"I am confident because I represent the majority of the San Gabriel Valley residents through my sentiment and value on education, health, environment and wages of working conditions," said Levering.

"We need to provide health insurance for all of our citizens, to educate our young and ease the transition of workers who have been laid off or downsized to other productive work," he said.

Levering has a well rounded professional background that makes him feel electable.

Besides being a long time resident of the San Gabriel Valley, Levering, who was born in Redlands, attended Alhambra High School. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands and later received his master's and doctorate degrees in history from the Claremont Graduate School.

His professional experiences, include teaching four years at the University of California, Riverside, and 28 years in the History Department at Cal Poly Pomona.

Levering worked seven years for World University Service, a cooperative effort sponsored by Protestants, Catholics and Jews to fund self-help projects in university communities in war-damaged or underdeveloped areas.

He was appointed to the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing, where he served for seven years, the last two as chair.

"Our focus involved improving curriculum and developing a greater sense of common pur-

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'Should homosexuals be allowed to marry?'



"I don't see anything wrong with it as long as they are both committed to one another and love each other unconditionally."

Denise Rice
Senior



"My opinion is if gay people want to be married, it's their decision. It's not up to the government or anyone else to force upon them not to be married."

Erik Martinez
Freshman



"Well I'm a Catholic and Catholics are supposed to believe that shouldn't be happening, but I feel personally that if they want to get married, that they should be able to."

Melody Gomez
Freshman



"I think they should be able to get married because it's a free country. If you love someone, you should be able to marry them."

Summers Ebright
Junior



"I think gay people should be able to get married because they should still share the same type of love that male/female relationships have and I don't think that should be taken away."

Wendy Higgins
Senior

Internet becomes valuable research tool

by Summer Herndon
Staff Writer

Using the Internet has recently become easier and many students are taking advantage of the computer network, rather than going to the library and searching for books to do their homework.

The World Wide Web is a global interactive program combining businesses, universities, government articles and other organizations all over the world.

The network allows one to find tremendous amounts of information on almost any topic. Since the introduction of the Web two years ago, it is estimated that about 2 million users utilize it daily.

Dr. Al Clark, assistant vice president of academic affairs, says the Web is an easier method of looking for a specific subject and "a wonderful source of research for homework."

Students can use the Internet to browse library card catalogues. Using the University's e-mail system, one can access the catalog database, LeoPac, at the Wilson Library. Searches for books by author, title or subject can all be accomplished without leaving the computer.

Some of the disadvantages for the Web are how to cite research from the Web, receiving the instructor's approval on whether or not they will allow information to be retrieved from the Web for research is also important.

Many students are finding that the World Wide Web is more convenient than going to the library. Much information can be received from the network in the amount of time it takes to walk to the library.

Junior Joel Harworth finds the Web an advantage when doing research for homework.

"It gives the most current information possible," said Harworth.

Sophomore Victoria Neas said it is an advantage to have a resource like the Web for homework because "the information is up to date and at times can be more informative than other resources."

Junior S. Baker Eatmon said the Web is "quicker than the library," and it is more effective because there are many topics that can be found easier and faster.

Local telephone lines link the World Wide Web to the world and allow people to research topics that are current.

Dr. Marlin Heckman, head librarian, said, "Students are missing a lot of unplugged sources if they're only using the Internet. The Internet should supplement [resources] rather than replace [them]."

However, Jason Sandford, debate coach, uses Netscape to access hard-to-find issues such as costs of graduate schools.

"I found more information in three hours on the Internet that would have taken me weeks to gather otherwise."

Levering...

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pose," said Levering.

He was also a member of the State Advisory and Drafting Committee for the preparation of the California History-Social Science Framework.

Levering mentioned that he also has a record of activism in the community.

Some of this community service projects include being a founding member, and later president, of the Cal Poly Pomona local of the American Federation of Teachers, participating as a member of the Advisory Committee of the California International Studies Project, the Sierra Club and the Claremont Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

Levering feels that by challenging Dreier, he is bringing new issues to the forefront of the campaign and may have the opportunity to contribute, even in more positive ways, to the community.

"It is a chance to give something back after my long career of studying the system and sharing the knowledge with young people," he said.

Levering also has a positive outlook on Democrats making up the next Congress.

"If President [Clinton] keeps doing well, Democrats could take the lead, even in the Senate," he said. "I want to help make it happen."

Levering added, "If our society is to survive and prosper, we must stop looking for scapegoats, and come together to begin addressing the very substantial problems that face us."

Dreier...

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Dreier is active in two House committees. He is Chairman of the Special Task Force for California and is Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Whether or not Congress is in session, Dreier said he is in the La Verne area "almost every week, meeting with my constituents."

Dreier graduated cum laude from Claremont McKenna College in 1975 and before his career in Congress began, he worked for a property management firm and for an industrial marketing firm in San Dimas.

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(C) dialing 1 800 CALL ATT for collect calls.

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Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

L.A. County Fair

Wrapping up the final week, Western Weekend begins today with a herd of cattle arriving at the Fairplex at 11 a.m. This Sunday, Sept. 29, will be the last day to experience this year's Los Angeles County Fair. The rest of the weekend will feature Chuckwagon Races and the Bullriders Classic Rodeo. The races and the classic will run at the same time and begin at noon today. They will begin again on Saturday and Sunday, both days at 8 p.m.

Lapides Featured

Comedian Beth Lapides will be on hand Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Central Library in Los Angeles to present "The Next Thing You Know," a comic monologue. It is presented by the Los Angeles Public Library. Tickets are $5 and made by reservation. For tickets call (213) 228-7025. Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium is located at 630 W. 5th Street in Los Angeles.

Prism Submissions

Prism, the literary, art and photography magazine of the University of La Verne is accepting submissions for the Fall issue. Short stories, essays, poetry, original art and photographs are being sought. Submission boxes can be found in the Student Center, Miller Hall Lobby and outside Miller Hall Room 216. All submissions must be accompanied by a submission blank. The deadline is Oct. 15.

—*Kimberly Marshel*

Presentation, production and Performance...

•Grads show outside world where they came from

by Laura Czingula
Staff Writer
Photography by Melissa A. Collett

What are University of La Verne graduates from the Theatre Department doing? Well, apparently they are doing a lot and contributing what they learned at La Verne to the "real world."

Sean Dillon graduated from ULV in 1987, and received his master's of fine arts in directing at Purdue University in Indiana. Dillon co-directed "The Lady With the Dog" in Croatia this summer and is currently working on directing "The Nerd" at ULV this fall, opening Homecoming weekend. He has worked with Barry Morrow Productions on the TV movie, "Darrow" and "Christmas on Division Street," as well as taught theater history and screenwriting for two years at ULV.

Spending time this summer planning and developing an exchange program in Croatia between ULV and the Split Summer Theater Festival, was Scot McElvany.

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> —*Jane Dibbell, associate professor of theatre arts*

McElvany graduated from ULV in 1995. He has been working with the BCA in Mostar, Bosnia for the last six months and has directed a camp program using theater, in which teenagers from Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia developed original performances with the purpose of healing the emotional scars of war.

He has been asked to visit England to lead similar workshops, based on the theater techniques of Augusto Boal, internationally celebrated founder of Theater of the Oppressed.

Another Croatia visitor was graduate Eric Mulholland. Mulholland graduated in 1995 and was in, "The Lady With the Dog," Mulholland worked with professional actors from Zagreb Theater Academy.

His plans for the future are to return next summer to Croatia to participate in the festival under Georgij Paro's direction. Right now, Mulholland is acting in a Los Angeles production of "Ghosts" by Henrik Ibsen.

Jim Tittle graduated from La Verne just last semester and is already pursuing a directing career on a variety of UCLA and USC film school projects as an assistant director.

Tittle is also working with his local cable company in Whittier, Calif.

Playing the leads in "42nd Street," "The Music Man" and "A Chorus Line" is 1995 graduate Nathan Hamilton.

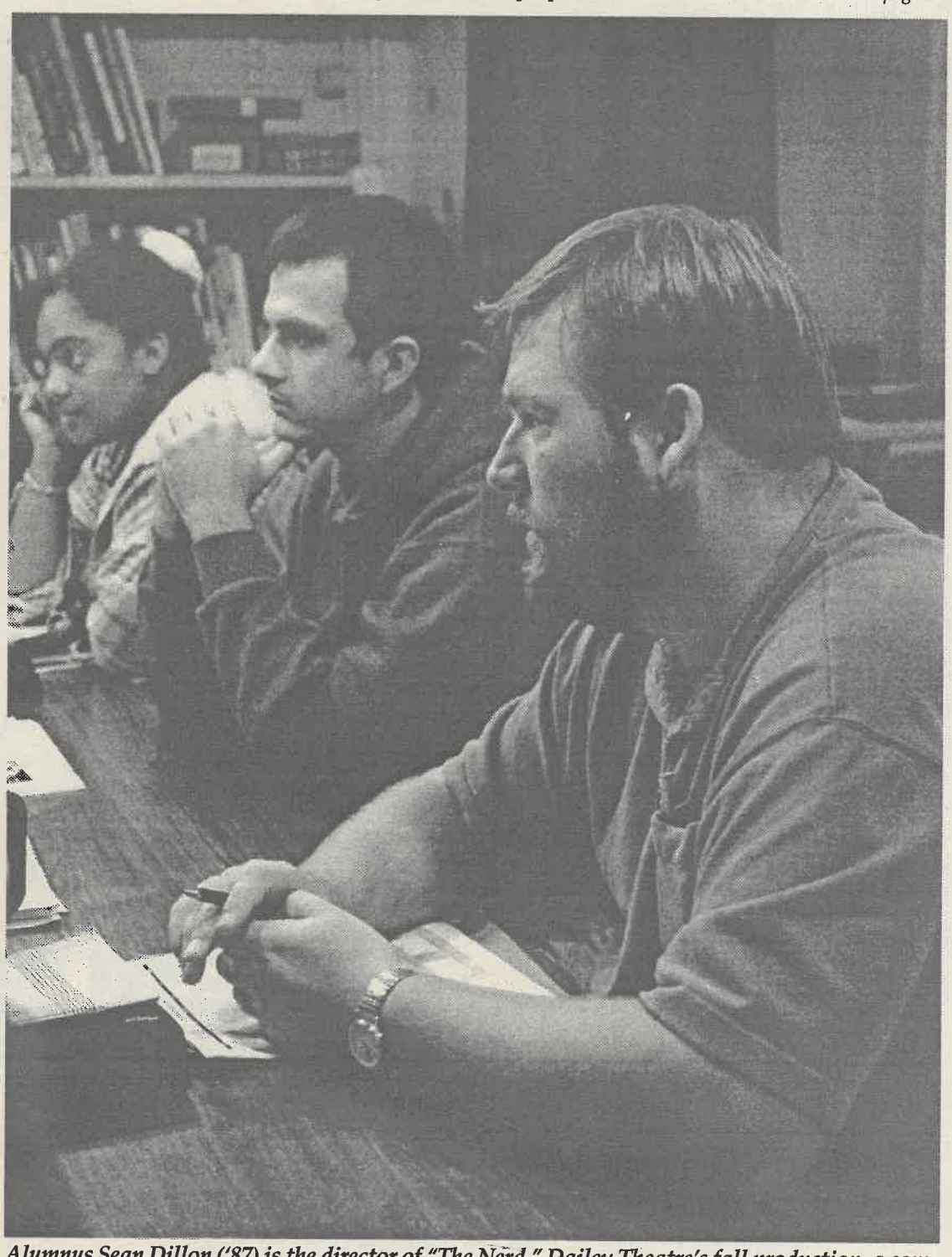
Hamilton has been working since he graduated from ULV teaching dance as well as dancing himself, and singing at Riverside Civic Light Opera and Griswold's Candlelight Pavillion.

Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Jane Dibbell said, "The graduates of ULV Theater Department are serving theater in the best way because they are doing work that is purposeful. They are using theater to nurture life and the spirit which is my definition of theater being powerful."

Working at theme parks are 1990 graduate Bill Meier and 1993 graduate Alice Gasparian.

Meier is a free-lance costume designer, and is working in the Costume Department at Knott's Berry Farm, while Gasparian is working at Universal Studios Hollywood as a dresser for the Flintstones and Waterworld shows.

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Alumnus Sean Dillon ('87) is the director of "The Nerd," Dailey Theatre's fall production, a comedy about life, reality and decision making. Junior stage manager Chryseis Alexander, Mike Martin ('95), who will play the character Willem, and Dillon discuss how to portray each character with the rest of the cast. "The Nerd" will run Nov. 7 - 9, and 14-16 at 7:30 p.m.

Theatre projects promise diversity

by Veronica L. McClendon
Staff Writer

Bright lights, laughter and drama are back at the University of La Verne in the Dailey Theatre. Throughout the year a variety of entertainment and performances will be held.

One of the larger performances this year will be given by senior Stacey Williams. She is working on her senior thesis performance; Margo Fiorito is directing the play, entitled "The Girlhood of Shakespeare's Heroines," written by Don Nigro.

This play will feature Williams playing the role of five different women. The play will be performed tonight and tomorrow night in the Cabaret Theatre at 7:30. Admission is free, but a $2 donation is requested. Williams said that things are just beginning to get rolling and she has been producing her senior thesis since August.

Tuesday Nights at the Cabaret are open to anyone who wants to do an evening of theater related to courses of study for performances and discussion, according to Jane Dibbell, associate professor of theatre arts. The performances can also be on concerns affecting the University population. Every Tuesday night at 7:30 one can enjoy drama in the Cabaret.

"Cafe Con Leche" is the next Cabaret performance. This will take place at Lordsburg Coffe Roasters instead of in the Cabaret and will feature poetry readings and a live jazz band.

Dr. David Flaten, professor of Theatre Arts, is designing the set for The Croatian National Theatre's, "Street Car Named Desire." This play is being directed by Steven Kent, and is in production now, scheduled to open in January in Croatia.

Kent is an internationally known director, and has been an adjunct professor of the University of La Verne for the past four years. He was a sabbatical replacement for Dr. Flaten last year and the director of last year's play, "Approaching Simone." Kent will also be giving an intense workshop on conscious communication later on this year.

Dibbell is also working with theatre majors Fiorito, Jennifer Rodriguez, and S. Baker Eatmon in a local elementary school, Grace Miller. The program gives an opportunity for fourth grade students to create theatre performances based on the roots of Native American history in the San Gabriel Valley.

"The students who are theater majors pick their plays on something that help them synthesize their training and knowledge," said Dibbell. As for major productions, the faculty picks the plays for the students.

This summer, many of the theater majors went to different festivals to participate in or observe different acts and performances and have brought back what they learned to the Theatre Department.

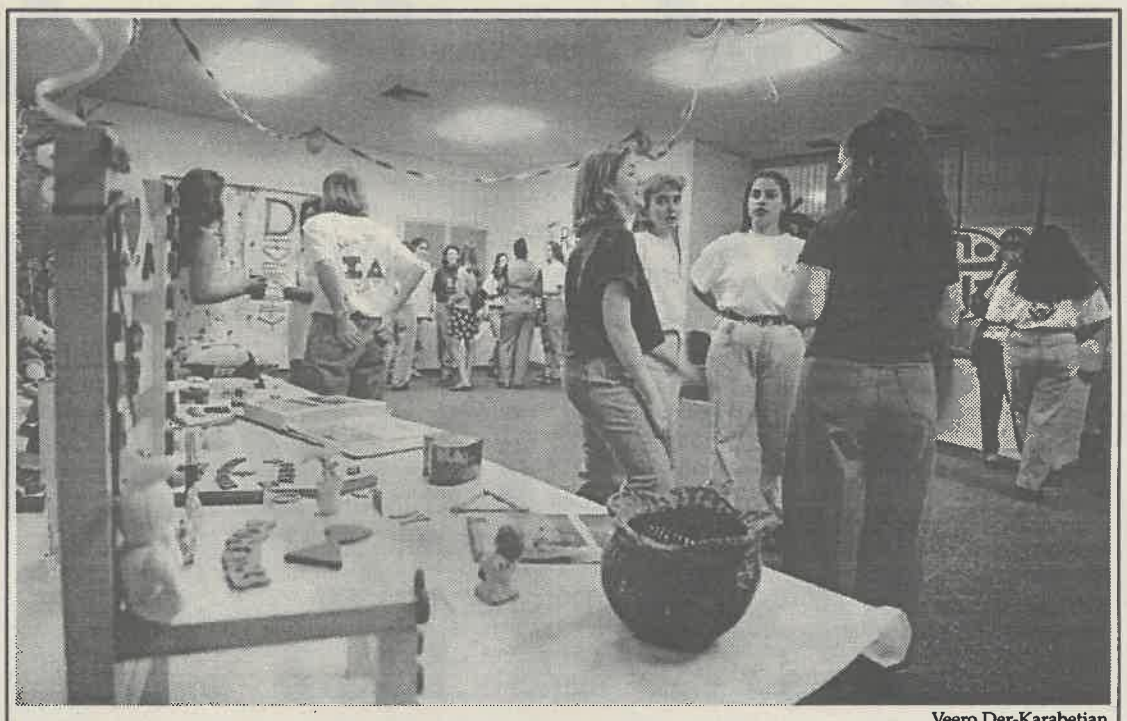
Something new has been added to the study abroad program. An imitation of the Guildford Academy near London is offering three drama classes in the summer, the teaching of Shakespearian acting, performance of Shakespeare and actor changing.

This semester's plays will focus on social problems and genres of comedy and tragedy. The productions often cast students in parts, and those that are interested are encouraged to audition.

In January the Theatre Department will be holding its annual drama festival for high school students from all over California.

The main productions in spring will be Russian dramas.

Those interested in more information on plays, productions and auditions may contact the Theatre at ext. 455?.



Veero Der-Karabetian

Fall rush is a chance for students to learn about different Greek organizations. Hosting open house on the first night of rush, Iota Delta displayed a variety of photo albums and historical icons. Social chair Janeen Carrigan, Inter Fraternity Sorority Council representative Jennifer Pashone and treasurer Cenia Camacho inform junior Patricia Cuevas about their sorority.

Book Review

Novel exposes bare truth of 'Strip Tease'

by Monica Schwarze
Editorial Director

Forget the movie. Forget Demi Moore. Forget the nudity. Carl Hiaasen's *Strip Tease*, written three years before Moore made headlines for accepting $12 million for the starring role, is a dark, witty political satire with one main message at its core: politics is a dirty business, but, then again, so is everything else.

Starting with a violent brawl at the "The Eager Beaver," an appropriately named Miami strip club, the novel grabs the reader from the beginning and pulls him into the seedy world of skin clubs and the even seedier world of political deals.

The plot concerns Erin Grant, a secretary-turned-stripper who seems to attract the unwanted attentions of the wrong kind of men, particularly Congressman David Lane Dilbeck, a sleazy, borderline insane politician who is as greasy as the Vaseline he oils his body with.

In order to work his way into Grant's heart and bed, Dilbeck devises an elaborate scheme to win back custody of her 7-year-old daughter Angela, currently in the care of Grant's ex-husband Darrell, a full-time wheelchair salesman and part-time drug pusher who is not above using his daughter as an unwitting accomplice to his various crimes.

Dilbeck's misguided scheme results in a complicated, but never confusing, web of murder, theft, deception and creamed-corn wrestling that would make for an extremely dark and morbid novel without Hiaasen's trademark wit.

Hiaasen, also the author of *Native Tongue* and *Tourist Season*, has a gift for populating his plots with colorful, realistic characters and good doses of dark humor, and *Strip Tease* is no exception.

This is a novel where nothing is quite the way it seems, including the characters. There's a ex-con bouncer with a heart of gold, a club owner who boasts of fake mafia ties, and a stripper naive enough to believe that half her clients are celebrities seeking anonymity.

Central to this jumble is Grant, who stumbled upon stripping as a way to pay her astronomical lawyer's fees. She is tough, with the ability to survive in the sleazy world of strip clubs, but Hiaasen has also injected his main character with a touch of humanity that makes her seem very real and sympathetic. He also resists the urge to glamorize her profession, offering a very gritty, very real view of her life.

Hiaasen also has the ability to look beyond his gender when crafting a character. He conveys an accurate image of the humiliation and frustration Grant feels when she is harassed by Dilbeck and her customers. In many ways, "The Eager Beaver" is an exaggeration of the cat calls and leers that many women endure in daily life.

This is not to say that the novel is without humor, even though the reader may have to dodge crime and mayhem to find the laughs, which provided mostly by one-liners and side plots.

Even the setting adds a half-humorous tone to the novel. There are plenty of oddities to be found in the sleazy "Eager Beaver" and in its main rival, "The Flesh Farm." Descriptions of snake dancing and spaghetti wrestling give the club as much personality as its inhabitants. "The Eager Beaver" may not possess the ideal working conditions, but Hiaasen makes it an interesting place to visit.

The laughs, however, never distract from the purpose of the plot. Hiaasen has woven a story in which every word brings the reader closer to the characters, their lives and their many problems.

Strip Tease is a witty, gritty, original novel that will keep the reader laughing, wincing and wondering what will happen next. This fictional world of sex and politics is not for the faint of heart, but those who dare to turn the first page won't stop reading until the final word.

Music Review

New R.E.M. album not up to par

by Bonnie H. Chuen
Staff Writer

For a band that began its career in the early 1980s with a wild mix of melodies and strong messages, R.E.M.'s latest album "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" is quite a disappointment.

This new album lacks the eccentric qualities and the outstanding messages that made R.E.M. unique on its earlier albums.

As usual, the band members did not put a picture of themselves on the cover. However, six out of the albums four singles are more than five minutes long.

"New Adventures in Hi-Fi" is reminiscent of the band's last two albums, "Automatic for the People" and "Monster." Lead singer Michael Stipe's lyrics are very much like "Automatic for the People," but at the same time, Peter Buck's guitar style is a continuation of the noisy guitar sound found on "Monster."

R.E.M.'s music has changed very drastically since their earlier albums such as "Life's Rich Pageant," or "Green." It is as if R.E.M.'s creativity has decreased in the last few years.

One thing you can always expect from R.E.M. is versatility. There are various types of songs on the CD, including the seven minute, 17 second song "Leave," and a two minute, 32 second instrumental called "Zither."

Several songs sound very harsh with heavy guitar sounds, while the deeper softer songs bring about a mellow sleepy feeling. The album hits many places across the spectrum, from acoustic guitar movements, drumless moments, jazzy blues and soft melodies.

The album was recorded in various stages around the country over the last year. "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" features four songs ("Departure," "Undertow," "Binky the Doormat" and "The Wake-up Bomb") that were written and recorded backstage and at sound checks during the group's 1995 world tour. The rest of the songs were recorded in studios in Los Angeles, Calif., Seattle, Wash., and Athens, Ga.

This album lacks the potency and richness the earlier R.E.M. albums possess. Instead, "New Adventures in Hi-Fi" sounds much like other alternative bands and lost compared to the older albums.

Then again, R.E.M. just signed a deal with Warner Brothers for five albums, estimated at $80 million.

R.E.M. does not plan to tour with this new album, and will continue to make albums with Warner Bros. in the next few years. The first video is due out shortly.

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Women's soccer soars over Sagehens

by Kiandra Shawnta Johnson
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News Editor

Halfback offensive power broke through Pomona-Pitzer's defensive women's soccer team, as the University of La Verne Leopards defeated the Sagehens 2-0 at home Wednesday.

The midfield lineup of seniors Jenny Zwissler, Lisa Thomas and Jacqui Zwissler with junior Amber Hall, was all the offensive power La Verne needed to ensure victory.

"We are not always looking for one person to score. We look for a lot of scorers," said head coach Wendy Zwissler.

The first goal of the game was created 21 minutes into the half as Jacqui Zwissler sailed a shot from the outside, over the head of the opposing goalie to give La Verne the 1-0 lead.

Continuing to chip away at the highly defensive Pomona-Pitzer team, the Leopards gathered 40 shots on goal compared to seven by their opposition.

"Forty shots on goal and two goals is not a good ratio, but at least we were shooting," said Hall "They had a very good keeper."

The second goal of the game was again a combination of the midfield talent as left half back Jacqui Zwissler crossed the ball from the left half of the field to the eager feet of right half Lisa Thomas who earned the final goal of the match.

On Saturday, the women lost a hard-fought defensive battle against Cal Lutheran, but fell in the end, 2-1 in overtime.

In the second half at 11:26, Thomas scored the first goal for ULV to tie the match at 1-1.

As the game was then tied ending regulation, Cal Lu controlled the ball, giving ULV a chance to display its tough defense skills to maintain their shot.

The tie breaking attempt came when Jacqui Zwissler went toward a would be goal but was brought down by Kristin Taylor who pulled her down, and in the process, received a yellow card.

With two minutes left in the game, the Kingsmen controlled the ball while the Leopards played a strong defense.

Another blow came at the start of overtime as the desire to send history afloat was well embedded in the hearts of ULV as Jenny Zwissler made the first attempt to destroy the tie.

It was unsuccessful, however, as it bounced off the crossbar.

After a save from Hall, another attempt was broken down as it brought the ULV fans to their seats with it yet again.

Cal Lu's first attempt was blocked by senior Tiffany Hall, while allowing La Verne to maintain their control.

With 4:45 on the scoreboard, Cal Lu's Holly Roepke scores without warning, which was assisted by Heidi Theismid.

According to coach Zwissler, ULV went out with the intentions to "play hard" and uphold the basic strategy of the game.

With five starters out with the flu, ULV's teamwork was not adequate enough to beat Cal Lu who played hard.

Looking back at her team's performance, coach Zwissler attributed the loss to errors.

"We need to work on our consistency, it was the best game we played so far, but not to our abilities," she said.

"As a whole unit, we are not working well together, after we played Cal Lu we started to play stronger. We played well against Pomona," said Jenny Zwissler

"Last year we were a strong team, we came out timid and scared against Cal Lu. This year we came out and played."

"In my three years here, we've improved every year," said Amber Hall, "We should have beaten them. It was an emotional game."

The Leopards will face Cal Lutheran again on Oct. 16. This time, they travel to Thousand Oaks for the match.



Amy M. Boyle

Senior Jenny Zwissler (#18) dances with the ball to avoid collision with Sagehen Veronica Ramirez (#17). The Leopards won Wednesday's game, 2-0, against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens.

Leopards fall short in men's soccer tournament

by Ryan Sones
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's soccer team gave up a fight last Thursday at the men's Pacific Christian Soccer Tournament hosted by Concordia College of Irvine and Pacific Christian College, falling a few goals short of a win.

The opening game for the Leopards on Thursday against Redlands went down in the books as a 2-0 loss.

The Leopards found themselves short-handed due to a red card from the previous week, which left them one starter short from the beginning of the game. Red cards then took their toll on the Leopards again in the game against Redlands when two more were issued throughout the game which would again leave the Leopards short for the next game vs. Menlo College. Tim Kyle, goalkeeper for the game, had seven saves in the effort.

"The red cards definitely hurt us. Plus we are already short due to the injured knee of Matt Holguin" said head coach Mike Collins.

The two red cards issued on Thursday would then leave La Verne three men down vs. Menlo. Senior team captain Darin Soliday was first on the board for the Leopards on Friday when they quickly went up 1-0 on Menlo in the first 10 minutes on an assist from freshman Armando Hernandez.

Menlo would then retaliate with three goals in a row during the next 70 minutes of play until Soliday once again put the leather in the net with help from Hernandez. That was all the Leopards would rally, and Menlo took the game by a score of 3-2.

"If you put two goals in the net, you should win the game. We had our fair chance," said Soliday.

La Verne went on to Saturday when they faced tournament host Concordia in the consolation bracket. In the 23rd minute of the game, Concordia got on the board first via a corner kick header combination.

La Verne stayed in it when Aaron Jones hooked up with Rusty Smith and beat the goalie for the goal. Concordia would then pull away comfortably from La Verne with four unanswered goals. La Verne's response was a bit late when Soliday once again hit the back of the net with the header via free kick from Smith.

"The biggest problem we had in the tournament was that when we made a mistake the other team was able to capitalize," said senior team captain Eric Gleason.

Although the Leopards went down in three, they were able to earn a spot on the All-Tournament Team with the efforts of sophomore fullback Rudy Gutierrez.

"I was just doing my job and playing my position, I always give 100% out on the field, and I was surprised to hear I had made the all-tournament team." said Gutierrez.

He went on to add "We really have a great team out here, probably the best in the last few years, we just need to make sure we always give 100% when out on the field and after each and every ball. Once we give the 100% after each and every ball, then we will start getting on the right track and begin to win our games. It is not the talent we are lacking," said Collins.

"We are definitely playing much more consistently than the first matches in the beginning of the season. The team overall is playing a lot better together, we are just not that consistent in the box yet." said Collins.

The next game for the men is Oct. 1 vs. Pacific Christian at Fullerton.

AIDS Walk...

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graphic. Walkers who turn in $250 or more will get the T-shirt and a baseball hat. Walkers who turn in $500 or more will be awarded the T-shirt as well as the AIDS Walk wrist watch.

Those who are interested participating can contact Debbie Roberts, Protestant campus minister, at ext. 4320, or Elena Cardeña, Catholic campus minister, at ext. 4322.

Alumni...

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Gasparian has also been performing in theater in Los Angeles with parts in "Twelfth Night" and "Amadeus."

Since she graduated, she has studied with Charles Conrad Studios.

Two 1991 graduates are Cloyce Morrow and Mark Pietrzak.

Monrow has been in the motion picture "Can't Buy Me Love" and recently was on a TV special with Fred Savage in "Christmas on Division Street." For the past 15 years, she has been doing film, TV, and commercial work in Los Angeles.

Pietrzak is currently working at ULV as a technical director in the Theatre Department.

He also does some freelance designs at places such as Chino's 7th Street Playhouse, Long Beach Community Theatre, Alhambra Community Theatre Group, Long Beach City College, Vanguard Theatre, Inland Pacific Ballet and Inland Valley Repertory. He has worked on both lighting and film work.

Currently auditioning and working in off-off Broadway shows is Dennis Keeley. Keely graduated in 1992 and has studied acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.

"They are all being proactive in developing careers that reflect the theaters department," said Dibbell, "I'm proud of all my students."

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Leopards kill Tigers in 3-2 rally

by LaShanda D. Maze
Staff Writer

Fighting to the bitter end, the women's volleyball team clawed its way into a fifth do-or-die match against the Occidental Tigers Tuesday night. The match ended with the Leopards victorious, 3-2.

Five long games filled with sheer determination, exasperation and sometimes despair concluded the Leopards' first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) home match.

The first game got off to a slow start, but began picking up when freshman Gina Medina earned a side out. The Leopards began scoring quickly off the mistakes of the Tigers. Medina then came back to score, gaining two aces in a row, bringing the score to 11-5.

Freshman Sarah Henry also gained an ace that pulled the Leopards even further up. Expectations were that the Leopards would finish it off quickly, leaving the Tigers to lick their wounds. It took longer than expected with the Tigers hanging on. Medina finally cut them loose with her third ace of the round, winning the game, 15-12.

Making their presence quickly known to the scoreboard, the Leopards began the second game. Medina made a kill early on in the game, side out La Verne. Junior Jill Seaton served and her teammates responded. Senior Denise Rice and Medina helped block an attempt at a side out for the Tigers. When they came back for more, expecting a weakened La Verne, sophomore Lynsey Best showed them that Leopards do not quit, saving the ball. A double contact call was called on the Tigers and the point went to the Leopards.

Later in the game, Medina served and Best, leaping to the challenge, made a kill against the Tigers that tied the score, 8-8. Seaton continued the streak by making a kill. Not ready to give up yet, Medina responded with another ace.

Some of the fire must have been lost in the Leopards roar because the Tigers fought back and continuously gained. Finding a hole in the floor, the Tigers attacked it, making a kill. Medina attempted to halfway lunge at the ball but too late, it was already another point for the Tigers that tied the score, 10-10.

The Leopards still hung on even though the Tigers had taken a lead. The ball went from side to side without any team gaining for a few moments. The crowd, pumped, cheered the Leopard women onward, enthused by their resilience against the Tigers.

The last critical moments of the game came quickly and Best was able to land a kill, side out Leopards. Down to game point, the Leopards could not pull through. The score was now a dangerous tie, 14-14. The Tigers got another side out and won the second game, 16-14.

Coming out strong the Leopards seemed determined to take back the lead. Best got her first ace of the evening bringing the score, 4-2. Medina followed with another ace. Rice and Henry supported the team equally by setting up some strong blocks. Junior Michelle Runyan got her first kill of the night to side out Leopards. Junior Mercury Simonian made the serve, then immediately came up to help save the ball. Medina stepped forward to make a kill, the score now 8-4.

Smelling victory in the air, the Leopards stood up strong, increasing their points. Freshman Isa Lose got her first ace of the evening. Violations prevented a quick second win. Rice served, enabling Medina to make the kill to close the third game, 15-9.

Tigers were ready for the fourth game and gave the Leopards something to worry about. They just could not keep up and even the crowd attempted to pump up the women while also taunting the Tigers. The game was lost, 15-7.

Two victories for the two teams would mean that game five would be rally scored. Any mistake made could be a point for the other team. The gymnasium filled with silence as the seriousness of what game five meant hit the crowds, thanks to the witty announcer. It was a do or die match that could crush the Leopards or bring them the final victory they had been fighting for.

The flashing red light of the scoreboard continued to blink on each side, neither team was making a leap in the score. Back and forth the ball went with excellent teamwork being shown by the Leopard women. Exciting kills were made by Seaton and Medina. Best was a strong backbone to the team, ready for whatever the Tigers hit over. The battle ended with Henry making the final kill of the night.

Despite the victory head coach Jim Paschal was disappointed in the way the team performed overall. It was the "worst we played all year long," he said.

There was trouble in finding the right combination of people. "I think we'll find that with a lot of young players," he said. They have a tendency to play up and down."

"It wasn't one of my better games," said Medina, though she is glad they won. She says she is often hard on herself when it comes to error but her teammates were able to bring her up.

That was the main objective of the women Tuesday night. They wanted to keep everyone's spirits up and play some good rounds. Best explained the motive behind their crazy hair do's that were braided and twisted with colorful ribbons to keep them motivated.

At the Power Bar National Volleyball Classic Tournament two weeks ago in Texas they played against the Savannah College of Art and Design. They beat them easily in three games. The next day the Leopards watched them play against Washington University, the No. 1 team in the nation. They wore crazy hair do's in order to lift their spirits up and they took the No. 1 team to five games. They really played well according to Best.

The idea was that if it worked for Savannah, why not for La Verne? Two hours before the game Tuesday night, half of the team piled into a dorm bathroom, twisting each other's hair. Perhaps it was the inspirationthey needed. Linked by crazy braids and colored ribbons that enabled the women to keep their spirits up in the weakest points of the game. Knowing that through it all they were all connected through the love of volleyball.

The women meet Pomona-Pitzer tonight at Claremont.

"The team has trained well since the Occidental match. We're prepared physically and mentally to raise the level of play and trained hard to do that," said Flora.



Starr Carroll

La Verne's sophomore Lynsey Best and freshman Allison Moore successfully block Occidental's spike during a five-game match Tuesday night. The Leopards triumphed in the fifth game to take the match, 15-12, 16-14, 15-9, 15-7, 15-12.

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Powell emerges from abyss renewed

•Running back returns to field

by Ryan Sones
Staff Writer

Easily working out with 225 pounds on the bench press is Ken Powell. He is a father, husband, student, football coach, alcohol and drug rehabilitation specialist and, at 37, a football player for the University of La Verne Leopards. No, he is not one of the coaches—he is a running back.

Powell is only one of the many new additions to each and every football team across the nation this year. Every year, football teams gets new players at the beginning of each new season. However, they are usually not older than the head coach or perhaps old enough to be a father of his own teammates.

Born in Sun Valley, Calif., the youngest of four siblings, Powell grew up with strong family ties. Attending Los Angeles Poly High School, Powell was an exceptional student athlete, graduating with the class of 1977.

His first introduction to football was at the age of 9, when he played for the Sun Valley Falcons Pop Warner football team. As offensive guard he quickly made the transition to fullback and outside linebacker. His presence on the field came during high school competition when he was the star fullback and linebacker. The two positions, as well as playing baseball, took Powell to all-league teams three consecutive years.

> 'I really didn't have any second thoughts about going out for the team, maybe just some reservations on how my body would handle it.'
>
> *—Ken Powell, senior*

Powell had the opportunity to play football for Glendale College, where he gained respect as one of the better players on field. After two seasons, he left for Linfield College in Oregon to play out the rest of his eligibility.

Two days before his final season at Linfield in 1988, Powell was in an auto accident. The late-summer accident would claim the feeling in two of his toes, making him sit out the final season of his career, or so it would seem.

After the accident, Powell's life began to change. He became an alcoholic and began flirting with other drugs, such as cocaine and marijuana.

Powell's refuge of the playing field was no longer there, and he now found solace in his drug dependencies. He became so dependent that he left Linfield unfinished and became a car salesman for seven years.

During that time, Powell had many ups and downs, on what he called "a roller coaster ride through life, with no guard rails, over a never-ending abyss."

The downs were as low as possible, until finally he derailed and hit rock bottom. That bottom had bars, and Powell found himself in jail for almost two years.

During his stay in jail, Powell decided that he could change. The light once again flickered at the end of the tunnel for him. With the rehabilitation came a new line of sight for Ken Powell. He had evolved from the monster he had created through serious meditation and rehabilitation in prison.

Powell wrote in a 1991 personality profile, "I spent a great deal of time in meditation. It did not happen overnight, but through a great deal of hard work and introspection I was able to realize what I had become and what it would take to change my life."

He decided to take classes at Glendale College and become an alcohol and drug rehabilitation specialist. It was during this time when friends on the Glendale College football staff decided to have Powell back on the team as a coach.

He was overwhelmed at the opportunity to get back in on what was so dear to him. Football had been the mainstay of Powell's adolescent life and the void of the past seven years had a chance not only to be filled, but reborn.

Powell's life had done a 180-degree turn, and there was nothing but green grass underneath his huge steps forward.

Powell was the running back, linebacker coach, and special teams coordinator at Glendale from 1992 to 1995. He then decided to pursue a teaching career, and found himself at the University of La Verne.

While taking classes at ULV for his bachelor's in physical education, he met Assistant Athletic Director Rex Huigens and head football coach Don Morel. During a few casual conversations between the three, it was found that Powell had one year of eligibility left on his football career as a player.

Powell's first thoughts were subtle until he really began thinking about it. He talked with his coaching staff at Glendale College to see their thoughts on the situation and if they thought he should play or try to play again. The staff at Glendale told Powell that playing would be the best thing ever for him and his road to sobriety.

It was January 1996, and Powell had made the decision to go after the longshot and try out for the team at ULV. Powell was physically healthy and in shape, and he figured that it would just take a few months in the gym to prepare for his return to the gridiron.

Five foot, 10 inches and all 232 pounds of Powell were out for three-a-day try-outs for the 1996 ULV football season. And after three-a-days stood all Powell, proud and self deserving, making the ULV football squad tainted with an unsurmountable pain in his lower legs due to shin splints.

"I really didn't have any second thoughts about going out for the team, maybe just some reservations on how my body would handle it," said Powell.

People may find that believe, coming from the same guy that on one afternoon practice, while coaching at Glendale, confronted his players to step it up one week and find some intensity, after they lost a sure-win game a few days earlier. He confronted his players by lining up the linebackers in a tackling drill with himself.

The only thing odd about this tackling drill was that Powell had no pads on at all, just his T-shirt, coaches shorts, and a slight bit of insanity. At the end of the drill, Powell was left standing on the field bleeding, while players mouth's were left agape. Powell simply replied, "Now hustle on up and get some water and get back over here!"

"I just like football, I like to be out there hitting people. It's fun," said Powell.

"Ken Powell is a good football player. He is dedicated, a very hard worker and mildly insane," said Morel.

Morel also added, "He is certainly a mature football player that can bring a lot of experience to the team, but for anyone to take that type of punishment at this point of his life is definitely mildly insane."

Powell was accepted by the other players on the team. He has heard the comments of "Hi, coach" or "How's it going, grandpa?" all in jokingly manners, but, all in all, Powell is having a great time out on the field again.

"This guy has the heart of a lion. He plays iron-head football, and he reminds me of someone mean like Mike Ditka. Just put the age to the side, he is an awesome player, and he helps out the team a lot," said senior running back Anthony Rice.

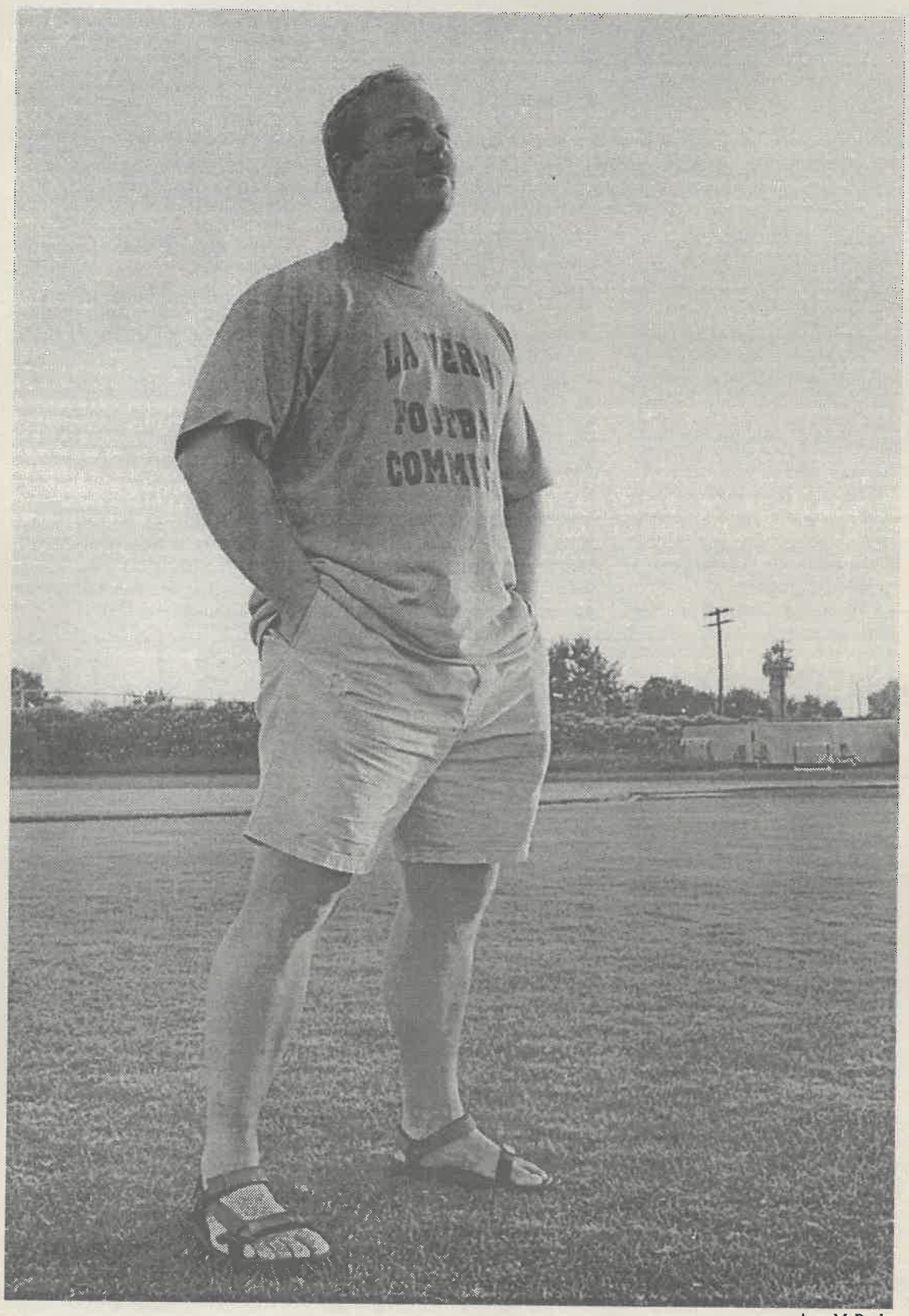
Powell reassured himself that he did come here to finish his bachelor's degree, and on top of it all, he will be the first in his family to do so.

"Education was definitely the reason I came to La Verne. Football was the icing on the cake," said Powell.

In the team's opening loss to Azusa Pacific, Powell had more than 20 friends and family in attendance to see his rebirth on the field.

"My entire spirit and personality have undergone, and are still involved in, a metamorphosis. This change is still underway, but I feel a hell of a lot better about what I represent today, than what I represented seventeen months ago," wrote Powell in his 1991 personality profile.

Powell feels he is definitely on the right track, and is proud to say, "I have been sober since 1987."



Amy M. Boyle

Ken Powell, 37, is in his last year of eligibility for football. He is not at La Verne to set records or be a star, but, he said, he just wants to "play football and have fun." Powell was a coach at Glendale Community College and is now a teammate to some of the players he once coached. He likes to remind them, "just call me Kenny, not 'coach.'"

Spiker epitomizes student-athlete

•Rice takes position as team leader

by Scott Harvey
Staff Writer

Whether it is spiking, blocking, digging or just plain getting the job done, University of La Verne senior Denise Rice is always on top of things.

Originally from Vista, Calif., in the San Diego area, the 5'10" Rice is a four-year starter and the only senior on the women's volleyball team.

"I came into the program with six other girls, as a freshman, but I am the only one who stayed on the team," said Rice.

This year Rice takes on a new responsibility as team leader after a great 1995 season. That proved to head coach Jim Paschal and assistant coach Don Flora that she was ready to lead the way for the Leopards. Looking back on Rice's career at La Verne, Flora had nothing but positive things to say.

'Denise has tried harder than anyone in the last three years and has been steadily a better player every year.'
—Jim Paschal, head women's volleyball coach

"Denise came into the program as a starter with the desire to both work and learn. Not just about volleyball or competition, but about all around life," said Flora.

Besides leading the Leopards last year in both hitting percentage and blocks, Rice is involved in activities on campus. Making the dean's list for the past three semesters, Rice is a sociology major and last year received departmental honors for her outstanding scholarship.

Away from her books, Rice is involved in the Psi Chi Club on campus, she is a member of the ULV Student Athletic Advisory Board and she is a violet for Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Rice also completes her work study at the University's Athletics Office and is a four-year resident of the Stu-Han residence hall.

"I was so scared as a freshman and I definitely didn't expect to play in college, but I had an opportunity to start and I tried my hardest," said Rice.

Starting every game and playing to the top of her ability is exactly what Rice has done in her past three years at La Verne. Last season, according to the coaches, made Rice an all-around great player.

"Denise has tried harder than anyone in the last three years and has been steadily a better player every year," said Paschal.

"Not only is she our team's main strength, she is also a great team leader," said Paschal.

In a Division III tournament last year in San Diego, Rice proved to be the team leader and the player that defined the La Verne team. With the tournament on the line, Rice put on a show, leading the team in both blocks and kills and bringing them to an emotional, come-from-behind victory against Chapman University which boosted their standing and their spirits.

"It was a good experience for me in San Diego, not only because of my individual achievements, but because of how the team came together," said Rice.

This year's team is returning with many new faces. Six freshman, three juniors and one sophomore start the season with enthusiasm and hope that they too can come together with Rice's helping hands.

Thus far, women's volleyball has a record of 7-4 and competed in their first league game last Tuesday. Both Rice and the coaching staff believe that this year's team has a lot of character and a really good chance of improving on last year's record.

"We're a real tight knit group this year, and in a short time we have learned not only to help each other in the game, but to look out for each other in everyday life," said Rice.

This year, Rice leads the team in blocks and is third in hitting percentage. As the only senior on the team, she is looked up to by younger players.

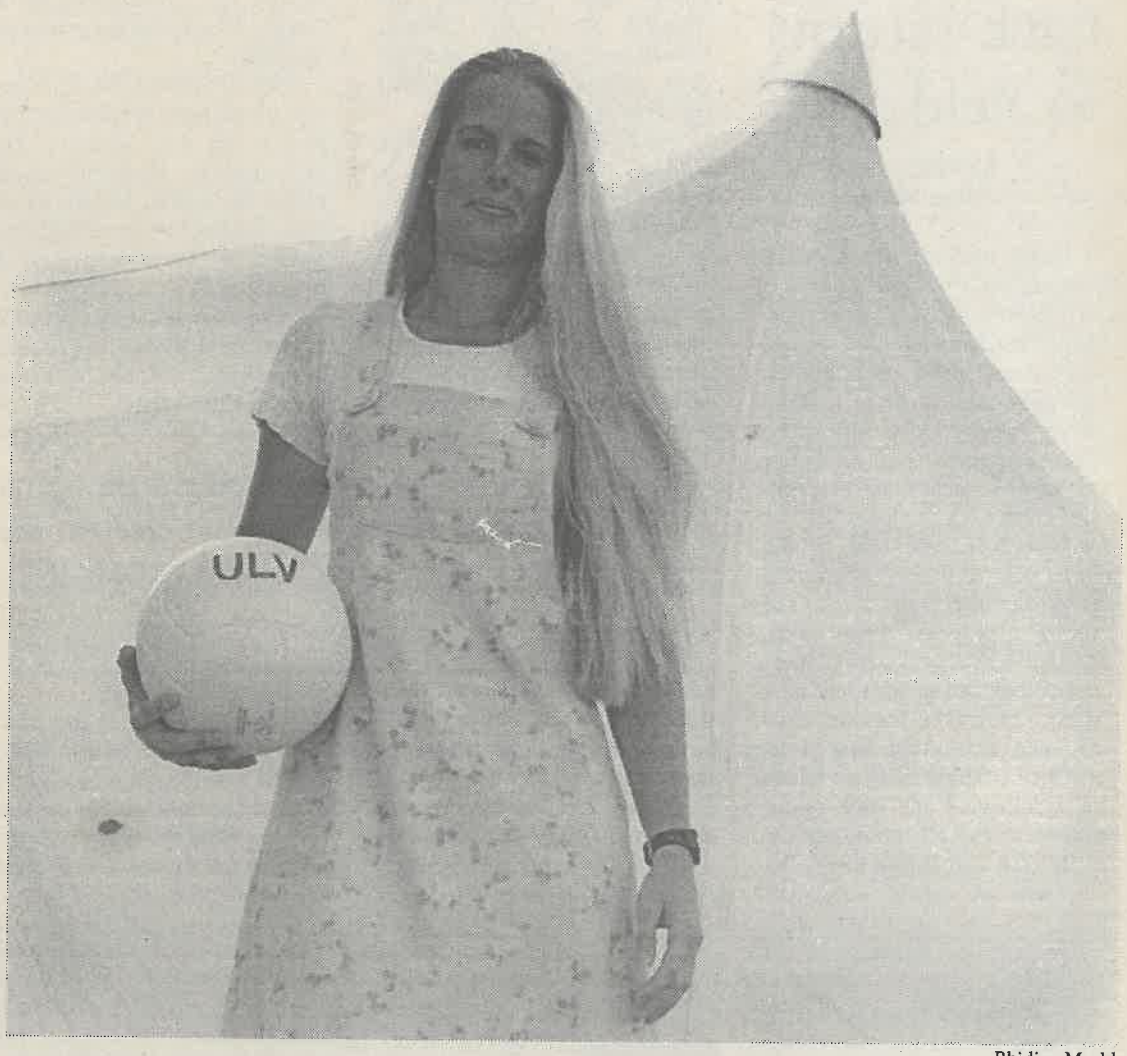
"When I first came to practice I was so nervous and scared, but seeing how talented and dedicated Denise was, it made me work a lot harder," said Gina Medina, a freshman middle-hitter for the Leopards.

Currently, the 20-year-old Rice fills her time with work at the Fairplex Child Development in Pomona, and Disneyland. Rice will graduate in May and hopes to get an emergency teaching credential and immediately go into teaching. Her future plans include getting a master's degree in Sociology and possibly getting involved in the county sheriff's D.A.R.E. program.

"I've learned so much about life through volleyball, and I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such great coaches and teammates," said Rice.

By setting an example and shooting for the stars, Rice has improved from an average volleyball player to a team leader.

According to Rice, she has turned her college years into a fun and exciting learning experience and made the best out of every situation at ULV.



Rhidian Maehl

Senior Denise Rice, a four-year veteran, is hopeful that the women's volleyball team will reach the playoffs this year. Rice keeps busy with a work-study job, working at Disneyland and a senior project for her sociology degree. To relax, Rice enjoys reading and listening to music.

Football team bounces back with win, 34-10

by Echelle Avelar
Sports Editor

Cal Lutheran never knew what hit them as the University of La Verne football team stomped the Kingsmen 34-10 Saturday for its first league game of the season cranking out a 1-1 record.

La Verne heads into this Saturday's matchup against Sonoma State University with both teams ready to go.

The Cossacks enter the matchup with a 0-3 record. But their record with La Verne stands 2-1. With La Verne winning in 1979 27-0. Sonoma taking it 21-0 in 1980 and again in 1981 with Cossacks up, a final toll of 16-7.

"We need the win. We've come a long way with such a young team. We need to confirm it," said Frank Scalercio, head football coach for Sonoma State University.

When asked how he plans on controlling La Verne's running game he said,"I'm not sure. They're big up front. We came close to Portland State two weeks ago, but we need to play with more emotion."

Keeping his eyes on ULV's offense is just one of Sonoma's concerns.

"I think No. 7 (senior Anthony Rice) is a pretty good player. He made some big plays against Cal Lutheran last week. I'm going to watchout for him, also I have to keep an eye on Coffee. We have to shut them down before they get a chance," said Scalercio.

Scalercio looks forward to the game and expects to be prepared even after coming off a loss to St. Mary's College.

"Well we had a real good day at practice yesterday. I think we're ready. When the knock comes on the door we'll be ready to answer it," said Scalercio.

"We're going to take our best shot at the game. We're having a good week at practice too. The team is getting better," said ULV head coach Don Morel.

"We're going to move the ball anyway we can and we're going to keep developing our offense," said Morel.

At last weeks game against Cal Lutheran, La Verne got a quick lead given by junior wide receiver Liron Wilson, who put La Verne on the board with 8:11 still remaining in the first quarter.

After senior running back Anthony Rice carried the ball for a ULV first down sophomore quarterback Ryan Hawkins blasted a 34-yard pass to a wide open Wilson who scored the touchdown. Freshman Armando Hernandez added the point after the touchdown giving the Leopards the 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Kingsmen still trailed. Cal Lutheran's quarterback Ryan Huisenja found Aaron Hene for a 31-yard touchdown pass tying the score at a tight 7-7.

Rice, sweeping the line, carried for a 4-yard touchdown, his first of two scores for the night, with 9:05 remaining in the second quarter. Hernandez's point made it 14-7.

After a Kingsmen's field goal attempt came up short the score still stood with Leopards up.

The biggest play of the game came deep in the third quarter when senior defensive back Mike Dillard intercepted the Kingsmen's ball and ran it 23 yards for the Leopards third touchdown. With 8:42 left, ULV held tight to a 21-7 lead.

Still in the third, La Verne would not let up as Rice sprinted, 35 yards, by Cal Lutheran's defense and drove the score to an easy 27-7. Rice finished the evening with 201 yards and 32 carries.

Forced to kick, the Kingsmen's 43 yard field goal gave them a 27-10 boost still with ULV leading.

La Verne took control of the ball as senior, tight end Pete Teichmann intercepted the ball. Minutes later Hawkins returned the favor giving Cal Lutheran control of the ball.

The defense applied pressure all throughout the game and forced the Kingsmen to a 4th down in the fourth quarter. Once the Leopards had the ball, Hawkins handed the ball to sophomore running back Ordell Williams. Switching plays with Williams and junior wide receiver Fred Coffee, Williams went 10 yards for his first score of the season, but the fourth touchdown of the night. After the PAT ULV's led sailed to 34-10.

The Kingsmen could not recover from the huge deficit that the Leopards had made, but struggled to increase their final score.

The game ended with Leopards 20 points up and a 1-1 La Verne record, Cal Lutheran 0-