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Delta Sigma Phi removed from IFSC

•Behavior prompts sanctions

by Echelle Avelar
News Editor

After an intense discussion at an emergency Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council (IFSC) meeting on Wednesday, Delta Sigma Phi's membership was revoked from IFSC at the University of La Verne.

The meeting was open and voting rights were held by IFSC's executive council, which consists of the presidents of all the Greek organizations, as well as the executive board of IFSC. The meeting was called to discuss the status of Greek Week and Delta Sigma Phi's membership in IFSC.

With Delta Sigma Phi no longer under IFSC, they will no longer have voting rights at IFSC meetings, will not get an invitation to any IFSC sponsored events and will not participate in rush under IFSC.

Delta Sigma Phi is still a recognized fraternity at ULV, but will be under regulation of its national headquarters and ULV.

Tuesday night's Greek Week bowling event at San Dimas' Chaparral Lanes was one of many events discussed at the meeting.

Demeaning any organization in any way, and consumption of alcohol are not allowed at any Greek Week event. It was because of these issuses that Delta Sigma Phi was disqualified from the event.

After screaming obscenities against Sigma Alpha Epsilon, chanting demeaning songs and concluding with a physical assault against one of SAE's members by Delta Sigma Phi member Pat Macias, the ULV group was asked to leave the building.

After leaving Chaparral Lanes, some individuals decided to call or go to the SAE house.

What then began as a few concerned individuals hanging out turned into an informal meeting with four of the Greek organizations represented.

"It was the first time everyone got together outside of an organized event and all were represented. If anything, this brought all Greeks closer together," said SAE member Dale Schroeder, junior.

Delta Sigma Phi President Mike Lopez stated at the IFSC meeting, "There is a lot of hypocracy; from the get go, you were telling us watch out for what you do. You castrated Greek Week and made it into a quilt making event. I don't see Greek Week being Greek Week. Personally, I wouldn't mind [losing Delta Sigma Phi's IFSC membership] but it would get us into things with our national. Give us a chance to rain on our new guys."

Delta Sigma Phi's Kirk Leggett said at the IFSC meeting, "We as an organization apologize for his [Macias'] actions. It was clear he started something when nothing had happened. Pat was the only one that was there that wanted to start something, beside that what else have we done? We've made an 180 degree turn, we have tried so hard to change our image. We are trying to climb this mountain and every time we get close to the top, we get slapped off. It doesn't matter what we do, we are going to get slapped off the mountain. A lot of times we get out of hand, but last night has been the only time violence has been aimed toward another organization."

But as many of the other members confirmed tTuesday night's altercation was the last straw for the five who voted in favor of the motion.

"When it effects other organizations it is real. President [Stephen] Morgan looks at us, the community looks at us and what does it look like?" said senior Phi Sigma Sigma Christina Tajeda.

"People don't feel safe around your organization. People don't know if one of your members is going to show up drunk," said senior SAE Chris Braunstein.

"We are tired of it and we are fed up. If it takes keeping you out of IFSC then that's what it takes. You've robbed our pledges of Greek Week," said junior Iota Delta member Par Nag.

Correction

Due to an editing error, a quote in last week's story regarding Jeff Parness was incorrectly attributed in Mike Lopez.

Greek letters torched, stolen on ULV campus

By Lori Cruz
Editorial Director

Monday morning at 7:30 a.m., the six University of La Verne fraternities and sororities kicked off Greek Week by displaying their letters at various places on campus only to have them burned, stolen and reararranged during the next night.

By early Tuesday morning, around 12:30, a small group of vandals burned and stole various organization's work.

The most viciously attacked was Sigma Alpha Epsilon who had two of their letters set on fire. Also, Sigma Kappa sorority had a t-shirt stolen that hung from two trees, Phi Delta Theta had the Theta letter stolen and Delta Sigma Phi's letters, written in forks in the mall, were rearranged.

"I'm really upset and I don't know who these guys are but I hope we take them all the way. This is totally ridiculous and I think we've taken enough and it's about time that something gets done," said senior Jose Barba, president of SAE.

Housekeeping employee Judy Galvez found the letters "engulfed in flames" between 12:30 and 12:40 early Tuesday morning. She called Campus Safety Officer Alex Buligan for assistance and together they extinguished the fire.

"Technically," said Buligan, "it was arson because there was a flame."

Galvez said she saw two white males running away from the area, and while she and Buligan were putting out the fire, she alleges that she saw what could have been one of the males running from the scene grab the Sigma Kappa t-shirt.

"The people who are the usual or the likely suspects are people who are not Greeks,"

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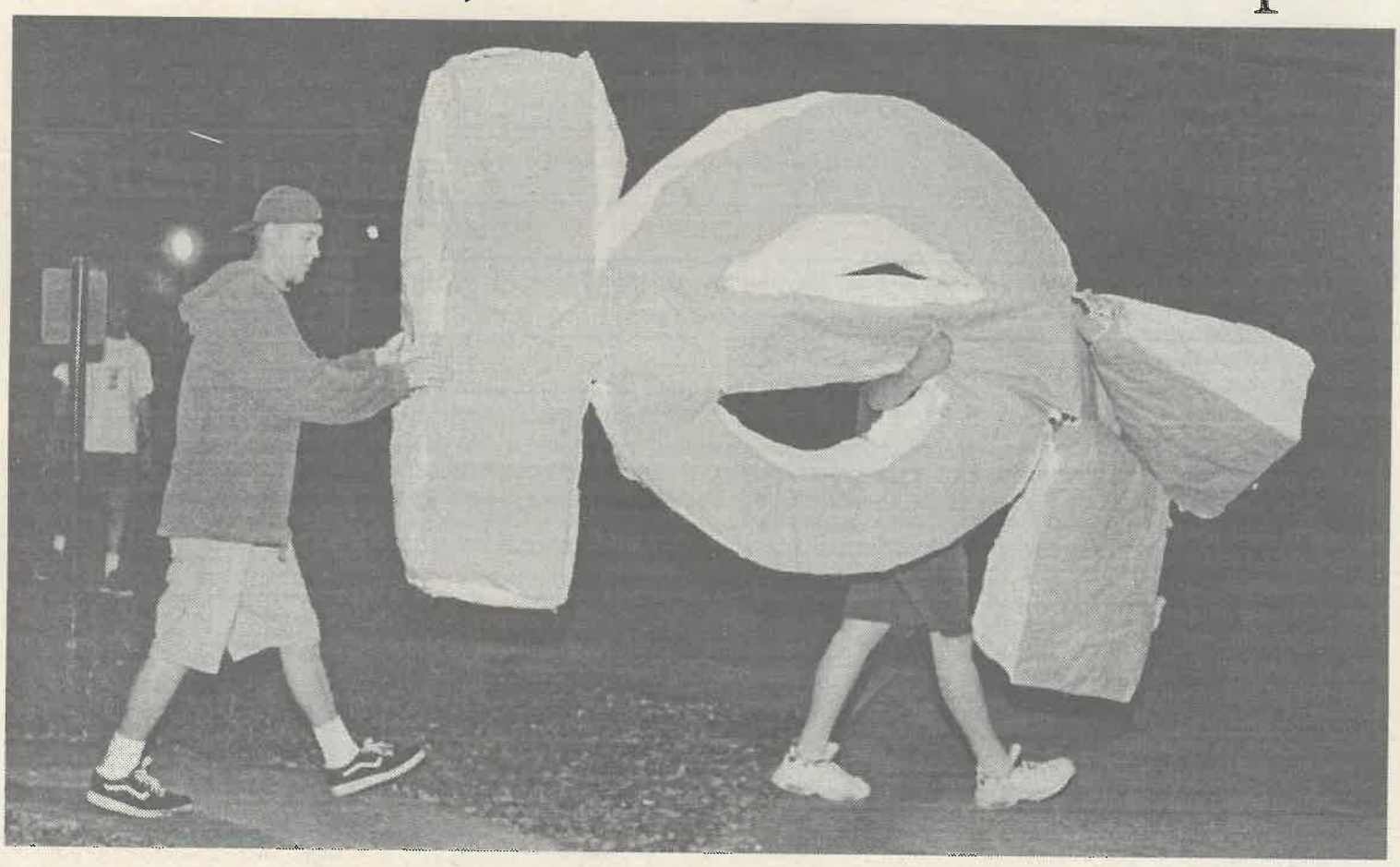

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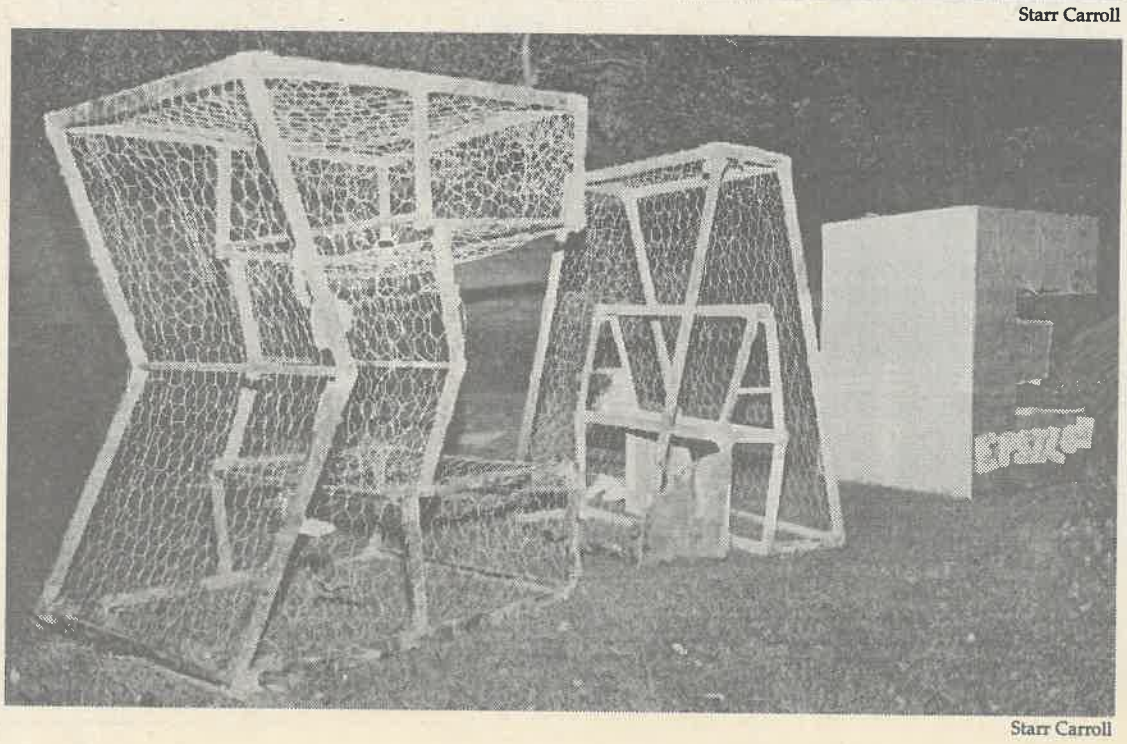

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(Above): At approximately 2 a.m. Tuesday, members of Phi Delta Theta received a phone call informing them that their letters were to be burned. Before this could happen, sophomore Jeremy Gonzales and freshman Chris Perez carried their fraternity's "Phi" to the dumpster. Phi Delta Theta member S. Baker Eatmon, a junior, said "It's not about ignorance it's about pride." (Right): Sigma Alpha Epsilon's letters, situated near the Student Center, were burned Tuesday. The perpetrators, who have not yet been formally identified, set the fire sometime around 12:30 a.m.

Rice flies high in pros with Eagles

by Lori Cruz
Editorial Director

Senior Anthony Rice got the phone call minutes after the NFL draft ended Sunday from the Philadelphia Eagles offering him a two-year contract as a free agent.

"My dream come true," he said of the event, adding that he "wasn't shocked to get the call" because he has been preparing for this all his life.

The deal Rice worked with the Eagles includes $131,000 during the first year and $164,000 the second.

Rice signed on as a defensive back, although he also played running back at ULV.

Jacksonville, Baltimore, Houston and Philadelphia all recruited Rice, but because he was not drafted, he got to choose where he wanted to play.

"He was signed minutes after the draft," said Don Morel, head football coach. "They made a commitment to him as a free-agent, which is unheard of."

"The Eagles put everything on the table and I liked how they sounded," said Rice. "I just wanted the opportunity to be chosen and looked at, so to have a choice was great. I really appreciate everything that their organization has brought to me."

"Everyone was saying I don't have the size because they like big guys, but when they came out here I put up the numbers," Rice said.

"Physically, he's fine," said Morel. "The big challenge for him is going to be to step up and compete play after play, practice after practice to get ready to play at that level."

Morel added, "If he had played at a big school, he certainly would have been drafted."

"Don and my agent really brought a lot of people out here to see me," Rice said.

"They draft seven guys and bring in certain free agents and they start cutting, but I'm not worried about getting cut. I know myself and I know what type of person I am. I'm going to go in and do the best job that I can and I'm going to compete at that level that I need to compete at. I know that I'm ready," he said.

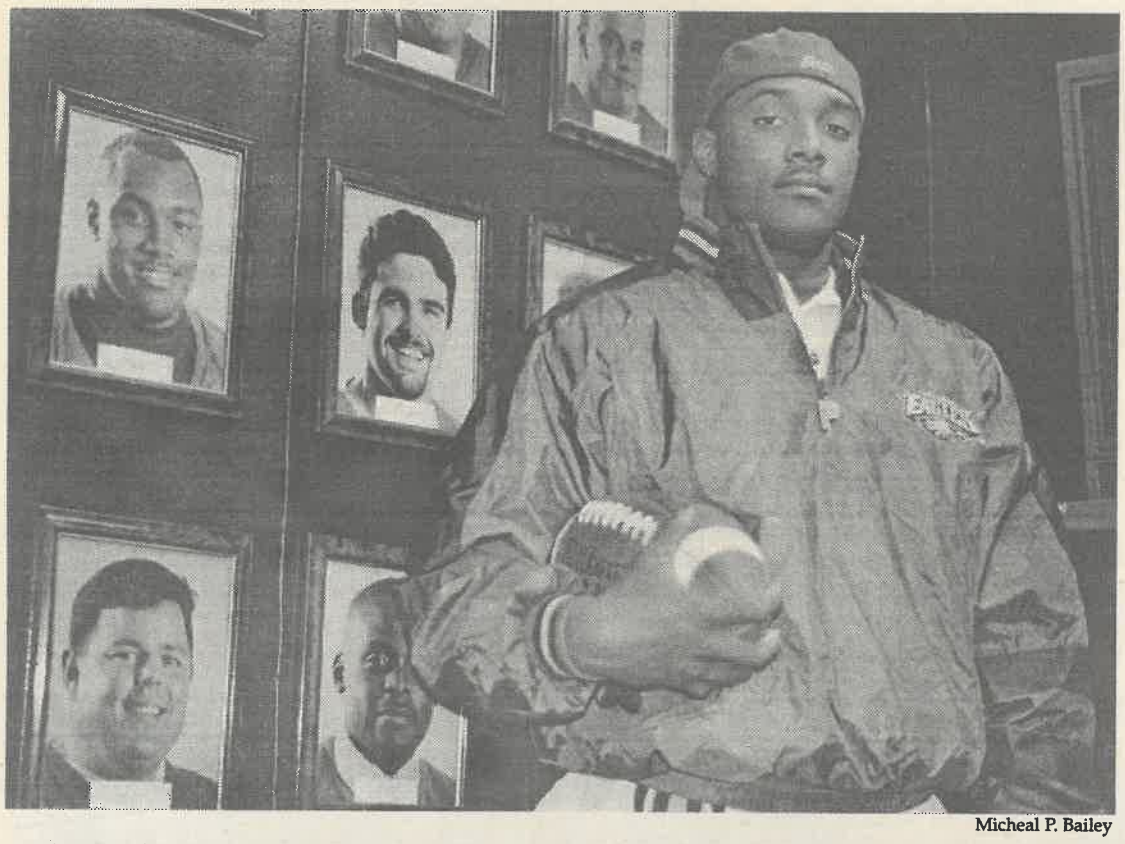
Rice left yesterday for a three-day training camp, which includes meetings and a physical evaluation. He said there will be two practices on Friday and Saturday and one on Sunday.

Training camp begins in June, when Rice said, "they will really be getting ready and placing the foundation and set their roster and I plan to be on that roster."

He said that the contract will prohibit him from playing in any other NCAA events, so his track career may be over.

"Anthony should be very proud of his accomplishments. To be signed as a free agent is really a tribute to his athletic ability," said Morel.

"My family is very happy. I want to go out there first and see what it's about," before taking his 19-month-old son to Philadelphia. He added that he and his family might continue to live in California.



Micheal P. Bailey

Senior Anthony Rice stands tall among former first team All Conference players from the University of La Verne. This past weekend, Rice signed as a defensive back with the Philadelphia Eagles. Rice will attend mini-camp in Philadelphia this weekend and will begin practicing with the team in June.

Fraternity issues apology

by Raechel Fittante
Editor in Chief

An open letter to the University of La Verne community submitted to the *Campus Times* yesterday afternoon by Delta Sigma Phi offers apologies to various organizations on campus, as well as an open invitation to a community picnic to be held Thursday, May 1.

The fraternity promises to "change our ways and learn to deal with the ULV community in a more respectful and dignified manner."

Not only does Delta Sigma Phi extend apologies to all the fraternities and sororities on campus, but to Sigma Alpha Epsilon in particular, "whose character and person we have repeatedly attacked without provocation."

"The brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon have maintained an air of dignity in the face of blatant attacks from us and should be admired for their discipline and gentlemanly nature," the letter said.

Apologies were also extended to school administrators, as well as to the sisters of all three sororities on campus, including

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Greek Week activities cancelled

by Veronica L. McClendon
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Greek Week activities came to a halt Wednesday after several Greek organizations released a written statement citing safety and public appearance reasons for terminating the week-long competition.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta fraternities and Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Kappa sororities formally withdrew from Greek Week at an emergency Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council executive meeting Wednesday.

The week was to include daily events for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, including a football game, Lip Sync contest and academic bowl.

Events that were completed on Monday and Tuesday included a barbecue and Letters Day, for each organization to display and be judged on their letters, and a bowling competition.

Because of an altercation between Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternities stemming from an outburst from a Delta Sigma Phi member, the bowling event was not finished and University of La Verne Greeks were asked to leave the bowling alley.

Though the written statement called for a withdrawal from Greek Week activities, the status of the event was tabled in the IFSC meeting. The issue will be further discussed at the next IFSC meeting on May 2.

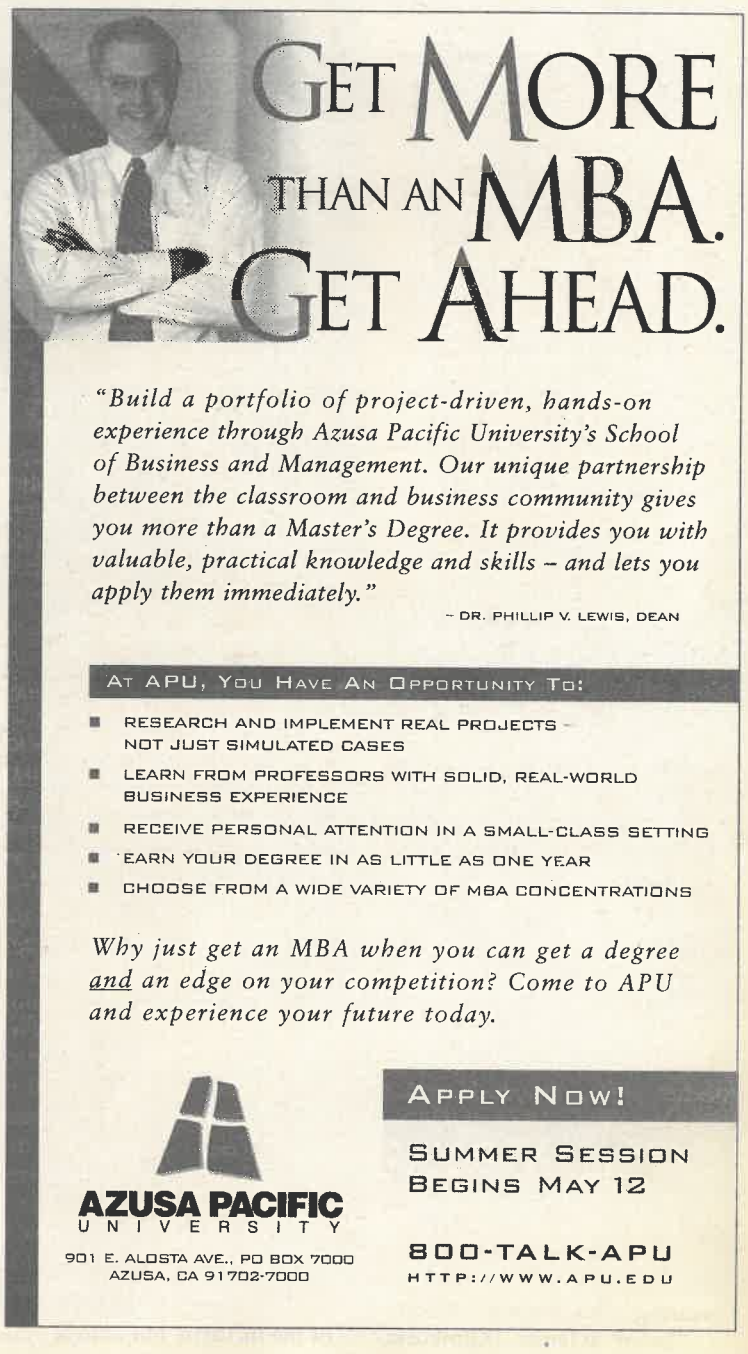
Suggestions for the Greek competition included postponing all of the events for a later week, holding non competitive events later in the semester, or solely holding the Lip Sync event.

Andrea Gardner also contributed to this story.



Starr Carroll

Senior Chris Braunstein expresses his concerns about safety issues during an emergency Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council meeting Wednesday. In a 5-2 vote, with one abstension, Delta Sigma Phi's IFSC membership was revoked.



Earth Day events bring awareness

by Heather Morales
Staff Writer

Making the University of La Verne community aware of environmental issues, the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum sponsored two days of events aimed at educating students, staff and faculty this week in celebration of Earth Day.

From the Sea Shepherds Conservation Society (SSCS), Lt. Marc Gaede spoke Monday in Founders Auditorium on the illegal whaling practices of countries such as Norway and Iceland.

Founded in 1978, SSCS is a non-profit, non-governmental agency that travels the world trying to stop illegal whaling practices and other injustices toward marine wildlife.

"If we don't take drastic measures now, there is no hope," said Gaede. "This earth will be a sad place to live in 20 years when we are all alone."

Gaede spoke on behalf of Capt. Paul Watson, the president of SSCS, who is currently in a Dutch maximum security prison awaiting extradition from the Netherlands to Norway on a 1994 conviction in which he was charged with sinking a whaling ship in Norway.



Micheal P. Bailey

Handler Pepe Ordonez, for Wildlife on Wheels, displays the once endangered bald eagle. The eagle was donated to Wildlife on Wheels when it was found with a crushed wing. Also displayed was a desert tortoise, an alligator, and a toucan. Wildlife on Wheels was one of many attractions that celebrated Earth Day.

Gaede also urged the audience to take action and help free Watson from jail by starting a letter writing campaign.

"I talked with him on the phone this morning before I came here to speak," said Gaede. "He told me they have him in solitary confinement. He spends 23 hours a day in a room with no windows and gets one meal a day."

Continuing to celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday, ULV hosted a plethora of groups to educate the University community on issues such as endangered animals and electric cars.

From the group Wildlife on Wheels (WOW), Michael Fritzen spoke to the University as he showcased several endangered species.

"We are the voice of the voiceless," said Fritzen, curriculum coordinator for WOW, as his assistant Pepe Ordonez held an American bald eagle. Some other animals that WOW brought to campus included an alligator a desert tortise and a toucan.

The purpose of WOW is "to bring awareness about the beauty of and the need to preserve animals," said Fritzen. "If we don't start with humans then they're [the animals] not going to get help."

WOW usually speaks at elementary schools, libraries and bookstores, and Fritzen said that this was their first university appearance.

There was also an electric car on display. The Society of Physical and Life Science Scholars provided pamphlets on the importance of clean air and the use of hemp products as an alternative to non-environmental friendly products. They gave out hemp products such as lip balm in a raffle.

A tree in front of Davenport Dining Hall that fell during high winds in January was replaced in a tree planting ceremony during the luncheon on Tuesday.

ULV Security gets ticketing duties

by Veronica L. McClendon
Staff Writer

As of May 1, the University of La Verne's Campus Safety staff members will be issuing citations to all vehicles with parking violations.

For the past six months Campus Safety has been issuing Parking Violation warnings to those vehicles who were parked illegally.

Once the warning was issued a staff member would record it in the log book. And if they found other violations from the same vehicle, they would inform the La Verne Police Department.

Many times it was hard for LVPD to issue a parking ticket before the offender leaves the scene, which is why Campus Safety is stepping in. Another reason Campus Safety is helping out is because parking violations are not priority for LVPD.

"We are not automatically going to issue a warning in every case," said John Lentz, director of campus safety and transportation.

The only time a warning will be issued to a vehicle is if the violation is unclear.

Lentz said that people complain to him about parking violators. Therefore, something needed to be done.

There are people parking their vehicles in reserved places such as the handicap parking spots. Also there are people parking in the carpool parking spaces, in which the sign clearly states that parking permits are required.

A driver can park in carpool parking spot anytime during the week after 5 p.m. One can also park in those spots on weekends when the carpool permits are not enforced.

The new implemented rule is scheduled to befor a six month trial period.

"We are putting this in the paper to let people know that we are taking a more aggressive approach," said Lentz.

LVPD and Campus Safety both met with President Stephen Morgan to discuss the new regulation and he agreed to allow them a six month trial period.

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said junior Simon Bouie, Phi Delta Theta warden.

Barba said that this occurrence has caused himself and his fraternity brothers to be afraid of being targets.

"We can be victims really easily. Yesterday [Monday], a car passed by yelling profanities and cussing people out. Easily someone can drive by and do something else," Barba said. "They burned our letters down, why wouldn't they do something else?"

Phi Delta Theta's Aaron Carlin, junior, said, "The same people who vandalized the letters were definitely the same people who went by SAE [house]."

Carlin said he was called by someone he would not name who told him that "someone was going to torch our letters."

"We saw the security guard and he said he saw three guys wearing black clothes," he said.

"I went to James' [Klimkoski, a freshman] room at 5 a.m. and confronted him and he admitted it," he said.

Klimkoski denies he was responsible and acknowledged that Carlin did confront him about the incident. Klimkoski said that he is "being blamed, because there is no one else to blame. I've had some problems with Aaron before. I thought about doing it, but it wasn't us."

Klimkoski said that if he was to commit the act, "it wasn't just against them (SAE) in general. We were going to knock them over, not do great damage, like lighting them on fire. We were just going to stir some stuff up."

"We were just going to remove them and put them somewhere else. We weren't going to light them on fire; that was a joke," said Shawn Douglass, a sophomore.

Gil Gomez, senior and president of Phi Delta Theta, said, "there is enough evidence to bring them to review board."

John Lentz, director of campus safety and transportation said, "these individuals were seen on campus," near the time of the incident, but added, "that was not unusual, considering the week it was."

Although Melissa Jaunal, coordinator of student programs, would not confirm any suspects, she said that "information has come to light" but would not divulge the information for fear of a "witch hunt."

"I would like the judicial process of the University to handle this," said Jaunal. "To my knowledge, the names I have received are students," she said.

Dr. Loretta Rhamani, dean of student affairs, would not confirm the names either, but said, "We don't have concrete evidence that said, 'yes, they did it,' but all the information is under review."

"To be honest, I don't know what the University policy is if a student commits a crime on campus, if it is our policy to report it to the police," said Jaunal.

Lentz has turned over the information to the police.

"This was not just a practical joke," said Jaunal. "This was fire and the trees could have burned, the building could have gone, anything could have happened."

ASF schedules events

by Jody P. Bethel
Staff Writer

Upcoming events and activities are as follows for the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum:

- Yesterday, elections were held for Forum positions and the General Service Award, given to an outstanding senior. The winners of both elections will be posted Tuesday.
- Applications for ASF secretary and accountant are available in the ASF Office. Both jobs are paid positions. The secretary receives a $1,000 stipend and the accountant receives $1,200. The positions will be filled by an interview process by the Forum.
- "Grease" tickets remain on sale in the ASF Office for tomorrow's performance.
- "Zapatistas in Chiapa," will be presented Friday, May 9, at 8:30 p.m. in the Dailey Theatre. The play depicts the turmoil in Mexico from the Mexican Revolution to 1994. The performance is open to everyone, at no charge.

Any questions about ASF events can be directed toward the ASF office at ext. 4677

Publications earn national honors

The *Campus Times* and *La Verne Magazine* each enjoyed its best performance ever in the prestigious Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Gold Circle Awards, announced recently in New York City. The two publications won a total of 10 Gold Circle Awards in a nation-wide journalism competition sponsored by Columbia University and College Media Advisers, Inc.

Six awards were presented to *Campus Times* staff members. Senior Monica Schwarze won third place for entertainment review for "Novel exposes bare truth of 'Strip Tease'" [Sept. 27, 1996]. Senior Starr Carroll earned third place for spot news photograph for her photo of President Bill Clinton addressing a rally at Chaffey College [Sept. 20, 1996] and junior Rhidian Maehl won a certificate of merit in the same category for a photograph of Dr. Richard Gelm's convocation speech [Sept. 13, 1996]. Carroll and junior Enedina Perez won a certificate of merit in the photo story category for "Students find creative ways to feel at home" [Sept. 20, 1996].

Junior Raechel Fittante won third place for tabloid news page design [Nov. 15, 1996]. The *Campus Times* staff also won a certificate of merit for overall tabloid design.

La Verne Magazine's four awards also included a certificate of merit for overall magazine design. First and second place in the magazine non-fiction column category went to alumni Rosie Sinapi ('96) ["Crayons and Love," Fall 1995] and Vince Wetzel ('96) ["From the Editor," Spring 1996], respectively. Alumnus Yasuyuki Nagasawa ('96) won third place for single illustration not based upon photographic material for "Lending a Helping Hand" [Fall 1995].

Cost of ULV still best price in town

For the past few years, tuition at the University of La Verne has made some significant price jumps. In the past two years, tuition has gone up by five percent each year. The previous year, tuition leaped by 7.9 percent, and the year before that, tuition went up 6.9 percent.



Next year things will be a bit different, with tuition edging up just a little less at 3 percent. Though this still means that students are paying more for their education, it is refreshing that this year's increase has lessened.

According to the Office of Admissions, tuition will be $15,100 for the year and room and board will be $4,700.

When asked of the reason for the consistent increases, Steve Grey, chief financial officer for the University of La Verne, said that tuition covers basic costs like maintenance contracts and rentals and leases. Because of this, the price of an education rises according to the rate of inflation.

He added that of the tuition funds, 28 percent goes toward ULV grants, giving more money to students in need.

Students glancing over the fence at other Universities can rest assured. ULV is also facing the same increases as other Universities around the area. Sometimes, ULV is even cheaper than other schools.

The University of Redlands has 1,500 students enrolled with tuition costing $26,221, including room and board. Without room and board, the price is $18,300. And we thought ULV was expensive. The student-faculty ratio is 14:1. During the 1996-97 academic year, Redlands' tuition went up 3 percent.

Pomona College is not as expensive as Redlands. The price is $19,530 with room and board and $17,860 without. According to Pomona College, the tuition price goes up a few percent every year. There are about 1,400 undergraduate students at Pomona, which is larger than La Verne, as most schools are.

Claremont McKenna is also priced higher than La Verne. The tuition cost is $18,320 without room and board. Not to mention that if one wants to live off campus, that student must petition and be given permission. No one should pay that much money and then ask permission to not live on their campus. At least ULV students can live on and off campus as they wish.

Last, but certainly not the least, is Whittier College. The tuition there is $17,800 without room and board. To live on campus, an added price of $6,047 is included. Whittier's tuition increase this year is also 3 percent, like that of Redlands and ULV.

Perhaps having the facts about tuition prices will make students less frustrated as they see prices go up. It is difficult to handle a higher price, but at least students have the comfort of knowing that tuition jumps have gotten smaller. What's even better is realizing that for the last three years, tuition jumps have gone down.

Though it so often seems that ULV is demanding more and more money from cash-deprived students, a look at a few other local colleges may help justify the increase. Of the various universities surveyed, the majority claimed to be increasing tuition costs.

The grass always seems to be greener on the other side of the fence, but taking a glance at what other collegians around the area are paying for, it safe to say there is no place like home.

LVPD defers tickets to ULV

Any resident of the city of La Verne can tell you that La Verne is a relatively safe area and a small town. Aside from the plethora of duties involved in being a police officer in this city, writing parking tickets is perhaps one of the responsibilities that keeps a La Verne police officer most busy throughout his or her day.

On May 1, LVPD will be handing over the responsibility of writing and citing parking violations over to the University of La Verne Campus Security because they claim they are too busy to keep up with the comings and goings of La Verne students and not enough violations are being caught in time. Although in the past, security has been able to give warnings to students about various parking violations, and even notify the police upon the event of an illegally parked car, now security is actually able to assume the role of the police by writing tickets themselves.

This is unfair. Why should security be given authority that should only be reserved for the police who work for the city, the city that ULV students are still a part of, that actually receives the money for these tickets straight out of students pockets? It is the responsibility of the police to patrol the area, not of security.

Furthermore, now instead of just having LVPD to worry about when being two minutes over the two hour parking limit or accidentally parking on the line, ULV students will have security to reckon with as well, being that security's job mostly only involves patrolling the campus. And LVPD will still be giving out tickets through all of this. Is this really necessary?

Campus Security claims that if students would not disregard the signs in the handicapped and carpool spaces, than they would not have to resort to such drastic measures. But maybe if students had more available parking alternatives rather than restricted parking areas, students would not be insensitive to parking in the few available spaces they do have, such as the carpool spots.

Letters to the Editor

The *Campus Times* encourages readers to submit letters to the editors regarding topics covered in the paper. Letters should be no more than 250 words in length and are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m. The *Campus Times* reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, space and libel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to all the fraternities and sororities.

It's beginning to make me sick to watch all the animosity and hatred exhibited within your segregated organizations. The recent violent episode of defacing the famous ULV Rock has clearly shown how immature, ridiculous, and useless these hierarchical and separatist groups are. The "brotherhood" and "sisterhood" of the University of La Verne Greeks tarnishes the reputation of this institution. Currently, I see nothing positive from the perspective of an outsider. The Greek system is pointless on such a small campus, because it overshadows everything else the University represents. It is impossible for the average student, concerned with academics, to escape that barrage of Greeks encompassing our small campus. I transferred to this University for an education and to earn my degree. Furthermore, I feel the Greeks have a hidden agenda that is centered around meaningless gatherings rather than scholastics. I acknowledge that there are many individuals within these organizations that truly seek to further themselves socially and academically, however recently it does not appear that way. The University of La Verne is a liberal arts institution and should be cherished, not exploited by "bad apples" that represent the Greeks. We are here to learn from one another and grow, not to hate each other. This week was an opportunity for the Greeks to collaborate with one another in peaceful competition, yet not one day went by before uneducated violence was expressed. Grow up before the ax falls upon you all.

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Greek loyalty misdirected



Raechel Fittante

I have never been a follower. For that I guess I can blame, or thank my parents. I was always taught to be a strong individual and not one to run with the crowd. So with that ethic in mind, ever since I was a freshman at this school and some friends of mine began pledging sororities and fraternities, I retreated to my own side of the unbeaten trail and stayed true to my own beliefs.

I have many friends who are Greek, friends whom I love dearly regardless of their affiliations. And to express sentiments that all Greek organizations are bad would be not only stereotypical, but wrong as well. But the annoying fiascos that have cast a negative outline on this week's annual Greek Week events, which were in turn cancelled due to a bunch of drunk guys from a ULV fraternity acting out at a San Dimas bowling alley, are enough to make anyone ashamed to be enrolled at a school where such idiocy is subsequentially supported en masse.

Perhaps it is just that one fraternal organization that demeans the very essence of what, I am told, Greek life is supposed to be about—true friendships for life. This group of boys devotes more time and energy being known as the most notorious and ill-spirited pranksters on campus than devotees to brotherhood and goodwill.

This is pathetic. Even more pathetic is that with the postponement of Greek Week, all of the non-Greeks out there who could not wait for Greek Week to end in the first place will have to deal with it all over again. There are many students on this campus, not generally affected by Greek Week, but genuinely irritated by the power it has over such a majority of this campus. Hyped-up competition that is done not in fun, but in the spirit of pettiness, is not always healthy if it is taken so seriously that people are getting hurt.

The only spirit left on this campus is spirit within individual sororities and fraternities and it is not school spirit because if it was, the Rock would not be the source of vengeance for people to defame each other publically like it is now. So much bad karma floats around this place. The negative feelings within and between Greek organizations tend to take its toll on every student whether they are Greek or non-Greek. Those who are not Greek often find themselves not caring one way or the other.

Also, is it fair that anyone who is not Greek and steps in the path of someone who is, becomes the victim of attack and ridicule?

Once upon a time there was such a thing called loyalty, and a practicing of methods that benefit all parties involved. Nowadays, the only loyalties belong not to what is right, but what is supported by the group.

What happened to individualism? Why do so many people feel it is necessary to belong to something by which they are accepted? Is it that acceptance is just a universal need throughout humankind, a need that spurns groups such as these to take up so much space on such a small campus?

Granted, this campus houses many Greeks, but when it comes down to certain students who are really no better than any other tuition-paying students at this school defaming anyone in their paths in the name of their Greek organization, something has got to give. And now, this sacred system of cardboard friendships held together by money and elitist pretension has begun to even turn on themselves.

In a meeting Wednesday afternoon, the president of Delta Sigma Phi publically apologized for defacing the Rock last week, underneath a pyramid built up around the Rock by his fraternity. He said the writing which defamed another fraternity on campus, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was only a prank.

What has the Greek system, which once prided itself in the saying "No matter the letter, we're all Greek together," evolved into at ULV if a drawing of a penis on the once-sacred Rock, in the spirit of pseudo-secret hatred toward another fraternity, is chalked up to a prank? Is it a prank, or a indication of the distortion within a power trip? Are these cryptic actions any different from those of followers of a cult, or just more accepted?

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Time for fraternity to clean up act



Starr Carroll

From the outside looking in, it does not look pretty for the Greeks. It is true when people say, "The few spoil it for many." Greek Week has been postponed by an incident that occurred during so-called "friendly competition."

Becaue of Delta Sigma Phi, Greeks were in fear of their safety. The Inter-Fraternity Sorority Council (IFSC) held a meeting Wednesday regarding this incident and also addressed previous occasions in which Delta Sigma Phi has been out of line. Now, a whole week that was supposed to be filled with fun is thrown away. Step back for a moment and look at what has happened. Can they honestly say that at that moment they were proud to be Greek? How can these members be proud of themselves?

Another issue that needs to be addressed is the public image of Delta Sigma Phi. Besides marketing themselves as the "animal house" choice during a rush informational meeting, they further enjoy negative coverage of themselves in this paper.

Many questions were answered during the meeting. We were finally able to listen to the truth about what goes on.

Finally, it was said by all other organizations that something needs to be done. It is a serious thing when violence occurs. The president of Delta Sigma Phi addressed the issue as though "boys will be boys." However, the message IFSC was trying to send is that fighting and creating unnecessary conflicts is not appropriate behavior and will not be tolerated. There are consequences for one's actions in the real world.

One thing must be understood. Not all individuals within this group are bad, just the combination of them as a whole. The fact that they are no longer IFSC members only empowers them even more.

The next step is for the University to take action. Whether this occurs is another issue. Delta Sigma Phi needs to act like responsible adults and clean up its act. The right thing to do would be to publicly admit that they have a problem and make a commitment to changing. It is one thing to say you are going to talk about it and it is another to actually do it. They need to have a positive attitude and challenge themselves to be bigger than a stereotype. Everyone likes to have fun, but ways should be found to do so without hurting others and causing problems. All of the negative outweighs the positive.

This fraternity must clean house and start building positive relationships around campus. Is it cool to be known as the rowdiest fraternity on campus and classified as a loser? Is their sole ambition to get drunk and stoned?

It was once told to me that being in a fraternity will allow one to gain business connections. How will an individual with a grade point average below his potential make it in the real world? The world does not begin and end in La Verne.

The sole purpose of college is to learn how to deal with situations and make adult decisions. What kind of a decision was it to be drunk in public and cause a fight? It was not a good one. It is common knowledge that college students drink. It is also common knowledge that one group on campus has a reputation for it.

The college environment is supposed to nurture the development of young minds, not to destroy it. This institution walks its students through their college careers, making it impossible for its students not to graduate in four years.

When you look back at your college career what are you going to remember the most? Getting voted out of IFSC? What an accomplishment!

Let us witness the reconstruction of your organization. Stop complaining about how everyone is out to get you. Grow up, take a stand and prove us all wrong.

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Students must face consequences of sex



Erica Aguilar

After hours of contemplating what opinionated issue to address this week, one very important, inevitable subject comes to mind—sex!

It seems like almost everyday, there is new gossip about who is sleeping with whom. Even though it is impossible to believe all of the daily rumors that are going around, students have told of their sexual experiences, most of which are with another person who attends the University of La Verne.

To be honest, some of those same friends and acquaintances have slept with more than one other person from ULV. Bragging and boasting about their intimate encounters, the only thing I can think of is, "I hope these people are protected and don't end up pregnant or with a disease."

In a recent phone call that I made to the Health Center, a reported low percentage rate of students have sexually transmitted diseases. The key word here is "reported." I mean, how many people really know or even think that they may have an STD? Probably few because too many of them trust each other too easily or may be afraid to actually go to a hospital or clinic to get tested.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly two-thirds of all STDs occur in men and women of all backgrounds younger than 25 years of age. This fact is a result that sexually active people today are more susceptible for developing STDs. Furthermore, STDs usually cause no visible symptoms, especially in women. Even when an STD causes no symptoms, a person who is indeed infected may be able to pass on the disease to another partner. This example proves that nobody is safe.

Sex should definitely have something to do with trust. Not only should sex and making love be the most sacred thing that one can share with another, it is also about complete trust in each other.

What is so sad is hearing from a friend that she had considered participating in a "threesome" with the two males she was sleeping with. Another said that he would never date a particular woman because she's been with one of his fraternity brothers, who in turn has been with many other women, not to mention all the one night stands heard about.

I guess that there are a lot of desperate people here that do not care about the consequences they will have to face eventually, whether if they end up pregnant, with a disease or if they simply will talk to that same person that knew their name the night before.

The point of this column is not to tell someone to abstain from sex and become a priest or nun. There really is not a day that goes by where friends and I do not make sexual jokes, comments, or innuendos. It just needs to be understood that people should practice safe sex and if one cannot, it might just be wise to abstain from it until one is completely ready to take all of the responsibilities that come with it.

Too many young people our age are dying from AIDS and other diseases and having children, not being financially able to support them. We usually do not start caring until something bad actually happens, when it is too late to fix our mistakes.

Songs such as "Let's Talk About Sex," "I Want Your Sex" and "I Wanna Sex You Up," they strongly promote sex and all the pleasure and satisfaction that comes with it. But before acting according to one's own needs and desires, be smart and have your partner tested, even if that person has been with only one other partner.

It only takes one bad apple to spoil the whole bunch and in the long run, one will be able to live better knowing that he or she is "clean"—at least for the time being.

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Mock trials give students courtroom savvy

by Scott Harvey
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of La Verne College of Law is diligently preparing for its annual mock trials, which will take place on the main campus from May 5-9 in the Law Center and will, for the first time, include a student represented jury.

Designed as an internship for final year law students, the mock trials will institute a lawyering skills practicum in which students will become familiar with the process of going to trial and litigating cases. The College of Law, started by Judge Paul Egley in 1970, has used this process only recently to prepare law students for trial situations by introducing the fundamentals of the court process.

"In the past students have graduated from the College of Law with no previous experience and their first trial is too overwhelming. The mock trials will help the students ease into the whole process and get a sense of trial law," said Egley.

The trials will include a personal injury case in which a woman lost four of her fingers in a metal punch press and filed for compensation, and an automobile accident case in which a man was thrown from his sports utility vehicle and left paralyzed after the seat belt clamp had broken during the crash. Both cases are based on actual California court cases.

The make-up of the trials will feature testimony by expert witnesses associated with the cases including two doctors, a highway patrol officer, two economists, industrial engineers and six contributing lawyers. The new implementation that the trials will also highlight is the selection of an all student jury which will deliberate and decide a verdict on both cases.

"I think that the process will be very interesting to student jurors. It is a great opportunity to learn about our judicial system from the view of a jury and hopefully students in other majors will understand how law works," said Arnold Roseley, paralegal and clerk for Egley.

The litigators, all third year students at the College of Law, are divided into five mini-law firms and each firm will either argue for the prosecution or the defense. The collaborative process has been in the works since early March and each law assignment is currently a part of the mock trial process.

The firms consist of all 10 College of Law final year students, including Jennifer Mullins, Michelle Voigt, Sharon P. Lee, Ana Maria Garcia, Kerry McBride, former ULV graduate Brian Sweinton, Rajan Maline, Darin Harris, Carl T. Sedlack and Ray Johnson. Each student will each be graded on the basis of their performance in the mock trials and those who pass will receive a law degree.

"Being involved or participating in the case is good experience for anyone who wants to consider law school or becoming familiar with the process," said Garcia.

According to Egley the process will be good in many ways for both jurors and the law students involved. On one hand he believes that law students will "get a taste of how the real world of law works" on the other hand Egley believes that students involved in the jury process will become better at solving problems through deliberation.

"There is no better experience than practical experience and that is exactly what the students in the College of Law and in the undergraduate program receive," said Roseley.

Currently, the College of Law is working to select jurors for the mock trials and will hold an informative selection meeting Thursday, May 1 in Law Center 4 on the University of La Verne campus. For more information contact Colleen Murray in the law offices at (909) 593-3511, ext. 4427.

Gift to put La Verne in lights

by Greg MacDonald
Staff Writer

Imagine driving down Arrow Highway in a new car, complete with a University of La Verne Alumni license plate frame, sometime after graduation, when an illuminated sign brightens the street. It reads, "University of La Verne: Home of the Leopards."

That image becomes a reality for the class of 1997.

The Senior Class Gift Committee, comprised of Stephanie Carson, Javier Harvin, Shannon McCrea, Juan Pablo Miramontes and Amber Rodriguez, has organized the restoration of the back of the football scoreboard, facing Arrow Highway, as this year's class gift to ULV.

The marquee will be located on the south side of the football field. It will boast a painted leopard head and will read, "University of La Verne: Home of the Leopards." "Class of 1997" will be on the sign showing who donated the gift.

"The University could use the lighting. The sign is not only good for the football field but also good for the school," said McCrea.

The lights on the scoreboard were not originally in the plans. But the added feature, which raised the senior class' bill to $1,200, will make the marquee more presentable to passing motorists. To date, more than $600 has been raised.

"This is a continuation of a tradition that was recreated in 1988," said Mark Bagley, director of development.

That tradition is in its 10th year with no sign of slowing down. This was not the case in the 1960s and the 1970s, according to Bagley, when senior gifts were few and far between.

"This is a good thing to do. We hope to keep it going; so far, so good," said Bagley.

The gift was originally scheduled to be unveiled at the graduation ceremonies this year, but plans have moved the target date to sometime this summer.

"The feedback from seniors has been good, especially in regard to the sporting events," said Rodriguez. "[The sign] will provide a good name for the campus."

Sigmas set for sun, fun, v-ball

by Araceli Esparza
Staff Writer

Pursuing the "typical" Southern California dream of sun, surf and sand are several members of Sigma Kappa's University of La Verne chapter, who will participate in a volleyball tournament at Santa Monica Beach tomorrow.

The event, established as a means of bringing together national sororities from Southern California, will include a number of sponsors. Among the sponsors are KROQ 106.7-FM, Domino's Pizza and L.A. Ski and Sun Tours.

Andrea Barry, vice-president of alumnae relations for Sigma Kappa, said, "The volleyball tournament is held mainly for all area national sororities to participate. All we [Sigma Kappa] want to do is go out there and have some fun."

This will be the first year that Sigma Kappa will participate in the volleyball tournament and Barry said they expect it to be a huge turn out.

A pre-party at the local Chillers Bar will kick off the event for the participating sororities.

Following the party, the volleyball games will begin. The designated area for the tournament is along the volleyball court strip near the Santa Monica Pier.

Each round will act as a regular volleyball game, with the first team to 15 points moving toward the next round. The tournament to last the entire day, and the championship will be broadcast on KROQ.

Following the final round, the event will conclude with an after-party. This party is also optional to participants.

Members of Sigma Kappa who are to participate, according to Barry, are sophmores Dyane Galindo, Michelle Smith and Season Arellanes. Other members of Sigma Kappa will attend and support the team.

The sorority began practicing before spring break. Although many members have not had volleyball experience, their main objective, said Galindo is, "going for fun and charity."

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Entertainment Briefs

Cinco de Mayo

To celebrate Cinco de Mayo, a Latin music festival will play throughout the day in Founders Auditorium May 5. Contact the Music Department at ext. 4917 for more information.

Diversity Films

On May 8 there will be a showing of the film "Mi Familia" in the La Fetra Auditorium at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the screening. The event is part of the "How Does Our Garden Grow?" film series about diversity. Admission is free.

Getty Museum

This is the last weekend to visit the exhibit at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu, entitled "They Saw a Very Great Future Here: Photographs of Central Los Angeles" by Camilo Jose Vergara. For more information call (310) 440-7360.

Renaissance Faire

The annual Renaissance Pleasure Faire, held in Glen Helen Park in San Bernardino, begins tomorrow and continues through June. Admission is $15 for students. Call (800) 52-FAIRE for more information.

New Films

Opening today in general release are "Volcano," starring Tommy Lee Jones and Anne Heche, and "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion," with Mira Sorvino, Lisa Kudrow and Janeane Garofalo.

—Julie Eklund

Inexpensive excursions found close to home

by Amy Boyle

photography by Summer Herndon

Most college students live for the weekend, a chance to rest and take a break from the frustrations of notes, lectures and homework. Students at the University of La Verne are no different, they yearn to be free, but at the same time they don't want to spend a lot of money on their adventures. Here is an inexpensive way to spend every minute of a weekend without overextending one's budget.

It is Saturday morning at 11 a.m., the body is refreshed after enjoying a nice 10 hour rest. Showering begins the day, as it is always better to face the day with a clean mind, body and attitude. It is now time to create an agenda for how the day will be spent.

The first thing that is needed is gas to fuel the car, which is essential to get where one needs to go. On average, gas costs $1.25 a gallon, so it is safe to say that approximately $10-$15 will fill up the average car. That is, a full tank of gas to last for the next two days worth of adventures.

The car is fueled, so the next priority is exercise; a nice invigorating hike can set the mind and body in working condition. Around La Verne, one can travel to the nearby hiking trails at Mt. Baldy, or even up Wheeler for trails in La Verne itself. But today, Los Angeles is the final destination, where the Griffith Park Observatory serves as a playground for the health conscious.



Hiking up San Dimas Canyon, junior S. Baker Eatmon and sophomore Jeremy Gonzales explore the outdoors during their free time. They like to visit the area because it creates a peaceful experience, while at the same time the hike is fun and does not involve spending money.

The infamous Hollywood sign stands guard as it overlooks the City of Angels in all its glory. This is the path upward to a healthy being. There is a dirt path which leads to the highest point at Mt. Hollywood, which sits at 1,625 ft. above sea level. It should take between 30 or 40 minutes to reach this point hiking at a moderate level.

Do not forget the necessities on a hike—good hiking shoes, comfortable clothing and most importantly water to keep from getting dehydrated. Once making the journey to the top, all that is left is going down and looking forward to eating lunch.

So far, $10 has been spent on this already gratifying day. It is lunchtime, any fast food establishment offers a wide variety of food selections and combo meals all under $5.

It is time to take the food and head to the beautiful beaches of Southern California, Santa Monica being the closest to Griffith Park. There could be parking fees, but this can always be avoided by not parking in the lots provided, and finding alternative parking on the street for free.

Grab the beach blanket, and sit down for a picnic on the sand while watching the waves break against the shore. Enjoy the warm sun as it radiates the heat of the day. As the day progresses and the sun sets, it can be beautiful to watch as the golden sun passes down over the horizon.

Now as the stars shine through the clear sky, it is time to watch the stars shine on the movie screen. Most movie theaters can charge outrageous prices like $7 or $8 to see a movie. But, again a way to avoid being overcharged at the movies is to head to the theater that gives students discounts. AMC movie theaters give these

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Movie Review

'Amy' explores modern relationships

by Aaron Kiel
Staff Writer

"Chasing Amy," from writer/director Kevin Smith, is a humorous, clever film about a relationship between a conservative twenty-something comic book artist and an open-minded lesbian with a past, and the difficulties they encounter in their relationship.

Smith, who also wrote and directed "Clerks," his first film, turns out an original movie that touches on the realities of sex and relationships in the '90s. This film certainly resurrects Smith from the box office tragedy "Mallrats," his second film.

Holdon McNeal, played by Ben Affleck, and his comic book partner and roommate Banky Edwards, played by the quirky Jason Lee, have been friends since childhood. At a comic book trade show, the two meet up with a mutual friend who introduces them to Elissa Jones—played by Joey Lauren Adams who had a small part in the film "She's the One"—also a comic book artist.

McNeal immediately takes a liking to Jones, and later meets her at a night club along with Edwards. At the club, Jones is invited to sing on stage by the band. She does, and dedicates the song to "someone special" in the audience. McNeal assumes he's the one being sung to, but it turns out Elissa is singing to another woman in the audience, who she passionately kisses after the number—shocking McNeal and Edwards.

McNeal and Jones begin spending time together, and eventually, McNeal confesses his love for her, "I know this will queer our relationship. No pun intended," says McNeal. Thus, a conflict arises between the two because of Jones' sexual orientation and McNeal's desire for a "normal" relationship.

Edwards sees the relationship as a threat to his friendship with McNeal, and tries to discourage him from being involved (He asks, "How was your pseudo date?"). At this point, one wonders why he is so concerned about his friend having a relationship, and it leaves one to wonder—until the end.

Making the relationship more complicated, McNeal discovers some questionable information about Jones' past and confronts her about it.

In the end, the distraught McNeal comes up with a scary, yet funny, solution for his relationship problems and the interference it has caused with his roommate.

The film moves quickly, and has several big laughs and a few goofy one-liners. For instance, Edwards, curious about lesbians, asks, "Since you like chicks, do you look at yourself naked in the mirror all the time?" The most humorous moments come from long conversations about sex and love, which may be too explicit for some audiences, but deal with the subject in a somewhat mature manner. Such as, McNeal asks about the sexual aspects of Jones' relationships with women, and discusses with her what people consider standard for love making.

The film touches on what is a normal relationship, and makes an interesting observation about finding the love of one's life without gender barriers.

Affleck and Lee deliver some of their lines with great timing, making this a fun movie experience, while Adams adds plenty of emotion to a character which could have been played without any depth.

Smith makes a brief cameo as the real life model for a comic book character, Bluntman and Chronic, and gives explanation for the title of the film.

Apology...

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Iota Delta, Sigma Kappa and Phi Sigma Sigma, for what the fraternity described as "rude and brash behavior."

Delta Sigma Phi also promised that "in the spirit of reconciliation" it would immediately implement a "ten step process for reform" which would include reviewing the role alcohol plays in the fraternity, applying a standards board to oversee fraternity activities and disciplining any brothers of Delta Sigma Phi who do not uphold the "heightened image" of the fraternity.

The picnic will be held in an attempt to make amends for the actions of the fraternity during Greek Week, actions that led to the cancellation of the rest of the week's events.

In addition to the picnic will be a drug and alcohol seminar tentatively scheduled for the third week of May.

"We time this seminar so as to avoid any tragedies which may result from excessive alcohol consumption during the final weeks of school and the graduation celebrations that go with the season," the letter said.

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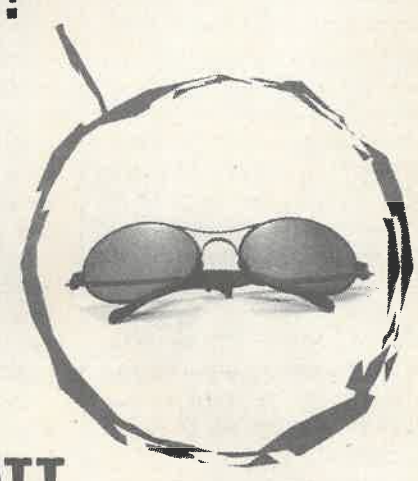

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Track succeeds in SCIAC championship

•Women's team takes first place

by Landus Rigsby
Staff Writer

Five records were broken and national qualifiers merged at the SCIAC championships courtesy of the University of La Verne women's track team last Saturday at Pomona-Pitzer College.

"I feel great about our performance in the championships. So far, we've reached one of our goals," said ULV track coach Pat Widolff.

The La Verne women's team finished first in the championships, maintaining control and dominating the competition with a 176 point total. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps as the next closest opponent in the women's championship with 138 points.

Junior Katrina Hall was named MVP for women's competition, the first time ever a Leopard was named MVP in the conference championships. Hall grabbed first in the 100 meter hurdles at 15.67, posted second in long jump and triple jump events and finished third in the high jump. She also was one of the runners on the women's 4x100 relay team; the other athletes being senior Stacey Williams, freshman Jemeace Willis and junior Patrina Hall. The relay team qualified for the nationals and is third in the nation in Division III, finishing first at 48.70.

"Claremont and Occidental did all they could to stop us from a championship title, but we would not go down without a fight," said Hall when asked about the competition. "It felt good just to win. We knew what we had to do."

The 4x400 relay team, consisting of Willis, Patrina Hall, Castillo and senior Vikki Wallace, set a SCIAC meet record with a 3:56.73 time which is also No.3 in the nation in Division III.

Other great accomplishments on the day for the women included senior Jacqui Zwissler, who was first in the javelin and triple jump events respectively for an automatic qualification for the nationals. Zwissler also was third in the long jump.

Williams clinched the win in the high jump with a leap of 5'3" and Katrina Hall placed third with 5'2 1/2".

Going against doctor's orders and suffering from asthma, sophomore Eboni White made a courageous showing at the meet. White was second in discus competition, throwing 138'4", a provisional mark for nationals and sixth in shotput.

Freshman Rhiannon Jenson also did well in the shotput, placing second with a 138'4" toss, posted fifth in shotput and came roaring back to place third in the javelin after entering the finals in eighth place.

Senior Socorro Gonzalez won her fourth individual conference championship, tying the ULV record, by ranking first in shotput with a 43'3"3/4 toss. Gonzalez was second in the javelin event with a 130"4' toss, ranking fifth in the nation.

Freshman Maria Garcia posted a school record in the 400 meter hurdles by coming in second place at 67.46. Castillo was all-conference in the 400 meters, grabbing third at 58.70, and Patrina Hall nabbed second in the 100 meters with a time of 12.84.

A milestone was accomplished for the men's team as the Leopards took third place overall in the SCIAC championship with 110 points, its best ever. CMS and Pomona-Pitzer were the teams ahead of La Verne.

Senior Anthony Rice flew through the 100 meters in 10.84, provisionally qualifying him for national competition. Rice was also a big part of the men's 4x100 relay team that consisted of senior Jason Neal, junior J. Anthony Rudolph, and senior Liron Wilson. The team won the relay event not only qualified for nationals, but making itself the nation's leader in Division III.

Wilson, who also set a school record in the 200 meters (21.55), qualified for nationals, ranking second.

"We knew what we had to do and we went out there and took care of business," said Wilson.

Another qualifier for the Leopards was Michael P. Bailey, who was second in the javelin throw with a 187'11" recording.

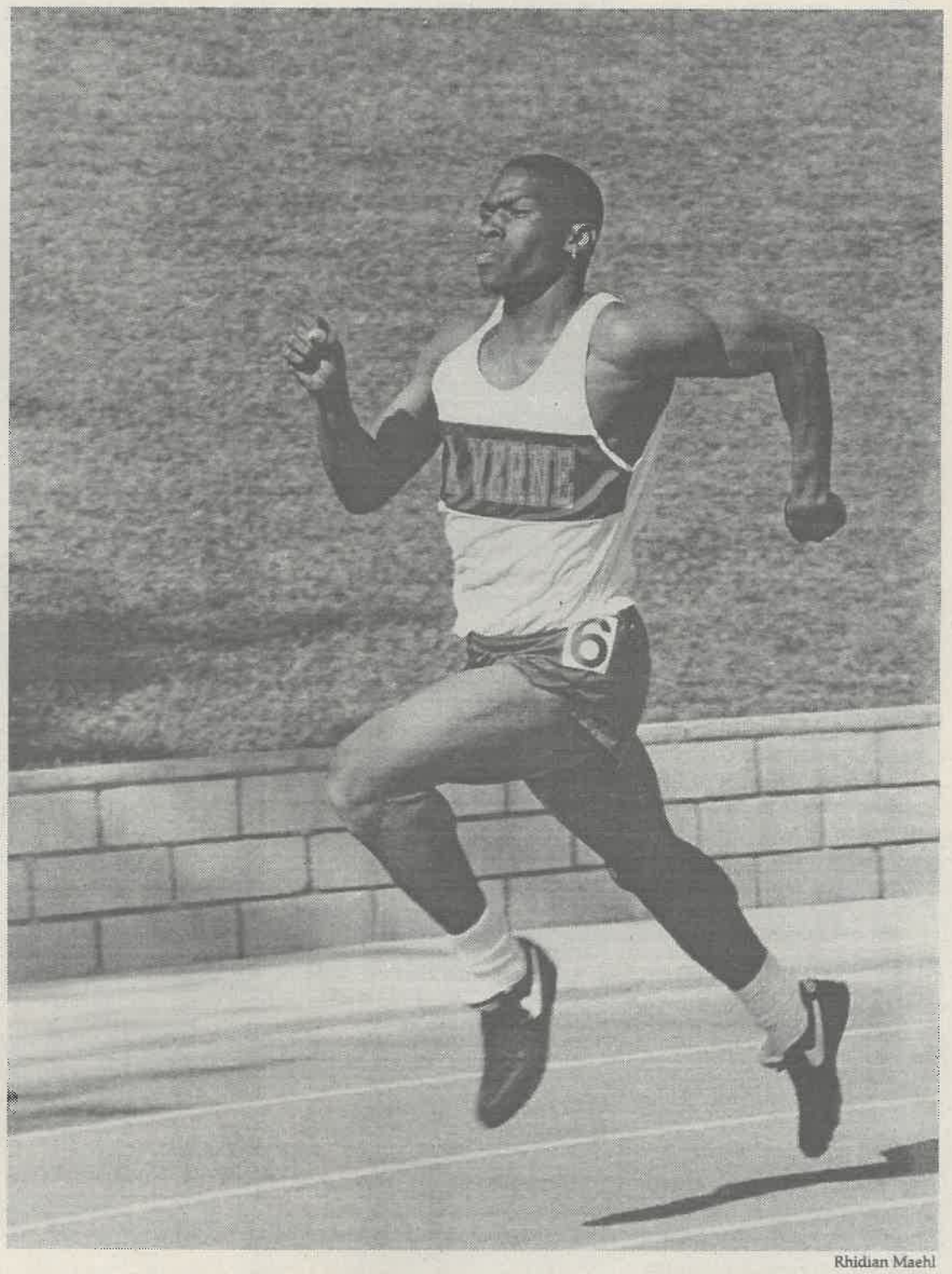
Bailey said in regards to the team's finish, "It was disappointing. We should have at least held on to second place."

In the men's long jump, sophomore Ordell Williams bested all and won the conference championship for the respected event at 22'11 3/4".

"This is a talented, well coached and confident team," said Widolff.

ULV looks to win more at the Cal-Nevada State Meet tomorrow and Sunday at Cal State Northridge.

> 'We knew what we had to do and we went out there and took care of business.'
> —*Liron Wilson, senior*



Rhidian Maehl

Running the men's 400m preliminaries at Pomona-Pitzer April 17, sophomore Ordell Williams achieved a time of 49.11. Williams later decreased his time to 49.02 at the championships, also held at Pomona-Pitzer Saturday. Nine women and five men from the track team have qualified for the nationals in Wisconsin, with two more meets remaining for others to qualify.

Men's tennis ends its season on bad note

by Ramzi Rabadi
Staff Writer

It's time to prepare for next year, because the University of La Verne men's tennis ended its disappointing season last weekend in defeat at the SCIAC Championship at CalTech.

The No. 8 seed Leopards faced the Redland Bulldogs, the Occidental Tigers and the Whittier Poets in the SCIAC tournament.

The first opponent the Leopards faced were the No.1 seed Bulldogs. In the first round of the tournament the Leopards were overmatched by the Bulldogs in a 5-1 defeat.

Junior Johnny McCool was the only player for the Leopards who was able to pull out a match in singles, 6-2, 7-5.

"I got frustrated at times, but [Head] Coach [Tim] Fitzgerald helped me out and kept me calm," McCool said.

The Bulldogs went on to win the SCIAC Championship by defeating Claremont in the finals, 6-3. The Bulldogs overall record is, 10-0 in SCIAC, and 16-6 overall.

In the second round, the Leopards had the same result against No. 5 seeded Occidental, (5-5). The Leopards were defeated 8-1.

McCool again was the solo player on the team to win a singles match for the Leopards. He needed three sets, 3-6, 6-2 and 6-2, to overcome the Tigers in singles.

"The team played good. They all played there hearts off and as a team we played to our potential," McCool said.

Freshman Grant Schmidt played a tight match in singles, before losing, 6-3, 7-5.

Continuing the tournament the next day, the Leopards played their last match of the season against the Whittier Poets.

Once again, the Leopards were defeated 8-1. The one point coming from another McCool victory, 1-6, 7-6, 7-5 in singles play.

"The season overall was a learning experience... hopefully next year we will do better," McCool said.

SCIAC champions for men's tennis was Redlands. Second place went to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, (8-2, 15-12) and Cal Lutheran, (7-3, 14-6), captured the third place spot, after beating Pomona-Pitzer in another tight match, 5-4.

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Softball starts hitting against Tritons

by Greg MacDonald
Staff Writer



Jamie Bigornia

Senior Loree Grey keeps a UC San Diego runner from scoring during the second game of a doubleheader last Saturday. The Leopards lost the first game, 8-0, and won the second 6-4. La Verne's next game is today at Pomona-Pitzer, 3 p.m.

After splitting two games with the Whittier Poets last Friday, the University of La Verne softball team split a non-conference two-game set with the UC San Diego Tritons on Saturday.

The Leopards were shut out in the opening game, 8-0, against the Tritons. But ULV won the second game, 6-4, in come-from-behind fashion.

"As in most sports, if you do not score it is hard to win. But the second game, the team adjusted in the batter's box and we were able to pull through," said head coach Julie Kline.

The visiting Tritons led for most of the second game against Leopards' freshman pitcher Michelle Geiger. Geiger is fifth in SCIAC (through April 20) in strikeouts with 29.

UCSD scored two runs in the third inning on three hits and two runs in the sixth inning on a walk and a home run. The Tritons took their 4-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning.

The bottom of the sixth was a hit parade for the Leopards. Sophomore center fielder Lindsey Weber led off the inning with a triple. A single from sophomore third baseman Angel Mejico scored Weber and got ULV on the board. The triple was Weber's fifth, which leads the conference, followed by senior Loree Grey with four triples.

The next two batters, senior first baseman Katie Miner and junior right fielder Teresa Garcia each singled to load the bases. Miner finished the game with six RBIs. Juniors Lateka Clayton, designated hitter, and Jaime Anderson, left fielder, followed the duo with singles of their own to drive in two more Leopard runs which cut the UCSD lead to 4-3.

The bases remained loaded until senior shortstop Kelly Perkins hit a sacrifice fly in center field to plate another ULV run. Senior second baseman Jenna Bowman then grounded out to second base. But on the throw to first base, Garcia scored to tie the Tritons at four.

Grey put the Leopards ahead for good with a two out single which scored two runs and provided the margin of victory, 6-4.

"UC San Diego is a much improved team from last [year]. They are currently ranked fourth in the West Region, so a split with them was exciting for our program," said Kline.

Against the Poets, La Verne also dropped the first game, 6-3, but came back to win the second, 8-3.

"I felt on Friday we should have won both games hands down," said Kline. "We just did not execute with players on base."

The Leopards scored four runs in the first inning and never looked back in the second game against Whittier. ULV added four more runs over the final four innings to win easily. Weber scored three times and had two hits to make a winner out of starting freshman pitcher Teresa DaValle.

Following the weekend, the Leopards lead the conference in hitting with a .345 average, as well as doubles, 41, and triples, with 18.

The Leopards' next game is today as they travel to Pomona-Pitzer for a 3 p.m. start. Tomorrow they host Cal Lutheran at noon.

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McCool excels in all that he does

by Ramzi Rabadi
Staff Writer

Some may consider junior biology major Johnny McCool a modern renaissance man because he is skilled not only on the athletic field but also in the music arena.

McCool is a member of the University of La Verne football and tennis teams and plays the violin. Despite the fact that McCool's football season ended early with a blown out knee cap right before the first game of the year, he continues to play both tennis and the violin.

According to McCool, a set pattern that he has developed has given him the ability to juggle many different things at one time.

McCool started to play the violin at the age of 11 because of the influence of his family. McCool's mother and brother both play the piano, and his sister has the same love him as , the violin.

"At first I liked it, but I started to hate it because I had to practice all the time. When I started to play at recitals and weddings and I started to improve, I started to like it again," McCool said.

He has participated in recitals with the Pasadena Young Musician Orchestra (PYMO), National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP) and Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

In 1987, the NAACP sent McCool to New York to compete in the African American Technological Scientific Olympics of the Mind (ACT-SO) against others from all over the country.

"I did not win, but I was pleased that I got to travel and had that experience," McCool said.

For a recital or wedding, McCool will set a whole month aside to prepare his music. In his preparation, McCool explains that he must memorize the music first before picking up the instrument and playing. McCool's teacher, Frederick Fickas had taught him this concept, which has helped him a great deal.

Even though he had an early involvement with the violin, the same cannot be said for football and tennis until last year, at which time, he played out of sheer curiosity. He thought it would be fun.

"I enjoy [tennis] a lot, but it is frustrating at times, because if you have an off day, it is not fun," McCool said.

He played collegiate tennis for the very first time for the Leopards, this semester.

"It's different then any other sport," McCool said. "In tennis you play as an individual, but you win as team."

Football did not become a part of McCool's life until 1993, when he decided to play for Glendale City College.

It was at Glendale that McCool started to learn about the game of football more in-depth. "I understood the game, but there was lots of information left for me to learn," McCool said.

When asked what his favorite activity was, McCool picked football. But if he could only do one thing he would pick the violin over football and tennis.

In the fall of 1996, McCool brought his considerable and varied abilities to La Verne by joining the football team.

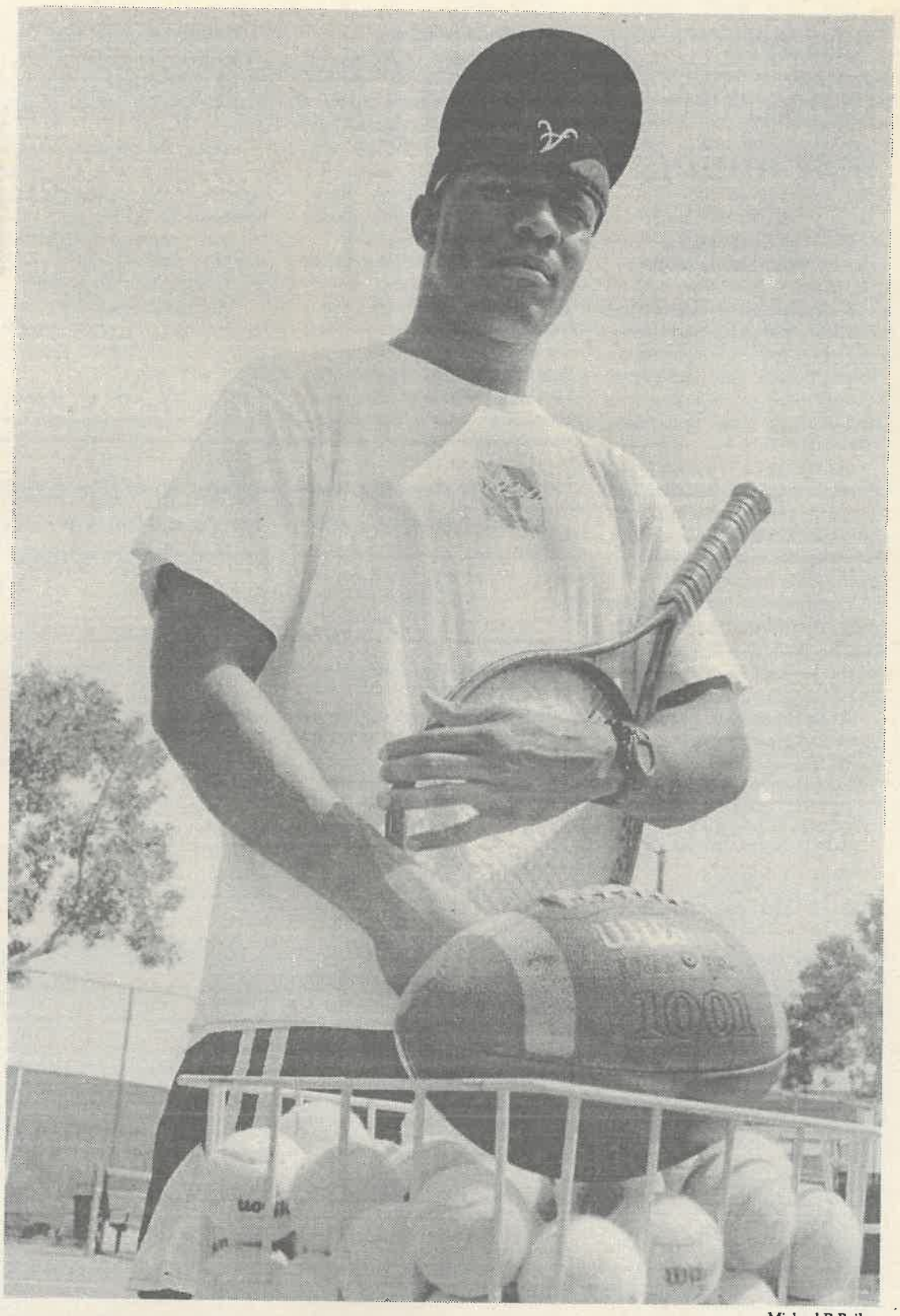
"The program here is more coach-player friendly, but there is still the respect between the two," McCool said.

After graduation McCool plans to become a firefighter/paramedic or work in the emergency room (ER) at a hospital.

"I enjoy the physical and life-saving aspects of a firefighter's job," McCool said.

To gain experience in the field, McCool worked with the Angeles National Forest Fire Department.

"The job has given me the opportunity to see firefighter-paramedics on a actual call," McCool said.



Michael P. Bailey

Junior Johnny McCool is a transfer student from Glendale College, where he began his athletic career at the collegiate level. Along with football and tennis, McCool is also an experienced track and field sprinter.

Carl Lewis says good-bye at his last Mt. SAC Relay

by Katrina Hall
Staff Writer

More than 9,000 spectators came to Hilmer Lodge Stadium to see one of the world's greatest track and field athletes who will soon bid a farewell to the sport. In his honor, t-shirts with his face were sold at the meet.

Carl Lewis, nine-time Olympic gold medalist, made his final Mount San Antonio College Relays appearance April 20.

Running under Santa Monica Track Club, he won 19 events at the Mount Sac Relays alone, and though he will hang up his track shoes at the end of the season, he has set out to make this last year fun.

"It's strange," said Lewis. "It's rare when you say you're never going to do something again."

Lewis started out the day anchoring the winning 4x100 meter relay with Mike Marsh, Leroy Burrell and Floyd Head. They crossed the finish line with a time of 38.50 seconds. That time also broke the old meet record of 38.63 held by the Santa Monica Track Club in 1989.

He came back and ran the second 200 meters with a 20.0 second split of the 200, 200, 400, 800 meter sprint medley, sealing another victory with a time of 3:12.75 seconds.

After each race, the team jogged a victory lap while fans came running to get Lewis' autograph."It's been a great day and the fans have been great," said Lewis.

Lewis still holds the stadium record in the long jump of 28 feet 5 inches, set in 1987. He contributed to the stadium record of the 4x200 meter relay which is also the world record.

Marsh won the 100 meters in 9.87 seconds breaking his old record of 9.93 set in 1992.

Tim Montgomery (Asics) and Maurice Greene (HS International) also sprinted under 10 seconds (9.98) and (9.99) respectively. Jon Drummond (HS International) placed fourth at 10.04 seconds.

Other Olympians at the meet included the 400 meter sprinter twins, Calvin and Alvin Harrison (ran on the U.S. mile relay). They combined with Jason Rouser and Anton Pettigre (Lipkis/Peterson Team Nike) to form the winning 4x400 meter relay clocking 3:01.33 .

Quincy Watts, Martin Black, Marlin Canon and Anthony Maybank (HS International) followed closely behind in the 4x400 meter relay placing second with 3:01.53.

The Harrisons also competed in the 400 meters invitational with Calvin placing third (45.59) and Alvin placing fifth (45.94). The winner of the 400 meters was Charles Gitonga (Reebok) crossing the finish line in 45.07 seconds.

Joe Greene (Goldwin TC) soared to 27 feet-9 1/4 inches to claim the gold in the long jump.

Balazs Tolgyesi (New Balance T.C.), Shaun Benefield (Powerade AC) and William Best Western State) fought out the last 150 meters in the 800 meters invitational to a first, second and third place finish.

Tolgyesi came in at 1:46.33, Benefield at 1:46.33 and Best a with a time of 1:46.95.

The noisiest event was the men's 110 meter high hurdles. 13.51 seconds won this event and Eugenen Swift (Vector Sports Management) claimed that title.

On the women's side, Melissa Morrison (Reebok) tied the stadium record of 12.86 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles invitational. Tonya Lawson, Christie Gaines, Inger Miller and Cheryl Taplin (Nike) joined to form a 4x100 meter relay. They came out victorious with a time of 43.54 seconds.

Gaines, Lawson and Miller returned to the Mt. SAC Relays to run the 4x200 meter relay with Nicole Green (Nike). They sealed the title and a new stadium record of 1:33.40.

Chryste Gines (Nike) breezed through the 200 meters invitational with a winning time of 22.91 seconds.

The 800 meters proved to be exciting as Michele Dimuro-Ave gutted out a win in 2:02.50.

Susan Tiedire-Greene (Goldwin TC) was in a class by herself in the long jump. She leaped to a 22 feet 1/4 inch victory. While Jackie Edward (Vector Sports Management) placed second at 21 feet 2 1/2 inches.

In the womens' discus, one of the Division I nationally ranked competitor Suzy Powell (UCLA) threw her way to a victory of 194 feet 7 inches.

The relays ended with the women's 4 x400 meeter relay. Sharon Allen, Kaltouma Nad, Tina Paulino and Vida Nsaiah started and finished the race leading. They clocked a time of 3:32-69.

The 400 meters invitational was won in a time of 52.39 seconds by Shanelle Porter (Team U.S. West).

Baseball splits doubleheader at home

•Marrs homers in first inning

by Erica Aguilar
Editorial Assistant

Determined to defeat the Whittier Poets this past weekend, the University of La Verne baseball team only conquered one winning game, losing two and making their conference standing, 9-9.

On Friday, La Verne fell to the Poets, losing 10-7. Saturday, the Leopards played a doubleheader at Ben Hines field and split by winning the first game 9-8 and losing the second, 12-8.

Head coach Owen Wright said, "Saturday's games were a replica of Friday's game. We scored enough runs in all three games to win all three games."

At the beginning of the first game, senior right fielder Seth Marrs hit an infield homerun, making the score 1-0 at the bottom of the first inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, sophomore catcher Armando Hernandez made a basehit and stole second base. Freshman Dave LaPeer also made a basehit, advancing Hernandez to third base. Hernandez then stole home plate and the score was 2-0.

When ULV came up to bat in the following inning, senior shortstop Brock Whobrey got a basehit and sophomore left fielder David Riffle hit a homerun, batting in Whobrey. The Leopards remained on fire when Hernandez was up again, hitting a consecutive homerun and the score was 5-0.

Junior third baseman Robert Perea and junior second baseman Lyle Miller both scored in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Whittier had a big fifth inning when four of their players hit doubles and one made a basehit, scoring a total of five runs.

Though the pressure was on in the sixth inning, La Verne came back and sophomore first baseman Eric Britton got a base hit. Marrs then hit a triple and Britton scored the only run in that inning. The score was 8-5.

"Marrs did equal the record by obtaining 14 career triples held by Wayne Redfearn back in 1977," said Wright.

After the seventh inning stretch, the Poets scored another two runs and an additional run in the top of the eighth inning, tying the score 8-8.

By this time, both pitchers from ULV and Whittier were replaced.

Senior pitcher Sean Caldwell was relieved by freshman pitcher Andy Davis. For Whittier, senior woman pitcher Ila Borders was replaced by freshman pitcher Bob Weber.

"I think the team is short on pitchers. We get off to a big lead and then we have trouble holding the lead," said Riffle.

It all came down to the bottom of the ninth inning when La Verne scored the winning run.

Riffle made a basehit and successfully stole to second base. Hernandez made a sacrifice hit, advancing Riffle to third base. With only one out, junior pinch runner Jack Iafrate took Riffle's place at third base and freshman Gary Griffith was the designated batter. He made a challenging basehit and Iafrate ran home to his awaiting teammates at the plate. The score and game was 9-8.

"I knew if he threw me a fastball, I would hit it and the infield was up, so Iafrate scored by my basehit to win the game," Griffith said.

But disappointment did hit home for the Leopards in game two.

La Verne scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning. Neither team scored in the third but by the fourth inning, the Poets scored their first run by a run batted in (RBI).

Scoring for the Leopards in the fourth inning were Britton and Miller. By the bottom of the fifth, La Verne had a 6-1 lead over the Poets.

Trouble was definitely on its way for ULV in the sixth inning.

Two of the Poets were walked, two doubles were hit and a basehit was made. Junior pitcher Maynard McClarrinon was relieved by Davis but the damage continued with more basehits from Whittier. The score was 6-8 when the inning finally ended.

Marrs said, "It seems like we can't put anything together consistently and it's frustrating."

The poets continued to trample over the Leopards, scoring two more runs in the top of the eighth inning.

ULV did come back by scoring two runs in that same inning.

Returning to the plate, the Poets kept the momentum going for their teammates, scoring twice again in the ninth inning. They were able to hold the Leopards and the final score was 8-12.

"This is the first losing season that I've coached in 14 years. I don't know how we can go from a national winning team to the bottom half of the standings," said Wright.

The Leopards play Cal Lutheran, the number one ranked team in the conference, today at Ben Hines field at 3 p.m. and a doubleheader tomorrow at Cal Lutheran at 11 a.m.

La Verne will conclude its season next Saturday and Sunday at Ben Hines Field.

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> —*Owen Wright, head coach*

Weekend...

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types of discounts to students using their valid school IDs.

Around La Verne, a movie can be seen at the United Artist Theater located at 9720 Central Avenue in Montclair, where the admission price is always $1.50 every show. Another alternative to seeing a good movie is renting a good "flick" from such places as Blockbuster Video for $3 for three nights.

After all the movies, popcorn and soda, it is time to end the glorious day feeling satisfied knowing that roughly only $20 was spent the whole day. Rest is essential to get the body through the next remaining day left in the weekend.

It is now Sunday, a day spent relaxing while still experiencing some cultural or environmental settings. There are several museums located in the areas around La Verne. Today though, the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena sounds interesting. It is open from 12 to 6 p.m. and admission is only $2 for students with their IDs

Another place of interest could be the Arboretum of Los Angeles County located in Arcadia. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is $3 for students with IDs.

After spending a day relaxing at the museum, it is important to be refreshed with a cafe mocha or latte. Back in La Verne at Lordsburg Coffee Roasters, students receive a discount on buying a large drink and getting charged the price of a medium.

The weekend has come to an end, it is Sunday night and the notes, books and homework are awaiting the much needed study time.

The weekend was restful, entertaining and most importantly inexpensive. In two days, less than $25 was spent and the money was well worth the effort.

Women's tennis falls to CMS

Laura Czingula
Sports Editor

Unfortunately this has not been the year for the women's tennis team. Last weekend they lost to the first place team in SCIAC, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in the 1997 women's tennis team championships, 6-0.

Stacey Fong from Claremont defeated senior Tiffany Hall, 6-3, 6-1. Hall was the only Leopard that even came close to a win.

Junior Tracy Huggens ended up with a score of, 6-0, 6-3, against Akiko Stinson and Sandy They went up against Yoko Osawa from Claremont and lost, 6-0, 6-2.

Sophomore Tracy MacArthur did not do too well. She was defeated, 6-0, 6-0. But she still had positive things to say about the match. "I thought the tournament went well. We played well even though we didn't win. We went into the tournament knowing we had to play the No. 1 seed, but we didn't let that discourage us."

The Leopards record is 0-10 in SCIAC and 1-11 overall. La Verne placed eighth in the overall conference.

First place honors went to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 10-0 in SCAIC, 18-4 overall. Second place went to Pomona-Pitzer, 8-2 in SCIAC and 12-8 overall and third place went to the Redland Bulldogs, 7-3 in SCIAC, 10-10 overall.

"I thought we played better than we have played all year," said MacArthur.

The Leopards will play their last match of the season against Biola next Wednesday at 2 p.m.

They are looking to end the season with a victory considering they beat Biola which was their first victory back in March, 5-4.

Leopard Scoreboard

Golf

SCAIC 18 Hole Tournament

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La Verne, 303
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 303
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Pomona-Pitzer, 318
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Softball @ Pomona-Pitzer, 3 p.m.

Tomorrow

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Softball vs. Cal Lutheran, 12 p.m.
Track @ Northridge, State Championshps, TBA

Sunday

Track @ Northridge, State Championships, TBA

Track & Field

Final SCIAC standings

Men	
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	160 1/2
Pomona-Pitzer	123
La Verne	**110**
Occidental	88
Redlands	43 1/2
Whittier	31
Cal Lutheran	25
Caltech	8
Women	
La Verne	**176**
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	138
Occidental	78
Pomona-Pitzer-	76
Redlands	29
Whittier	10
Cal Lutheran	10
Caltech	10