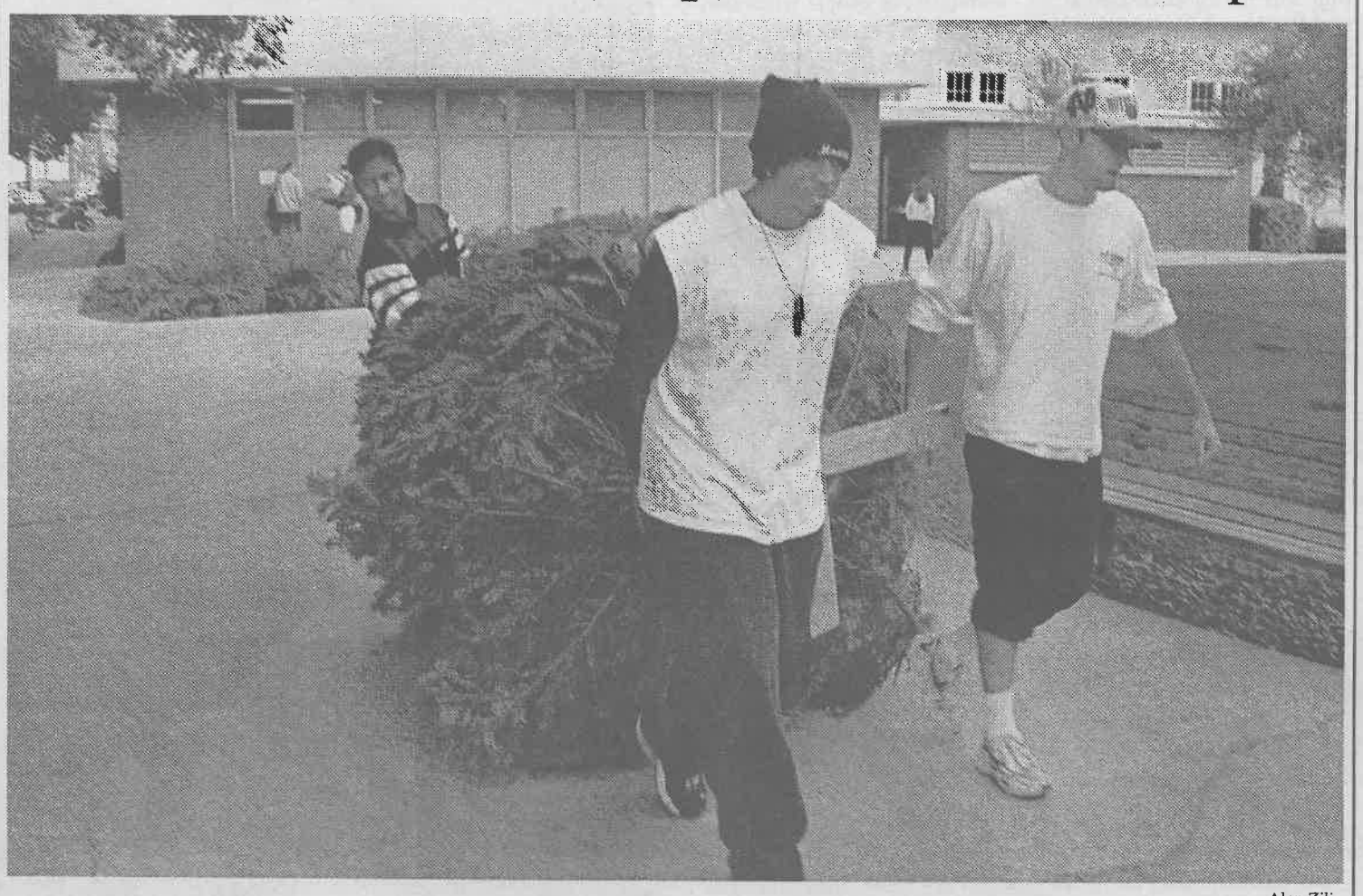
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Students play 'Santa's helpers,' contribute to spirit



Alen Zilic

Decorations for the holidays are already covering stores and streets, and the ULV campus is not an exception. The Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum, by the initiative of Don Morel, adviser, brought in the annual Christmas tree Wednesday. The tree is to be decorated and officially lighted after the annual holiday dinner on Tuesday. Freshmen Adrian Gomez, Guy Baxtrum and senior Danny Eckardt carry the tree to its place of honor in the Student Center.

Schiller replaces Stenmo as adviser

Araceli Esparza
Editorial Director

Barbara Schiller, new director of the Academic Advising Department at the University of La Verne, was recently hired to fill in the vacant position left by former director Art Stenmo, who left the University late July.

"Art Stenmo was offered an opportunity at Cal Poly [California Polytechnic University], Pomona, as the director of Student Outreach and Recruitment Services," said Adeline Cardenas-Clague, dean of academic support and retention services at ULV and supervisor to the director. "When he left, we started advertising immediately according to the job description and the needs of the department."

Cardenas-Clague said that a panel of several University administrators was formed to begin the application review and individual interview process. From advertisements used to promote the vacant position, an estimated 25 individuals submitted an application with interest in the position.

"We were looking for someone who was student-centered and who came from a student advocacy background," said Cardenas-Clague. "The director's job is to advise students and be a support for faculty."

Keeping such factors in mind, the panel found that Schiller "had all those qualifications," and the decision to hire her was unanimous.

Schiller's resume and interview fit the desired criteria. Prior to her acceptance of the position at ULV, Schiller had also served as a coordinator of advising for the Department of Psychology at the University of Arizona (UA). In addition, she has also had experience within this area from a related position she held at Pima Community College which is located in Arizona.

At UA, Schiller was responsible for working with more than 1,300 students involved in the program; at Pima, she held an integral role as an employee of one of the nation's largest community colleges.

"She had all the qualifications that we were looking for," said Cardenas-Clague. "She made it a very easy decision."

Though the panel's decision for a new director did not take much convincing and planning, Schiller's decision to accept the offer did take some thought. At the time in which she had undergone the interview process, Schiller was still a resident of Arizona.

"I wasn't very open to going many places," said Schiller of her preferences in seeking a directoral position. "I wanted to stay in Arizona or go to California."

Schiller said the thought of attaining a position as a director of advising has been a longtime personal goal, and that "the position [at ULV] and college was too good to pass up." Now one of the newest residents of the City of La Verne, this advising director admitted to being excited about the University and the town.

Regarding her expectations and anticipations for the new position, Schiller is also hoping to hold a good relationship with the University community and concentrate primarily on tactics used in advising students academically.

"What I hope to have is a very personal and close relationship with students, faculty and staff," she said. "I want to integrate advising with career counseling; career development is a big part of my background.

"I also want to teach a University 100 class."

Schiller hopes that her experience at a larger school of higher education will benefit her abilities at ULV. Cardenas-Clague has similar aspirations as well.

"She had successful ideas at the University of Arizona," said Cardenas-Clague, "and we hope she will implement those at La Verne where appropriate.

"Academic advising at the University of La Verne has always been rated very high. We look forward to her contributions and hope to have her stick around for a long, long time."

Schiller also intends to be a part of the University for a long period of time, admitting that in the past she has held several positions for a minimum of 10 years per position.

FAFSA forms go online

Robert Parry
Staff Writer

With January just around the corner, students dependent on financial aid should already be planning and gathering information to complete their new aid applications. That is the word from Ed Mervine, the University of La Verne's director of financial aid.

Mervine said that the Federal Department of Education mailed out applications and information in the last week of November. Included in those packets should be an Electronic Access Code (EAC) access number for the new internet application system. Students must keep the number because it will be used for future years.

All students will now be able to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, Mervine said. The applications are available on the Internet [**http://www.fafsa.ed.gov**], but require the use of a specific browser. However, two designated computers will be available in the Office of Financial Aid. Several ULV computer labs will be available to process the applications.

This is the second year of the electronic form. Last year only the initial FAFSA was available online, but this year all applications can be filed electronically.

The advantage of the computer system is that it provides a faster turn-around time. Currently the processing of hard-copy applications takes at least four weeks. The electronic applications can get to the Financial Aid Office in as little as seven days. Hard copy applications are included in the packets that were recently mailed.

The first day the FAFSA can be submitted is Jan. 1, 1999. But he advised students to wait for tax information to be assembled before sending them in.

He said that a number of details about the 1999 scholarship process are still up in the air. He declined to comment about changes in the named scholarship application system, other than to say the revamped system as easier. The changes will be unveiled in February. Also, more merit scholarships will be offered to new students.

He advised students to obtain information from parents while during Christmas break.

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Conference enlightens Latino Student Forum trio

• Program influences open minds

Simon W. Bouie
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's Latino Student Forum (LSF) recently sent three of its members away for a few days. The purpose of their journey was to enlighten and educate the representatives of the club by attending a leadership conference. Freshmen Carolina Paralto, Norma Cruz and Eric Vasquez were chosen to go on this journey.

These three students have shown great concern, commitment and dedication to the Forum that made them the La Verne representatives at the annual Latino College Leadership Institute (LCLI) in Glendale, Calif. LSF made the decision to select these three students for representation at the conference because of their strong commitment and positive attitude towards the club.

"We were all selected because we were the ones who seemed to be the most into the club and the most dedicated," said Paralto who is an 18-year-old.

The content of the conference was not just to talk about leadership and one's ability to be a leader, however it took the concept one step further.

Paralto expands on the programs content. "We talked about culture and how to apply it in our organization," said Cruz.

"I would do it again and I would encourage anyone who has the chance to attend. I feel that activities like this are important for all students because it exposes you to some different things. I learned a lot about myself. I was made to see issues from a different light and I feel that I am a more enlightened person because of it," said Paralto.

She also attributed her more enlightened perspective to the subject of homosexuality, a social taboo.

"It was very interesting to see various perspectives about homosexuality. In the past I never really had any perspective other than my own on that subject. It was very enlightening to me."

Paralto also said that she will no longer ignore degrading comments of people when they are directed at and designed to intentionally hurt another individual.

"In the past I would listen to people make rude comments about homosexuals and not say anything, now when I hear a person make a rude comment I let them know that they don't know what it is like and they should try to understand what they are mocking," she said of the change in attitude.

The impact that the conference has had on Paralto is a tell tale sign of the effectiveness of the Latino leadership conference on its participants and also the effectiveness of conferences such as LCLI. It also represents itself as an experience that is valuable for these members of the club which will allow them to share their thoughts, and enlightened ideas with future and current members of the club. LSF meets Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional questions about LSF contact Harvel Lewis in the Multi-Cultural Center at ext. 4253.

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> —*Carolina Paralto, freshman*

In The News

Prism

Submissions are being accepted for *Prism*, University of La Verne's literary magazine, from Dec. 5 to Jan. 22. Submissions can be in the form of poetry, essays, short stories, artwork, and photography. There is no longer any length limitation on written pieces, but photographs should be no larger than 8" X 10" glossy or matte.

Submission boxes are located on campus for all pieces. There are boxes in Miller Hall's entrance, outside Miller Hall room 216 and outside the switchboard in Founders Hall.

The *Prism* editorial board has openings available for interested students and faculty members. The Board meets on Tuesdays at noon in the faculty lounge of Miller Hall. For additional information contact Carol Fetty at ext. 4360.

Toy Drive

Latino Student Forum is organizing a toy drive for its Second Annual Posada and is asking for unwrapped toys or cash donations by Thursday.

The posada, a Latin American celebration, will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the International Student Center. A piñata be brought out and Pancho Claus will pass out gifts to the children of the community. For further information about what a posada is, contact, Catholic Campus Minister Elena Cardeña. For any questions regarding the toy drive, contact Jesus Borges at ext. 4058

—*Shiva Rahimi*

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met in the West Dining Room Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 8:40 a.m. The Forum reviewed arrangements for the Holiday Dinner, voted on allocation of funds for Model United Nations and discussed the vacancy for Forum member positions.

Holiday Dinner

The semi-formal Holiday Dinner will be on Tuesday in the Student Center gymnasium. The dinner is free of charge to commuters and on-campus residents may use their meal cards for the dinner.

Seating will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the lighting of the tree and a dance.

Requested Funds

Considering to allocate additional funds to the Model United Nations (MUN) group, the Forum voted to deny the request. Having been approved for their request of $1,200 from the Financial Review Board, MUN requested an additional $1,800 for the annual MUN convention that takes place in New York this year.

Vacant Positions

As of the conclusion of this semester, at least two positions will be vacated on the Forum. ASF will hold a special election, by which members of the Forum will vote on individuals to fill the positions.

—*Araceli Esparza*



Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

'Everyman'

The University of La Verne's Theatre Arts Department and Theatre Outreach Program will present "Everyman," a medieval morality play directed by Steve Shade.

Performances for the production will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 7:30 p.m. and will be free to ULV students with valid identification, faculty and staff. The performance on Sunday, Dec. 14, will begin at 2:30 p.m. and requires an admittance charge of $3. Both performances will be held in the University's Dailey Theatre Cabaret.

Seating is limited for this production, which is made possible through the sponsorship efforts of Target Stores. For ticket information or more details about the production, call ext. 4386.

'Fantasy vs. Reality'

The artistic works of senior art majors Stephanie Lesniak and Guchi Sakaguchi will be available on display Dec. 14-18 in the Harris Art Gallery in the Landis Academic Center. As an introduction to the "Fantasy vs. Reality" exhibit, an opening reception is scheduled for the community on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the gallery.

Hours of operation for the Harris Art Gallery are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, contact the gallery at ext. 4763.

ULV Jazz Band

The ULV Jazz Band and the Anthony Fesmire Group will hold a special performance in Founders Auditorium today at 7:30 p.m.

Admission to the concert is free of charge. For additional details, call ext. 4917.

—Araceli Esparza

Installation of 'Incidents' Simply intrigues

by Michael Anklin

photography by Ian Gratz



Connie Zehr is an artist of three dimensions. By using naturally-colored, dry sand, she allows her audience to have a three dimensional experience. Zehr is also a professor of art at the Claremont Graduate School. Her exhibit, "Incidents" will be on display in the Harris Art Gallery until Dec. 11.

When walking into the University of La Verne's Harris Art Gallery during the past three weeks, one encountered a simple, yet intriguing moon-like scenery.

The artwork for the exhibition called "Incidents" was created by Connie Zehr, an artist who is also a professor at the Center for the Arts at Claremont Graduate University.

The visitor first discovers a large 16'x16'x12" gray and black square from which cylinder-like "mountains" emerge. Some have a peak, others are flat-topped. A few have yellow, orange, pink or white tips that make them resemble snow-capped mountains or erupting volcanos.

What makes this work truly astonishing is that while it looks solid, it is all made of natural colored sand the artist has collected over years.

Behind a wall, photographs of previous installations are on display. The photographs remind one of water ponds or formations in the sand at the beach left by the reclining tide.

Explaining the title "Incidents," Zehr said, "It means that something happened. And it isn't anything major. The material is not permanent."

Some of the "mountain tops" are not as neatly done as others. It looks as if the wind blew the sand out of place. Zehr said, "I wanted a situation where everything wasn't perfect. Nothing was kind of happening [with everything in place]."

Zehr said she plans the installations on a small scale initially and estimates the amount of sand needed. The color of the sand is natural. Zehr also said she did not color it artificially. She used black to assist the other colors in standing out.

"It sort of brings you to another place," said Jiyoung Oh, a former student of Zehr's. "It's very sensual, it's very calm, it puts you in this meditative atmosphere."

Oh pointed out the work's "human, earthy calmness" and its "very inviting colors."

"Those individual pieces [on the photographs] are kind of speaking to each other. They are connected," she said.

Senior international student Guchi Sakaguchi, an arts and sociology major, compared "Incidents" to the previous works exhibited at the Harris Art Gallery by Claremont Graduate School faculty Michael Brewster and Roland Reiss.

"This is the most intriguing art show [yet]," Sakaguchi said "It is a mixture of a traditional way of art and the contemporary."

Sakaguchi said it reminded him of Japanese gardens, where a scenery is created without water, just with rocks and sand.

One might wonder why Zehr does not make the sand solid so the artwork could last forever.

"That is one of the reasons why I'm using the photographs," she said. "It"s like anything in life, it has to go, I kind of like that; it relates to life. The quality of impermanence is very important to me."

In her statement, Zehr wrote, "the ephemeral quality of loose sand continues to be its fascination and its disadvantage. Working in a large scale, in public, and on-site has placed necessary limitations on the form of the work and consequently on the development of ideas."

Concerning the photographs, she wrote, "the prints for this exhibition were made from transparencies taken during the process of working on a small scale in the studio."

She wrote that "the clarity and sensuous 'object-presence' of the original three-dimensional experience cannot be duplicated."

She pointed out, however, that "the low resolution digital image has potential for another kind of visual experience. Placing the prints on shelves at a slight angle keeps them in the realm of object."

Referring to the work's short life, the artist's statement says, "their impermanence allows the evidence of process, the viable pause, the potential havoc. Possession of this work has been an act of memory and imagination."

Since 1969, Zehr's work has been exhibited on three continents, the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. All her temporary installations are created on-site for the time frame of their pageantry only.

The exhibition lasts through Dec. 11. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Harris Art Gallery is located on the south side of the Landis Academic Center on ground level.

Housing fails enforcement of process

A new housing policy was put into effect for Thanksgiving break, or as the Office of Housing and Residential Life calls it, a continuous policy finally being followed through on. Many students, particularly in the Oaks Residence Hall, were upset about having to justify why they needed to remain in their room over the break. The flyers hung on residents' doors implied that students must submit a good enough reason to the Housing office to excusably stay in the Oaks during the break. Whose place is it to judge reasons? Well, after all of the upheaval, this policy never even took full effect.



Supposedly the flyers and submissions with reasons were necessary in order "to keep track of who is going to be here during the break," said Laura Lopez, area coordinator in the Nov. 20 *Campus Times*. "We are looking into the future as in prevention [of potential problems or emergencies]."

It was made clear that red check-out flyers were to be filled out by residents, signed and left on the outside of residents' doors for the Housing staff to review. This would allow Housing to keep track of who remained in the dorms, for emergency purposes, right?

Wrong. Residents returned last Sunday thoroughly confused of this new safety procedure. Some found their red check-out flyers still taped to their doors, while others who had never planned on staying received written messages from Housing letting them know that they had been approved to stay over Thanksgiving break. In other words, Housing, in actuality, was disorganized and had no clue who actually did and did not stay during the Thanksgiving break.

The purpose of keeping track in case of emergencies was defeated, thrown out the window. So, if there had been a fire, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, bombing or any other life-threatening event, students could have been dead or alive and Housing may never have known the difference.

We have learned just this semester with the Davenport Dining Hall fire that emergencies do happen. The reasoning for this process was good, but the follow-through lacked.

It is not to say that Housing is responsible for keeping track of residents. They are grown adults and it is impossible to know where every resident will be at any given moment. The point is that this procedure of students submitting reasons as to why they are staying had no purpose whatsoever.

Students were also falsely threatened with a $25 fine for staying without permission. Who would have ever known?

It was a waste of time to create or enforce a procedure that did nothing but cause distress and anger residence. If Housing has got so much time on its hands, how about working on things like de-tripling rooms and answering residential complaints such as missing or broken screens on windows and faulty electrical outlets. Need more ideas? How about fixing three-week clogged toilets, making sure the vending machines are filled and attempting to have quarter machines installed in the residence halls?

There are things that need more attention than why Bob, Joe and Mary are not going home for Christmas. After all, are the dorms not considered our "home" two-thirds of the year?

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 400 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.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last week's article ["Apathy sickens dedicated voter," Nov. 20] raised some interesting points but also made assumptions that should be reexamined. Dissatisfaction with the "political system" and the reasons behind the electorate's apathy may become clearer after examining those assumptions.

The author states he is "disgruntled with both our political parties," and that the political system is the way it is because the American electorate is "uneducated about major issues." This second assessment may hold some truth, but let's look at the issue of general dissatisfaction with the two parties. First, we must realize that there aren't two major political parties. Realistically, the U.S. has one party—that of big money, big business, privilege; call them what you like, but the two major parties don't serve the people's interests and haven't for some time. In matters important to the average consumer (uh, I mean citizen) the two major parties differ very little. We need only look at the increased corporate welfare on one side and social spending cuts on the other to see whose interests are being keenly looked after and whose are being disregarded, if not outright attacked. The dissatisfaction stems from buying into the two-party myth.

While it may be true that the electorate is "uneducated about major issues," this is because people just don't consider themselves as true participants in the system. If a society is democratic to the extent that people have a meaningful opportunity to take part in the formation of public policy, then the U.S. is no democracy. When post-Cold War military spending increased after Americans favored decreasing that budget, it's obvious we're either not heard or we don't know how to articulate our desires. With depolitization and marginalization comes apathy. When people are unable to participate in any meaningful fashion in the political arena and are excluded from the relevant and important decision-making processes, they become disenfranchised and indifferent. Many think their vote doesn't matter, and they're quite right; we can vote however we want, but power and privilege still call all the shots. This doesn't really mean we should abandon voting, but if we're serious about democracy we must dismantle the systems that allow for people to be marginalized and we've got to find meaningful ways to participate ourselves. If they don't ask about the issues we care about, then we must organize and tell them.

Tyson Dusch
Senior

Dear Editor,

Jennifer, you are a funny girl; I'll have to admit I have sometimes laughed at how passionate you become on your position to various issues. Although I don't always agree with all you write, I admire the strength of your opinions and how thoroughly you express them.

I agree with you that people need to be more passionate about what they believe, it is important to not be lukewarm or worse indifferent. I am writing in regards to the "Voters set double standards" article [Nov. 13]. I will have to commend you for being the only voter, other than myself, who laughed at this proposition. I was at first a bit upset with this proposition because I was wondering who was wasting my time and taxes even putting that joke-of-a-Proposition 6 on the ballot but your article shed even more light on this odd subject. Horses are in my opinion not to be eaten but who am I to make a law against it. You are right that it is very contradicting and sets strange standards for what animals may be consumed and which may not.

I love horses as much as the next person but I think there are other issues that need voter's attention over a horses right to live a long life. Maybe we should be focusing attention on the quality of life that some people lack, let's not even get started on the subject of abuse or homelessness and poverty because last time I checked I don't think California had a zero percent poverty, unemployment and homelessness rate. That's just a thought. I believe whoever wrote that prop needs a priority check and can call either of us if they have enough money to propose news laws for every minute problem they encounter.

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From the Editor...

Death brings uneasiness, chills



Jennifer Parsons

Some say that Dr. Jack Kevorkian has gone too far this time. Others say the first time he assisted the suicide of a terminally-ill, pain-suffering human being, he crossed the line. I say that he is an intelligent man who is fighting for a good cause.

He most recently took assisted suicide to an entirely different level. In the past, his role has been to provide the equipment and drugs to the patients, who then proceed to "flip the switch" on themselves. He has been tried and acquitted three times.

This time, after receiving written consent twice from a man with the incurable Lou Gehrig's disease who was afraid of choking to death on his own saliva, "Dr. Death" injected the drugs himself.

How do I know this? Because Dr. Kevorkian videotaped the entire scene and "60 Minutes" aired it last Sunday, along with an interview with Dr. Kevorkian. Watching the show provoked many feelings.

I was sickened to see the death of this man. The first drug injected into his arm was a sleeping drug and the second was a muscle relaxant. The relaxant caused his body to stop functioning correctly. The man slumped back in his wheelchair and it was evident his lungs were suffocated from lack of oxygen. The last drug he received was one that went directly to the heart muscle to stop it from pumping. The man was dead within a minute.

Again, I did not find this inhumane or torturous because the man was knocked out and could not feel a thing. I am just very sensitive to pain, and watching others suffer, and as I sat there, chills ran up my back and I wanted to regurgitate everything sitting in my stomach.

At the same time, I could have very well gotten up and turned the television off, said and done. But I continued to watch without even a blink of the eye.

The question arises, should that tape have been aired on national television? Yes, it most certainly should have. Should my 9-year-old brother have witnessed it? I am not sure, but decisions like those are left up to my parents.

It becomes not only an ethical debate, but one of censorship also. The tape was not hyped up or violent. It was reality and it was disturbing. But guess what? This issue—death—is one that we must all face at some point. I realize I was uncomfortable watching it because it hit close to home and it was real.

During Dr. Kevorkian's interview, the reporter asked him why he would so blatantly defy the law and provide proof to the court. His answer: because he is tired of people persecuting, condemning and attempting to stop him from doing what he feels is compassionate, humane and right. He said he must be arrested now and that was his intention.

Dr. Kevorkian wants to bring the issue of physician assisted suicide to light. He is sick of the courts tabling it. "Either they [prosecutors] go or I go," he told "60 Minutes," meaning that either the prosecutors lose and leave him alone or he loses and starves in jail. This man is not joking, nor is he doing this for attention or to get a rise out of society. He feels so strongly on this that he is willing to be sentenced to life in prison.

The most profound and honest statement he made was when he told "60 Minutes" that he is doing this for himself. He will be 71 soon and as he gets older he wants to be assured that if he ever becomes terminally ill, a colleague can come over and assist in his own suicide.

"I'm fighting for me. Now, that sounds selfish, but if it helps everybody else, so be it," he said.

Dr. Kevorkian believes physician-assisted suicide is more reliable and humane and there is "better control."

Is that not what personal choice is all about? Being selfish? But, whether Dr. Kevorkian realizes it or not, he is a far cry from selfish. He is attempting to make death and disease as peaceful as possible for everyone, not just himself.

Human life is valuable. Life is about choices, which are just as valuable.

Dr. Kevorkian said, "If you don't have liberty and self-determination, you have nothing. This is the ultimate self-determination—when and how you're going to die."

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Families should consider God's will



Araceli Esparza

Death is something which every individual experiences at some point. It is a part of life which is always painful to go through and difficult to comprehend. It is more complex to experience when the process of dying becomes an ordeal. Life takes its toll on a person's health, and as medicinal or chemical factors are used for treatment, the probability of suffering is at hand.

No one wants to suffer. Most people strive to be happy and healthy. But when another person suffers, and his or her life is in jeopardy, a greater concern is brought up—exactly how much and for how long should a person suffer?

In last week's episode of "NYPD Blue," actor Jimmy Smits gave his final performance as Detective Bobby Simone, a successful man whose ailing heart conditions took their toll on his young life.

Simone had previously shown no signs of difficulties with his health, but nearly collapsed one afternoon as he experienced a shortness of breath. He was admitted to the hospital and underwent heart surgery to repair his condition. As he began to recover, however, it was found that this brave detective faced greater complications than were expected; his brain began to hemorrhage, leading to numerous seizures.

In the end, Simone's condition did not improve and greater health factors became a risk. He could go through brain surgery and remedy the hemorrhaging of his brain, but the procedure could weaken his heart. On the other hand, he could remain as he was and have more seizures.

Either way, Simone was apt to endure some kind of suffering, but the extent to which that pain would be was a personal choice. He had accepted that his condition would not improve, and made the decision to fight for his life by his own will for as long as he was able.

By the conclusion of the episode, he pulled the respirators away from his face and fought for his last breath on his own moments later. Simone died with a tear running down his cheek and a smile on his face; though he would miss out on a longer life with his family and friends, he knew his life was as complete as could be imagined and as perfect as possible.

The episode sparked its moments of tears, hopes and sadness. In the end, it provoked a thought which every individual should consider when faced with the trials of the possible death of another.

Technology and research have allowed our society to have sources of remedy or life-stabilizers available whenever necessary. Machines such as life support have given hope to the improvement of a person's health, but how long can a person remain dependent on this device?

In some cases, life support aids a person's chances for life, but in other cases, it does nothing but hold onto life and prolong suffering for a person after some time. Of course, death is always difficult to witness, and even more difficult to accept. There comes a time in which, we, as humans, must consider the suffering a person might endure when keeping him or her on life support for so long.

It is not to say that a person should just accept that the individual might die and get over it. That is inconsiderate and unjust. But sometimes, preparing to accept death and letting God take over is much more comforting. Perhaps God's will for a person is for him or her to live past the moment of releasing life support. Only He can known that.

We cannot hold onto a person's life forever. Sometimes God's will is for that person to bless us for just a moment, then live in our hearts as a beautiful memory, as was the case of Detective Simone.

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Shopping frenzy diminishes true spirit



Michelle Thornton

Every year, before the country has even celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday, it seems that malls and retail stores across the nation are preparing for the Christmas season.

Down come the turkeys, pilgrims and indians that graced the windows of homes, and businesses and up go the 80-foot Christmas trees. Out comes the strings of lights, louder becomes the holiday music that aggravates retail workers everywhere, and longer and longer grow the lines for "Pictures with Santa."

And all before we have even begun to clear the Thanksgiving leftovers off the table.

Christmas has always been one of my favorite holidays, but in recent years I have begun to dislike this particular holiday.

First off, people just skip right over Thanksgiving in a big hurry. We are not even done saying grace and people have started in on Christmas. Thanksgiving should not be about going through the motions. It is an important holiday too.

Holidays at my house have always been happy for the most part. We decorate our tree while my mother plays the Kenny Roger's Christmas tape that we hate over and over again, and then later that night after Mom has baked the cookies, she comes out and rearranges all the ornaments so that the tree looks "nice." This is what Christmas has always been about to me. The smiling faces of people celebrating the blessings in their lives, like family and friends.

My family never really went shopping together though and maybe this is why my eyes were closed to the chaos that Christmas brings about but I have definitely noticed a change in the heart of shoppers everywhere.

When I was younger, I remember that shopping was always a bit crowded, but people never were rude or cut throat like they are now.

It has become all about who gets the biggest, best toys first, who gets the parking space closest to the front, about who gets to the gift wrap center first or who spends the most money. It was never like that with my family.

People cram everyone and their dogs and their dog's dogs into the malls to fight the crowds to make it to that one huge sale that has been advertised since last February. These shoppers leisurely strolling through the malls window shopping, but as soon as they arrive at the sale they begin to bitch about how slow everyone is moving and complaining about how "don't they know we are in a hurry."

"The sales clerk is not cheery enough, after all it is the holiday season." "I can't believe that they don't have that new Furby doll, don't they know that is in high demand, blah, blah, blah." It is just complaint after complaint.

Well, maybe, just maybe that poor sales clerk has encountered some cranky shopper much who bought the last Furby doll in hopes that his kid will be able to boast that he/she got the last much-desired doll and that poor sales clerk and all the people standing in line behind this jerk are tired of the harassment and crankiness. If it is not understood know what I mean, pick up a copy of the movie "Jingle All the Way." It is Hollywood's version of reality.

Shoppers everywhere seem to forget what patience is and what it is like to have a bad day.

They have forgotten that Christmas is about kindness, loving and being good to one another.

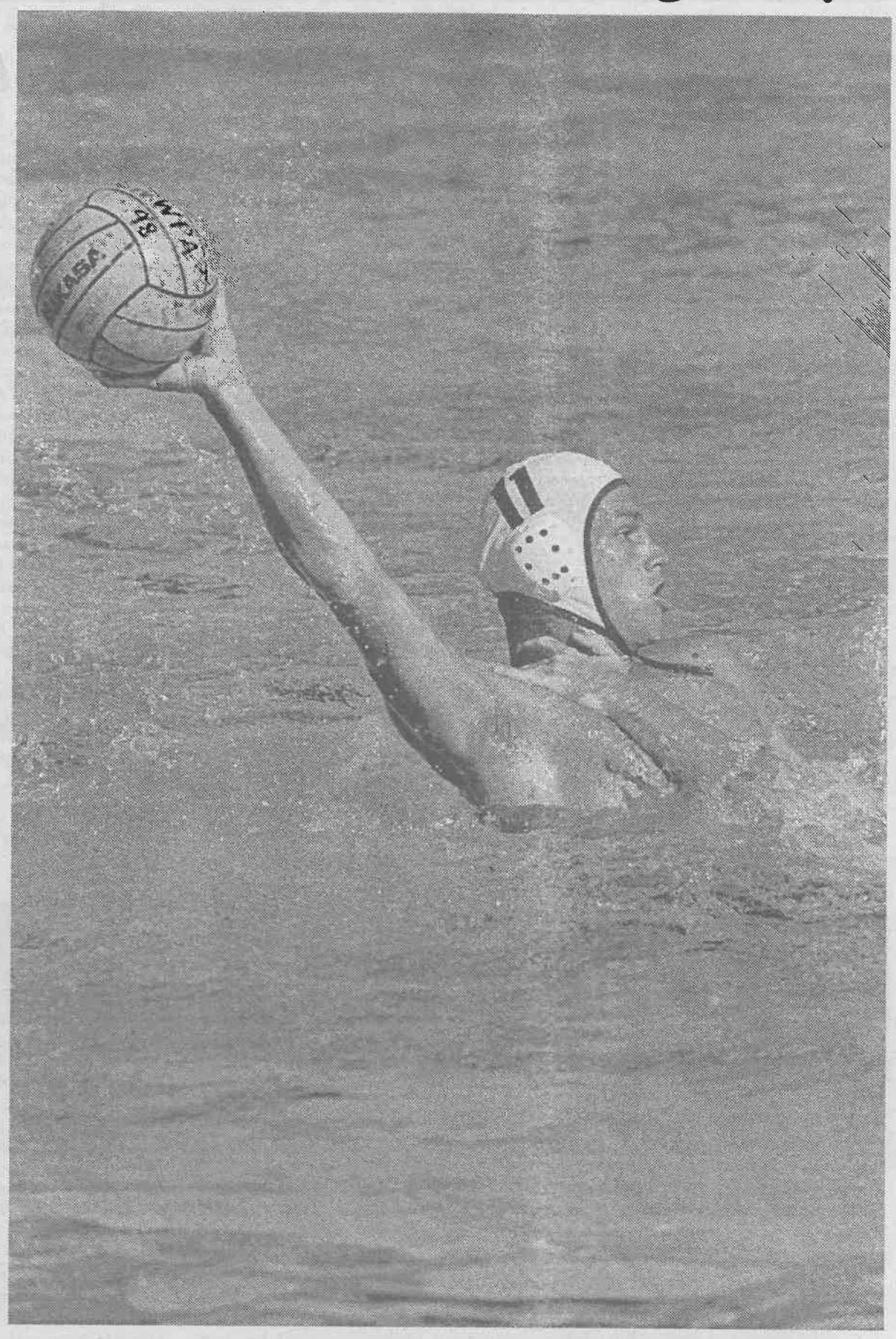
So, please when shopping this season remember the reason and be nice to the sales clerk.

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Water polo sets tradition, winning ways

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A glimmer of athletic tradition has graced the University of La Verne this year. That glimmer is the first year men's water polo team.

Not only has it dominated the conference during the regular season with a 4-1 record, but it has shown both character and class despite being undermanned.

Three weekends ago the water polo team entered the SCIAC Championships, at Claremont, as the No. 1 seed.

Although it lost the championship game to the Stags, 4-3, ULV showed the resolve of a well-mannered team.

"I feel that we have accomplished a lot this year," said head coach Tim Hugar. "Obviously we wanted to win the conference, but I think that we can be proud of what we've done and I'm proud of the guys."

La Verne managed to survive the other SCIAC game against Redlands, 7-6 and finished their SCIAC record at an impressive 5-2 mark.

"It was an absolute battle that game," said Hugar. "It was a tough, tough physical game."

During the SCIAC championships, La Verne played three starters who were sick, including freshman Jace Crispin, and juniors Corey Rodriguez and Ryan Penrod.

It is quite obvious that this meant that the Leopards' chances were heavily stifled.

"It's hard to play 100 percent when you are sick,"said Crispin.

The Leopards earned five All-SCIAC honors, which is a testament to team quality.

Those players included juniors Kenny Clements and Shannon Kay (First Team), Caleb Diaz and Mike Miles (Second Team), and sophomore Ian Gratz (honorable mention).

One weekend later, after the team had ditched it's ailments, La Verne proceeded to the Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) Championships, which serves as regional playoffs to the NCAA Final Four.

The Leopards, ranked 12th in the WWPA championships, proved that it was no fluke when it stole the sixth overall spot by tournament's end.

What is more, Clements and Kay both received second team all WWPA honors.

It was not easy going for ULV, since it lost two of the three games it played.

On top of the fact that all the teams La Verne played were Division I schools, it challenged two of the top three (finishing) programs and split those games.

Day one of that weekend started on a Friday, and the Leopards were scheduled to play Air Force (then ranked 12th in the nation). The Leopards lost 14-8, even though they dominated most of the game.

"Most of the coaches and players said that we outplayed them the whole game, we just didn't execute more opportunities like they did," said Clements.

The opportunities Clements is referring to are the nine six-on-five's or "man-ups" ULV had and only scored once on.

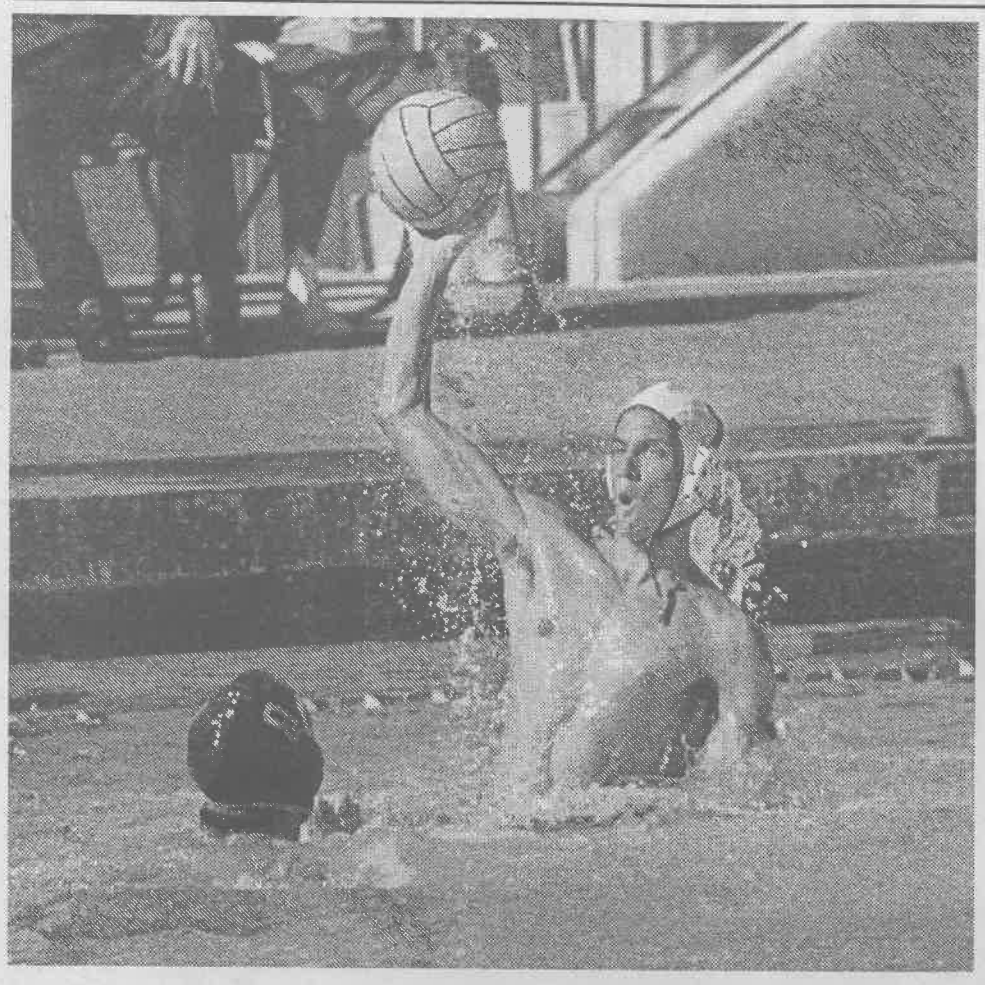
The man up situation, like hockey's power play, is when the other team fouls and must sit the responsible player out for 20 seconds.

La Verne's inability to score on those opportunities allowed Air Force to score.

"They threw a defense at us and it was confusing and we just didn't execute," said Clements.

This did not stop Kay from raping the Air Force defense for six of the eight Leopard's goal points.

(Top left) Head coach Tim Hugar, who coached water polo at Slippery Rock and Princeton, calls a time out during the second quarter of the game against Santa Clara. (Top right) Junior Shannon Kay gives his all against Loyola Marymount. Kay's water polo experience can be traced back to earlier days at Chaffey College. (Right) ULV students (left to right, top row) Stephanie Rose, Nicole Williams, Kelly Williams, (bottom row) Andrea Salcedo and Andreis Karafoti cheer, "Go Corey!" during the last quarter of the game against Santa Clara.



A day later La Verne looked to rebound from their upsetting loss to Air Force, and did in dramatic fashion by edging Santa Clara by one point in overtime, 11-10.

The game came down to the last minute and a half, when La Verne was down by three points.

The first score of the waning regulation moments came when Kay shot a four meter after Hugar called a time out. Then, with only 15 seconds left and down by two points, Clements threw a pass to Kay, who scored a two-pointer on an off-speed shot.

"I don't think we ever thought we could lose that game, even when we were down by three goals with a minute and a half left," said Clements.

After narrowly escaping a regulation loss, the Leopards handily defeated Santa Clara in overtime. Once again, Kay scored at least half of ULV's goals (five), while teammates Clements (one goal) and Diaz (four goals) rounded out the rest of the attacking points.

On Sunday, ULV played another close one against Loyola Marymount, but ended-up losing the overtime nail-biter, 11-10.

La Verne jumped out on Loyola Marymount 3-1 in the first quarter, but could not score more than two goals the rest of regulation.

Overtime was imminent, and Loyola Marymount jumped on ULV 4-1 in the first overtime as ULV had in the first quarter of regulation. La Verne came back in the second overtime, but fell short by a single point to force another overtime.

Finishing the season as one of the top WWPA teams is outstanding, and the Leopards hope to improve on that next season.

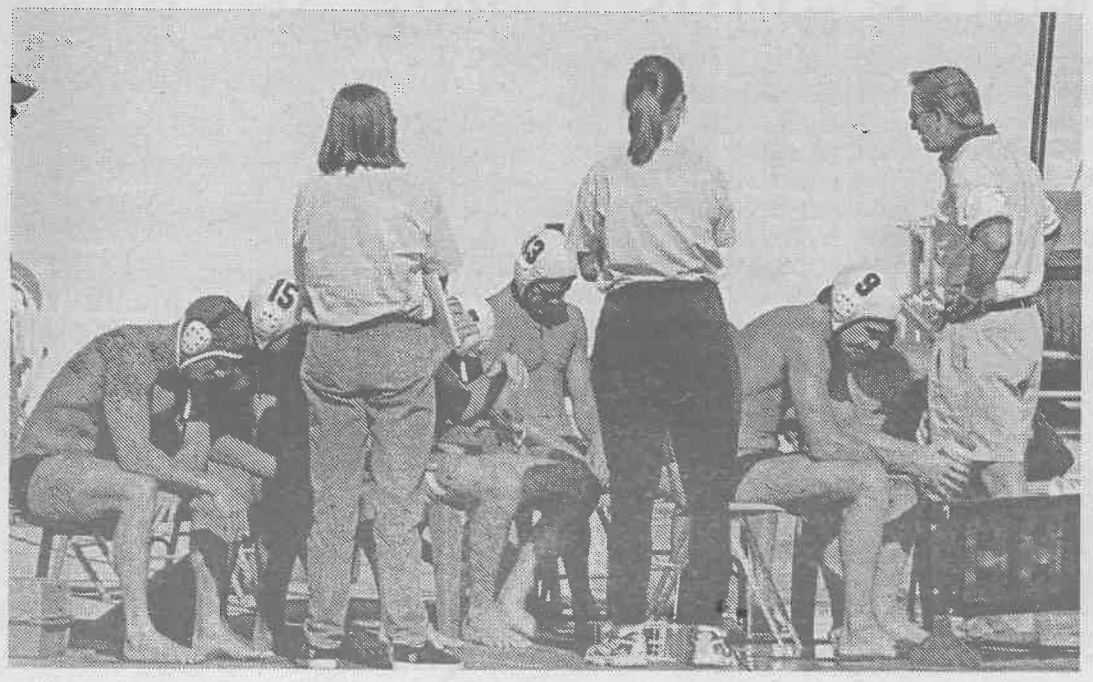
"Next season we are going to dominate, because we are going to get everybody back, plus we set some tradition," said Clements.

The Leopards are thankful for the support they received from the fans and training staff, especially since they are a first year program.

"I would like to thank everybody for excepting a brand new water polo program," said Clements. "All the support we got from the athletes, students, and faculty was awesome. I would also like to thank all the trainers."

Now that this year's water polo program has set a winning tradition at La Verne, it expects greatness for years to come.





(Top) During the last quarter junior Kenny Clements shows off the kind of style that helped the Leopards rise up against Santa Clara. The Leopards won 11-10. (Above) The Leopards' second successful attempt to score against the Loyola Marymount Tigers came during the first quarter. At the end of the first quarter the Leopards led 5-2. (Left) The Leopards were leading strong against the Loyola Marymount Tigers during the first quarter, but by the second quarter the score was 5-5.

Athlete, scholar is Best of the best

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As team captain for the University of La Verne women's volleyball team, 5'7" senior outside hitter Lynsey Best exemplified the characteristics that a team captain should have. Not only did she help lead the team to a second place SCIAC finish, Best also lead by example in never quitting and by always pushing herself in the off-season, regular season and post-season.

Best compiled a number of statistics in four years of playing volleyball for the Leopards. She played a total of 109 matches consisting of 383 games. The interesting thing is that Best played in all but one match, which was in her freshman year. Best had a career total of 87 digs, 513 kills, and led the team in digs the last two years with a career total of 751 digs.

Don Flora, head coach for the women's volleyball team, said that as a team captain she "definitely was an active leader who led by her actions," and was "someone who would fight, kick and spit playing volleyball."

Best, a movement and sports science major with an emphasis in athletic training and teaching, is going to finish out her stay at the University of La Verne with some great memories.

"Winning SCIAC last year, my junior year, and going as far in playoffs as we did was probably one of the highlights that I have had here," said Best. "Just because it was such a team effort last year and the team was one to totally remember."

In the spring of that very same academic year, the track and field team, which she competed in the long jump, triple jump, and the 100 meter dash, finished first in SCIAC as well.

This year, Best was All-Tournament at the Whittier and Colorado College invitational, Second Team All-SCIAC and is also a candidate for a Scholar All-American Athlete Award this spring.

Along with staying busy with volleyball and track, she also displays her academic achievements by being on the ULV deans list twice, spring 1996 and fall 1997.

"The one thing that I've learned to do is manage my time better and be able to do a lot of activities," said Best.

Among these activities that Best has been able to partake in are not limited to just track and volleyball, but include being the vice archon [president] for Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. She was also a member of the athletic advisory council, and even worked for the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

All these different experiences and activities have rounded Best as a person and gave her the opportunity to stick her foot in many different doors since she has been at ULV.

Like many others who attend the University, Best came from a large high school, so the small ULV campus was very appealing to her when she originally decided to become a ULV Leopard.

"I had been at a pretty big high school and I liked it," said Best. "But when I came and visited here the coaches kind off sold me on it."

Flora said Best was attractive as a recruit because, "she has the ability to play a lot of different positions."

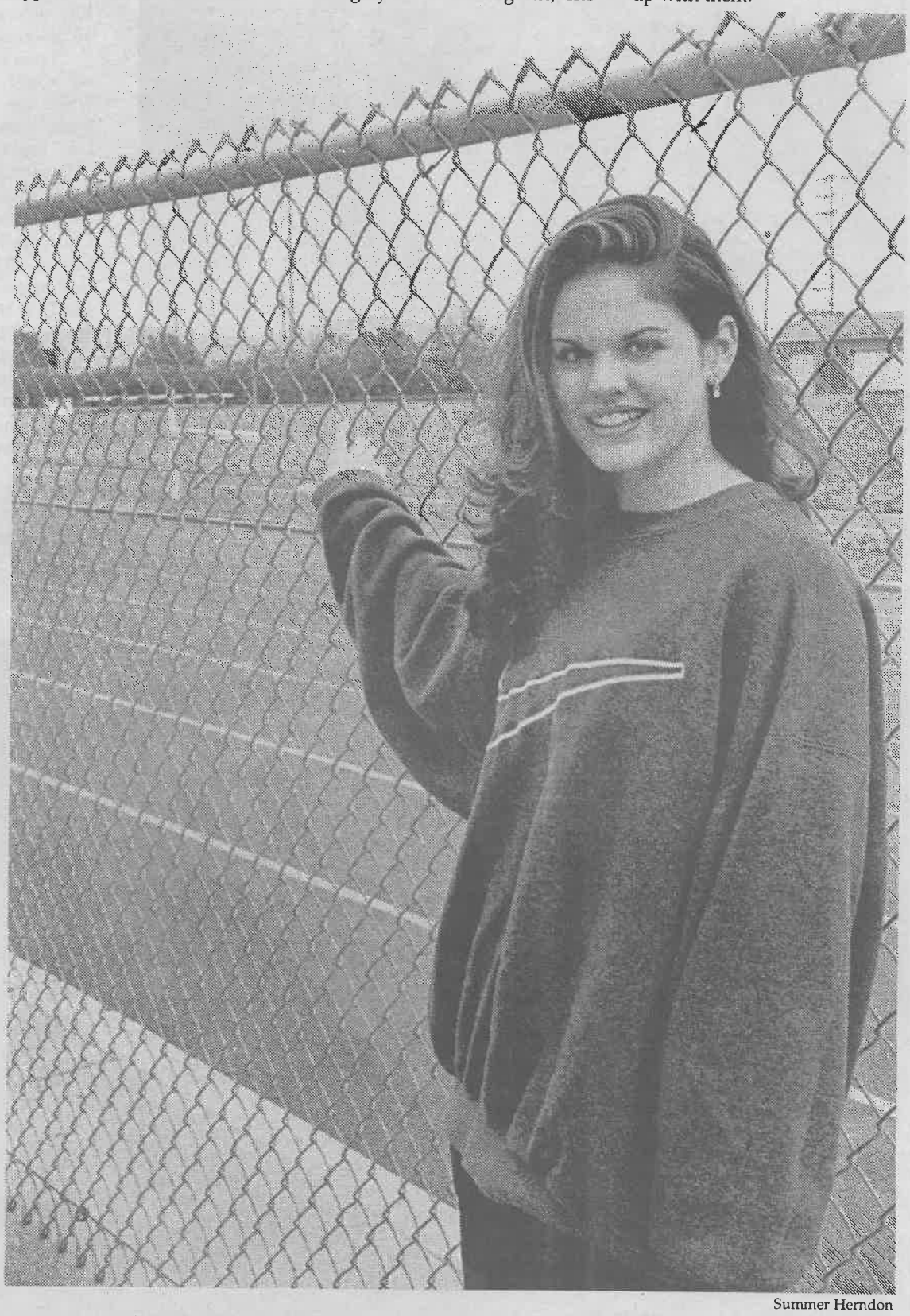
Best finished out her senior season as an outside hitter because of her steady consistent ball control, but few know that she also was the back-up setter her freshman year.

With the great sales pitch from the coaches in combination with a good financial aid package, Best chose the University of La Verne where she would take an active part in the University's various programs and activities for the next four years.

After Best graduates next fall, she can either see herself in physical therapy or teaching and coaching at first in high school, then eventually moving on to college. As of right now, she just wants to stay active and is currently looking into fitness competition using her experience as a personal trainer to guide her along.

"It might be my mom's influence on me because she grew up with three brothers and she always kept my sister and I pretty active," said Best about how she likes to be active. "She was an aerobics teacher when I was ages three to eight, so we would always go to aerobics classes with her. From the beginning of my life I have always had that type of influence on me."

Unfortunately, Best might not be able to participate in track this spring, because there is a chance she will have knee surgery. But knowing her, she will be pressuring the physical therapist to keep up with her rather than have the physical therapist pressure her to keep up with them.



Summer Herndon

Movement and sports science major Lynsey Best became motivated to play sports from her mother, who was raised with three brothers. Now that she is a senior, Best has participated in volleyball for four years and was a two-year member of the track and field team as a long jumper. Her most memorable moment came when the women's volleyball and track team each won their SCIAC championships during the same year, 1997.

Leopards experience three game losing streak

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For the women's basketball team, times have hard since the season opening victory over Life Bible College. The Leopards lost to Westmont College, 74-47, to bring their overall record to 1-3.

"We've been playing with no intensity. It seems like we are not into it," said senior guard Michelle Geiger.

The game was held in Santa Barbara, home of the Warriors.

Westmont executed with a ferocious offensive attack as three players provided double-digit numbers. Bernice Stimes, guard, had 11 points while forward Nichelle Luster contributed 18. Guard Judy Hofkins led Westmont with 20. Heather Johnson, senior guard, had a team high for the Leopards of 14 points, including four three-pointers.

The Leopards, however, did improve in rebounds falling under the Warriors with a difference of seven, 42-35, in comparison to last weekend's disaster.

Last weekend, ULV traveled to Colorado and endured what some have called "a learning experience." The Leopards lost both tournament matches 92-47 and 82-54.

La Verne participated in the Colorado Invitational, a two-day bracket-style competition in Colorado Springs. Also present at the tournament were Southwestern University, Colorado College and Gustavus College.

Action began last Friday for the Leopards as they played against Southwestern University, the eventual tournament champions.

Southwestern dominated both offensively and defensively by scoring off 31 turnovers and collecting 54 total rebounds. They also scored 69 points off the bench in comparison to the Leopards' 11. Lack of depth contributing factor to the loss.

"I think a lot of it had to do with us only having eight people playing when other teams have 15 or 16," said junior guard Michelle Ballard.

"We are quick and get up and down the floor in the first half but they have subs coming in every minute so it takes its toll."

Unfortunately, Saturday's match followed the same pattern. The battle over third place against Colorado College also ended in a La Verne defeat, 82-54.

Colorado swept the floor in the beginning of the game leading after the first half, 42-19.

Senior guard Heather Johnson, team captain, said, "We could have played a lot better and we have the talent to do so. In the second half of that game, we picked up the tempo and played more aggressively."

Her sentiments are held true. The Leopards earned 35 points in the second half, 16 points more than the first half performance.

Johnson also earned a spot in the All-Invitational Team. Against Southwestern, she led the Leopards with a team high of 17 points. In the second game, she led the team with 23.

The team will host Concordia tonight in a non-conference duel, scheduled for 7:30 in the Supertents.