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Career Day exposes students' future

Araceli Esparza
Managing Editor

Continuing its tradition of matching students with employers, the Career Development Center (CDC) at the University of La Verne sponsored Career Day on Tuesday. Despite rainy weather, about 200 students attended the event, which took part in the Old Gym.

Terrie Lopez, director of career development and placement, said she was satisfied with the outcome of this year's celebration, themed "World of Opportunities."

Among the companies available at Career Day—an estimated 66—were KCOP-TV, Camp Max Straus, the Department of Corrections, Equinox International, and the Medical Board of California. Also featured were representatives from 10 area school districts, directing those interested in the education field.

Upland Unified School District, represented by Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Walter D. Schwartz, has been part of Career Day for five years.

"We're looking for both student-teachers—which we have right now in the elementary level—and we're looking to hire people in the fall," he said. He added that the district hires a large number of ULV students on a yearly basis.

Schwartz also said a prospective teacher must have completed a bachelor's degree and the CBEST (California Basis Education Skills Test). Starting salaries for a noncredentialed teacher in one of the 14 Upland district schools are at $28,116.

That salary is for teachers who have completed a bachelor's degree and the CBEST. Schwartz said that individuals who have not fulfilled at least 15 units of credential work may find it more difficult to be hired by the district.

At the same time, however, Lopez said some districts may benefit students studying areas apart from education. For example, students studying business management may also use their skills within such a setting.

This, in turn, allows for diversity of qualifications and backgrounds at any business. That is part for the "World of Opportunities" theme.

Because La Verne offers a variety of majors, Career Day offered something for everyone. It allowed students to, in a casual setting, consult employers about career opportunities, skills necessary for certain jobs, hiring requirements and career paths.

"It is the best avenue where students and companies can connect for the sole purpose of of gaining information," Lopez said.

Senior Veronica McClendon, a sociology major, took advantage of such opportunities. She focused on businesses specializing in her study, including the AVIVA Center, a multi-service agency for young women.

Marissa Espinoza, AVIVA representative, has been active in Career Day for three years. She said that positions for residential counselors are available at the Hollywood-based agency.

McClendon inquired more and learned that for entry-level positions at AVIVA, starting wages are at $8 per hour.

Overall, Lopez said Career Day had the best turnout because more students' requests were met. She credited Laura Venturini, coordinator of career development; Linda Preston, administrative assistant; and CDC work study students for helping organize the event.

"A lot of good hidden jobs are out there," said Lopez, "and Career Day helps bring them out into the open."

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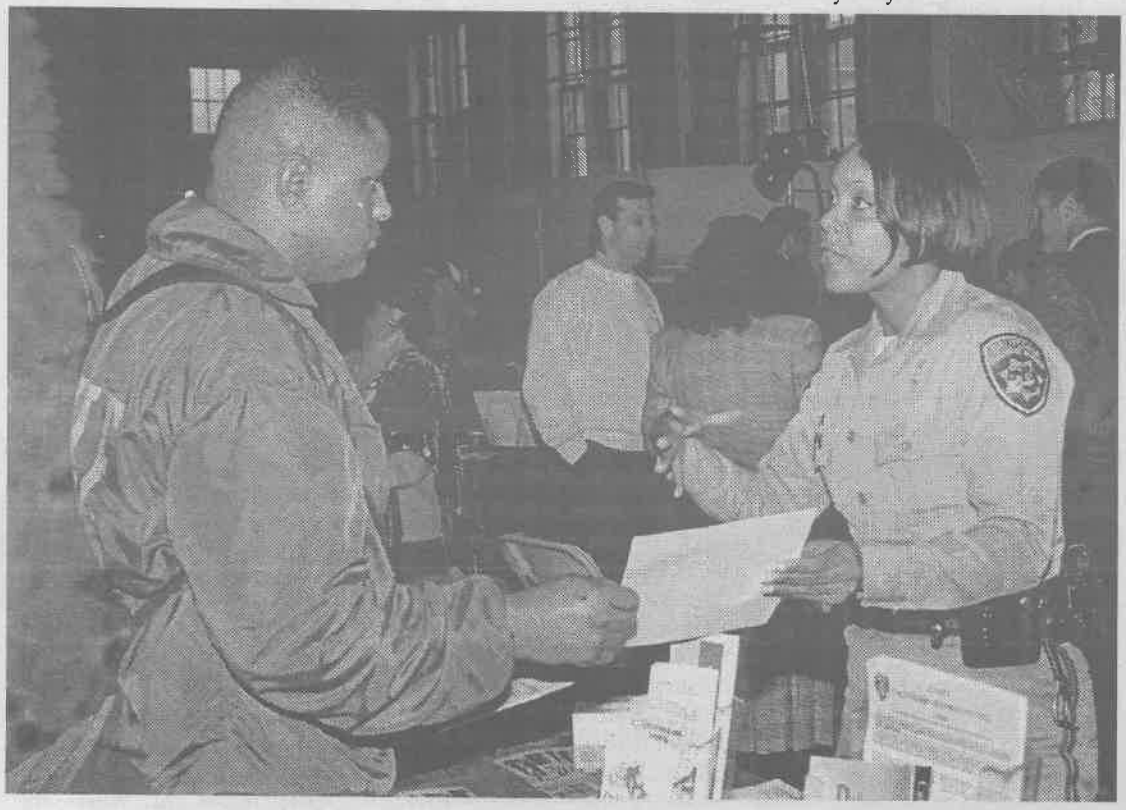

Summer Herndon

Senior Lawrence Wilkerson talks with California Highway Patrol Officer Veda Nunn during Career Day on Tuesday. The event, which has been hosted by the Career Development Center since 1990, gave students the opportunity to speak with employees from 66 different companies, ask questions and hand out resumes.

Web master redesigns University Internet site

•Smith utilizes artistic skills

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

Jason Smith, who came to the University of La Verne in December, has since worked at improving the school's internet site as its new web master.

In the short time he has been at ULV, Smith has renovated the school's web site and programmed various databases. But he has not been educated, nor has he studied, in the field of computer sciences.

"I have a BFA (bachelor of fine arts) in fine arts and painting," said Smith. "I had no desire to learn computer sciences or even find a job doing such.

"I didn't even start to use computers until I was a junior at Fullerton College. I was introduced to a word processor program, and that is when my interest began to build."

This interest grew when Smith witnessed how some programs related to art. Therefore, after receiving his master's degree in the art field, he freelanced web site design until he was hired by the Com-Works firm as a software programmer.

"I really did not know what I was doing. I used what I knew artistically and that was about it. I learned most of the stuff I know now through experience and a lot of reading," Smith said.

He continued his career at Com-Works until he learned of an available position at ULV. He applied and was hired as part of the academic computing staff, where he has since been busy.

"I tried to go around to each department and get a feel for how they wanted their section set up. It is kind of hard with so many views to find a mold to set each section in," he said.

Making the University's web site easy to understand and pleasing to each department is just one of many responsibilities for Smith.

"This job does not just directly involve the world wide web. It requires knowledge of many things," Smith said. "I must know visual design, print layout, technicalities, database use, understand operating systems, and at the same time be an information-architect. I am also kind of like the guy with duct tape, I fix a lot of things.

"I try to envision who my audience is and try to program and design what they want," he said.

Smith does not only believe he is making progress at ULV, but progress in chipping away at computer giants such as Microsoft. The University features free downloadable databases for which companies such as Microsoft usually charge potentially thousands of dollars.

"I believe companies like Microsoft will be non-existent in the near future as the web has made it more accessible for people to access free software," he said. "Over half of the internet is run on a free database. This like that will bring down these corporations. I think my part is very small."

The plans Smith has for ULV are not small, as he would like to introduce new software and databases into its labs. Smith also said he is interested in teaching.

Smith's first love is art, and he said that if the opportunity to teach arose and he could teach an art program, he would seize it. For the time being, Smith's concentrations are set on his work. He said he loves what he does and enjoys seeing new things each day.

"I think that technology will be ever changing and new," Smith said. "I think the future of computers at ULV will be good and I am glad I am part of it."

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FastWEB eases financial aid search

•Service offers more rewards

Araceli Esparza
Managing Editor

College students, college-bound students and their parents, as well as those who have recently graduated, may be eligible for a number of opportunities for scholarships, grants, loans and internships through fastWEB.com.

FastWEB is an internet service, which, according to an informational packet, provides students with "premier tools—free of charge—to locate and apply for" such financial assistance. With its database of more than 400,000 available scholarships worth an estimated $1 billion in all, fastWEB makes the financial aid search more efficient and convenient for its clients.

Chris Hulst, director of student services with the Chicago-based company, said fastWEB has proven successful for the company, its providers and those registered with the service. Hulst has been an active part of the service for the past two years. FastWEB itself has been in existence for about four years.

"It's great ... saves scholarship companies money because they no longer have to pay postage," Hulst said in regards to the costs these providers must pay in order to notify applicants as to whether or not they are eligible. "It leaves more money for the companies, and more money they can provide for the scholarships."

Hulst also said that fastWEB is funded through advertiser revenues, and that it is operated by an advisory board made up of financial aid counselors, admissions counselors, scholarship providers and guidance leaders from across the nation. Together, this team advises one another on how to improve the Internet service and often discusses upcoming scholarship or other financial assistance availability.

Included in its values are the objective to create and maintain the "most comprehensive, up-to-date scholarship database," according to general information about fastWEB. The service is geared to help make the college experience more affordable and less confusing, helping to ensure that scholarships for which students who are most qualified are made available to those students.

Scholarship sponsors update an individual's eligibility database on a day-to-day basis, reminding him or her of the new opportunities for which he or she may qualify.

"We have an in-house research team that does nothing but add new scholarships to the system and update information regularly," said Hulst. He also said that fastWEB offers a unique service which makes the scholarship search and applications process more convenient for prospective recipients.

Said Hulst, "We also have something that's really neat, where the applications are available online.

"We currently have about $100 million—which is about 10 percent of all our scholarships—available through online applications. That number is growing very quickly."

For the most part, Hulst said that fastWEB's postmasters are reliable in reminding students of new financial aid opportunities. The postmasters send messages via electronic mail to those students who are eligible for the updated scholarships.

From that point, awards for which students may no longer apply or those which have expired are automatically removed from a student's fastWEB mailbox. Those which are more current, on the other hand, are posted as "NEW!" under the mailbox. In some instances, service providers notify students of scholarship opportunities about six months in advance.

The informational packet also said that representatives maintain the mailboxes in this manner in order to assure that students "can develop aggressive and long-term scholarship strategies" in applying for these opportunities.

"We are the clearing house for scholarships. We let the students know about them and have a fairly close relationship with scholarship providers such as as the Coca Cola Scholars Foundation and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund," said Hulst.

To register for this service, a student may access fastWEB at **http://www.fastweb.com**. At that point, he or she can create a personal fastWEB mailbox and access it thereafter with a personal passcode.

The registration process takes an estimated 20 minutes to complete, and some of the information which the service requests includes personal data such as family income and extracurricular activities. Like most financial assistance applications, an individual's cultural background is also requested, though such information if often optional.

Hulst said the service has been largely successful since its birth, and that numberous students send thank-you letters to fastWEB representatives and scholarship providers on a daily basis. As a whole, fastWEB is committed "to helping students locate the scholarships they need to make college a reality."

"The beauty of fastWEB and the benefit of having it online is that we match you with the scholarships for which are specifically qualified," said Hulst. "And it doesn't cost a student anything."

Celebration exposes La Verne's diversity, peace

Heather Baxter
Staff Writer

Replacing the annual International Celebration sponsored by the International Student Organization (ISO), the Society of Leaders (SOL), in conjunction with the ISO and the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum, is putting on the University of La Verne's first Peace and Multicultural Week, March 15 through 19.

Monday, March 15, and Tuesday, March 16, are being sponsored by ISO and SOL. Events on Monday include an open-air fair in the Quad from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where students can purchase food offered from booths manned by members of several different campus clubs. Each booth will feature a different culture's food.

Also featured on Monday will be arts, crafts, dancers and music from different cultures. Performers range from African drummers to Asian dancers. From 2 p.m. until 3 p.m., there will be a program entitled "Breaking Down Stereotypes" in La Fetra Lecture Hall

Tuesday provides another day for the open-air fair, as well as another seminar—entitled "Blue Eyed/Brown Eyed"—in La Fetra. Also anticipated is an open-air stage where performers will have the opportunity to exhibit their cultural talents.

The Multicultural Resource Center is in charge of Wednesday's program. At 10 a.m. in La Fetra, it will host the "Interracial/Intercultural Relationships" discussion.

Protestant Campus Minister and Director of Peace Studies Minor Debbie Roberts is in charge of Thursday's Peace Fair. This day will last from 10 a.m until 7 p.m., where students can enjoy different speakers, participate in roundtable discussions and look into community service opportunities.

The final day of the Multicultural Fair will be hosted by the First Generation Student Success Program (FGSSP). This day will feature a faculty poster session in Miller Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Following extensive research on other schools' similar events, sophomore Courtney Dade, president of SOL, decided that a Multicultural Fair would be an excellent first event for SOL.

After contacting UC Irvine about their previous experience holding such fairs, Dade submitted a written proposal to ULV's Coalition of Diversity, and following the approval of a grant for $2,000, contacted ISO's adviser, Marcy Garcia.

"The fair, I hope, is really going to represent our campus. We have such a diverse campus, with different people from different countries, from different neighborhoods," said Dade.

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> *—Courtney Dade, SOL president*

"This is really something that you [all students] should go look at. It's something different," she said. "It may not be on the top of your priority list, but it's definitely something that you should take a look at. If you don't like it, you can always walk away."

Dade hopes this week will teach people to "embrace their differences." She feels that it may help people to respect others for who they are.

Likening ULV to a salad bowl, Dade points out that what makes the campus a whole are "the different flavors. This is what makes it good. All the differences, like the tomatoes. You don't want your tomatoes to taste like the lettuce. You want everything to taste different. But that's what makes it, and us, good—the differences."

Dade hopes the week of several events will simply serve to point out these differences, and give students and faculty an opportunity to celebrate these differences.

ASF sponsors speaker for annual Peace Fair

Alisha Rosas
Staff Writer

With hopes of broadening the horizons of University of La Verne students, the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum will host Dr. Neil Wollman on Thursday as a guest speaker for the Peace Fair.

Dr. Wollman, a psychology professor and activist from Manchester College in Indiana, will discuss "The Graduation Pledge," which was initiated at California State University, Humboldt, in 1987. It is now coordinated by Dr. Wollman and has been sponsored by Manchester College's Peace Studies Institute since 1996.

The pledge reads, "I, [insert name], pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider or any organization for which I work."

It is established in order that students inquire about the job for which they are applying before accepting a position.

By incorporating the Peace Fair with ULV's Multicultural Week, senior ASF member Eddie Casarez said "that a lot of students on this campus are culturally isolated.

"Some don't have the conscience of another culture. They may think of other cultures as being backward," he said. "I think the peace thing fits in perfectly because it is trying to make people understand that in every culture there's a beauty in it."

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met in the West Dining Room on Wednesday, March 10, at 8:37 a.m. Forum members discussed upcoming plans for additional student activities—including another bowling night. They reviewed the progress of ticket sales for this year's spring dance and also allocated funds to benefit the Crippled Children's Society.

Future Activities

Due to student turnout at its last bowling night, the Forum decided to plan another bowling event sometime this academic year. Therefore, chairpersons for the committee designated Tuesday, April 27, as the date for ASF's second bowling night. The event is scheduled to take place at Chaparral Lanes in San Dimas.

Dance Tickets

Members of the Forum will sell tickets for this year's spring dance on Thursdays, March 11, 18 and 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Seal.

Tickets are available for $20 per couple, $15 per person and $8 per person for groups of 5 or more. The last day to purchase tickets is Friday, March 26.

If 200 tickets are not sold by this date, the Forum will cancel the event.

For information, contact the Forum at ext. 4677. Students may also purchase tickets at the University Bookshoppe.

Charity Service

ASF Transfer Representative Britain Semain proposed to the Forum an idea to help give back to the community through charity contributions.

Among the charities which ASF members discussed was the Crippled Children's Society, a Claremont-based agency which provides crippled children with development activities and programs. The Forum and its Community Service committee allocated $500 to benfit this organization.

—Araceli Esparza

Roller hockey adds flavor to athletics

•Students hit rink in Chino

Heather Baxter
Staff Writer

The suffocating heat is unexpected as one fan enters the Hockey Silo in Chino. "It sure is stuffy in here," he says, making his way around the rink to sit on the bleachers with other fans.

The heat is quickly forgotten as the University of La Verne's roller hockey team takes to the rink. Instead of worrying about the heat, the fans quickly take to heckling the opposing team.

It is this air of familiarity and kinship that makes roller hockey so much fun for players and fans. It is for this reason that the lack of interest in the sport is surprising to both the fans and the participants.

Roller hockey, although very similar to its ice cousin, has some very-marked differences. Played with only four players and a goalie at a time, roller hockey consists of two 24-minute periods. It is a non-contact sport, for the most part at least, which makes skating proficiency more important than simple brute force.

Most penalties apply, so players are discouraged from intentionally going out of their way to hurt someone. This allows the sport to easily become coed.

"Coed makes you rely on skill more than physical play," said ULV player Frank Zappia, who is in large part responsible for the La Verne team. Zappia, who has played on and off for 10 years, and has played steadily since graduating high school in 1993, recruited the majority of the participants in La Verne's fledgling roller hockey team.

Consisting of only eight players (Zappia, Scott Doonan, Tom Wiebe, Ray Bonshire, sophomore David Gross, senior Natalie Wiebe and junior Marcin Janiszewski), comprised of both graduate and undergraduate students, ULV's roller hockey team is little known and virtually unsupported. Besides the few friends and family members attending the game against Cal Poly Pomona's Green team, the stands are consistently and disappointingly empty.

This surprises the team members. Although they acknowledge that their opinions on the entertainment value of the sport are biased (based on the fact that the majority of them have played for many years), the players still feel that there is merit in the idea that roller hockey is an exciting sport to behold.

"It is exciting. It's fast compared to real hockey. If you catch a game and bring your friends, you'll have a good time ... guaranteed," said Janiszewski.

But, very few La Verne students seemed to have caught on to the good time La Verne roller hockey provides.

It is for this reason that Zappia has undertaken the monumental task that has become a large part of his life. Zappia, a graduate student in marriage, family, and child counseling who is set to graduate next year, is taking steps to cement roller hockey into ULV academia.

"We are working on plans to offer roller hockey as a P.E. class in the fall," Zappia explains. "I just want to make sure that when it becomes a big sport, La Verne doesn't get left behind."

This is a sentiment shared by Zappia's teammates.

"This sport, it's a fire. It consumes everybody," said Gross, explaining why he believes that roller hockey will inevitably become a sport played in both high schools and colleges nationwide.

One of the main reasons that roller hockey may be destined for large audiences is that it appeals to both male and female audiences. As both men and women are players in this game, it is likely that both sexes would also enjoy watching the sport.

Wiebe explains why this sport is so beneficial and appealing to women.

"The 'make you sweat' exercise. It's a cardiovascular sport that doesn't make you bulk up," Natalie said, explaining the benefits of roller hockey.

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> —*Frank Zappia, graduate student*

Touted by Zappia as the "top player" on ULV's team, Natalie has intentions of trying out for the 2002 Olympic women's ice hockey team.

But Natalie plays for nothing more than her love of the game.

"I started playing when I was young. I always had to play [defense] against my brother. I just love to skate, and I just go for it," she said.

Although the La Verne players feel that there is not an overwhelming rush of students who want to join the roller hockey team, most are optimistic that interest in the sport will rise when the physical education class is offered as a part of the La Verne curriculum.

"Pushing this class over is a big thing. It will offer students a chance to earn P.E. units, while at the same time, they'll get a good cardio workout," said Zappia. "It encourages teamwork, increases stamina and strength, and has a decidedly group theme."

Until the class is offered, however, all the team can hope for is an increase in interest in joining either the team itself, or simply becoming a spectator.

Zappia explains, "The more players we have, we can move up to the next league. We might even be able to have two teams."

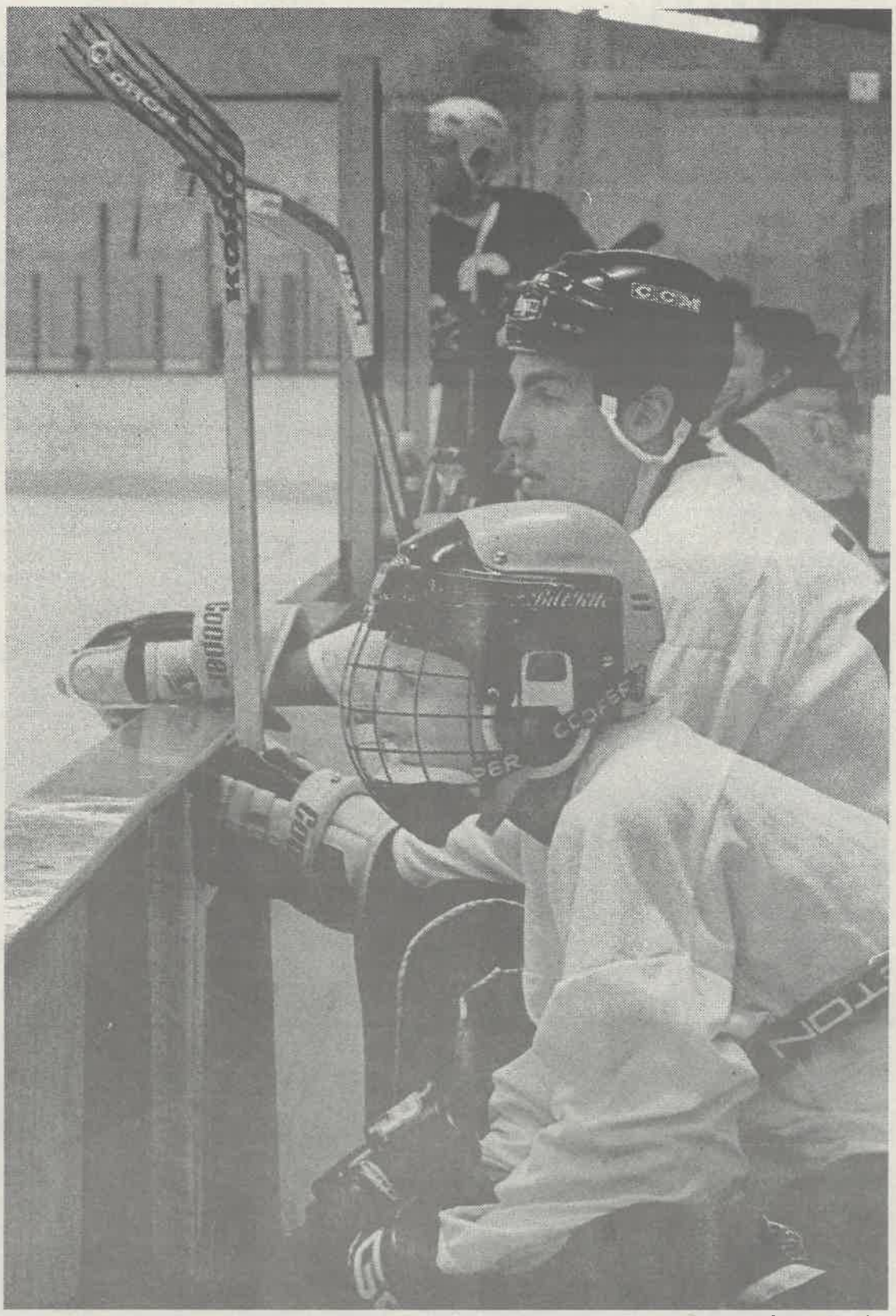
Janiszewski would like to see more student body support.

"The support of the team from the school is very important. Students need to know that it's something different. And, as an added bonus, it's free [to watch]," he said.

The final game for the La Verne team in league play was March 6.

Another league will begin March 27 for the ULV roller hockey team. The La Verne team is now looking actively for an interested student to play goalie, but the team encourages all students interested in taking part in this fast-paced, exciting sport to join.

Those who wish to catch the games can find the team at the Hockey Silo, located at 13575 Benson Avenue in Chino. For more information, the Hockey Silo can be contacted at (909) 590-8851.



Summer Herndon

Senior Natalie Wiebe and junior Marcin Janiszewski are part of the University of La Verne's roller hockey team which consists of eight players. Teammate Frank Zappia is responsible for recruiting the players for the team. Zappia, who is a graduate student at ULV is working on offering roller hockey as a physical education class next fall. La Verne will begin a new roller hockey league on March 27.

For more information on playing for La Verne, contact Zappia at ext. 4308, or e-mail him at **zappiaf@ulv.edu.**

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Opinions

Students to buy non-existent spaces

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Often it is just seconds, a few ticks of the clock, that separate the winners and the losers. The sport in mind ... luge, sprinting, down hill skiing, of course not. The Chariot of Fire in mind is attempting to find a parking space on the University of La Verne campus.

Recently the *Campus Times* learned that the University has formed a task force comprised of John Lentz, director of campus safety and transportation, Brian Worley, director of facilities management and Vice President Phillip Hawkey to work on ways to improve parking in and around the University. To quote Dickens, "God bless you, one and all."

Moses was able to part the Red Sea with his staff, however, unless President Stephen Morgan and the Board of Trustees have some form of divine power, then they are fighting a losing battle.

Lentz and Worley approached the resident and program assistants about the possibility of issuing parking permits to on-campus residents.

It has been hypothesized that local residents have been taking advantage of the parking lots at the Oaks, Stu-Han and Brandt residence halls to park their cars in order to avoid receiving tickets from the La Verne Police Department for overnight parking violations.

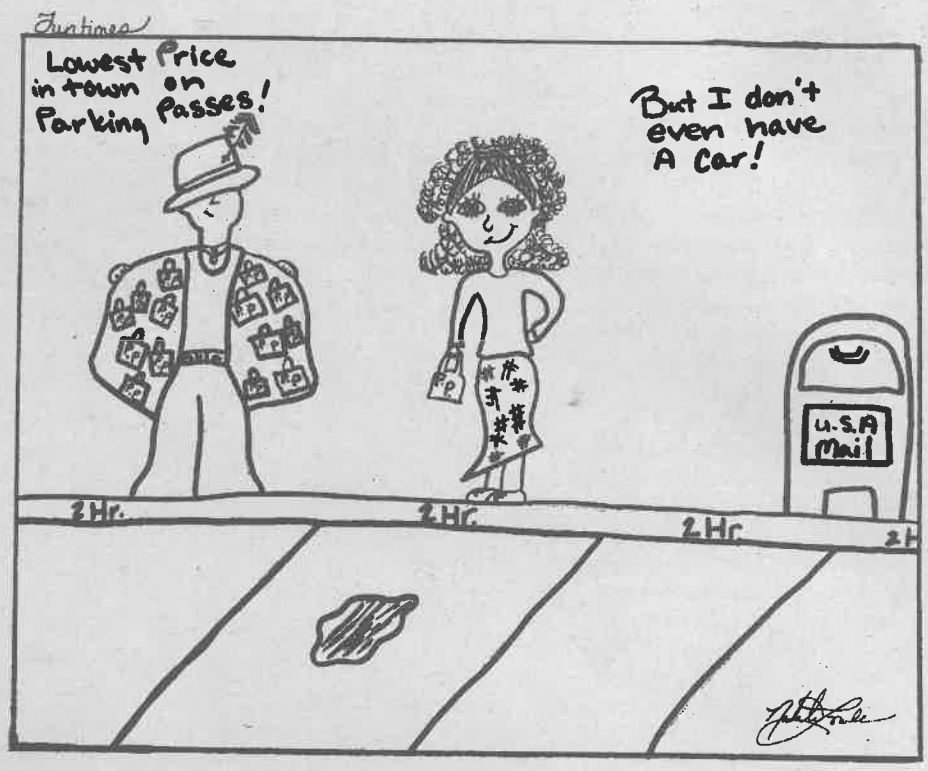
The permits would be a means of differentiating between University of La Verne students and those who park there to avoid tickets from the police. The idea was in essence tabled so that more information could be gathered. However, the parking permit issue does not end with the residence halls.

Worley and Lentz also recently addressed the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum about the prospects of implementing a campus-wide parking permit system that would be available to students at a charge. This concept is still in its infancy with regard to specifics and the actual plan of attack.

Lentz, Worley or Hawkey are not to blame for the parking problem. Further, it appears that they have been given a concrete block and assigned the unenviable task of re-inventing the wheel.

Now, disclaimers aside, the truth must be told. Parking at the ULV has been a problem for several years and applying a Band-aid like parking permits will not solve the lack of parking on this campus.

The question begs, if permits are issued and students still have to park blocks away from school, what purpose will the permits serve? The comparison has been made between La Verne and state institutions and how those schools charge students for parking. This may be true; however, a state student may have to hike from where they parked across campus to get to class, but they are hiking from a parking spot that exists and that their permit affords them.



If permit parking was instituted, it would seem like putting the buggy before the horse. All of the parking permits in the world will not create parking spaces that do not exist. It is time to put away the Neosporin and the Band-aids and do constructive surgery on this campus.

The solution to La Verne's parking ills is not a temporary fix like parking permits, but rather to build a multi-level parking structure. The cost will be immense, but it is time to invest in what the students, staff and faculty need, that being someplace to park.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last week's column, "Bilingual advantages immeasurable," written by Angelica Martinez [March 5]. It seems as though Miss Martinez has a strong opinion about the issue of bilingual education being incorporated into California school systems, but I hate to differ.

Being also a Hispanic, I found it amusing that she stated in her opening paragraph, "The population of English speakers has just been outnumbered by the Hispanic community, which primarily speaks Spanish." Does this mean every California community? I did not understand this statement at all, because I know that it certainly does not mean the La Verne community.

I see your point in wanting bilingual education implemented into California schools, but I do not see that it is the politicians of the state that have "suppressed" the propositions from being passed. Everyone over 18 years of age has a right to vote, and you should blame the people just as much as you are blaming California politicians. How can anything be passed if there is not a majority vote for it?

I disagree with your opinion when you say that "people are taught to learn a different language as a requirement through grade school." I never had to learn a different language until I went to high school, and though I gained knowledge from it, it was not my choice to take two years of Spanish. In college, it is the same. So many students stress out because they have to take a year of a foreign language, when they can be focusing on their major. Unless you are planning to leave the country or study abroad, as you did; then it would probably be wise to learn the language ahead of time. And I do not see how knowing Spanish helped you out when you were studying abroad in France. As far as I know, it is a different language altogether.

Think about it logically—would you want your children at an elementary school in California, or anywhere in the United States, to be taught in a different language before being taught in English? I know I would not, and I am not trying to be a humiliation to the Hispanic race. I would just want them to learn the primary language spoken in America first.

Erica Aguilar
University of Montana
via Internet

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an insert that was placed inside the March 5, 1999, edition of *Campus Times*. As someone who is interning at Project Sister as an advocate, I was very pleased to see the article by Alisha Rosas ["Ministers, counselors establish support group"]. With the high number of unreported sexual assaults, it is very important that the women on this campus know that even if they choose not to report sexual assault, there is support available. I was, however, flabbergasted and extremely offended when I opened the pages of the magazine and noticed an insert distributed by a pro-life group inside. How extremely tacky and insensitive to place these two pieces of information in the same issue! I can fully appreciate the rights of pro-life groups to distribute their information as well as the paper's right to print it, after all there was a piece written under "opinions" about the controversy of this subject. I also understand that the pro-choice side didn't offer an opposing article, but to run the insert at the same time as an article discussing attempts to start a ULV support group for sexual assault survivors? The next time Human Life Alliance of Minnesota, Inc., pays to advertise, at least check to see what other articles you are running! The bottom line is that abortion is legal and women, especially a woman has gotten pregnant through rape, have the right to choose that route.

Ali Munzer
via Internet

Dear Editor,

I think wrestling at La Verne would be great ["Additional sports could be asset to ULV," Feb. 26]. I know the only thing that I don't like about La Verne is there is no wrestling here. I miss the action of a clean pin and a nice takedown. Well, I just wanted to say that having wrestling here is great idea and that was a great article.

Ericka Eckley
Freshman
via Internet

Letters to the Editor

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From the Editor...

Students lack refreshment Spot



Greg MacDonald

A funny thing happened while I was preparing for this week's column.

For whatever reason, the temperature was extremely hot inside the *Campus Times* office earlier this week. And usually, the climate inside the office is more fit for a December day in Alaska than California any time of year.

A byproduct of this excess heat, at least with me, is thirst. So I tried to find the nearest outlet for refreshment.

Since the aquatics center, also known as Las Flores Park, is a little far to walk, I figured an ice cold beverage would do the trick.

But this is where the funny thing—or series of comical events—happened.

As any person in their right mind can see, the Spot is not completed, although it is about the middle of March, which was the time the Spot was advertised to be reopened.

So I had to look elsewhere for my precious liquid refreshment.

My stroll found me walking past the head men's volleyball coach Jack Coberly's office and around the corner to the vending machines.

I pulled out a crisp $1 bill, because those machines will not take a dollar that has the slightest bit of a crease. I tried to insert it in the slot, when, to my surprise, the "use correct change" light came on.

After digging deep into my pockets, finding a few quarters, a dime or two and a nickel, I tried to use correct change, as instructed.

The machine seemed ready to accept my correct change after the two quarters. So I just needed to drop the dime and nickel into the soda outlet for my Coca-Cola Classic.

My hand gripped the dime and dropped it into the machine. The dime slid back into the change return.

I thought maybe the machine was not ready for it, so I tried it again. Same result. I then figured the dime was bad and tried the nickel. Again, I had to retrieve my money from the return.

I stood there for five minutes or so trying to outsmart this soda temple but had no luck.

Mentally exhausted, I returned to the office without a soda, and I am still not sure if the laughter I heard was from the machine or from the contractors and subcontractors, who stand around—I mean, who are revamping the Spot to look better than ever.

Maybe to some, my gripe is just that of one journalist, who, on just a random day, was nearly paralyzed by his own thirst. Or perhaps, as is my duty, my voice represents that of the student body at ULV.

The students are tired of having to wait for Davenport Dining Hall to make time for them.

The students are fed up with the idea of having to give up their parking spots every time they get hungry or thirsty.

The Spot was a center of convenience for a quick bite to eat or, as in my case, a soda.

Sure, the Spot is opening soon. And I am sure, the atmosphere of it will be improved. But that is not the point.

The point is ULV students deserve better than a construction zone between classes.

They need a place to go where the food is fresh, the sodas are refreshing and a nail gun is far from sight.

They do not need a place with a metal roof that looks like something out of a Star Wars movie.

They need a place to sit and enjoy the 50-plus inch television, blasting music videos all day.

Why else would the ULV students cry out and rearrange the letters on the Spot's plans, which once read, "Opening Early March," and now reads, "Opening Late March."

The students have spoken, using a mild form of vandalism as their language. When is someone going to step up to the plate and answer them? When is someone going to quit hiring so many subcontractors? And most importantly, when is someone going to install that soda fountain?

When the Spot is finally reopened, I hope I will be able to give my dimes and nickels to an employee without worrying about my change being spit back at me.

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Hate crime legislation is redundant



Nune Gazdhyan

It has been approximately six months since the death of Matthew Shepard. As a result, legislation was proposed to Wyoming lawmakers to increase penalties for hate crimes, but it was rejected.

For anyone who has known or seen a victim of a hate crime, the proposed legislation would seem to be the answer for all those evil beings that take up space in society. It is especially tempting to support such legislation after hearing about so many similar instances of unthinkable crimes, such as the incident in Texas where James Byrd Jr., was tied to the back of a truck and dragged to death by a group of rednecks for the lacking "milky white skin" they adore.

However, placing personal feelings aside and taking a closer look at the whole hate crime legislation in an objective manner the legislation really does not make much sense. No one will deny that it will provide the victims and the families with the satisfaction of revenge, but it will not bring back the dead.

Having this type of legislation does not add up because it is just stating that crime, which is illegal, can be made more illegal when it is a hate crime.

No one denies that there is a problem with crime in this country, especially geared toward historically disadvantaged groups. Therefore, anti-discrimination laws were introduced, and within the past few years, the Supreme Court has also recognized, or at least, addressed that there is an increase in discrimination and hate crimes geared toward homosexuals.

Well ... how can we make something be more illegal? It does not make sense and the laws are repetitive. So now lawyers not only have to defend a criminal for his or her actions, but for the motive behind the action. The motive is irrelevant; we should rather focus on the crime. The motive often helps the criminal to wash his or her hands of the bloody deed by providing psychological excuses for the heartless and vicious deed.

The difference between anti-discrimination laws and hate crime laws is that the former was implemented to put in place protection where there was none. It is already illegal to kill, regardless of the victims' looks or preferrences in bed.

Hate crime legislation is creating double standards. Saying one crime deserves a harsher punishment than another because the victim fit a particular stereotype is unfair. It should take into consideration that the crime was committed by one human being against another. While the legislation sounds all nice and dandy, it does not rectify the crimes. Maybe the solution lies in the community as a whole.

Society has not implemented enough education to cease stereotypes and many leaders continue to aid in the continuing ignorance for the masses.

Pat Robertson, a nationally recognized minister and head of the Christian Broadcasting Network, espouses his views and beliefs as a "righteous Christian." He uses people's ingorance as ammunition against homosexuals and their way of life.

"... the acceptance of homosexuality is the last step in the decline of Gentile Civilization," Robertson said in *TIME* magazine.

Even with narrow-minded individuals corrupting the public with their poisoned tongues, it is still redundant to have a separate law for hate crimes.

By allowing such legislation people are telling the government that it is acceptable to establish borders. This is dangerous for a country that prides itself for having democracy. If democracy is going to be jeopardized, might as well make everyone weak a cow brand and graze.

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Size is not deciding factor in beauty



Laura Ambriz

I do not consider myself to be obese, but the description of "waif" would never be used either. Taking a look around campus, I think I am average. But on a good day I barely stand five feet four inches tall and, according to health and weight experts, 10 to 20 pounds overweight.

In high school, this most likely would have me freaked out and on a crash diet. But I was definitely more self conscience back then. All of the popular girls were size four and happy; I was far from that and still am. Years later, I had the realization that they were not any happier than I was, because half of them had eating disorders.

In college, I looked around and noticed many different sizes of women roaming the campus. I did not feel fat, I felt fine.

How my friends felt was a different question. Even as we mature and realize that we have to be happy with the way we are, my friends still stress out about their weight gain. The "freshman 15" is real in the eyes of many.

They have committed their lives to weight loss but are never determined enough to stick with one diet program. In the past four years, it has been a waste time and money trying such things as infomercial weight loss gimmicks, expensive gym memberships, diet pills, weight watchers, the infamous low-carbohydrates diet and $80 Tae Bo workout tape.

I do commend women for not giving up, but at the same time, it is like beating a dead horse. Weight loss is a multimillion dollar industry, yet 61 percent of Americans are still over weight.

Listen closely ladies, most of us will never look like Cindy Crawford—not even if we ate like rabbits and worked out for 10 years. Take my advice, look in the mirror, realize that we are all beautiful and get on with your life.

It is difficult in a society as superficial as ours, but we are society. Women make up more than half the population, and until we change our views on how we look and feel about ourselves, no one else will—especially men.

Of late, some industry decision makers have moved forward to recognize full-figured women. Not to say that the 110-pound supermodels are not making money, but at least now, they are sharing the wealth.

The Ford Modeling Agency has expanded their plus-size division with the popularity of full-figured model Emme. Lane Bryant, a plus-size clothing store, has restructured its fashion line to include more up-to-date styles, decreasing the market for ugly tent dresses. Darn. And a new magazine has also hit newsstands with a bang. *Mode* has devoted the entire layout to plus-size fashions, models and issues. It was created strictly for giving average-size women a fashion magazine we can relate to, and hopefully make us feel good about ourselves.

Anyone close to me will tell you that I hate to exercise. I never do it. The quote, "People should only run when they are being chased," is definitely something that I believe. If we can drive there, by all means let's drive.

But this is not to say that I am not proud of people who take that step to lose weight and stay fit and actually do it. Two of my sisters found that the gym is the best way for them to stay fit. It makes them feel better, and it makes them feel more beautiful. My other sister just cut out sweets for lunch, and she went down six sizes.

Lose weight or do not. We do not have to look like models, and they do not have to look like us. We just have to look like ourselves and be happy.

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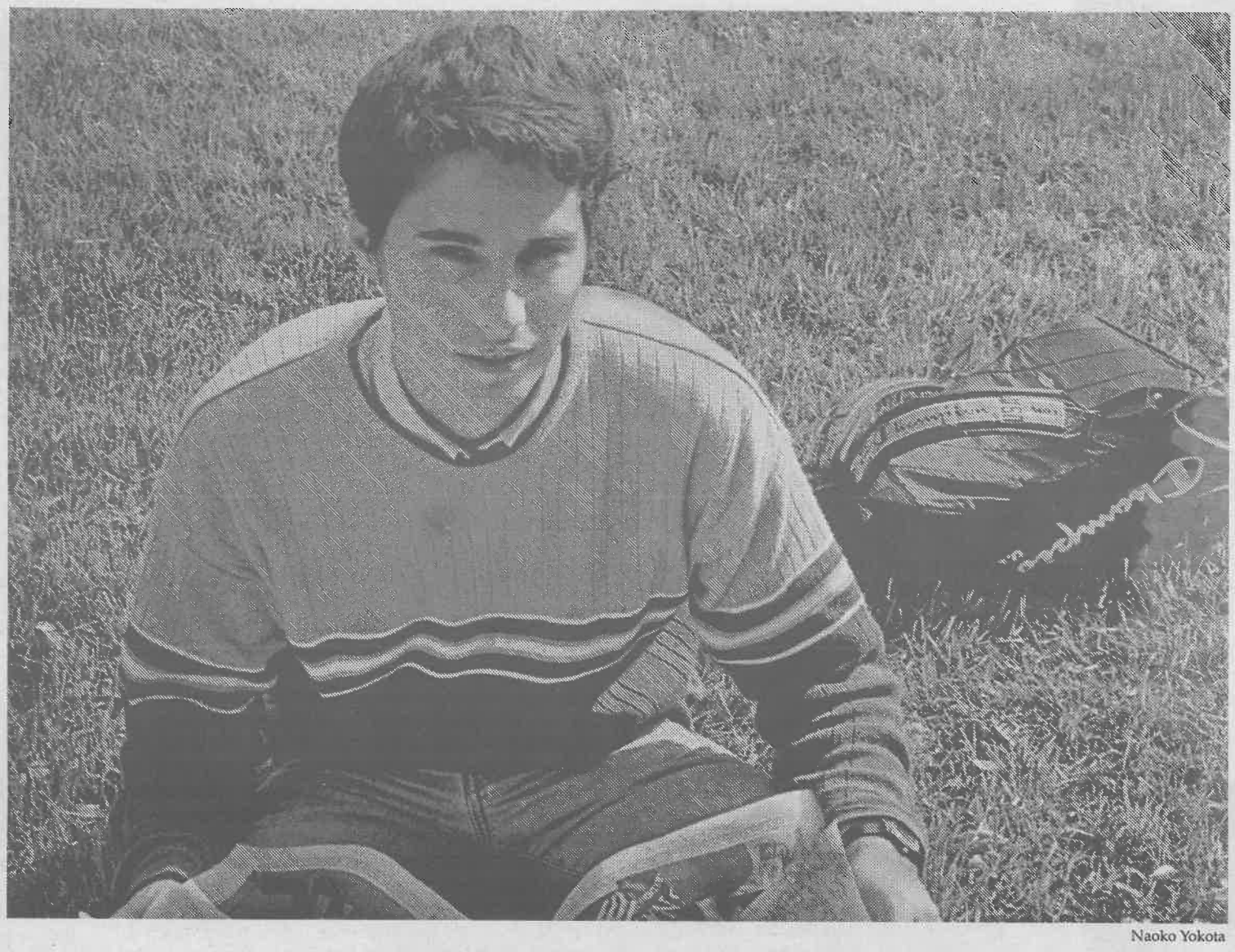
French student leads, unites ISO

Simon W. Bouie
Arts & Entertainment Editor



Naoko Yokota

Junior Arnaud Llamas, an international student from France, is president of the International Student Organization. Llamas speaks English, Spanish, German, Japanese and French, and is enjoying living in the United States. He came to La Verne in September and will be here for the remainder of the spring.

There is something to be admired about France and some of its beauty. Is it the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre Museum, the cheese, the wine, the people?

Often in this nation French people are the butt of jokes and mockery. Perhaps the most offensive of all this mockery are the jokes that attach the French people to a certain unfunny American, "They all love Jerry Lewis over there!"

It is no wonder comments like this have not caused relations between the two nations to erode to an unsalvageable point.

Perhaps the French get a bad wrap. Americans do not all identify with the "Ugly American" brand that people outside of this nation sometimes label those within it, do they?

This year the University of La Verne campus is graced by the presence of one who can make others throw away their preconceived notions of French people.

Arnaud Llamas is a 21-year-old junior political science major who made the choice to call La Verne home, if only for one school year.

"My school in France is four years plus one year abroad. Everyone has to go abroad," said Llamas. "I had to choose between a German-speaking school and an English-speaking school. I chose English because it allowed me the opportunity to improve my English-speaking skills."

He used insight and wisdom in his decision to come to America. "I came to the U.S. because I might not have the opportunity to come here again."

Llamas, like others who are new to our area, was immediately impressed by the climate "The California weather is good," he said.

However, it's more than weather that makes Llamas content with his decision to attend La Verne. "The smallness of the school allows people to get to know each other and they are friendly. Lots of nice people makes it easier for international students.

"When you leave your country, you prepare for it for months. When you finally arrive things are different than what you expected. It took me about two months to get used to life here, what to say and not to say; the language barrier."

Although Llamas does like La Verne he does miss the place that he calls home.

"I am homesick sometimes—actually many times. I miss family, friends, the food and the wine. To eat a meal here and not have a glass of wine afterward is just strange. I am not an alcoholic, just French."

Llamas has done more than just observe; he has taken a role in leadership as the president of the International Students Organization (ISO).

Llamas offers insight as to the purpose of the ISO. "The ISO is designed for American and international students to meet and get to know one another. Also lots of the students get together and travel. Another point is to organize and promote multi-culturalism and to show Americans our different cultures. Currently there are 35 members in ISO."

> 'It is hard to get to know Americans. They sometimes don't like to talk beyond saying hello. It is hard to get to know who they truly are.'
> *—Arnaud Llamas, junior French exchange student*

An unusual aspect for Llamas is the student-teacher relationship.

"The class system between students and professors is very casual and informal. You don't have to ask for permission before you leave class to go to the restroom and you can call your professor by their first name.

"It is hard to get to know Americans. They sometimes don't like to talk beyond saying hello. It is hard to get to know who they truly are," he said.

Llamas, with his efforts has helped wipe away any preconceived stereotypes and is simply just a nice guy.

Tae Bo teaches fitness, self-defense

Andreas Hahn
Staff Writer

Some call it "the future of fitness," others see it as a new and short-living trend on the wide field of aerobical training.

This semester, University of La Verne is grasped by the Tae Bo fever that is spreading throughout the United States.

Monday nights in the Stu-Han residence hall lounge, about 17 women follow the "One ... Two ... Kick ... Box" commands of a well trained video instructor on television. After about 20 minutes, the first participant is too exhausted to continue and leaves grasping for air.

The initiator of this program is Mindy Salazar, junior biology major and R.A. in Stu-Han. She started the practice two weeks ago with three friends and ever since, the nightly meetings became bigger and bigger.

"About 12 to 13 [participants] are our average," said Salazar. Therefore, she is looking for a larger room at the moment.

Moreover, the women are planning to create a Tae Bo club out of their hobby. Their hope is to finish the necessary paperwork within the next two weeks.

Salazar, who heard about Tae Bo just a few months ago, thought the combination of self-defense, dancing and boxing would be good training.

"I want to stay in shape and if we do it together I can't be lazy," said she. After she bought the video, Salazar went to her friends and said, "I have the tape, let's go!"

She was quickly joined by Lina Gonzalez, a sophomore TV-broadcasting major.

"The practice helps with self-defense," said Gonzalez. She emphasized that the video also teaches how to punch and explains at which parts of the body the punch is aiming.

Alena Vlna, sophomore biology major, said she sleeps better after the practice. Concerning the specific body parts affected by Tae Bo, Vlna said "the shoulders are trained ... actually you

> 'I want to stay in shape and if we do it together I can't be lazy.'
> *—Mindy Salazar, junior*

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Dr. Ikenberry recalls stories of war

Andreas Hahn
Staff Writer

Four years before the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan declared war on China. Within weeks in late 1937, Japanese troops occupied large parts of Northern China, an area where American missionaries from the Church of the Brethren were active. Three of them were carried off by the Japanese and disappeared on Dec. 2, 1937.

This is the historical setting in which Dr. Ernest Ikenberry, former professor of chemistry at the University of La Verne, grew up.

Born Aug. 17, 1924, in Ping T'ingshow a province of Shansi, located about 350 miles southwest of the Chinese capital Beijing. Ikenberry spent the first 17 years of his life there.

Ikenberry's parents came to China as missionaries on an exhausting journey by ship in 1922. It was their honeymoon after their marriage some months earlier.

Looking back on his years in China, Ikenberry said, "I never really felt handicapped growing up in China." He and two of his three sisters, who were also born in China, were taught by his mother. The young boy had many friends among the children of the international missionary community in China.

Still, this peaceful situation changed dramatically when the province was taken by the Japanese. Even if the Japanese soldiers "did not do anything to us," they searched houses and baggage of the missionaries, "and they certainly did not help," said Ikenberry.

The missionaries did not distinguish between the local people and the invaders. They helped whomever needed help.

In the morning of Dec. 2, 1937, Japanese soldiers came to the missionary station in Show Yong, about 40 miles from where Ikenberry and his family were living, and asked for medical help for some wounded comrades.

Church of the Brethren missionaries Alva and Mary Harsh and Minneva Neher went with the soldiers and never came back to the mission.

"Since the war, we have no information where they were maintained," said Dr. Ikenberry, who met the three missionaries some months before they disappeared.

The American government tried to investigate the case, but the Japanese military command denied any responsibility for the incident.

For Ikenberry, it is obvious. "No question, they were killed." Yet, there is no official confession of the Japanese government and most likely the case of the three missionaries will never be totally solved.

Today, a memorial in the Church of the Brethren on Bonita Avenue and E Street reminds people of the lives and work of the Harshes and Neher.

The missionaries continued their work until 1941 and were evacuated right before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Asked about his fears living in a war zone and among hostile soldiers who already killed some Americans, Ikenberry said, "I never really worried about it." The 16 or 17-year-old children used to drive fast with their bicycles in the direction of Japanese soldiers just to swerve in the last second. "I wonder why they didn't shoot us," said Ikenberry.

In 1941, when the Church started to evacuate the missionaries, the family made its way to the coast and escaped in a small coastal boat to Shanghai. About halfway, they were picked up by a French minister who owned a motor boat. It was the first time Ikenberry drove in a motor boat. "It was fun for us children."

After their return to the United States, Ikenberry and his family stayed in La Verne for about six months where he attended Damien High School. He was very impressed by Damien High. "I never visited a school with a swimming pool before," he said.

In 1942, the family moved to Idaho since the father was offered a job as a minister. Ikenberry did not stay in Idaho but moved to Kansas, where he graduated from McPherson College in 1947. In McPherson, he also met his wife, who was "the girl next door."

After he got his doctorate in chemistry from Kansas State University, he worked for about eight years for the Continental Oil Company, before he returned as an associate professor of chemistry to La Verne College in 1956.

Rejecting another offer from Elizabethtown College, Pa. Ikenberry accepted the half-cut of his salary when he changed from Continental Oil to LVC. "I always wanted to teach," said Ikenberry, and at La Verne, he was able to work on problems which had occurred during his work at the oil company. Another reason for his decision to come to LVC was that he liked the West Coast much better than the East Coast.

Ikenberry retired as a professor from ULV in 1989.

Following his parents' footsteps who went back to China in the '50s, Ikenberry took his wife on a 19-day journey to the most important sights of China in 1983. They also stayed in Ping T'ingshow, the place where he was raised.

"I hoped to see the mission, but it was gone," he said. The area where he spent his childhood hosts several apartment buildings now.

When his wife tried to take some pictures behind the hospital, where Ikenberry was born, the officials would not let her.

Many things have changed in China since the communists took power in 1949. Still, "the communists did not kill the church.

"When we went back to China in 1983 ... there were more Protestant Christians then when we left," said Ikenberry.

Today, the Church of the Brethren is not active in China. But Ikenberry emphasized with some pride that the minister, who baptized former President George Bush's daughter while Bush was the American ambassador in China, used to be a minister of the Church of the Brethren in the '30s.

Ikenberry said he would not support a new missionary program in China,

He said, "it would be wrong to do" explaining it would only cause trouble for the Chinese Christians.

In his long life, Ikenberry has been around the world plenty. However even still with his world traveling, he admits he is not really satisfied.

Together with his wife he always planned to visit the Holy Land and Europe. Their plans have yet to be achieved. With his daily plans, Ikenberry said if his extensive activities from computer courses to driver's tutoring for elderly people permit some freedom, he might be able to fulfill this wish in future years.

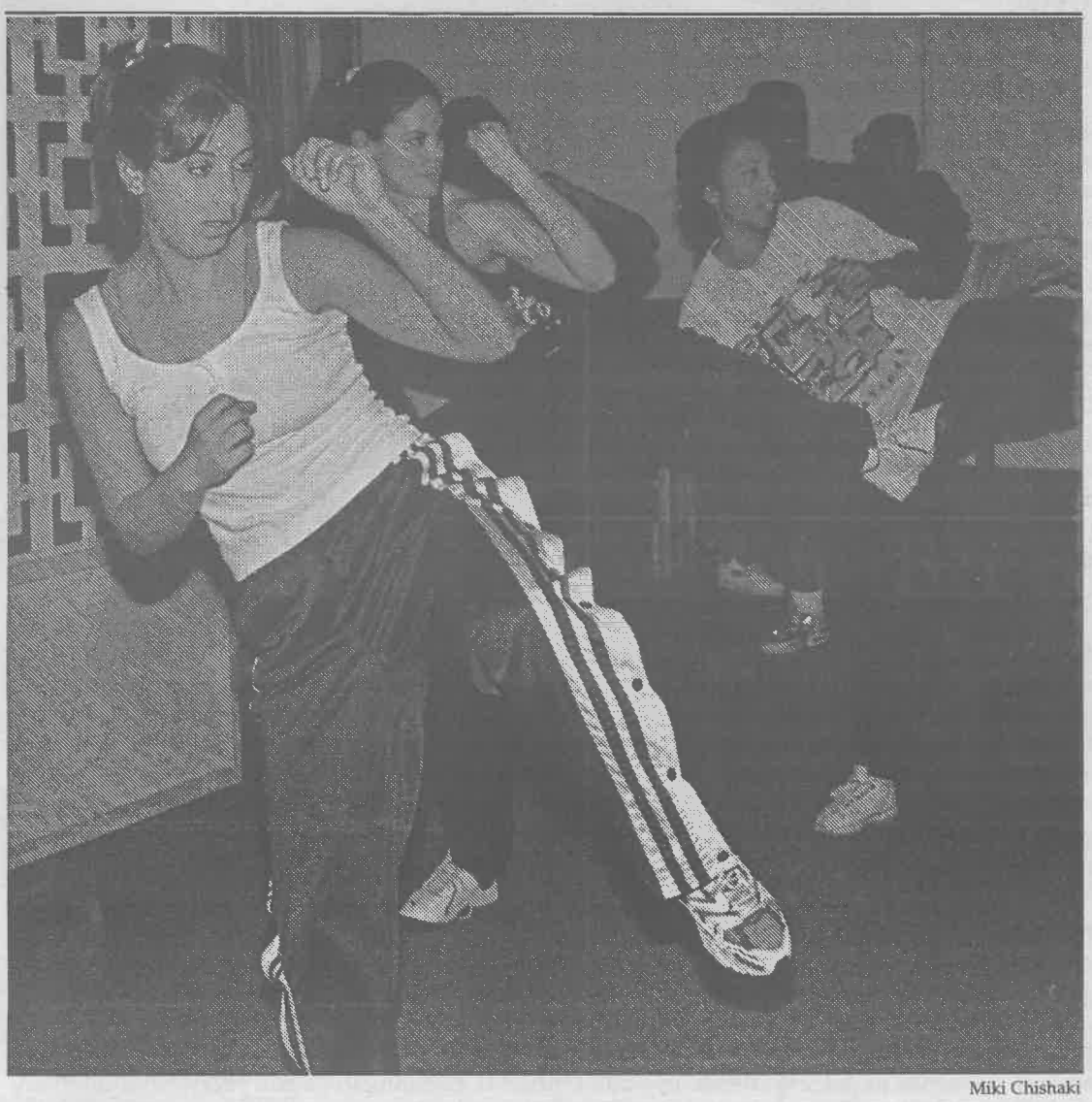
'I wonder why they didn't shoot us.'

—Dr. Ernest Ikenberry, former professor of chemistry



Erica Paal

Ernest Ikenberry, a missionary of the Church of the Brethren in La Verne, flashes a smile next to the new memorial plaque that has just been added in the church. The plaque is a memorial to three Brethren missionaries that were captured in China and killed during the Japanese/Chinese war in 1937.



Miki Chishaki

Sophomore Lina Gonzalez, senior Lynsey Best and junior Eboni Stanford are participating in the "Tae Bo" exercise hour in Stu-Han Residence Hall. The new workout trend is a mix of Tae Kwon Do and aerobics. The Stu-Han workout, started by junior Mindy Salazar, meets in the lounge Sundays through Thursdays from 10-11 p.m. With more people showing interest, the program is in need of a larger room.

Tae Bo...

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train everything."

Tae Bo as a sport was developed by Billy Blanks, holder of the seventh degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, the Korean form of Karate. Blanks also captained the U.S. olympic Karate-team in 1980.

In the late '80s, Blanks had the idea to combine dance music with Tae Kwon Do moves "which evolved into Tae Bo."

The sport became popular after stars like Paula Abdul, Goldie Hawn, Magic Johnson or Pamela Anderson started to practice Tae Bo.

Until the group at ULV gets a bigger room, the practice will continue to take place in the Stu-Han lounge from Sunday through Thursday beginning at 10 p.m. Both men and women are encouraged to attend.

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

'O.N.E.' Encore

A special encore presentation of senior LaVelle Wilson's "Obstinate Nubian Essence" will be preformed in the Cabaret Theater Sunday at 4 p.m. Call the Theatre Department at ext. 4550 for more information.

Chapel Concert

David Grasmick and Karen Clark will preform a piano and trumpet concert Thursday, March 18 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel. Admission is free. Call the Music Department at ext. 4915 for more information.

Spike Lee Festival

The American Cinematheque Grauman's Egyptian Theater in Hollywood presents all of the works of director Spike Lee next week. The event kicks off Monday with a screening of Lee's 1992 film "Malcolm X." After the presentation, Lee will be on hand to host a discussion on the film. Call the Egyptian Theater at (323) 466-3456 for details.

'The Deep End of the Ocean'

"The Deep End of The Ocean" is rated PG-13, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Whoopi Goldberg. This film is the story of a family that loses their a child to abduction, and their struggle to re-acquaint themselves with each other.

'The Corrupter'

"The Corrupter," starring Mark Walhberg and Chow Yun Fat, is an R-rated thriller about two renegade cops who must take back Chinatown from the grasp of organized crime.

—Simon W. Bouie

Twist, tap, tango at ... Future Talent Studio

by Summer L. Douglass
photography by Juan Garcia

Full-length mirrors, trophies, ballet bars and parents proudly watching are what typically line the walls of the Future Talent Dance Studio located on the corner of D and Third Street.

Sherrie Brush founded the studio in 1977, after moving from a smaller studio on E Street. There are currently over 200 students, who travel from all over Southern California, enrolled in various classes. Specializing in ballet, tap and jazz, the studio offers lessons to people of all ages.

In one room, there are 3- and 5-year-olds learning the basics of tap dancing, while across the hall, there is a group of adults learning the fundamentals of jazz.

"We exist to provide a sound and stable learning environment for your child. We base our teaching on technique, and work to promote a higher confidence level for our students," said Brush. "We hope to expand your knowledge of the world of dance and meet every expectation possible."

All students, who receive lessons at this year-round school, are trained by instructors, who have experience in competing at a national level. The instructors want to make it a fun learning environment for each student, while always reinforcing the importance of hard work, dedication and a sense of responsibility.

Jillian Frediani is a 9-year-old dance student, who has been taking dance lessons for five years. When asked what she likes best about dancing, she said, "I enjoy dancing, and the classes are really fun. I like all of my teachers, and I want to dance forever."

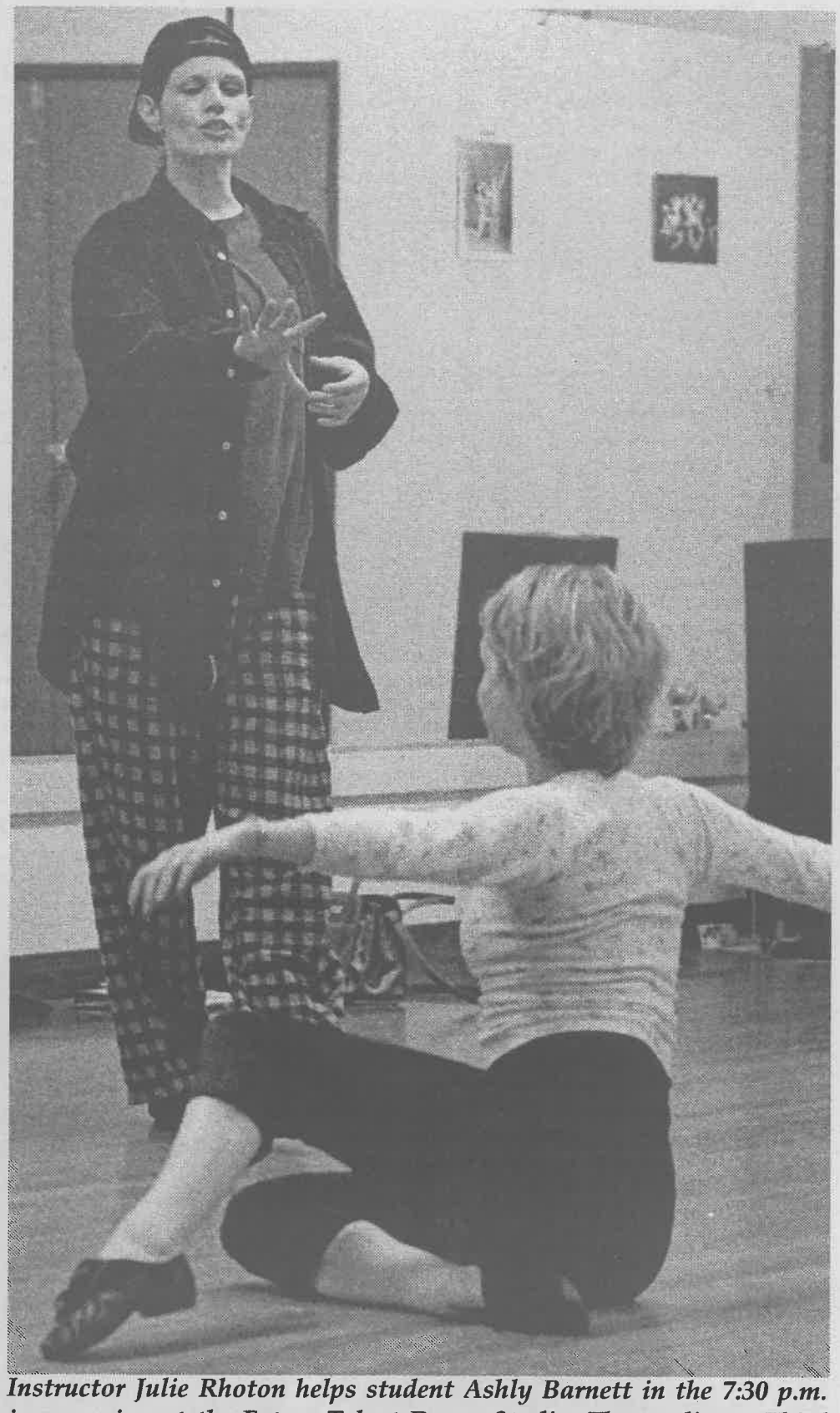
Students get the opportunity to attend competitions where they compete for titles and trophies in different areas of dancing. Future Talent attended a competition in February where students won first, second and third place for overall high scores in group numbers. They were also awarded fifth place for an overall high score in solo numbers.

"It's very fulfilling to see the students try hard, and to see your hard work pay off when they go to a competition and they do well," said instructor Deanna Brush, who is an alumna of the University of La Verne.

Lori Toups has been bringing her 9-year-old daughter Kimberly to dance lessons for six years. Parents agreed with Toups when she said, "Deanna is a good role model for them because they watch her and idolize her. She teaches them discipline."

In addition to competing, students get the chance to show friends and family how much they have learned in different recitals that are held throughout the year.

On June 13, a recital will take place at Citrus College. Two additional showcases will occur in September at the Los Angeles County Fair.



Instructor Julie Rhoton helps student Ashly Barnett in the 7:30 p.m. jazz session at the Future Talent Dance Studio. The studio on Third and D streets holds dance classes ranging from tap and ballet for 3-year-olds to an advance jazz class with students ranging from 15-20.

"I like dancing here. My favorite kind of dancing is tap," says 7-year-old Melissa Gattoni, who participates in karate and gymnastics to supplement her efforts in dancing.

There is also an opportunity for students to get experience in auditioning, which is a crucial part of the learning process.

Future Talent offers auditions once a year for its performing team, Class Act. The dance team consists of 27 qualified dancers and performs each month on a regular basis.

Class Act will be performing in two different championship competitions this July. These performances will take place in Las Vegas at different Hotels.

When traveling to the downtown district remember that tomorrow's Barishnykov's and Nuryev's might very well be learning today at "The Future Talent Studio."

For more information about policies, hours or tuition, call (909) 593-4195.

Movie Review

'The Other Sister' presents true love

Araceli Esparza
Managing Editor

When director Garry Marshall and producers Mario Iscovich and Alexandra Ros teamed up for "The Other Sister," they did so to tell a story different from that to which the public was exposed.

They brought into light the tale of Carla Tate, played by Juliette Lewis, ("What's Eating Gilbert Grape?" and "Natural Born Killers") and her pursuit as a mentally-challenged woman to find independence and true love.

"The Other Sister" is a sincere and sentimental film that reviews Carla, who, since early childhood, seems to develop well on her own. Aside from her mental limitations and slurred speech, Carla is much like any other girl.

Time passes, however, and controlling this little girl becomes heartwrenching and difficult for the Tates, who are well-off socialites of San Francisco.

The efforts of Carla's overbearing mother, Elizabeth, (Diane Keaton, "First Wives Club" and "Father of the Bride") become exhausted, and she feels there is no choice but to send the challenged daughter, then 14, to a "special school" away from home. Carla's father, Radley, on the other hand, prefers to soothe his own frustrations with alcohol, and continues to do so for some time.

Elizabeth pleads to her husband that all hope is lost, and that sending Carla to a special school is the best thing to do. At last, Radley, played by Tom Skerritt ("Poison Ivy" and "Top Gun"), complies with the request, signing the official documents necessary to give Carla's future school permission to educate the girl.

Carla's story continues in the film, now 10 years later, as she returns to the Tate household after leaving the upscale care home and school to which she was sent. Her reintroduction to the family is somewhat awkward, and immediately her mother's overbearingness takes over once again.

From the beginning, Carla expresses interest in being independent and in attending regular school at a local community college. But Elizabeth does not feel she needs any part of that anymore, and as the overprotective mother she is, believes Carla has everything she needs at home.

Elizabeth favors Carla with mandatory tennis lessons and shopping sprees until the mother realizes that she does not know "what's fun for her" anymore. After some compromise, Elizabeth gives in to her daughter's request to go to college, and 24-year-old Carla begins her life at a community college.

It is at the college that Carla meets Daniel McMahon, played by Giovanni Ribisi ("Saving Private Ryan" and "That Thing You Do!"), the one man who probably further sparks her desire to be on her own. Daniel, who is also somewhat mentally challenged, lives in his own apartment—though his father helps pay the rent—and has two jobs, one of which is simply a hobby. He is recognized for his love of marching band music and marshmallows.

The story progresses, as Carla convinces both of her parents that she can support herself in her own living environment.

Her mother still finds it difficult to let go of her "child," and insists that Carla's new apartment be overly furnished with fire extinguishers and emergency phone number reminders near every door.

In due time, the friendship between Carla and McMahon develops into much more. They agree to commit to each other as "friends ... boyfriend/girlfriend."

Carla and McMahon have their bad moments—as do all couples—but for the most part they are completely compatible and inseparable. The remainder of the film is even more powerful, emotional and eye opening than is the life of Carla itself. Carla and McMahon must risk losing each other in order to find out if they were truly meant to be.

"The Other Sister," rated PG-13, was released in movie theatres on February 26. Among the main characters of this drama are also the Tates' housemaid, Winnie, played by Juliet Mills, as well as Ernie (Hector Elizondo, "Chicago Hope"), who plays the building manager of Daniel's apartment.

The film is one of the most touching dramas of the year, not only because it is a story to which the audience is not accustomed, but because it proves that, in fact, true love has no limitations.

Festival celebrates culture

This weekend the Communications Department will host a two day screening of the winning selections of its recent Multicultural Video Festival. The viewing's will take place both Saturday and Sunday starting at 7p.m. in La Fetra Auditorium.

The Multicultural Video Festival took place as a result of a faculty diversity grant that was awarded to the Communication Department by the James Irvine Foundation.

More than $1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded in three categories: elementary and intermediate school; high school and college; and open category. This year, there were 38 entries in the Festival.

A compilation video of the Festival's highlights will be shown on 100 cable access stations throughout Southern California.

"This is our way of encouraging film makers in Southern California to deal with issues of diversity in film," said Associate Professor of Communications and Festival Chairman Don Pollock.

"We are pleased that word is getting out that the University of La Verne is in the forefront of dealing with multicultural issues," said Pollock.

Admission for the event is free, and, for more information, contact Shane Rodrigues at ext. 4275.

—Simon W. Boutie

Movie Review

'Analyze This' diagnoses laughs

Nune Gazdhyan
Assistant Features Editor

Tough-guy, macho mob boss Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro) has a problem, but this time, he cannot have it "taken care of."

"Analyze This," directed by Harold Ramis (Ghost Busters), rated-R for language, sexuality and violence, hit theaters Friday March 5. This film offers the viewer a sneak-peek into the soft-side of a mob boss' life, while it keeps the laughs coming until the end.

Aside from having to deal with emerging Chinese and Russian mobsters, Vitti is also faced with anxiety attacks and heart palpitations. As if that is not enough he is also suffering from moral dilemmas when it comes to violence or cheating on his wife with his mistress.

It appears that Vitti's criminal life is really affecting him and he admits that he needs to talk to someone—a shrink. Of course, to keep his machoness from being scarred he says that he needs "a head doctor for his friend."

By chance or by luck, one of his underlings gets his car ran over by Ben Sobel (Billy Crystal), a divorced New York psychiatrist living alone with his son (Kyle Sabihy) (Who always sticks his nose into his father's business). Sobel leaves his card with the underling for insurance purposes.

The underling remembers about the card and Sobel gets much more than an insurance claim as he is given two weeks to cure Vitti's "problem" so that he can attend the modern-day version of the 1957 mob "summit" without appearing weak in front of his "enemies".

Sobel is not the only psychiatrist in the family. There is also Sobel senior (Bill Macey), who makes life harder for his son. He is a far more respected psychiatrist and has a best-selling book.

The only "bright light" in Sobel's life is Laura MacNamara (Lisa Kudrow). This is Sobel's fiancee.

Sobel's life is put on hold when Vitti walks into it. The rules of psychiatry change and Sobel is no longer the decision-maker.

He quickly learns that he can never say no to Vitti, and if Vitti wants him to be his shrink then he will be the shrink. Vitti even offers to "clear Sobel's calendar" when Sobel tries to get out of servicing Vitti with the excuse that he does not have the time. Also, providing services to the mob boss means that Sobel is on call 24 hours a day, rain or shine.

De Niro's brilliant portrayal of a mobster gone soft creates a heaven for laughs. Having "played" mobsters in various films over the years from "The Godfather II" to Goodfellas, he is able to take the role and really make the character, Vitti, a feast for mockery, with his sudden crying fits and impotence.

The shrink, Crystal, also does a convincing job of portraying his character. At times he may appear a bit bland, but do not mistake him for "lame". There are plenty of scenes in which Crystal is funny or at least funny-looking.

As for Kudrow's role as the bride-to-be, it is really hard to see her in a serious role, she will always be Phoebe from "Friends." It was really hard to see her, especially her voice, as a reporter.

De Niro alone makes "Analyze This" a blast. This is one movie that cannot be taken seriously, but will offer to the viewer a different aspect of a mobster's life in which problems cannot be "bumped off".

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La Verne crushes Poets, Moravian

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

The boys of spring were in action last Friday, racking up runs and a victory.

Leopard baseball traveled to face off against the Poets of Whittier College, ending in a 12-3 victory for La Verne. Run support and some smoke from junior pitcher Ryan Christoph contributed to the win.

Christoph held the Poets to only three runs through nine innings.

"He was a key player," said head coach Bobby Lee. "He was the defense that we needed."

Offense is what carried the Leopards through the game. La Verne was up 5-0 in the fourth inning and did not look back.

Senior first baseman Russell Riehl, went 2-for-3 with a double and home run, helping the Leopards with five RBI.

Junior outfielder Masaomi Ueda hit two doubles and had two runs scored.

Runs seemed to be a plentiful for the Leopards this weekend as play against Whittier moved back to La Verne on Saturday, where ULV took both games of a doubleheader.

The first game ended in an 8-3 win for La Verne, followed by a second victory of 19-9.

"The guys are getting more at-bats," said Lee. "We haven't necessarily focused on our hitting but they are getting better."

The Leopards' lacking defense that has plagued them previously was not a major factor this weekend.

"We tried not to make an issue of that," said Lee. "We practiced a little more and the guys are getting accustomed to each and are getting better.

"Our philosophy is that if we play good defense, good things will happen"

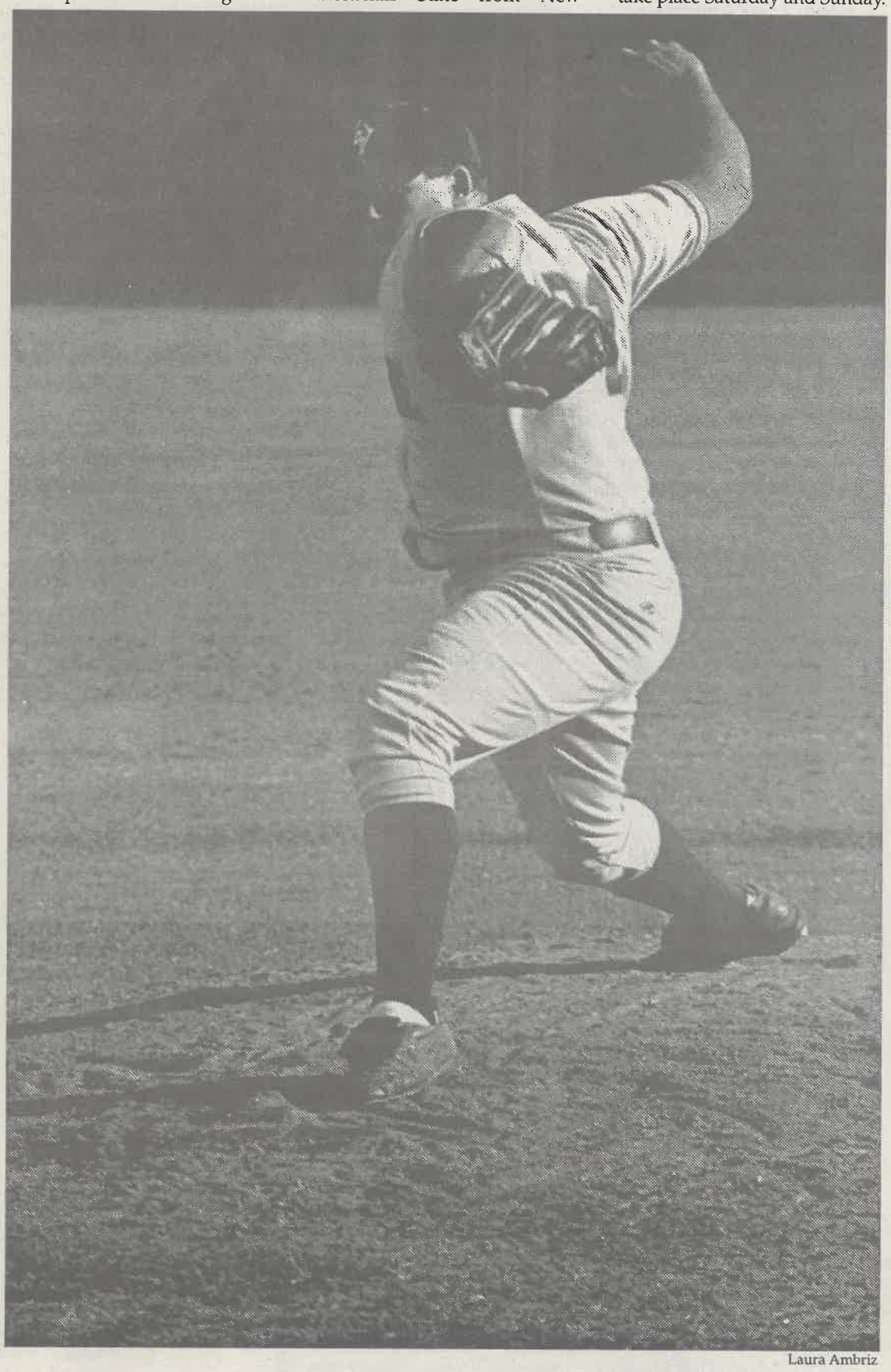
Although errors continued to plagued La Verne, good things continued to happen for the Leopards as they faced Moravian College on Sunday. The Leopards walked away with 9-8 decision in their favor.

Senior pitcher Richard Searing gave up seven runs through five innings. Freshman relief pitcher Derek King then came in to pick up the slack, pitching two strong inning in which he gave one hit and one run. Sophomore Robert Hernandez entered the game in the eighth, pitching two innings, receiving the win. The Leopards came up with a run in the ninth, ending the game in a La Verne victory.

Wednesday, ULV played Montclair State from New Jersey, which resulted in a 10-4 win.

"They are one of best teams in the nation." said Lee. "We just went out there and played our game."

The Leopards and their game will be in action this weekend as they play in the California Classic tournament at home and other various sites. Games will take place Saturday and Sunday.



Laura Ambriz

Junior pitcher Ryan Christoph led the Leopards baseball team to victory last Friday. ULV defeated the Whittier Poets 12-3 in the series opener. La Verne continued their streak against the Poets in a doubleheader Saturday.

Golf team suffers season's 1st defeat

Chris Peterson
Staff Writer

Playing the same 18 holes as members of the Professional Golfers Association can be quite exhilarating.

That is just what the La Verne golf team discovered last Friday and Saturday at the 48th Annual Southern California Intercollegiate Golf Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla, Calif.

Walking the same course grounds as such golf greats as Tiger Woods and Arnold Palmer, the Leopards finished off the two-day tournament in a disappointing 16th place, ahead of only one other team, Pomona-Pitzer.

"We actually play in a more difficult situation than the pros," said head coach Rex Huigens. "The pin placement is the same but the rough is a little longer than they [pros] play it.

"You lose a lot of balls. The pros don't have that problem because they have up to four caddies watching their balls for them. It is a very difficult course."

The difficulty of the course showed in the Leopards' scores. The top finisher for La Verne was Steve Lewis who shot a combined total of 166 for the tournament (22 over par).

The second best score for La Verne belonged to Justin Poore. He shot a 172 (28 over par).

Finishing right behind Poore was junior James Torpey with a 173, Jim Brooks shot a 176, and Scott Garrison finished with a 183.

The tournament, which draws teams from all over California, was divided into two divisions. The University Division featured Division I and Division II teams, while the College Division featured Division III teams, many of which compete in the SCIAC.

According to Huigens, "The SCIAC is very balanced this year. I don't think anyone will go through the dual match season undefeated."

Huigens' prediction turned out to be right. La Verne travelled to Empire Lakes to take on Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Wednesday with a 3-0 record, only to be turned away with a five stroke loss. The Stags defeated the Leopards 323-328 despite a great round by Lewis who shot an 80.

Claremont is one of two top conference teams that La Verne faced this week, the other being Redlands.

The Leopards traveled to Redland's Country Club yesterday looking to come back from Wednesday's loss.

Results of Thursday's match were unavailable at press time.

Winless Leopards look to overcome Chapman

Damien Alarcon
Sports Editor

Loyola Marymount handed the women's water polo team its fifth consecutive loss Saturday in Westchester, Calif., 15-3. The Leopards move, winless, to 0-5 overall.

"We were doing well in the beginning, but then in the second quarter, we started to fall apart," said freshman Andrea Griffith, who scored a goal from her set position.

Loyola (3-4 overall) did not hesitate, taking a 3-0 lead with goals from Caroline Guidi, Meredith Bellotti and Danielle Worrill. La Verne bounced back as Griffith scored with three minutes left in the quarter. Freshman Allison Alastuey also added a goal immediately after with two minutes left, closing the gap to 3-2.

That was the closest the score was between the two teams. The Lions answered back with two goals in the last minute of the first quarter and from then on, Loyola held complete control of the game.

For the Lions, Lucy Windes and Bellotti had the team and game high with three goals each. Orla Stewart and Worrill had two. The final goal for the Leopards came from freshman Summer Hammons late in the second quarter.

"We are a first year team, we are learning a lot and we need to do better in the future," said junior Amber Reed. Reed and senior Liz Rodarte are the only upperclassmen on the squad. In its inaugural season, the team consists of 10 freshmen.

All of the team's losses have come from Division I teams. The team has yet to begin Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

The first non-Division I opponent for the Leopards comes tomorrow at 11 a.m., when the team plays in its first home game against Chapman University at Las Flores Park.

Leopards win first match since '97

Brice Nixon
Staff Writer

More than two seasons of futility came to an end when the University of La Verne women's tennis team defeated Mills College on Sunday at La Verne's Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion.

"We won! We won!" was the simple expression typically heard from the players that summarized the feeling of elation among them as well as the results of the match.

The Leopards won by a score of 7-2, as they recorded their first victory since they defeated Biola Feb. 28, 1997. With the win over Mills, La Verne improved its overall record to 1-6.

Despite playing their third match in three days, in addition to the fact that they were without the services of the only player that won Saturday, the Leopards produced a dominating performance.

"I was worried that we would be tired," said head coach John Lawrence. "They made the commitment, hung in there."

Although ULV's No. 1 doubles team lost, La Verne came out on top in the other two doubles matches to take a 2-1 advantage over Mills.

The No. 2 team of freshmen Tammie Davis and Emily Hofer won by a score of 8-2 and seniors Sandy Thay and Pauline Duran, notched an 8-1 victory over their Mills counterparts.

The No. 1 team of seniors Tracy MacArthur and Emily Judd was involved in a tightly contested match against the Mills duo of Ann Au and Anya Scholl.

The teams were even through eight games, meaning the match would be decided by a tiebreaker. The tiebreaker was also close, but MacArthur and Judd eventually lost, 7-5.

With the two doubles victories in hand, La Verne only needed to win half of the six singles matches to earn the win.

The Leopards did better than that, winning all but the No. 1 singles match.

Though obviously battling fatigue, ULV's No. 2-6 singles players won by surprisingly lopsided scores, with Hofer's match being the only exception.

Hofer, involved in one of only two seriously competitive matches, battled back to beat Rhea Taylor after losing the first set. She won the next two and the match, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Davis, the No. 2 player, defeated Scholl in two sets (6-2, 6-2). Freshman Tiffany Yates, who had been the third singles player and the only La Verne player to win against Caltech the previous day, was absent from Sunday's match. This meant that several ULV players had to move up one place in singles competition.

The Leopards, seemingly unfazed, kept on winning. With Thay unavailable for the singles portion of the match, freshman Laura Quintana took over the sixth spot and Judd, Hofer and Duran each moved up one.

Quintana and Judd both thoroughly dominated their opponents, winning by identical 6-0, 6-1 scores. Duran rounded out the scoring for La Verne with her win, 6-2, 6-0.

MacArthur, however, was unable to defeat Mills' Au in the No. 1 singles match. She lost the first set, 1-6, understandably tired after having played in the top doubles match, which had to be decided by a tiebreaker.

With the score tied 5-5 in the second set, MacArthur won the next two games to win the set, but was forced to play an extra game to do it. She kept the third set close, trailing 5-4 before eventually losing the set and the match to Au, 1-6, 7-5, 4-6.

The Leopards began the weekend in search of their first victory on Friday with a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) match at Occidental College.

Lawrence had hoped his team would pull out a victory against the Tigers, but it was not to be.

"We did play well," he said. "But they [Occidental] were good and they did better than we thought they would."

The Leopards were outplayed by Occidental and lost 8-1. The only win for La Verne came in a singles match. Duran was victorious over Reena Hajat, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

On Saturday, La Verne was back at home with a SCIAC match against Caltech, still searching for a win. But Yates was the only winner for the Leopards, who again lost, 8-1, dropping their conference record to 0-6.

Yates prevailed over Dominika Dytwinska, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0, dominating the first and third set but faltering somewhat in the second set.

"The first set she [Dytwinska] was kind of cold because she didn't play any doubles," said Yates of her opponent. "After the first set was over, she warmed up and the second set she was just on fire."

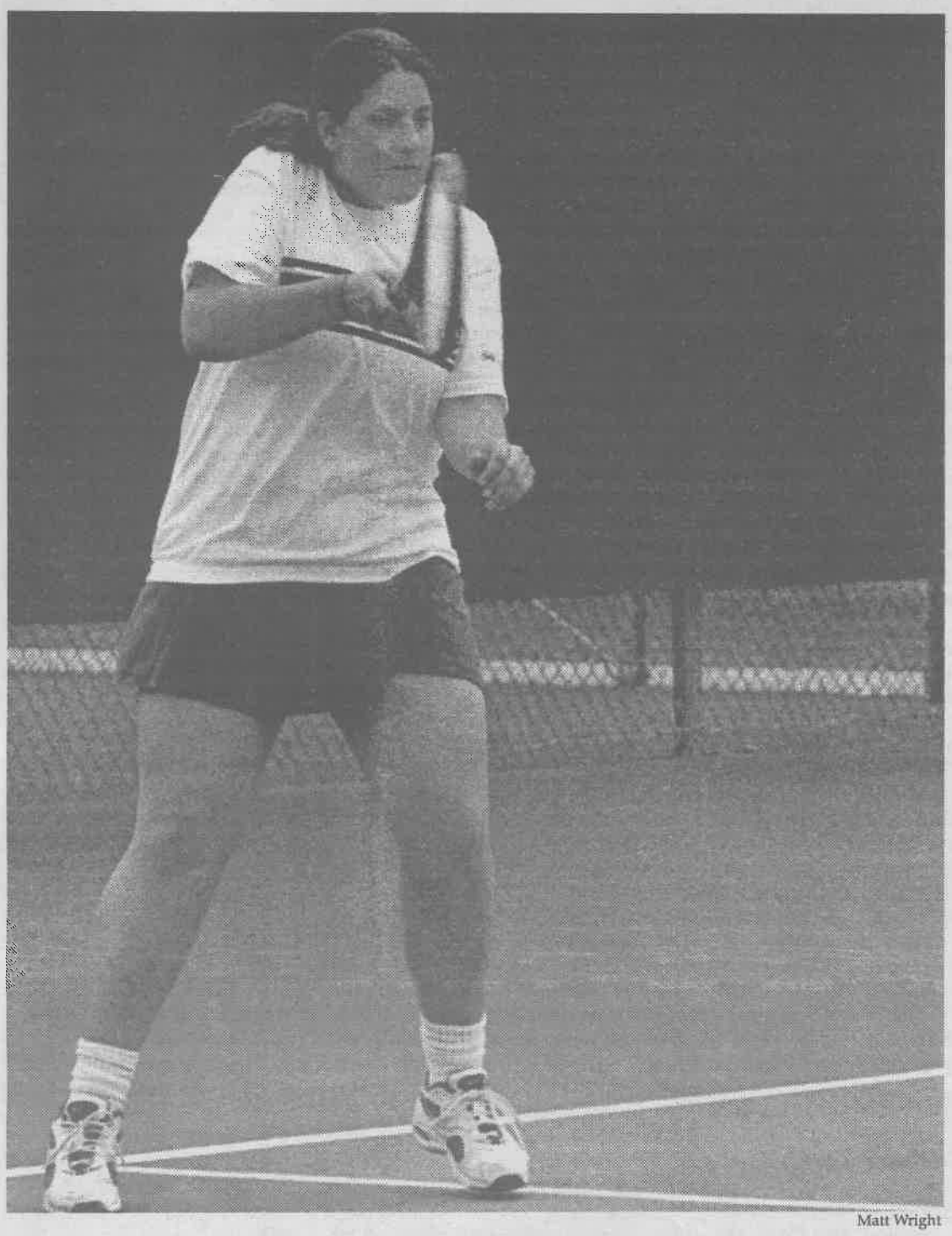
In the third set, Yates figured out her opponent, capitalizing on her mistakes to dominate the set.

"The third set I figured out her pattern and started to know her game," she said. "She made a few mistakes here and there. She's not very consistent, so I just played off of her non-consistency."

Part of the reason for La Verne's struggles so far this season may lie in its relative inexperience. The normal six players are comprised of four freshman and two seniors, so Lawrence is looking for improvement from his team.

The victory over Mills may have been an important step in that direction.

The Leopards play today against Chapman University and tomorrow against Colorado College, both at 2 p.m. and at home at the Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion.



Matt Wright

The La Verne women's tennis team posted a much needed win Sunday against Mills College. Its victory not only ended its two year losing skid, but the team did it with emphasis, winning by a team score of 7-2. Seniors Tracy MacArthur, above, and Emily Judd teamed up to take on Ann Au and Anya Scholl of Mills College in the No. 1 doubles match. The match was tight, but the duo fell short in the tiebreaker and lost, 7-5.

Caltech, Occidental outscore La Verne

Chris Peterson
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's tennis team dropped to 1-8 on the season, as it lost back-to-back matches to Occidental College and Caltech last weekend.

La Verne was swept 7-0 by Occidental Friday and slipped, 5-2, on Saturday.

"We just made too many errors," said senior Brian Rice after his doubles loss.

Rice and senior David Dang are the No. 1 doubles team for La Verne. After going up 2-1 early in their match, they engaged in a heated battle in game four that included trash talking, fence clearing slams and long rallies by both teams.

After ten deuces, B.J. Grant and Osman Kahn of Occidental finished off La Verne's No. 1 pair and never looked back. They took the match, 8-2.

"We were playing well the whole first part of the match," said Rice. "Then we just got off our game plan."

The Leopards' performance over the weekend could be attributed to many of the players missing practice in the last week.

"We had a lot of guys miss practice. If we don't practice, we're not going to play well, it shows in our performance," said Rice.

With its game plan out of sight and their will somewhat diminished, the rest of the Leopards squad managed to win only one set in the singles portion of the meet.

That one set win came from freshman Jarrod Hesler. Playing in the No. 4 spot for the Leopards, Hesler fought a losing battle in a three set match that represented La Verne's closest attempt at a win.

In fact, Hesler is making a habit out of playing well on a team that needs him to win on a regular basis.

So far this season, Hesler has a 5-3 record, the best on the team.

"In the past, our No. 1 and 2 guys were really good and our third, fourth and fifth were weak. We have a lot more depth this year," said head coach Tim Fitzgerald. "He's [Hesler] keeping us from getting skunked a lot.

"You'll see a lot of 6-1 losses, and he is usually the 'one,'" said Fitzgerald.

Despite singles wins by Hesler and senior teammate Sergio Velazquez, who plays in the No. 1 spot for the Leopards, La Verne could not pull off its second victory of the season against Caltech on Saturday. They lost the match, 5-2.

Velazquez won his match in a third set tiebreaker, 7-5, 1-6, 7-6, (7-4), and Hesler won in two sets, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

No. 2 player Dang lost his match, 4-6, 3-6. Rice lost his match, 2-6, 4-6; senior Chris Perez lost, 1-6, 0-6; and freshman Harold Arrellano lost his match, 1-6, 4-6.

La Verne took this past week off of match play and will resume tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. against Colorado College at the Blickenstaff Pavilion.

"It should be fun to play against those guys. They're one of the top teams in the nation," said Rice.

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La Verne suffers tough weekend

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

It was a tough weekend for the University of La Verne track and field teams, as they lost the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) dual meet Saturday at Claremont.

"[I'm] a little disappointed, but we'll keep trying," said head coach Pat Widolff. "Plus, Claremont is one of the strongest teams every year in the conference."

The men's team fell short, as the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags ran over it and won the contest 123-39, and the Whittier Poets, also defeated ULV by a score of 79-76.

"There was nothing that really stood out this week," Widolff said.

Meanwhile, the women's squad had a tougher time against CMS and Whittier, losing 129-12 and 94-32, respectively.

"We just don't have depth and some of our best girls were hurt and didn't run in the meet, but we use very few girls overall," said Widolff.

The men's squad won three of the events through sophomores Ryan Travaille, Andre Ike and Brandon Jones.

"As far as top marks, Brandon's [Jones] was really good," said Widolff.

Jones superated Cal Lutheran's Allen Dewitt by three fourths of an inch in the long jump. Jones' jump marked 21'08 while Dewitt's was 21'07.25.

"I won it in my last jump," said Jones. "My landing was a key factor. Next meet, I plan to win again."

The Leopards' senior Ordell Williams and Travaille were third and fourth in the event, jumping 21'05.5 and 20'08, respectively.

Travaille won the 110 meter high hurdles stopping the clock at 15.75, 37-hundreths of a second faster than the Stags' Travis Nagunst, who finished second with a time of 16.12 sec.

The high jump belonged to Ike who was the only competitor to clear the 6 feet mark. Ike jumped 6'03". La Verne's sophomore Matt Busley finished third with a 5'11" jump while Claremont's Tony Hawkins was second jumping 5'11".

In addition to finishing third in the long jump, Williams was second in the 200m dash running it in 23.17 secs, just behind the Stags' Kendall Grant, who ran it in 22.28. Williams also finished fifth in the 100 meter dash in a race won by Grant at 10.93. Williams' time was 11.43 while Jones', who finished fourth, was 11.36.

"I think I can do a lot better," said Williams. "I don't think I practice as I should. As soon as I get my work ethics together, I should be a better performer."

He also said he hopes to win the 4x100m, the 4x400m and the 400m individually.

In the women's side, senior Eboni White topped the only two events won by the Leopards.

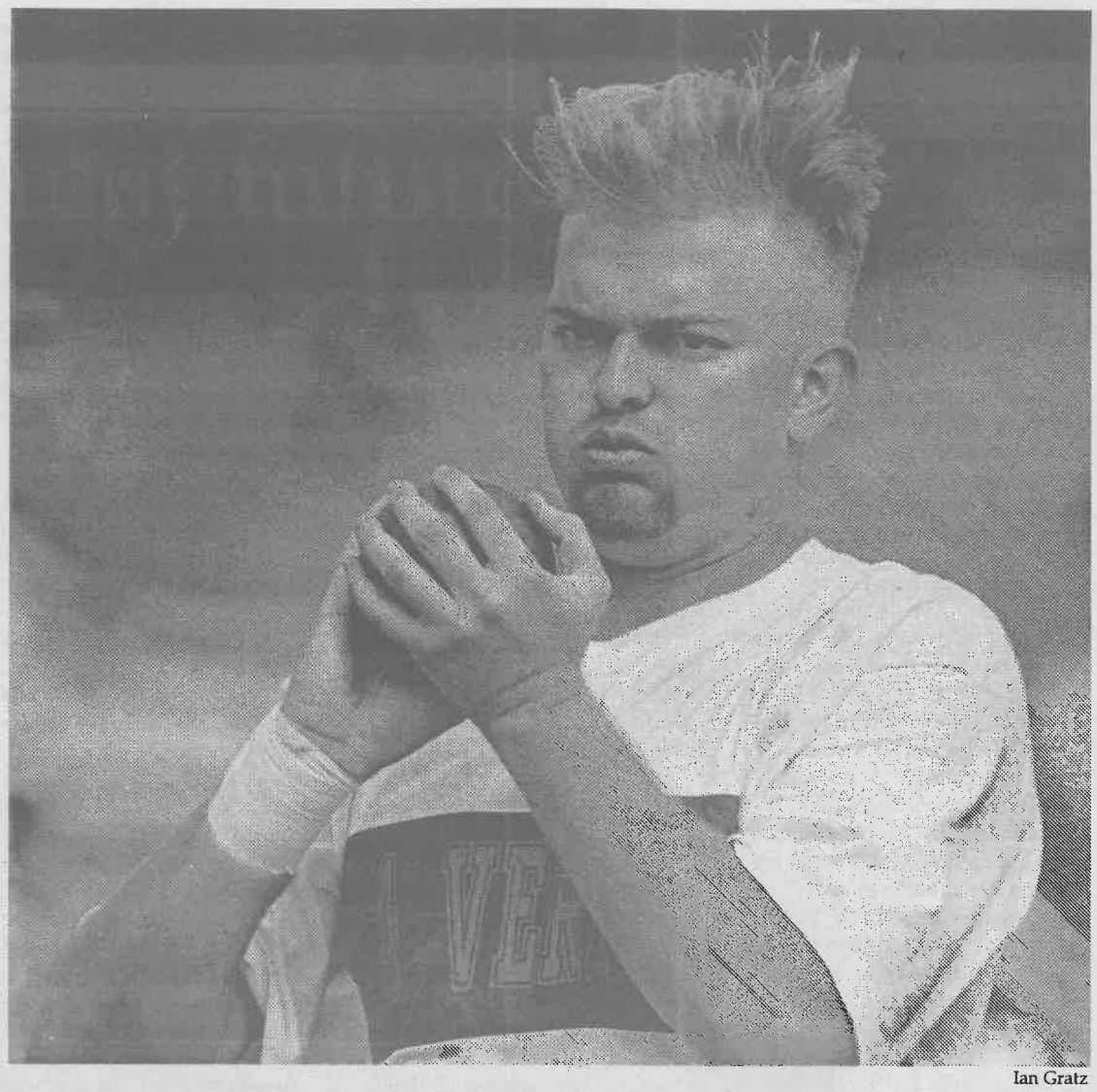
She won the discus throw with a mark of 128'08", leaving Cal Lutheran's Amanda Daily in second place after throwing the discus 123'05".

White conquered the shot put event as well. Her 37'05.75 throw defeated Sarah Degraw's of CMS by two inches.

Widolff explained that both teams are getting ready for the conference meet, which will take place April 17 and 19.

"We try to peak for the conference meet, that's the main event. My expectations are to do well in that meet, so we just have to wait."

The Leopards will face Pomona-Pitzer March 22.



Ian Gratz

Senior Sean Smith mentally prepares himself for his final throw Saturday at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. Smith placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 12.30 meters. Both the men and the women's teams lost to CMS and Whittier.

Leopards left heartless after losing in 3

Damien Alarcon
Sports Editor

After Friday's loss to visiting Mercyhurst College, head coach Jack Coberly summed up the night by saying, "We didn't play with any heart."

La Verne's volleyball squad lost to the Lakers of Mercyhurst in three games, 15-8, 15-9 and 15-13 in the Supertents.

"Whenever you play a scholarship school, you need to play with heart and the desire to win," said Coberly. "We just didn't do that."

The Leopards (5-7) looked flat in the beginning of the night. They found themselves at an early disadvantage, falling behind 9-3 in the game. Sophomore Alex Lienert, utility, made a kill to bring a sideout for the Leopards. La Verne then added four points to their three.

The Lakers (6-8) capitalized on a Leopards service error, soon bringing an end to the first game, 15-8. The second game seemed to follow the same manner.

La Verne was able to stay within reach of its opponent but was unable to take the lead. With the score 9-8, Mercyhurst's Adam Tokash, team captain, had three kills and a block toward its 15-9 victory.

The Leopards were aware that entering the third game, a win was absolutely necessary. Their performance in that game far surpassed that of the first two. Unfortunatley, the Lakers rose to the occasion, preventing a La Verne victory.

La Verne was again in trouble, suffering 8-4. But after a series of sideouts, kills and turnovers, both squads battled to an 11-11 tie.

With a kill to force a sideout and a block, Lienert gave La Verne its first lead of the night, 12-11.

After a La Verne service error and two attempted kills that landed out of bounds, Mercyhurst was again in the lead, 13-11.

La Verne did not bow down, rallying to a 13-13 tie. However, they were unable to finish the job. Mercyhurst won 15-13 after La Verne hit the ball out of bounds.

"We played great defense and everything else was mediocre," said Tokash, who finished the night with a team high of 13 kills. "We also capitilized on their mistakes."

The majority of mistakes came from LaVerne's difficulty serving within the boundries. The Leopards made 24 service errors.

"That is a good team, but that is a team that we could have challenged a lot more," said Coberly. "That is a team that we could have possibly beaten."

"They ran a fast offense and we made a lot of unforced errors," said junior outside hitter Dave Spegon.

Lienert led the night with 25 kills while senior Sean Douglas, utility, and sophomore Jason Kolodge had nine.

On Wednesday, the team suffered another three-game sweep ending in a loss. Loyola of Chicago won, 15-2, 15-10 and 15-7, in the Supertents. Loyola outside hitter Tom Papp dominated the game with his 16 kill performance, which ended up to be too much for the Leopards.

Tomorrow, La Verne will play against Park of Ohio in the Supertents at 7 p.m.

Softball enjoys winning, earns 2nd in tournament

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

The winds of the bay area felt good to the University of La Verne softball team, as it managed its way to the championship game of the Peninsula Classic in San Francisco.

The Leopards traveled north and ended the tournament in second place after losing to Oregon Tech, 2-1.

"When you go to a tournament you always plan on competing for the championship," said head coach Julie Kline.

The Leopards had beaten Oregon Tech, which is ranked No. 11 in the nation, earlier in the tournament.

"It was hard to lose to them because we had already seen what they had," said senior first baseman Jennifer Guerrero. "We should have been able to beat them again."

La Verne finished with a record of 5-1.

In the tournament, the Leopards scored 57 runs and allowed only four. Four of its five wins were shutouts.

"We know if we play tough we can get a lot of runs and hold the other teams from scoring," said Guerrero.

The team's first victim was, precisely, the eventual champion, Oregon Tech, beating it 2-0.

Then, Simpson College surrended to the Leopards, 7-0.

College of Notre Dame also tasted the sour flavor of losing, as the Leopards defeated it twice 18-2 and 9-0.

Freshman pitcher Lacey Cramer had a perfect game against Patten College. La Verne won, 20-0.

"We have a good team when we play at our potential," said Kline. She qualified her team's performance as "good, with the ability to be a lot better."

Kline also said the team improved in "intensity and an understanding of what it takes to win."

However, she pointed out they lack on execution at the plate.

"We decided to hit a little too late," she said.

Two Leopards made the All-Tournament team. Senior second/first baseman Sophia Garcia and sophomore pitcher/third baseman Robin Haaker.

Garcia's batting average was .647, as she went 11-of-17, stole two bases and was perfect from the field.

Haaker went 11-of-21 at the plate for a .524 batting average, scored eight runs, drove in six RBI and stole half a dozen bases in the same number of attempts.

Next week, the Leopards will take part in the Chapman Tournament.

"We are going to find out whether we can compete at the national level or not," Kline said.

"[There will be] a lot tougher teams and a lot more competition," said Guerrero.

The Leopards play tomorrow in a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) doubleheader against Cal Lutheran in Thousand Oaks at noon, their third conference matchup of the season.

"If we hit as we did this week, then we'll do good," Guerrero said. "If we keep playing hard, we can beat anybody."