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Argenbright takes on security duty

Michael Anklin
Editorial Director

Argenbright Security has entered in to a contract with the University of La Verne to provide the staffing for the University's Campus Safety and Transportation Department.

The international security company is taking over the recruiting, interviewing and basic training of prospective ULV Campus Safety officers.

Executive Vice President Philip Hawkey, who approved and signed the contract, said that "it provides high quality, professionally-trained security personnel."

Director of Campus Safety and Transportation John Lentz, who initiated the change, said, "By the time they [Argenbright's officers] come to work here, they have already had their background done, they've already got their guard card, they're on their way to getting their first aid [and] CPR card, they've already had guard training, [and] they put them in uniforms."

All this preparation and training used to take up a lot of Lentz's time.

"By all this continuous recruitment what I was finding was that I didn't have time to do a lot of other things I was supposed to do," said Lentz.

"This is an opportunity to do a lot of things," he said. "[It will] provide us with a pool of people, provide us with better trained people when they come on board, and save the University some money at the same time."

Lentz said he did not want to overstate himself on how much is going to be saved but that "a conservative estimate is that we'll save $10,000."

According to the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Loretta Rahmani, money was not the primary concern.

"If it saves money, great," she said, "but all our concern is for the quality, safety and security of our ULV community. That was the primary focus in this."

The idea for the change began to flourish in Lentz's mind when President Stephen Morgan encouraged administrators in a budget meeting not only to ask for more money but also to look for better ways to get the job done.

A big advantage of the change is the constant availability of personnel. Many times in the past when someone got sick another guard had to work longer hours.

"I don't like my people to work 12 hours at a time, a shift and a half," said Lentz. "Sometimes we struggle to make that happen."

With Argenbright, there will always be enough people available, even if under special circumstances more guards than normal are required for a short period of time.

The new contract also solves Lentz's problem of having to provide extra guards and shuttle bus drivers for the students living at The Claremont Inn.

Argenbright will also do security checks at ULV and make suggestions on how to improve security on campus. The company has supervisors doing periodic checks of the campus during the off hours when Lentz cannot.

As far as changes for the ULV community, Lentz said nothing is really going to change.

"We'll continue to escort people, to open doors, to jump start cars," Lentz said. "We'll continue to do the things we've always done and maybe even expand on those things. We will not eliminate anything that we are doing now."

Lentz said that he will be actively involved in the day-to-day operation of the department and hopes that people are not going to notice the change.

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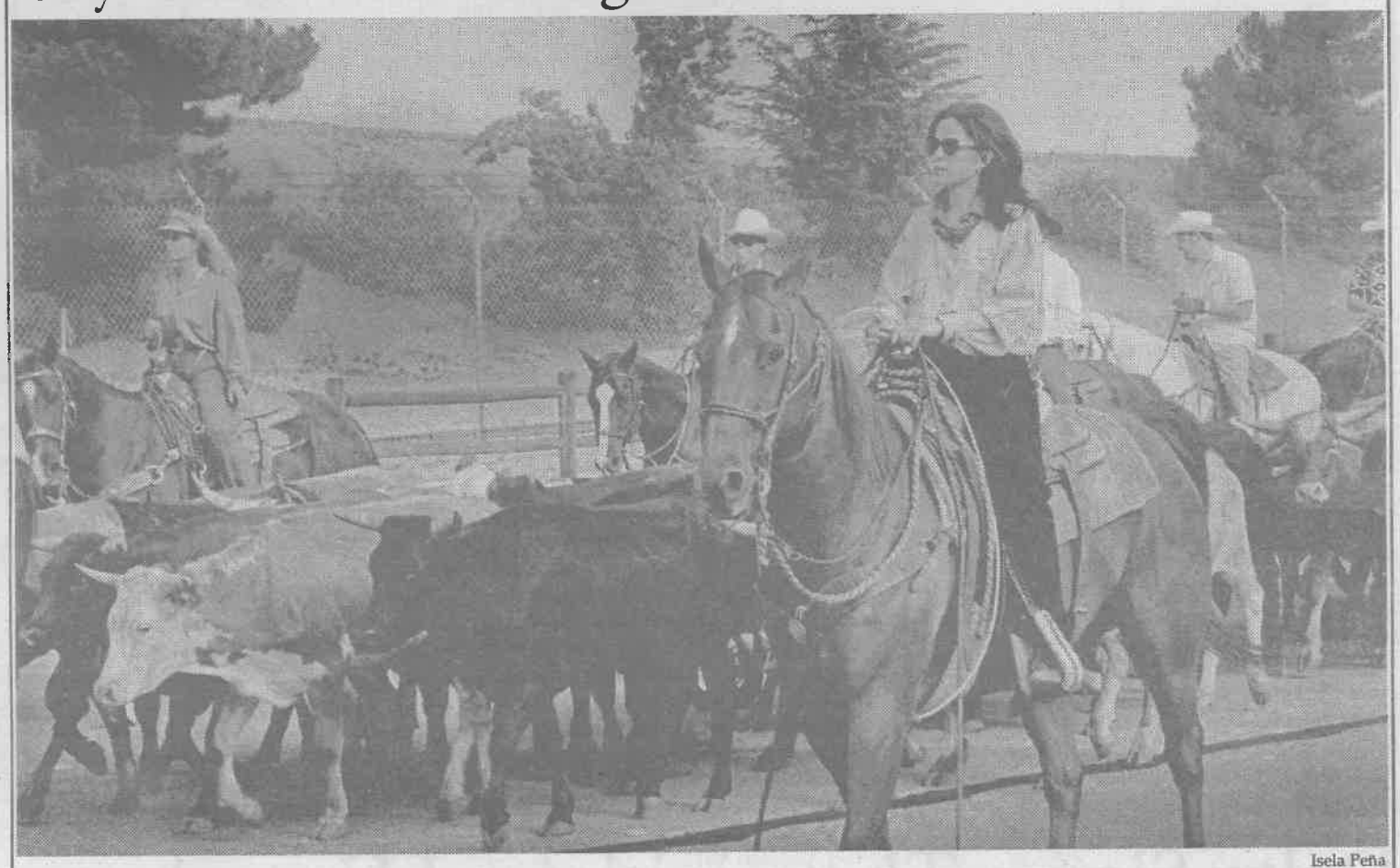
City slickers herd through La Verne's streets



Isela Peña

Local horse owners dressed up in western-wear led 299 cattle down the streets of La Verne last Friday morning during the annual cattle drive. Families lined the streets as 130 riders, who each paid a $150 participation fee, herded the animals down the seven-mile route that began on Wheeler Avenue and ended at the Fairplex.

Search begins for vice president of enrollment

Heather Baxter
Staff Writer

An extensive search has begun for a person to fill a new position at the University of La Verne, vice president for enrollment management.

The position is a replacement for the executive assistant to the president, the position vacated by Dr. Len Hightower at the end of last semester.

"We have changed the position. When he left, we had split out some of his duties," said President Stephen Morgan. "He was deeply involved in supervising undergraduate admissions, financial aid, and a number of other things.

"Those two, in particular, we have chosen to weave into a position for a vice president for enrollment management."

In addition to the new title, the position has several new specific duties, including providing leadership in admissions, financial aid, institutional research, and enrollment planning.

Reporting to the president, the vice president "will have outstanding interpersonal and communication skills, flexibility, and strong management skills," according to the ULV description for the position released in a university bulletin said.

An active effort is currently being made to find an individual to fill this position as soon as possible. Advertisements have been placed and the University has been using Enrollment Search Consultant Teresa Lahti, to locate and screen potential candidates.

A search committee on campus is also being utilized. It is comprised of "a diverse group of ULV faculty and staff members."

"It is a fairly broad representative committee," said Dr. Morgan.

As much of the position's time is spent supervising and directing undergraduate admissions and financial aid, the vice president will not have much individual contact with students.

More than any other quality, the search committee is looking for someone who has some experience.

"We are really looking for people who have experience in the arena of enrollment and financial aid," Dr. Morgan said. "Preferably, we will get someone who has had responsibilities in both of these areas."

A number of applications have already been received by the University, and they have been forwarded to the hired consultant.

"[The consultant] is in the process of screening the applications and talking to the applicants by telephone," said Dr. Morgan. "We expect that sometime within the next two weeks for her to come forward with some recommended candidates for us to interview."

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Jaime Ortega

Melissa Behr, a diversified graduate student at the University of La Verne, explores the inaugural Chuck Wagon Barbecue and Street Dance held in downtown La Verne on Friday, Sept. 17. Pony and train rides, a petting zoo and line dancing were among the activities, funded by the Downtown Business Improvement District, a group of local business owners.

SPAs focus on off-campus students

Damien Alarcon
Assistant A&E Editor

Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, will direct a new organization of student program assistants (SPAs) to give University of La Verne students an option to be involved in campus life.

Programs will be run by student programming assistants to keep students other than on-campus residents included in activities.

"We will focus on a few specific areas like commuter student programs," said Houdyshell, who is serving his first year at ULV. "We will also do educational, social and diversified programs. Many will be in collaboration with ASF [Associated Students Federation] and residential life.

"It is designed for students to come in and program events and activities for students as another resource."

There are six SPAs hired by Houdyshell through work study or Leadership Education And Development (L.E.A.D.) scholarships.

The SPAs for this semester are juniors Gloria Ramirez, Xochitl Ramirez, John Joines, Jazmine Echenberg, Jaymel Capinpin and senior Amy Attiyah.

"Out of all the workers, Amy is probably the lead programmer because she has a lot of experience with student life," said Houdyshell.

In the past, Attiyah was involved with L.E.A.D. the ASF Forum and the business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

"I'm interested in the programming aspect of student life. I've been doing that for the past three years and I want to continue with that," said Attiyah.

"All six programmers have been around ULV for a number of years and have been involved in other aspects of student life," said Houdyshell. "They will bring in their expertise from other areas."

Since this is a new program, Houdyshell is not sure as to how many programs will run during this semester as he will be "testing things out."

"We have not talked about specifics too much other than that we will focus on commuters. We have only had one meeting," said Houdyshell. The group meets every Wednesday to gather ideas and set up events.

The Club Fair on Tuesday was the organization's first formal activity, which was moved into the Student Center. In the past, Club Fair has taken place outside in the quad area.

Houdyshell said, "ASF does stuff, resident life does stuff, the Greeks do stuff, this is just another way to get programs for students."

Delta Sigma Theta initiates LV students

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

A new addition to the Greeks on the University of La Verne campus are the members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority who joined the national organization through the Cal Poly Pomona chapter last spring.

There are five women involved in the sorority: seniors Maisha Pryor, Isa Lose, Gwenelle Warren, Ayana Brown and sophomore Danielle Cormier. Three other women are also members, but attend Cal Poly Pomona.

"Our focus on our sorority is that we are a public service organization and we hope to add to the La Verne community," Pryor said.

Originally founded in 1913 by 22 women at Howard University, the organization concentrates on five programs—economics, education, political awareness and involvement, international awareness and involvement, and physical/mental health.

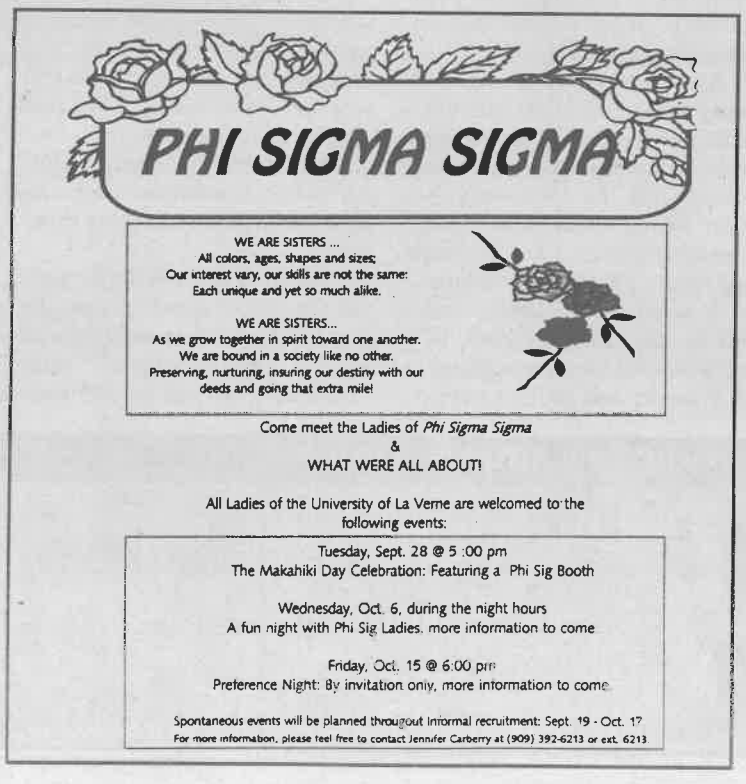
There are 800 chapters worldwide and there are eight regions—the Midwest, Central, Eastern, Southwest, South Atlantic, Southern, and Far West.

Pryor discovered the sorority while attending Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. Upon her arrival to ULV, she decided to build a local chapter here.

Some of the events that have already been done were AIDS awareness, safe sex awareness, and a candlelight vigil in memory of Tyisha Miller. After the vigil was a program where police officers talked about police brutality.

A clothing drive was also held and the clothes were donated to the David and Margaret Home for Girls in La Verne.

Pryor hopes that the club gets recognized by ULV, and helps to create diversity and get campuswide involvement.



Safety has new phone number

Leslie M. Estrada
Staff Writer

A brand new telephone number was introduced to the University of La Verne's Campus Safety Department in order to modernize the now-expired system.

Over the years, problems have occurred involving incoming calls and the staff members that have received them. Some of these problems were constant interference in the calls, delayed messages and service, to name a few.

Unsatisfied customers dealt with delayed messages and interference.

Because of all the recurring mistakes in the security phone system, new developments have made the system more functional.

For all calls directed to campus security, dial from off-campus (909) 208-4903. Campus phones need only dial ext. 4903 or #6666.

During the summer, individual cellular telephones from Air Touch phone company took the place of the walkie-talkie devices that caused static and miscommunication between callers.

Although these new phones were just introduced, the Air Touch cellular phones were switched to another company because of new arising issues.

NexTel, the University's current cellular phone company, introduces a new telephone number, along with fast-paced service to those in need of it.

These technologically advanced cell phones eliminate message delays and security officers are now able to understand the caller without any interference, thereby increasing reaction time for assistance.

John Lentz, director of Campus Safety and Transportation, said, "Within a few weeks time, the new cell phone number will be in full swing until the previous number dies out of use."

Although the telephone number has changed, the public phone security buttons on campus have already been altered to dial the new number for security.

ASF Minutes

Advocacy Board and Activities Board members of the University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 10:15 a.m. in the West Dining Room.

Forum members reviewed schedules for future ASF meetings and discussed alternatives to environmental issues concerning the Rock.

Rock Issue

To get students' reaction on the environmental issues concerning the Rock, the Forum talked about taking an advisory vote in order to find out how current students feel about the matter.

Plans for the vote were not detailed, but students will be notified of the process once plans are finalized.

ASF Meetings

General Forum meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

On the second Wednesday of each month, meetings will be split—meaning the Activities and Advocacy boards will meet individually. These meetings will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through 11 a.m., with each board meeting for an hour, respectively.

All meetings, held in the West Dining Room, are open to the ULV community.

—Araceli Esparza

Campus increases 20-minute spaces

Elizabeth Rodarte
Staff Writer

University of La Verne officials recently turned seven campus parking spaces into 20-minute parking zones in an effort to minimize the congestion of traffic at some of ULV's facilities.

A total of seven new 20-minute parking spaces—two in front of Woody Hall, two in front of Founder's Hall and three in front of Miller Hall—have been implemented around campus.

"The issue was raised that there is no place really for those people who stop by to drop off a piece of paper or pick up a piece of paper," said John Lentz, director of Campus Safety and Transportation.

Brian Worley, director of Facilities Management, said, "The locations were specifically chosen to make it convenient [for people] to take care of business."

Both Lentz and Worley said most people coming to ULV for a short time on a daily basis are prospective students and their families.

Lentz said, "If these students have to park six blocks away they may say, 'The heck with ULV, I will go somewhere else'."

Students were not informed about the changes because the process took place early this summer.

"It just seemed like it was better to do it [implement parking zones] early summer and have it available," said Lentz. "Otherwise, it would have been too difficult at the end of the academic year."

According to Lentz, the three 20-minute parking spaces in front of Miller Hall were requested by Lisa Meyer, director of undergraduate admissions.

"One of the things that came up is that there are people who come to campus who need to get information who are not necessarily students or employees," Meyer said. "Sometimes it's alumni, sometimes it is a Board of Trustees member."

Undergraduate admissions visitors, when confirming their visit, are advised over the telephone to obtain a special 90-minute parking permit which allows them to exceed the 20-minute limit, if needed.

Lentz said the new 20-minute parking zones will not be a problem.

"I have heard nothing but positive [comments] because of the convenience factor," he said. "The negative part can be that it takes seven parking spaces."

Mixed feelings about the 20-minute parking zones circulate the campus.

Senior Dana Hazen said, "It is a good idea in front of Woody Hall, but it limits spaces in front of Miller Hall, not helping the parking situation."

"It takes up parking space from the students. What can you really do in 20 minutes?" said junior Raul Mena. "It takes usually more than that as slow as everything runs at this school."

Senior Diana Verduzco said, "I definitely do not agree. As it is space is very limited here. By adding these 20-minute parking spaces the parking situation has worsened."

"I think it is a really good idea. It makes it convenient for those who are here for a short time," said sophomore Ryan Rodriguez.

Lentz said ULV security officers will be handing out citations to those who violate the 20-minute parking regulations. The fine for exceeding the 20-minute limit is $20, and all money goes directly to the city of La Verne's general fund.

New grant assists FGSSP program

Leah C. Sahagun
Staff Writer

With the end of the James Irvine Foundation grant, Derek Vergara, First Generation Student Success Program director, is in search of other foundations to provide grants for the University of La Verne program.

The First Generation Student Success Program (FGSSP) began four years ago with a generous $500,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

"The program has received great regional and national recognition," Vergara said.

This unique program is only here at the University where a great percentage of the enrolling students are the first in their families to attend college.

The grant was provided to assist students with scholarships and a better understanding of the skills needed to graduate from college.

In conjunction with student benefits, it also helps with research to assist administrators in understanding the diversity among ULV's students.

The Foundation provided ULV with the grant to better understand diversity by starting programs and research. But with the end of the James Irvine grant, Vergara's search for other grants led him to the Packard Foundation, which provided a small grant.

"For the time being, ULV has shown commitment to the FGSSP by assisting in funding students looking for scholarship money," said Vergara.

Vergara and Christina Ayala-Alcantar, assistant professor of psychology, are in the process of making a proposal for asking for another grant from the James Irvine Foundation.

At ULV, 150 students and families have benefitted from FGSSP through programs and scholarship money. Currently 16 students are in the program.

FGSSP has been infused with the new student orientation, and program officials are working on mainstreaming at ULV.

"If you don't institutionalize it gets stuck in the corner, it needs to be mainstream," said Vergara. "We have learned a lot through the first generation students, the next step is to continue to understand diversity as a whole."

In The News

January Trip

The Communications Department is holding an informational meeting on their Media Across the Nation 2000 trip on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. in the KULV Room.

The trip dates are scheduled for Jan. 4-21, 2000 and will take students to New York, Washington D.C. and Atlanta to explore media issues.

Four upper division units will be given to those who attend.

For more information please call Eric Bishop at ext. 4293 or Mike Laponis ext. 4279.

Graduate Fellowships

The National Science Foundation (NSF) will award approximately 900 Graduate Research Fellowships.

NSF encourages all qualified science, mathematics or engineering students to have their applications in by Nov. 4, 1999. Awards will be announced in March 2000.

For more information contact the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program at (423) 241-4300 or nsfgrfp@orau.gov.

Film Series

As a part of the International/Intercultural Film Series titled "How Does Your Garden Grow? Films About Diversity," several films will be shown on the first Friday of every month.

The series begins with "October Sky" Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in La Fetra Auditorium. The series is free thanks to the James Irvine Grant money.

Future films will include "Mississippi Masala," "Lone Star," "Crooklyn," "Joy Luck Club," and "Ruby in Paradise."

—*Michelle Thornton*

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the change was not an easy decision for Lentz to make.

"I had to weigh the benefit to the organization against the downside, which is that some of the employees may not buy into it," said Lentz.

"So I had to make what I felt was the best decision for the organization as a whole. And that decision was to go with Argenbright."

The current security guards can work for Argenbright if they choose to do so. An advantage of working for such a large company is the possibility to make a career out of it and work in different places.

Lentz chose Argenbright out of several possible candidates.

"I'm very impressed with the process he went through," said Rahmani. "He really did a thorough investigation."

As far as the cost for the services, Lentz said all the companies were very competitive.

"The most compelling factor that caused me to go with Argenbright was their management team," said Lentz.

Dr. Hawkey said he relied on Lentz's recommendation of Argenbright.

"They were so much more actively involved," said Lentz. They seemed to be the most interested; they seemed to be the most supportive."

"If the management team is supportive, involved and responsive," said Lentz, "we're going to get a better product."

Search...

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Dr. Morgan anticipates that it will take three to five weeks to schedule and conduct interviews once the list of recommendations is turned in.

Following the interviews, it is expected that one to two weeks will be spent making a final decision.

"This also depends on [the individual's] availability," said Dr. Morgan.

"We have some time to wait, if necessary for the right person," he said, explaining how the candidate's availability might not be a main consideration in deciding who will be hired for the position.

Resumes are being accepted by Diana Towles in the Office of the President.

The search committee formed to fill this position consists of Ken Calkins, Board of Trustee member, William Cook, vice president of academic affairs, Yvonne Davis, professor of education, John Gingrich, dean of arts and sciences, Tom Harvey, dean of the school of organizational management, Phil Hawkey, executive vice president, Ray Johnson, associate dean of the school of continuing education, Tom McGuire, professor of education, Dr. Morgan, Barbara Peterson, professor of educational management, Barbara Poling, associate professor of educational management, Peggy Redman, associate professor of education, Manny Scrofani, associate professor of educational management and Lee Newcomer, former president.

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Ticket offer weakens school spirit

Last year, the Bruins of the University of California, Los Angeles finished first in the Pacific 10 Conference. That earned them a spot in one of college football's most prestigious games, the "Granddaddy of Them All," the Rose Bowl Game.

UCLA's home stadium, the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., is the site of the game. But when the Bruins met the Wisconsin Badgers on Jan. 1, 1999, the stadium was a sea of Wisconsin-red, rather than the blue and gold of UCLA. Final score: Wisconsin 38, UCLA 31.

Now, almost a year later, that game is affecting the University of La Verne community. UCLA, through the ULV Human Resources Department, has offered to ULV faculty, students and graduates tickets to UCLA home games for $35. In addition, students and graduates have the opportunity to purchase tickets in the UCLA student section.

But why did the UCLA Athletics Department make this offer, and why did La Verne accept it?

The answer to the first question is obvious. When UCLA played a bowl game in their home stadium, and the crowd was overwhelmingly pro-Wisconsin, something had to change.

UCLA Athletics, most likely influenced by UCLA Athletics Director Peter Dalis, and probably Bruins head football coach Bob Toledo, wanted more bodies sitting in the stands, rooting for their team. They wanted to "increase the game-day atmosphere," as one employee of UCLA Athletics said.



The reason Human Resources at La Verne accepted the offer is somewhat unclear, since ULV has its own football team, which also plays games on Saturdays. No one is accusing Human Resources of attempting to reduce attendance at La Verne games, but at a school where indifference runs rampant, where apathy is a way of life, this may just be one more thing that detracts from what is already a weak sense of school pride and spirit.

This season, led by coach Don Morel, the Leopards are attempting to put the last two seasons behind them and return La Verne to the winning ways it knew in the early 1990s. After Saturday's 45-0 clobbering of Whittier College, ULV's record stands at 2-0.

But football players, who put in hours upon hours of work, from summer days spent in the weight room to fall afternoons spent practicing and preparing, may feel insulted that their own school is essentially promoting another university.

Although La Verne may not compete against UCLA, or even at the same level, it is still somewhat in competition for football fans, and one thing to keep in mind is La Verne students can attend La Verne games free of charge.

Police fail to protect and serve

In every society there are norms, or rather, things people should do. Citizens are aware that the laws should be followed and, in many cases, are reassured that the men and women in blue uniforms and shiny badges will help to enforce the laws that maintain a stable society and protect and serve its citizens. There is a current issue, however, that needs to be addressed.

What should be done when the people supposedly enforcing our legal system fail it themselves?

Corrupt elements within the Los Angeles Police Department have kept at least one innocent man behind bars for three years, and daily the force finds itself in a downward spiral of taboo concerning "dirty killings." In the 1930s, society was run by a "spoils-system," and police officers could be paid off to let lawbreakers stroll away unnoticed. Is society moving forward or backward?

It is up to officers to realize that if they intend to protect and serve the people, their responsibilities extend beyond their stations' walls. If not, we as a society may as well brand them as their own type of gang, out against everyone, but legally. It needs to be understood that as the men and women of the law, they are measured by a higher standard, honored with respect and labeled with courage.

In order to provide members of society with the protection they deserve, citizens must be the voices to defend the spineless shootings of men like Javier Ovando or other pointless acts of dirty police brutality. If we only do as the police officers and remain silent, we can only expect similar cases to follow and countless problems that will spread through our streets like an out-of-control, infectious disease.

Rampart Division officials have quite a bit of explaining to do. More than a dozen officers assigned to the station have either been relieved of duty or fired. The information was brought to light by ex-LAPD officer Rafael Perez in exchange for a lighter sentence concerning his stealing of eight and a half pounds of confiscated cocaine from the department.

The nine officers who responded to the gang-related call may have gone intending to do their job. Yet, at some point, the scenario took a sick twist, in which officers shot a handcuffed Ovando in the chest and point-blank in the head. Afterward, the officers planted a rifle on him, intending to frame him by claiming he had attacked them. Due to the officers' testimonies, a now wheelchair-bound Ovando was sentenced to 23 years in a state prison.

Now, it should be obvious that society is skeptical of its protection. Those officers did more than just abuse power; they also branded every other police officer currently working. There is a void where a feeling of security was, and it shall remain that way for some time.

The issue at hand has nothing to do with this information being brought to light or the fact that a man was framed by police officers. The gist of everything revolves around the silence. A silence so strong in power that it leaves the guilty free and the innocent confined.

It is understood, however, that police officers, like any working team or unit, create bonds and close-knit partnerships. But how many other people like Ovando are sitting in a cell each night thinking of family members and missing holidays—all the while asking the question, If I am innocent, why am I in here?—all because of this loyal silence?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After reading the story ["Officials call for students to vacate," Sept. 17] and speaking with students who live at the Claremont Inn, one word comes to mind, shame. Shame on the office of housing and residential life.

It is unacceptable that for the second consecutive year the housing staff has managed to overbook residence halls whose total occupancy has not increased since the Oaks opened nearly a decade ago.

The comment of, "The only difference really is that you can't roll out of bed and run to your class" is a direct reflection of the apathy and arrogance that Julie Thurman-Francisco exhibits in carrying out the duties of her job. Students choose to live on campus for many reasons, among them the luxury to roll out of bed and run to class. It is that ability along with the interaction of dealing with other students and just the privilege of being close to the heart of the University that makes living on campus so special and is paramount to giving students the holistically well experience that housing sets out to provide, or at least it says it tries to provide. I feel all students should live on campus for at least one year. If made the most of, this time can be some of one's best in college.

It seems difficult for students to run to the Spot and back to their room, unless they have marathon experience. It seems that the University will not turn down any student money, but has little problem inconveniencing students, the very clientele that keeps ULV afloat and pays the salaries of people like Francisco-Thurman.

Now is a time for accountability, atonement and ultimately, change. There needs to be a new director of housing. Sorry Julie, this is not personal, strictly business. It seems that the responsibilities of the housing director are too much for the person currently holding that position. I am willing to write a public apology to Ms. Thurman-Francisco if it is ever revealed that her office was told to take all of the reservations that it could and the actual housing of the students would be dealt with later. However, I do not anticipate any one coming forth and admitting that money was the driving factor behind two straight years of asinine room bookings.

ULV is better than what the housing office has provided for the last two years. Shame on the housing office for forgetting the best interests of the exact clientele they are supposed to protect, students.

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From the Editor...

Child's well-being key to future



Araceli Esparza

News about the 6-year-old girl found chained to her bed in Norco has created a stir among many people within the past two weeks. And late last week, the child's mother and grandfather—both in custody—gave their explanation for the trauma they have inflicted on the remainder of this young girl's life.

Loren Bess, the girl's maternal grandfather, told Riverside *Press-Enterprise* reporters the reasons for which he restrained his granddaughter, Betty Topper. As daytime caretaker for the child, Bess believed his granddaughter was autistic, and that he, therefore, did not know how to care for her properly.

"We were controlling her random wandering," Bess said as one of his reasons for confining the girl to a bed. The 6-year-old "tore up everything," including two cribs, a $1,000-plus brass bed, two radios and a lamp, he added.

But all children go through a phase in which they are notorious for destroying expensive objects, putting almost everything in their mouths and writing on walls with markers or crayons.

It is all part of the the learning-from-curiosity experience every child goes through in the developing stages of life.

Still, that leaves no reason for anyone to decide to discipline and keep control of a child by confining him or her to a restricted area like an animal.

Bess and the child's mother, Cynthia Topper, believed that using a 2-foot-long harness and chain (which are specifically designed to restrain horses) in order to supervise the child was the best solution.

Topper also believed her daughter was completely healthy and happy under her care. They said the child often sat at the edge of her bed for hours, coloring and drawing in picture books.

Even the child's grandfather claimed the 6-year-old was never in any harm: "She was as happy and healthy as I am," he told reporters.

However, the grandfather had his own problems. Bess was reported to have been miserable since his wife's death in 1993, the year in which officials believe the abuse against Betty began.

"My dad, when mom died of cancer, he wanted to stop the whole world. He wouldn't throw anything out," Topper said.

Whether or not the child was happy cannot be determined. It is believed that Betty never truly developed any speaking skills because she had been neglected for so long. Her only method of communicating with people is by grunting or growling as an animal would do.

In addition, the young girl is definitely not as healthy as her mother imagined.

Officials found her in a back room on Sept. 7, chained to a bedpost in an area filled with animal and human feces. Her mother said the feces was the result of her daughter's failure to being toilet trained.

Betty was also emaciated and in diapers, and she weighed only 30 lbs.

Through it all, neither Bess nor his daughter can truly comprehend the idea that they may have committed any wrongdoing. They cannot even understand why they are in jail in the first place, much less fathom the fact that Betty lived a life far less than normal.

Both caretakers are being held at a detention center on charges of torture, child endangerment and false imprisonment.

There are claims that Betty's mother suffers from mental disorders resulting from an ex-boyfriend's abuse years ago.

But through every unjustifiable excuse Topper and Bess give, their story is more heartbreaking than it is appalling.

It goes beyond any issues of mental stability and proper parenting, skills Betty's mother and grandfather lack.

The 6-year-old's new ordeal deals with her well-being and future. The greater concern is whether or not Betty will still have the ability to lead a life more normal than that to which she has been accustomed.

For the time being, however, no one may know what lies ahead for Betty. It may take years for her to develop proper functioning and living skills, and even then, it may take longer for her to learn communication skills and tell the story of her trauma on her own.

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Action speaks louder than words



Nune Gazdhyan

It is time that students stop complaining about The Spot and Davenport. I am sick of all the complaints. I am sick of the sulking faces talking to me about their growling bellies. And I sure am sick of people who are too afraid to take a stand, express their anger and ensure that they are heard. It is time to either take a stand or shut up.

Ever since The Spot's reopening I have been in a constant battle with the employees. It seems that most of the workers there do not know how to run the cash register, prepare anything in a timely fashion or use proper sanitation.

A few days ago I went to The Spot for breakfast. As I stood in line to order, I saw one of the employees opening up the wrapped early risers, throwing out the meat and rewrapping them to be sold. OK, maybe the meat was not selling. What really burst my bubble was the fact that the employee managed to toss a piece of meat on the floor then picked it up with the same gloves that she was using to prepare food, tossed the meat in the trash and then merrily went about touching various unpackaged food.

I don't know about the rest of the world, but I have a hard time ordering food at a place that doesn't enforce sanitation. I also know that I'm not the only person that has witnessed improper handling of food, but it seems that I'm the only one willing to do something about it. Of course I didn't want the early riser and I told them that they need to use the gloves properly.

I can complain, throw tantrums and refuse food, but it's not going to do me any good unless others, who have been wronged, voice their concerns as well. I know that many students are too busy to deal with such minor inconveniences such as dirty food, but it's about time to care. I refuse to hear another person's complaints about the "nasty" food at Davenport, complete with toppings of hair, or the long lines at The Spot unless an action follows.

There are ways to make sure that the food we eat each day is decent, especially for the cursed batch of us who have to buy a meal plan, by taking our concerns to where it matters. It is time to voice concerns to Brett Roth, director of dining services, President Stephen Morgan and anyone else who is willing to listen. And it wouldn't be such a bad idea if we informed our parents about our feelings and let them know why we spend so much money eating out or just not eating properly, and have our parents call the school. Maybe they can get some answers.

I have been told that Brett is a great listener, but how is he ensuring that students are aware that they can go to him? I guess the bulletin boards should do the trick, but they don't. I placed a comment on the one by The Spot but never got back a reply. It had conveniently disappeared. Also, why can't there be a monthly evaluation system set up to allow students the opportunity to evaluate the food service and give Brett the opportunity to see how students feel and what can be done to improve the service?

Yes, The Spot just reopened and there are new people who lack the proper training in food service; not everyone can learn to run the register or use gloves properly. All of these are excuses. Why were they not trained properly? Why are they allowed to serve food?

Fellow La Vernians, it's about time that we stop allowing Aramark to gobble our money and leave us hungry. I don't believe that silence is golden. Let's be loud. So the next time your food is cold or there's a hair in your salad take it back and demand answers.

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Negative societal norms define decade



Angelica Martinez

With only three months left in 1999, defining moments in the near future will become additions to a decade of stark contrast and change.

In years past, issues affecting society were relevant, a glaring difference with today. In comparison with the '60s, the '90s are an insult to history.

In the '60s wars, morals, and societal reform were important issues. Thirty years later, we are faced with a decade defined for its celebrity scandals, gun rampages and freeway chases. Clearly, society's fight for improvement has not been won.

Is it any wonder though?

Perhaps. But not likely. Several years ago, gun rampages were not an issue in public schools, neither were pre-teenage pregnancies nor high speed chases

Society frowned and gasped when reports like these were given.

So what went wrong?

Several things. But the biggest one is compliance. Society's attention or lack thereof, has made these events a norm.

Recently, some friends discussed the most recent jaw-dropping news. Betty Topper, the 6-year-old Norco resident who was chained to a bed because relatives did not want her around, was a major discussion piece.

The church shooting in Fort Worth, Texas and the Los Angeles Police Department corruption scandal were also topics of conversation.

Ironically, the discussion switched from "How could someone do something like that?" to "Before you never heard anything like that. Now, you hear it all the time."

How ironic. People are aware of the norms they themselves have so willingly imposed. Although I disagree completely with these events, I am not an exception to society.

As a journalist, I take full responsibility for my part and I attempt to simply report the news as accurately as possible.

Others however, seek violence and scandals for personal entertainment. It is this, which affects our society's norms the most. Often times, sources complain that the news doesn't cover the good, it only glorifies the bad.

Why is that?

The primary reason is that society has lost respect for the good of mankind. Brawl matches on talk shows, violent entertainment outlets, and the agony of others is more appealing than supporting a good cause, regardless of what it is.

Yes, it sounds preachy, but when one realizes how desensitized society has become, the questions should not be so much why or how these events evolved, but more, how each individual is responsible for their unfolding.

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem.

That is to say, people are so used to what is wrong today, that what is right, is no longer a means by which to live.

Unless individuals disaffirm these events by actions, and not just words, things will not change. Simply talking about these issues without any action is useless.

Until the public rethinks these norms, society's standards will only be lowered. The sad reality, however, is that it will most likely continue this way.

With the clock ticking toward the millennium, the juxtaposition of this decade reflects that of the '60s only to show social destruction for no real improvement.

Hopefully, in future retrospect, the '90s will not be a decade referred to as "the good ol' days," and things will have actually changed.

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Houdyshell calls University home

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Michael Houdyshell replaced Melissa Jaunal as the coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs at the University of La Verne.

He began his first day of work at ULV in July. "It was pretty stressful at the beginning, but it's a lot better now," he said.

Houdyshell said his experience in advising student activities, orientation and student government at Sierra Nevada College assisted him in attaining the job at ULV. He applies his college experience to his job responsibilities, which include student programming, commuter activities and being co-adviser for the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum.

During college, Houdyshell was an active member of Alpha Kappa Psi and intramurals. He also served as an ambassador for Boise State University where he obtained his bachelor's in business in 1993.

The adviser for the ambassador program in which Houdyshell participated in was Gertie Arnold. He said that she is the person who influenced him most in his life.

"She pointed me in the right direction," Houdyshell said. He then went on to receive his master's in education at Western Washington University.

Having a father in the military, who was often stationed on various locations, Houdyshell lived in many places and he says that he has become an experienced traveler. About every three years his father would be stationed in a new area and the entire family would relocate. The longest period of time that Houdyshell ever stayed in one place was while attending college in Idaho. He stayed there for seven years.

"If I had a lot of money I would spend all my time traveling," Houdyshell said.

While he was in New Orleans, Houdyshell attended the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators convention and there he learned about the job opening at ULV. During the convention he was interviewed by Theresa Lopez, director of career development, and Laura Venturini, assistant director of career development, they were there representing ULV.

Lopez said, "Having done a wide variety of student activities, he brings a lot of experience. He is enthusiastic and friendly, he makes a good match with the students."

Sophomore Erica Borbon agreed with Lopez, "I like working with him, he's really laid back. You can talk to him about anything."

At the time of the convention Houdyshell was looking for some permanence in his life and he said that he found it here at ULV. "I see a real sense of community it's great," he said.

With his first task of orientation being completed, Houdyshell is planning Homecoming, as well as expanding commuter programs. As time continues he plans to establish a variety of programs for the increasing student population.

"He's into getting things done. He makes us work and wants everyone to get involved with school activities," said sophomore Kim Schrepfer, who works at the Student Center desk.

Bookstore, Some Crust celebrate grand opening

Julia Carachure
Staff writer

The University of La Verne bookstore, along with Some Crust Bakery, held its grand opening Thursday, Sept. 16, at its new location on the corner of Bonita Avenue and D Street.

During the dedication ceremony, President Stephen Morgan acknowledged the city of La Verne and the La Verne Redeveloping Agency, who were in partnership with the University on the project.

Dr. Morgan also recognized the Business Improvement District, along with Laird Construction Company, KAR Construction Inc., and a host of subcontractors.

"I am pleased with the new location. It presents good visibility and will reach out to the university and the community," said Dr. Morgan.

The bookstore has two floors. The first floor has ULV merchandise, school supplies, magazines and a variety of trade books.

"Now that we have more space, we are able to expand in many of the fiction and non fiction sections, such as religion, travel, business, gay and lesbian studies, and education," said Robert Gibson, general manager of the ULV bookstore.

The second floor contains all textbooks and the University's Management Information Systems (MIS) Department. However, MIS is independent from the bookstore.

"I am amazed at the new look. It's bigger so there's more room. I like the fact that the books are on the second floor," said junior Manny Escalante, movement and sports science major.

Some Crust has also settled in to the location, as it occupies 650 square feet just inside the east entrance of the building.

The bakery features European baked goods, blended drinks, pastries, European coffee and Fosselman's Ice Cream.

Tables and chairs are set along the patio to provide for a casual lounging atmosphere.

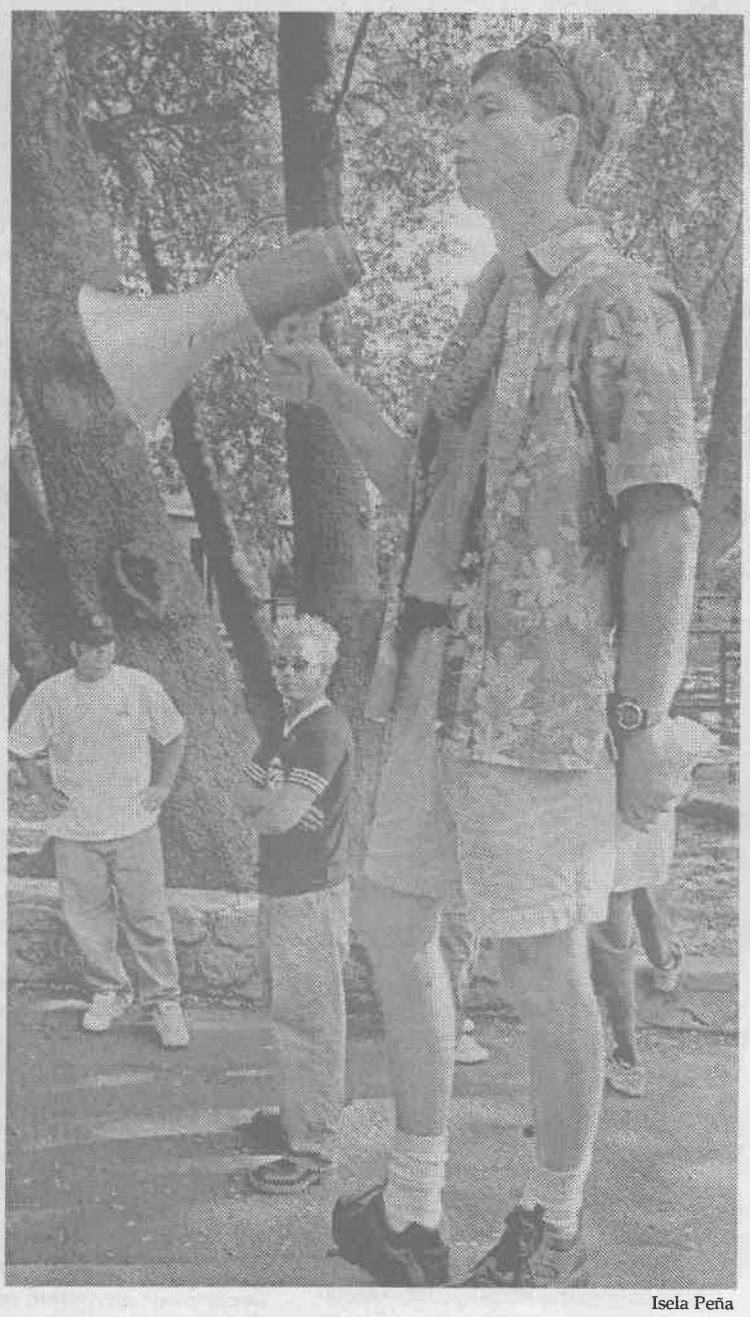
Larry Feemster, owner of Some Crust, said that faculty and students can receive a 10 percent discount upon presenting their ULV identification.

"Our goal is to provide ULV with hospitality," Feemster said.

"I think that having the bakery inside the store is great. You can just go inside with your friends, buy something from the bookstore, and grab something to eat afterward," said sophomore public administration major Hermes Iribe.

The bookstore is open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Some Crust Bakery is open 7 a.m to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.



Isela Peña

New to La Verne is Coordinator of Campus Activities and Commuter Programs Michael Houdyshell. Houdyshell comes to ULV from Sierra Nevada College in Lake Tahoe, where he held a similar position. His duties include co-adviser to ASF, Greek adviser and Orientation Week Coordinator. Here, he directs students during Orientation Weekend at Pilgrim Pines.

New faces add flavor to Davenport

•Anderson, Roth join ULV family

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer



Erica Paal

"Out with the old, in with new," is the attitude in Davenport Dining Hall these days, according to new Head Chef Mary Elizabeth Anderson. Anderson discusses preparations for last week's barbecue dinner in the quad with the new Director of Dining Services, Brett Roth. She replaced Frank Crescenzo, and Roth replaces Armen Ananian, who left the University of La Verne to pursue another dining services position at the Claremont Colleges.

There is new taste in the lives of University of La Verne's students who eat at Davenport Dining Hall. Two new faces are trying to make students' college experience a bit more enjoyable.

Brett Roth, director of Dining Services, and Mary Elizabeth Anderson, executive chef, are in charge of providing students with what they need and want.

However, Anderson said their main objective is to improve service quality which many said, has lacked in the past.

"We are striving for consistency," said Anderson. "For any service business success you have to have consistency.

"We want to emphasize the focus on quality," Roth said.

"Students need to know and need to have the security that they can come here and have a good, healthy meal and not worry about the quality," said Anderson.

"We have to make food good. We have to make it taste good—make it look good and nutritional at the same time," Anderson said. "And yes, I'll still cook french fries and chicken nuggets. I'll work hard in reducing fats and sugars and give alternatives."

Alternatives are what students want to see.

"We need more variety on the food. We don't want to eat the same thing twice a week," said junior Georgina Negrete.

Anderson, a ULV alumna, comes back to La Verne after 12 years of gaining valuable experience in the food service industry.

"I really love cooking," she said. "I belong in the kitchen. I've been raised in the kitchen. I find that I'm always most comfortable in the kitchen."

Anderson graduated from ULV in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

She then continued her education at the New England Culinary Institute (NECI) in Vermont, where she received her associate's degree in culinary arts in 1992, followed by another bachelor's in food service management in 1996.

Anderson has held a variety of positions within the industry. Her experiences include being a cook at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose, being a pastry cook at the Ritz Carlton-Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, and being store manager at Pasqua Coffee Bar in San Francisco, as well as owning My Chef, a personal chef service.

"I'm real comfortable with her talents. She has nice hands-on skills," said Roth. "She has real positive energy an attitude. She does some real nice jobs in the kitchen."

However, working in the kitchen is not Anderson's only responsibility. She is also in charge of menu planning, catering, ordering, purchasing, inventory, product rotation and sanitation.

"We have to keep up to the level of expectation in accordance to Aramark's rules, La Verne's rules and, most specially, the Department of Health," she said.

"We are here because of the students. If we aren't pleasing them, then it all falls apart."

That is the attitude Anderson brings back to La Verne, an attitude of satisfying her customers. "Absolutely, the number one customer is the student," she said.

Both Roth and Anderson say they know the importance of listening to what students have to say about the service they receive.

"It is important that we always maintain an open door, an open ear, because we want to accommodate to everybody's needs as best as we can," Anderson said.

Roth said he wants to make sure students know they [food services] are "receptive and open to change."

"Right now, we're working on new menu development," he said. "We are upgrading the order entrees system, computerizing things."

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> *—Mary Elizabeth Anderson, Davenport head chef*

Roth's work experience goes back to the late 1960s. He owned a restaurant in the bay area and worked at college campuses including the University of Southern Colorado, Stanford and California State University, Los Angeles.

After traveling from place to place, Roth said that he decided to join his family in Claremont.

He said that one of the main reasons he decided to take the job at ULV is because of the school's size.

"Students' voices are more likely heard here than at a much bigger school," he said. "For what tuition cost these days, it's nice to have your voice heard."

Roth's functions at ULV are really simple: "oversee the whole operation," he said. "Everything reports to me, catering, dining hall, The Spot, vending."

"Brett is the mastermind behind the whole presentation," said Anderson. "Both of us have the same basic philosophy; you never run out of food, you open on time and it's good-tasting and good-looking food. That's pretty basic stuff and what we are striving for."

"He has tried to satisfy all the needs to improve," said Santos.

Roth reiterates that interaction with students is an important tool to accomplish his goals.

"If you have a comment, negative or positive, come and see me," he said. "Communicate with me in some way, shape or form."

Negrete said, "Something that I really like is that they have a board where you can post your comments and they actually respond to the comments."

Other students have already submitted their suggestions.

"I asked them to include carne asada to their options," said sophomore Ralph Solis.

In the meantime, Roth, Anderson and the remainder of the staff are working toward a constant improvement in the service they provide to members of the ULV community.

"We all live together pretty much, so we have to take care of each other," Roth said.

Program leads the way for future ULV leaders

Vicky Martinez
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Freshmen can count on a leadership program whose major concern is to give them an opportunity for full participation in leadership activities.

"Emerging Leadership" is designed to give foundational leadership skills to University of La Verne freshmen.

Lura L. Poggi, director of education, leadership and transition programs, is in charge of the program's direction. She considers the involvement of freshmen in leadership activities important.

"As an alumna of ULV, I know about the need of freshmen leadership," Poggi said. "There is always room for getting people involved right out of high school."

The program's main objective is to provide ULV freshmen with the skills to assume leadership roles on campus.

This non-credit course is taught by Student Affairs professional staff, faculty and selected members of the University community.

"My main goal is to help them because maybe if we invest in them, they will invest in leadership at ULV," Poggi said.

"I would rather be a leader than a follower," said freshman Jennifer Contreras of her reasons for participating in the program. "I can gain some skills that can help in many things throughout my life."

According to Poggi, some of the most important topics to be emphasized are teamwork, leadership, communication skills, gender (as it relates to leadership), conflict mediation, group dynamics, service, and values and ethics.

Contreras said students will be able to better understand "who they are and where they fit in. She added that she hopes to serve as a Resident Assistant in the future.

There are 18 women and two men participating in the program.

"All sessions will be cognitive and experiential," Poggi said. "As a part of this course, members should join a campus organization in order to apply and test learned leadership concepts."

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

L.A. County Fair

The following are upcoming events to be held at the remainder of this year's Los Angeles County Fair.

Tonight, Sept. 24—Isaac Hayes, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25—Kansas,* 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26—California State Championship Demolition Derby (Pileup in Pomona)*

**additional fee required*

Tickets to the above performances are on sale at all Ticketmaster locations. They may also be purchased at the Fairplex box office, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona.

Makahiki '99

Kanaka Hui Ohana and the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum are presenting on Tuesday, Sept. 28, Makahiki '99. The event will include speaker Haunani-Kay Trask from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Founders Auditorium.

Later, the University will host a community luau scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. at Sneaky Park.

Price of admission is $5.10 per person, which includes dinner and Hawaiian entertainment.

Any ULV student, faculty, staff or administrators who dresses according to the Hawaiian theme will be admitted free of charge.

At the Movies

The following movies open today nationwide:

"Jakob the Liar" starring Robin Williams and Alan Arkin.

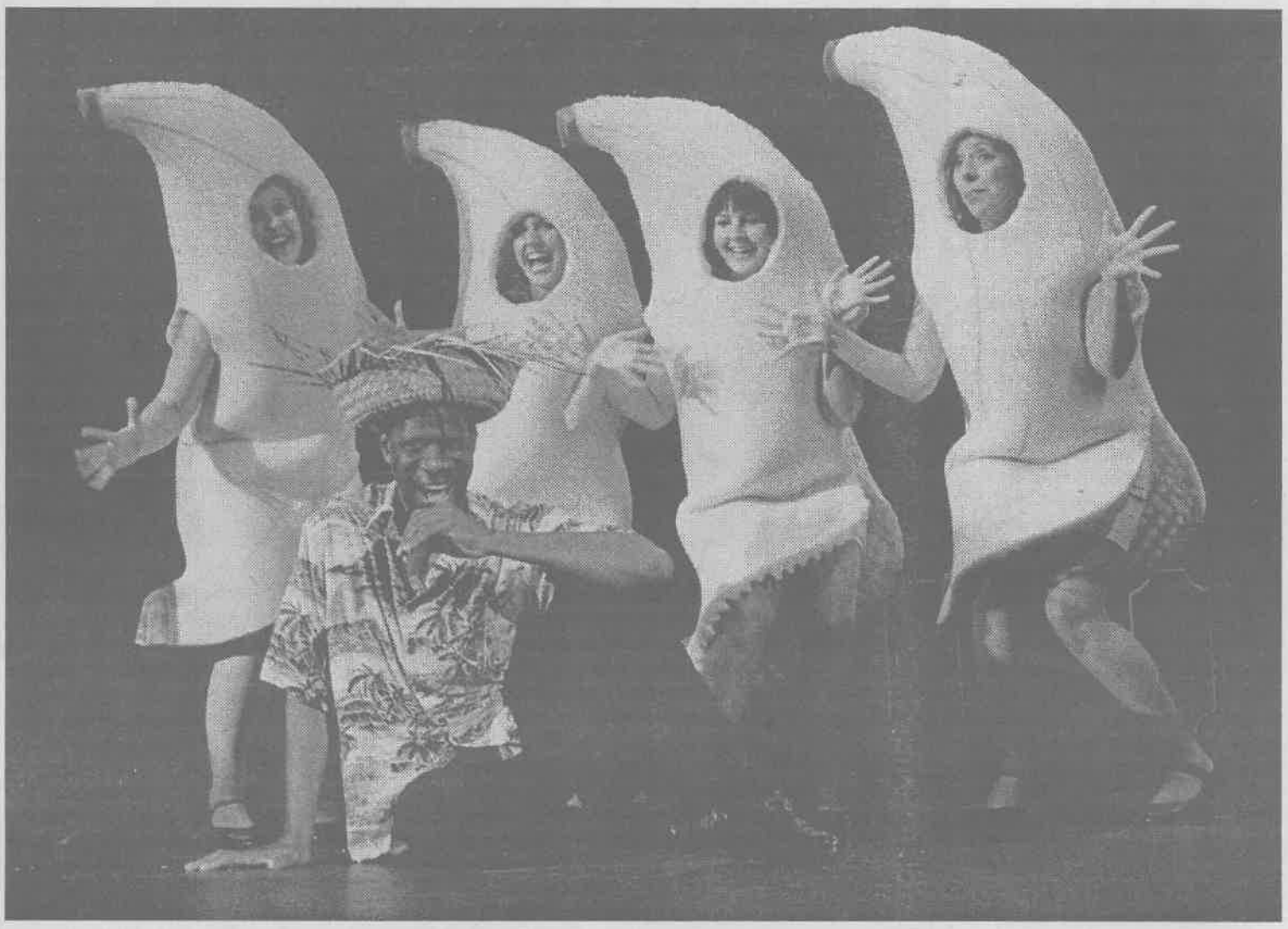
"Double Jeopardy" starring Tommy Lee Jones and Ashley Judd.

"Mumford" starring Loren Dean, Hope Davis and Martin Short.

—*Alisha Rosas*

Cast entertains all ages with Creative twist of reality

by Nune Gazdhyan
photography by Isela Peña



Jamaican actor/singer Roy Miller interprets a tropical song while actresses Jessica Kane, Karlee Hernandez, Laura Hernandez and Linda Treydte portray the "Dancing Bananas" in the Brickhouse Theatre Company's second annual fundraiser. The Brickhouse seeks to bring Inland Empire communities together. Those interested in participating can contact Janine Letherer at (909) 481-4404.

A smorgasbord of movie characters and entertainers were rejuvenated on stage at "The Variety Show Deux," directed by Jennifer Cantwell and Bob Show, presented by the Brickhouse Theatre Company last weekend.

The comedy-motivated play provided good clean fun, although the show would have been hilarious with a sprinkling of nuttiness.

What better way to start the play than have Dr. Med "Evil" battle it out with Dark Hole in the prologue. They pranced around with their light sabers then broke out into disco frenzy. The whole opening was a sure attention-getter, for what better way to captivate the audience than to bring together two popular characters?

With the audience in full concentration, the set was unveiled to reveal a live band and a talk show setting. The whole concept of the play was to make it simulate a talk show that was hosting a talent competition. The host was Jerry Clueless, modeled to create an annoying combination of Jerry Springer and Jerry Lewis.

Clueless introduced the audience to the dysfunctional panel of judges: an anal Judge Judy, Chewbacca and the obnoxious Waterboy portrayed by Adam Sandler, who were there to judge the acts by giving them points—10 being the highest and one being the lowest. The act with the most points at the end would win the competition.

Each group of performers was given the opportunity to entertain the panel and the audience to score points, but it also faced the potential of being "gong'ed out" by the judges if its performance did not please them.

> The show represented the entire food chain, everything from dancing bananas to vegetables.

The first act featured a "clean" version of the song, "Party like it's 1999" modeled after the song by the Artist formerly known as Prince. Then a lament about the pains of aging followed with five flavors of "spice" singing "Wannabe," while five actresses portrayed themselves as the Old Spice Girls.

The show represented the entire food chain, everything from dancing bananas to vegetables, to mystery men decked out as chickens, to the singing of Sandler's "Lunch Lady Land" song.

There was also an attempt by the three judges to pollute the show as each took turns to somehow be represented. The Waterboy attempted to pass as a contestant and sang the "Lunch Lady Land" song. Judge Judy had a team of dancing Judge Judys. Even Clueless and Chewbacca had a chance to display their talent with a dance number.

The show was well organized except for the number with the pirates who performed the song "We don't do anything." It was too long and repetitive and the fact they just sat around looking bored did not help. But, overall the show did a good job of representing various aspects of life.

Since the Brickhouse Theatre Company was created to provide artists the opportunity to display their talents in a safe environment, and is influenced by the New Life Church, it provided clean and amusing family entertainment, which ensured that their shows can be attended by children.

However, the writers were a bit too paranoid as to the definition of family entertainment. Through changing the lyrics of some of the songs and making "clean" jokes the show lost some of its overall charm.

Serdan to perform classic jazz at ULV

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At age 5, Gayle Serdan knew what she wanted to do with her life. It was the first time she sat in front of a piano that she knew. Tomorrow, the La Verne community and its students will have the opportunity to hear her music in Founders Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The recital, one of Serdan's requirements for her doctoral program at the University of Southern California, will include a variety of jazz, blues, swing and reggae.

"It should be fun and down to earth," Serdan said. "Something to hang out, listen to and snap your fingers."

Tomorrow night's performance will also feature the musical talents of Ron Stout on the trumpet; Gary Tole, trombone; Ann Patterson, sax; John Leitham, bass; Kevin Winard, drums; and Serdan on the piano.

"I'm very excited because I always enjoyed playing at ULV. We just want it to be an excited jazz venue," she said.

Serdan describes her music as "creative and spiritual." She hopes that, through her music, she will be seen as an "innovative and spontaneous type of player."

"I just want to sound different," she said, adding that she also wants to present a message to her audience.

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> —*Gayle Serdan*

"Through my playing, I want to communicate to the audience that jazz is America's classical music, and that we have to listen to it every now and then."

Serdan considers music a "force within her" that describes who she is as a person. "It tells what I am about," she said. "It's the way I communicate and how I live every moment of my life.

"The arts have always been in my soul, it's never changed."

After graduating from ULV in 1987 with a bachelor's in music, Serdan ventured to USC and received her master's in jazz studies in 1990.

Currently at USC, Serdan is scheduled to graduate in May 2000 with a doctorate in jazz studies. Because jazz studies is a new program offered at USC, Serdan will be the first student to receive a doctorate in that area of study.

"I am very excited. I waited for this program since I graduated in '90. I am so thrilled because USC has a phenomenal jazz program," she said.

Serdan also has received a number of prestigious awards. While in high school and college, she won awards from the National Association of Jazz Educators, which focuses on excellence in terms of improvisation. Serdan said, "It is based on having a creative force with on-the-spot creating, which is, basically, what jazz is all about."

During her senior year in high school, she was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, which is based on outstanding jazz musicianship in all areas. Later, while she attended USC, she received the Pi Kappa Lambda Award, a national musical honors society award that recognizes outstanding musicians.

Dr. Reed Gratz, professor of music at ULV, spoke highly of Serdan: "I think she is a woman who has found her niche in what has been a male-dominated business," he said.

"It is difficult to be an artist in America, but to be a woman and to be an artist in America is a double challenge. She has really accomplished a lot."

Serdan is currently teaching piano lessons part time, along with coaching vocal jazz students at ULV, and has a long-term goal of teaching full time at the college level.

"Touring and playing is a difficult life," she said. "I've done it for so long, and I feel I'm ready to settle down.

"The University has a lot of potential in the arts and music departments. That's why I think I'm there, I really want to see the program grow. I would love to see that flower blossom."

Serdan said she cannot choose between her two passions, teaching and playing.

She compared the two, "When I am playing in a group," she said, "I learn from the group members I'm playing with.

"But, I also learn from my students more than I do from books. There are great ideas that go in a classroom."

Stone undergoes temporary absence

• Professor prepares for exhibition

Michelle Thornton
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The Art Department has suffered a temporary loss this year with the absence of Associate Professor of Art George Stone.

"He is on professional academic leave because he is working on a mid-career retrospective exhibition which is to be displayed in the Santa Monica Museum of Art," said Ruth Trotter, professor of art.

He has taken a year of absence to devote his full attention to the exhibition.

"I am totally looking forward to it. It is just an amazing amount of work, hence the leave of absence," said Stone.

Stone, although formally trained in sculpture, is an installation artist. In his statement regarding his current and past projects, Stone described his work as "abstract narrative."

According to his statement, his "works address divergent topics such as the weight of dreams, illusion vs. reality, memory reconstruction, natural and cultural phenomenon, and the impact of media on society." He is what he calls a "multimedia sculptor."

Although the exhibition is not until 2001, there is much work to be done for the project.

"It seems like an eternity," Stone said, but then quickly added that the two years will go by fast with the amount of work that needs to be completed.

The works need to be chosen, catalogs need to be done, essayists need to be found to critique Stone's work and press releases need to be written.

Stone is working closely with Carole Ann Kloharides, curator of programming at the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

Her job is to select which work will best represent Stone's 20-year career through a variety of his works, finding a "cohesive connecting thread of interest that ties the works together."

The exhibition will "highlight very important works of my career as a working artist," said Stone.

However, due to the smaller size of the space available at the museum, Stone and Kloharides are finding the need to be more selective with which works they choose.

The exhibition will run for three months and the museum is considering having it tour throughout Europe, Japan and other parts of the United States, but that has not been confirmed.

Meanwhile, the Art Department has hired some additional teaching staff to compensate for the loss of Stone and to take over his classes.

"We have added some part time faculty as well as Keith Lord, who will be taking on much of his [Stone's] responsibility," said Trotter, due to the current understaffing of the department that has resulted in Stone's absence.

"We are a little understaffed but we are going to make it," said Trotter. She said that she feels confident the situation is well taken care of and that the "highly qualified" part-time faculty as well as the work Lord is providing, can handle the situation.

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Fitness Center undergoes makeover

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Ian Gratz

The Hanawalt Fitness Center has seen a number of changes in the last six months. Equipment upgrades include Hammer Strength machines, and free weights, which cost about $72,000. There will be an outdoor section of the weight room where the free weights will be located. The Athletic Department hopes the project will be completed by Oct. 1. Sean Bettencourt spots Brian Brew as he cranks out one more rep on the shoulder press.

The renovation of the Hanawalt Fitness Center, featuring new and improved equipment and an outside weight lifting area, is in its final stages.

Jim Paschal, athletic director at the University of La Verne, said of the renovated facility, which was financed through fundraising, "It's up to date, it's modern, it's very safe."

The manufacturers of the new equipment include well-known companies such as Hammer and Maxicam.

Assistant football coach Mark Potocki, who initiated the change, said, "Hammer Strength is, in terms of risk management, the safest machinery out there. It is more expensive than some other types, but we went with quality instead of quantity. It's still a full weight room. You can do anything."

Besides new weightlifting stations there are new fitness machines to train specific muscles or to do a whole body workout, like a pullover machine, a shoulder press machine and rowing equipment.

The equipment has been provided by ExecuFit, who also consulted the Athletic Department in planning the new fitness center.

Potocki said ExecuFit was chosen "because they were the best. We took bids from five different companies. ExecuFit was the most expensive but also offered the best quality."

Said Paschal, "When we attempt to sell our institution to potential students and potential athletes, and when we're recruiting, I think we compare very well with any weight room in our conference now."

He said previously coaches avoided taking recruits to the Hanawalt Center "because it was a pitiful weight room."

Junior criminology major and football player Damion Silva was among these recruits. Despite the weight room's former condition, Silva transferred to ULV. He had been told about the renovation and likes the way it turned out.

"It is a lot better than it was last year," said Silva, who is an offensive lineman for the Leopards. "We have machines for every part of our body."

Freshman Wade Swanson shared in Silva's enthusiasm.

"It's a good weight room I can't wait until they put the [lifting] platforms in," said the business major and La Verne linebacker.

Paschal said he expects the new weight room to motivate athletes.

"If you have good equipment, it changes your attitude about what you are doing."

Athletes were not the only reason the fitness center was renovated. The improvements were made to make it more useful for movement and sports science classes and more attractive for students, faculty and staff.

"It [the new equipment] is best in terms of training for both males and females," said Potocki. He said gender equity was an important issue when the renovation was planned.

"In the past the weight room has been really just for athletes," Potocki said. "It has been a kind of intimidating place. With this new machinery I think it is going to be much better for the entire student population, faculty and staff."

The equipment in the outside area is going to meet the needs of athletes and advanced weight lifters Potocki said. The machines inside are designed for use by anyone.

"We try to run it like a real fitness center," said Paschal.

Students who want to use the facility are required to deposit their ID while they are working out, and to sign in. They are also asked not to bring bags because of the limited space available.

The Athletic Department depends on work-study students to run the center during its opening hours, which are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday. While these students may not be qualified to advise people on an individual basis, Paschal said the department hopes to "provide clinics on an occasional basis, so that people can get oriented on what they are doing."

Potocki said he would design a work out program for anyone who is interested.

The renovation was scheduled to be completed on Aug. 15.

"We got held up on our permits a little bit," said Paschal, "because the design that we had wouldn't pass the standards that the city or that the building code requires."

The plans had to be reviewed and changed. Paschal talked about an additional cost of about $15,000 caused by the changes.

"In the long run we're going to be better off," he said, "because we're going to have a normal roof or ceiling above us which will last for a longer period of time." Another advantage of the new ceiling will be that poles, which were going to hold

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Leopards demolish two-time champs

Brice Nixon
Sports Editor

Eighty-four seconds after holding Whittier College to three-and-out on its first possession, La Verne senior quarterback Dan Blahy hit senior receiver Rashard Magee on a 6-yard crossing route through the heart of the Poets' defense for a 7-0 lead.

That series also started a game-long pattern of Whittier punts or fumbles followed by La Verne touchdowns.

The Leopards scored three first-quarter touchdowns Saturday afternoon en route to a 45-0 demolishing of Whittier, improving their record to 2-0 overall and in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) competition.

For the second consecutive week, La Verne's defense was dominant against the run. The Leopards held Whittier to negative 41 yards rushing while allowing their opponent to gain just over 70 yards of total offense. ULV's defense also sacked Whittier's quarterbacks five times.

Junior running back Cameron Hurst rushed for 105 yards, including a 64-yard scoring run, in which he took a handoff from Blahy on a draw, sprinted past Whittier defenders and down the left sideline.

Hurst averaged almost 9 yards per carry to spearhead a ULV offense that amassed 206 yards on the ground, and 316 total, against a Whittier team that has won the conference championship two years running.

"We knew that if we were going to win conference, we were going to have to go through them," said Blahy. We knew that right off the bat, and we came out fired up. We played hard right from the beginning."

After senior cornerback Jovon Jiles intercepted Poets quarterback Nick Tomasello, ULV drove 51 yards and was first-and-goal at the 2 yard line. Senior running back Rickey Allen then scored the first of his two touchdowns after a great second effort got him over the goal line.

Then, on first-and-goal from the 5, with 3:24 left in the first quarter, Allen bulled over two Poets defenders to make the score 21-0.

Despite the Leopards' overwhelming margin of victory, both Blahy and head coach Don Morel stressed that La Verne has to continue working to improve.

"This was a great win and I hope we don't take it to our heads," said Blahy. "I hope we stay grounded and we come back ready to practice hard.

"That was one of our first goals, to beat Whittier, and we knew, to win conference, we were going to have to go through Whittier," he said. "They've won it the past two years. We did that, and we just have to keep focus," he said.

"It [the win] makes a statement for our game today," said Morel. "You have to play every conference game one at a time, and we still need to play the University of Redlands, Cal Lutheran University, and we need to play Claremont [-Mudd-Scripps].

"And those schools have good football teams, and they're not just going to lay down. We need to be ready to play them."

Morel was, however, impressed with his team's preparation for and performance against the Poets.

"We knew it was a big game, and we wanted to be prepared for it," he said. "I couldn't be happier with our team's preparation for the game. And then also the way they performed today. In all aspects of the game too. Special teams are really important to us and we did well on our special teams."

The Leopards limited Whittier to 15 yards on four punt returns and the Poets' best starting field position was at their own 37 yard line.

One problem that continues to plague ULV is the number of penalties it commits. The team reduced last week's 10 down to six, but Blahy said improvement is needed.

"It's something that we can't afford," he said. "We're a pretty good team, but penalties just set you back. It changes the whole complexion of the game."

Men's polo starts in rough waters

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

Taking one of four games in the Inland Empire Classic hosted at the University of Redlands and Pomona-Pitzer pools, the University of La Verne men's water polo team endured its second rough weekend in a row.

Coming back from a disappointing performance against tough Division III teams the previous weekend at the University of California, San Diego, La Verne looked to play intense.

"We gave every team a really good game," said junior John Villarreal.

The first of four games played on Saturday and Sunday was against California Baptist University.

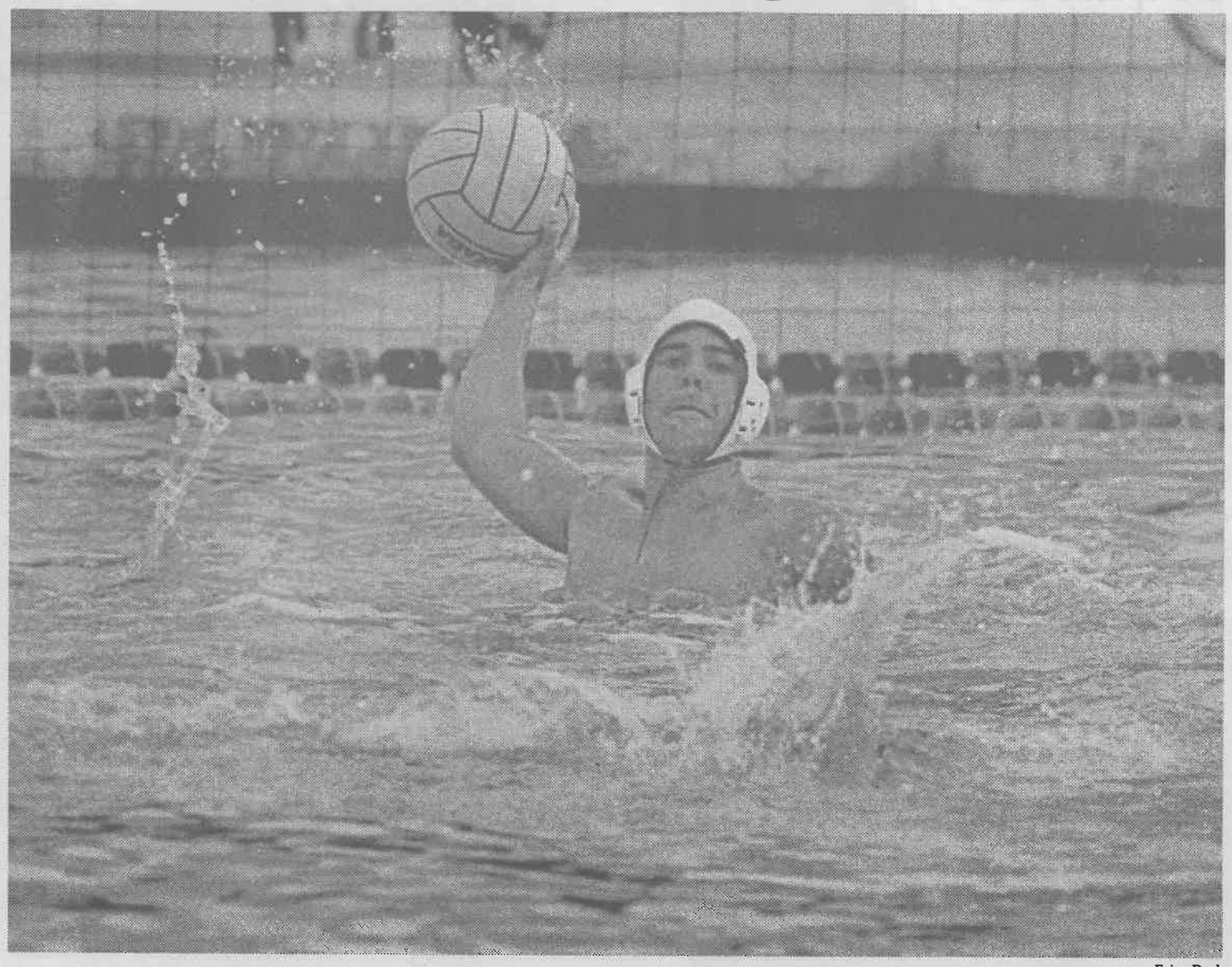
The Leopards played strong throughout the game but could not get the better of a quick offense and the tough defense of Cal Baptist. The final decision resulted in an 11-7 loss for La Verne.

"We needed to capitalize on everything we did," said sophomore defensive wing Rey Lopez. "We would have a strong offensive drive, shoot and hit the cage. We hit the cage a lot."

The second of the two matches Saturday pitted La Verne against the Whittier Poets. A small rivalry was ignited between the two teams prior to the tournament due to a SCIAC poll released by Whittier that predicted La Verne would finish last in conference play.

"That poll fired us up," said freshman Kevin Sgambelluri. "We wanted that game bad."

An exciting double-overtime finish settled the dispute with ULV coming out on top 15-13.



Erica Paal

Joe Konrad, a ULV junior from Chino Hills, gives everything he's got on the last day of the Inland Empire Classic water polo tournament. The Indland Empire Classic was hosted by Redlands and Pomona-Pitzer on Saturday, Sept. 18 and Sunday, Sept. 19. On the last day of the tournament ULV lost a morning match to UC Santa Cruz 12-8.

Inspired play was provided by members such as Fred Sicard, who had four goals and played both sides of the pool well.

Defense was huge in this game, despite the high amount of goals. Goalie Mike Miles recorded 15 impressive saves.

The team that showed up on Sunday offered a valiant effort but played tired.

"We trained real hard all week, and when we played we were tired and broken down," said Villarreal.

The fatigue showed as UC Santa Cruz met La Verne on Sunday morning and handed them their second defeat of the weekend. The Leopards would succumb to the Banana Slugs in four periods, 12-8.

"We couldn't pull anything off on Sunday," Lopez said.

"We were not able to capitalize on our defensive counter," said Sgambelluri. "We should have beat Santa Cruz."

The team that erupted on to the SCIAC scene last year played dormant.

Tyler Morgan and Josef Conrad both had multipoint games, but to no avail for La Verne as they fell to Chapman College, 9-6.

"We had nothing left on Sunday," said head coach Tim Hugar. "We weren't rested and it showed in our play."

La Verne experienced much of the same problems it had in the first match of the day. The team had a hard time organizing successful scoring drives and its defensive play was lacking.

"Playing teams of this caliber is going to help us at the end of the season," said Hugar. "Our team is hard-working and good."

"Our conference will be tough"

Against teams in their conference during the last two tournaments, La Verne is 1-1 with the win against Whittier and a loss against Redlands.

La Verne travels to Santa Barbara this weekend to play UC Santa Barbara.

Conference play begins on Oct. 20 against Caltech at home.

"We have some tough games coming up," said Sgambelluri, "and we are going to step it up."

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up the original ceiling, will not unnecessarily take up space.

The extra cost does not cause too much of a headache in the Athletic Department. The fundraising goal of $50,000 was exceeded, with more than $70,000 collected.

"The response was overwhelming," said Paschal. "It is much easier to raise money if you have a specific project that people know they are going to contribute to."

Two especially generous contributions were made by alumni Lou McMurray and Anthony Scafani, who gave $20,000 and $10,000, respectively.

As a result of their contributions the renovated rooms are going to be named 'McMurray Family Room' and 'Anthony P. and Jesse Iles Scafani Room.'

The Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum contributed $5,000 to the renovation.

"The Hanawalt Center [contribution] is just one example of ASF's continuing commitment to athletic programs at the University," said ASF President Justin Jones-Rodriguez.

"We just appointed a commissioner for intramurals and athletics; we helped building the gym floor in the past," said Jones-Rodriguez. "It's a commitment that we will be continuing throughout the year."

Hearing required for lights

Danny Craig
Staff Writer

After receiving notice for a public hearing to approve the construction of field lighting for the University of La Verne's Ortmayer Stadium a week ago, head football coach Don Morel has remained confident that the Athletic Department's proposed addition will pass.

"We'll let the chips fall where they may," said Morel, commenting on the future of the $30,000 project.

Morel has anticipated the addition of lights, which would allow him to delay practices and have more players attend.

The date of the city hearing has yet to be announced.

"I have yet to hold a practice with all of my players there," said Morel, explaining that schedule conflicts have been a peaking problem this year with his team.

Because the proposed lighting is not significant enough to hold night games, Morel reaffirmed that the facility adjustments would only be intended for practices.

"I think that college football was meant to be played during the daytime," he said.

Having confidence in the reasoning behind the request, Morel expressed little concern toward the hearing.

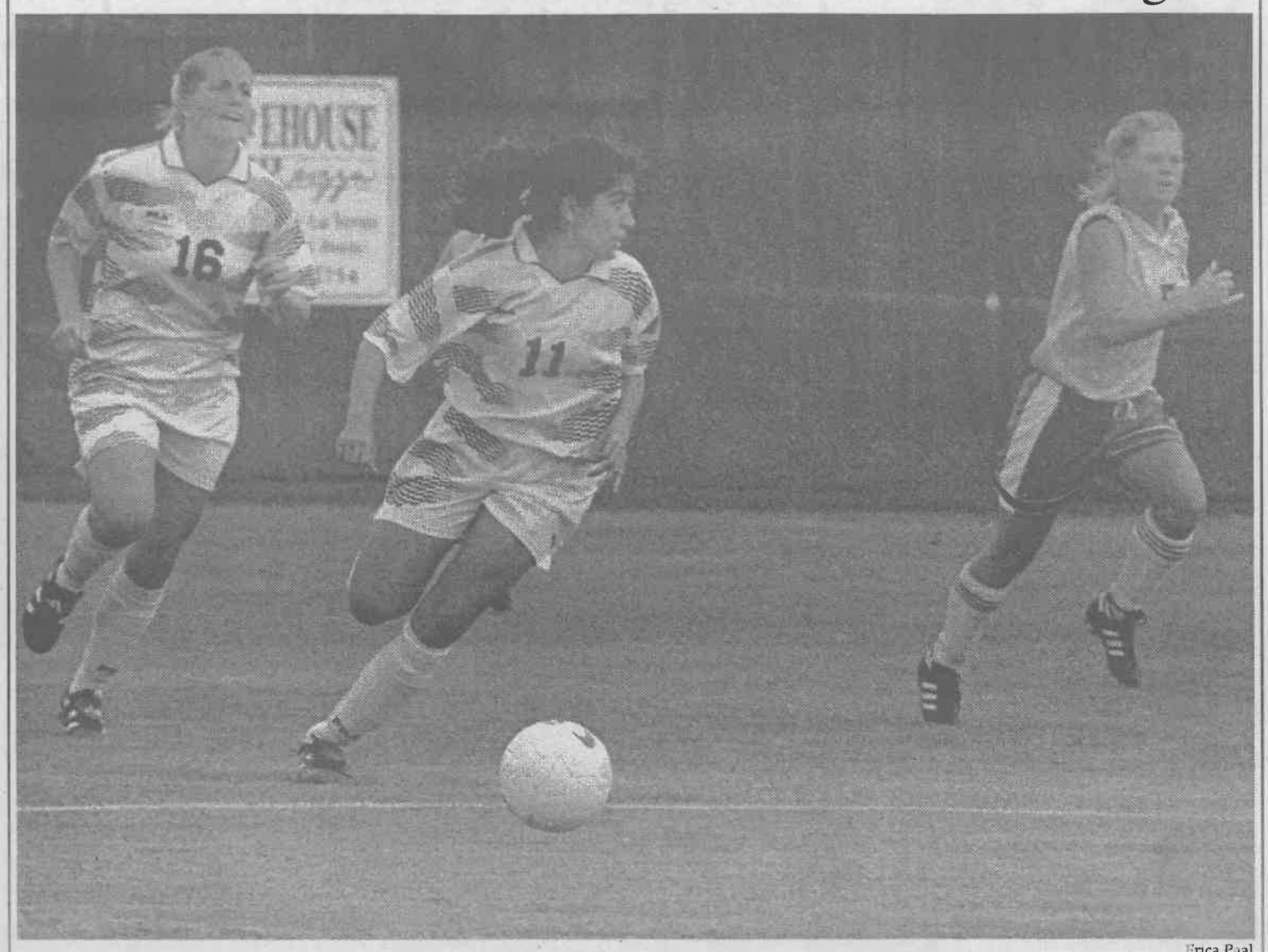
"I think the city of La Verne is just trying to do the politically correct thing," said Morel.

La Verne Community Development Director Hal Fredericksen shared Morel's optimism.

Fredericksen said the hearing is mainly spurred by concerns from residents over previous lighting proposals.

Recognizing the utility of the lights to Athletics, Fredericksen said, "We want to find a plan that is good for the University, good for the city, and good for the residents. That might sound optimistic, but I think we can make it work."

Women's soccer falls in close match to Banana Slugs



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Freshman Adrianna Ramirez (11) looks for an opening in the UC Santa Cruz defense as junior Katie Zwissler (16) supports. Kelly Russell (5) and the rest of the UC Santa Cruz team held the Leoprads scoreless Tuesday afternoon at ULV. La Verne fell to UC Santa Cruz, 1-0. The Leopards have a 3-5 record this season. Ramirez has four shots on goal and two goals in five games this season. After sevcen games, Zwissler has one goal and 26 shots on goal.

Runners pick up pace at invitational

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

The 56th annual Aztec Cross Country Invitational was not an easy test for the University of La Verne's cross country team.

The men finished 13th and the women finished 10th.

"They are a strong team, there are many freshmen that are really strong," said assistant coach Katrina Hall. "It's just the start of the season and they're already showing great improvement.

"What's exciting to me is that we have more people than other years," said head coach Pat Widolff. "Now we have 24 people practicing. Two years ago we only had six people."

Freshman Ryan Scott-Acosta led the men, finishing the 5-mile race in 29:34, placing 45th. Freshman Brandon Becerra was the second-best Leopard, getting to the finish line in 68th place by stopping the watch at 31:46.

"Ryan is definitely our lead guy," Hall said. "He is running to his potential and has much more to come."

Junior Faust Obeso was the next to finish for ULV at 33:37, a time the coaches expect him to improve on.

"Faust was hit by a car during the spring, so he couldn't run during the summer," said Widolff.

The other La Verne runners were freshman Calvin Becerra (34:41), junior Kyle Young (35:14) and junior Dan Kiminki (37:12).

CSU San Marcos dominated the men's race placing three runners in the top 10.

For the women, junior Leti Arroyo and freshman Stephanie Pedroza were the only Leopards to beat the 21-minute mark in the three-mile race.

Arroyo finished in 19th place in 20:30. Pedroza finished 13 seconds behind Arroyo, in 26th.

Freshman Erika Schatz finished 50th in 21:26. Freshman Beverly Samano posted a 23:10, good for 84th place.

Sophomore Quency Long, senior Lyn Merrill, sophomore Trisha Garcia and junior Mary Terry rounded out ULV's squad.

"These girls are very competitive," Hall said.

"The good thing about the women is that we have three or four runners within two or three minutes from each other," said Widolff. "A good team will have five runners within one minute."

The runners have two goals for the season, according to Hall.

"Pretty much every body wants to set a personal record," said Halo, "and as a team place in the top three in conference."

Leopard Scoreboard

At the buzzer...

Women's Volleyball, Sept. 17

UC San Diego	15	15	15
La Verne	**11**	**7**	**9**

Women's Soccer, Sept. 17

Univ. of Puget Sound	4
La Verne	**1**

Women's Soccer, Sept. 19

Pacific Lutheran	2
La Verne	**0**

Women's Soccer, Sept. 21

UC Santa Cruz	1
La Verne	**0**

Schedule

Tomorrow
Cross Country @ UC Riverside Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Women's soccer vs. Redlands, 11 a.m.
Men's Soccer @ Redlands, 11 a.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Chapman, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's Volleyball vs CMS, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's Soccer vs. Cal Lutheran, 4 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Cal Lutheran, 7 p.m.

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Remaining schedule:
Oct. 2 vs. CMS, 1 p.m.
Oct. 9 @ Pomona-Pitzer, 1 p.m.
Oct. 16 vs. Champman, 1 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Redlands, 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 vs. Cal Lu, 1 p.m.
Nov. 6 vs. APU, 1 p.m.
Nov. 13 @ Menlo, 1 p.m.