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IFC seeks resolution to save Rock

•Worley aids efforts for proposal

Araceli Esparza
Editor in Chief

Despite a school-wide ordinance restricting the painting of the Rock at the University of La Verne, members of the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) are looking to find alternatives to keep the ULV tradition alive.

Junior Jeremy Houska, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) Fraternity, said a Rock resolution was presented at the IFC meeting on Oct. 1. Director of Facilities Management Brian Worley and Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum members—President Justin Jones-Rodriguez and Senator of Environmental Issues Rhiannon Jensen—were given its details.

"Basically, [senior] Jaime Mejia has some kind of contact with a contractor who has done a lot of contracting at this school," said Houska. "We explained what is going on with the Rock right now and what can be done to keep the Rock."

According to IFC's proposal, Ionescape contractor Kasey Jones and Worley will work together to design a protective structure around the Rock. The objective regarding this issue is that the levels of lead seeping into the soil are done away with.

"Part of the overall problem was that years ago they used lead paint that went in to the soil," said Worley. "And they used to put gasoline around the Rock and light it on fire."

Worley said water-based paints, which are biodegradable and less harmful to the environment, have been used since 1995. The issue currently at hand is whether the painting of the Rock would harm the soil around the Rock any further.

According to a draft of an informational pamphlet compiled by Jensen, "if the Rock and its surrounding soil were to be dug up [by the Environmental Protection Agency], it would all be labeled as toxic waste."

But Worley said the contaminated soil can be replaced with new soil and a system to repair the soil can be established.

"It's a matter of redesigning the irrigation system around the Rock," Worley said of IFC's proposal. "What I envision is to create a concrete apron that would catch the paint rather than having it run off the turf."

Several steps are necessary in successfully completing the project. The sprinkler system around the Rock must be redesigned so that water does not run on to the Rock when sprinklers are turned on, and a two-foot concrete foundation must be laid down around the Rock to collect running paint.

"The real issue boils down to whether or not the irrigation gets on the Rock," said Worley, adding that the operations and maintenance department officials periodically peel off paint that collects on the Rock.

"When we peel the paint off the [protected] Rock, we just have to capture it all and sweep it off the concrete."

Houska said the new system would also minimize environmental concerns and could be implemented immediately.

"This seems like it would be very feasible to do something like this," he said, "and I think it could be implemented within the next couple of weeks."

Work for the project could be completed prior to the start of the rainy season, and its funding is not too expensive—about $600, in fact—Worley said.

"SAE is going to raise the funds for this, through alumni and its members," said Houska.

Worley "would be very supportive of continuing a tradition," he said.

"It's sad to see that no one really understands what it [the Rock] means to the Greeks," said Houska, "and everyone else for that matter."

Committee continues search

Leah C. Sahagun
Staff Writer

While a search for a new dean of the School of Business and Global Studies (SBGS) at the University of La Verne continues, Verne Orr will fill the position in the meantime.

Orr replaced former dean Bill Relf last semester and said Philip Hawkey, executive vice president, recommended him to President Stephen Morgan for the position.

"At the time, I was semi-retired and I had a consulting partnership with my wife," Orr said.

In mid-May, Dr. Morgan offered Orr the SBGS interim position, and he began in June.

The interim dean's responsibilities include aiding faculty searches, approving employment contracts, reforming the advisory board, attending accreditation meetings and approving faculty trips and approving academic curricula.

"I have never been a dean before. I'm learning," said Orr.

There is a special search committee headed by Dr. Morgan to find a new, permanent dean.

Members of the Board of Trustees on the committee include Ken Calkins, Bill McIntyre and Steve Martin; Dr. Bill Cook, academic vice president; Dr. John Gingrich, dean of arts and sciences; Philip Hawkey, executive vice president; Ahmed Ispahani, professor of business administration and economics; Dr. Jim Manolis, dean, School of Continuing Education; Jack McElwee, professor of business administration; and Rita Thakur, professor of business and economics.

"We have not put an exact timeline yet," Dr. Morgan said in regards to when the committee hopes to find a new dean.

"I thought that I would only be here for one year, but since the committee has only met once in June, it will probably be two years before they find a new dean," said Orr. "I'm a little too near retirement to seek the position myself."

Homecoming celebration illuminates 1999 Court



Michelle Zimmerman

Homecoming week officially got under way Monday night at the annual Illumination ceremony, an event to introduce the Homecoming court to the University of La Verne community. This year's ceremony was held in front of Founder's Hall and was emceed by Eric Bishop, associate professor of journalism. The 1999 Homecoming princesses are (l to r) seniors Araceli Esparza, Kristi Burks, Dana Hazen, Angelica Martinez and Elizabeth Rodarte.

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Dietz influences optimism in book

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne Bookstore held a book signing last night for Associate Professor of Business Administration Janis Dietz.

Her new book, titled, "Yes, You Can: Positive Responses To Tough Challenges," deals with how one should react to obstacles that may come in life. It took Dr. Dietz eight years to complete the book and get it published.

Dr. Dietz, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 12 years ago, experienced many challenges herself. Having to give up her job as a regional manager for Peerless Faucet because of her illness, she decided to get her doctorate in executive management at the Claremont Graduate School and teach at ULV. She now teaches students the techniques that she learned as a sales representative.

"I want everyone to know that you always have a choice of doing something," she said.

The book consists of 16 chapters. It begins with explaining that a person who spends time wishing that things will go back to how things used to be must realize that such an attitude will not change the situation.

In her book, she proceeded to write about how people should learn to make the best out of every situation.

Some examples she used to get her message across were well-known people such as Franklin Roosevelt, who suffered from polio. She talks about his disability and how it did not stop him from doing his job as President of the United States.

The second chapter emphasized on concentrating on what a person can do. One example that she used to get her message across was actor Christopher Reeve, who was injured during a horse-back riding accident. Recently, his wife mentioned in a newscast that his inability to walk would not stop them from making the best out of the situation. Currently, he is now directing movies and still acting.

> 'I would like for it to put people's lives in perspective and not let people worry about little things. Life is not a dress rehearsal and live everyday to its fullest.'
> *—Dr. Janis Dietz, associate professor of business*

The third chapter dealt with exploring the positive lessons that can be learned from a difficult experience.

Other topics discussed include counting your blessings, helping others, how to obtain a positive attitude when overcoming a hardship, taking a risk and realizing that a person has nothing to lose when trying that risk.

The last chapters dealt with thinking about the worst situation that can happen to a person and improving on it.

She also wrote about the following topics: relaxing, keeping a sense of humor, relationships, methods on contributing to life and setting goals, taking care of yourself, and not losing hope.

"I think she is a living exam-

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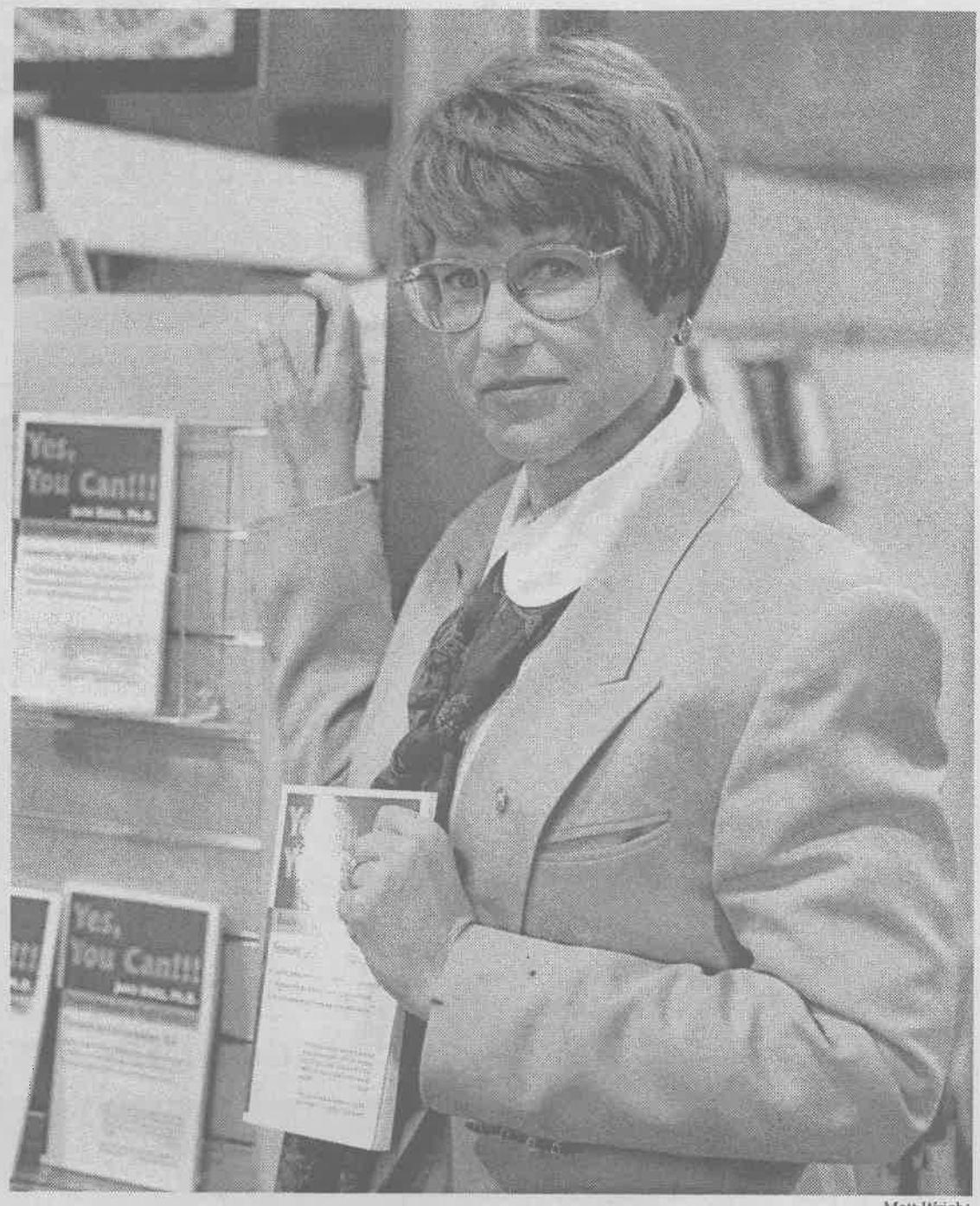

Matt Wright

Dr. Janis Dietz, associate professor of business, recently had her book, "Yes, You Can," published. Last night Dr. Dietz appeared at the ULV Bookstore for a reception and book-signing. She began writing "Yes, You Can" in 1991. Endorsed by the well-known motivational speaker Zig Ziglar, Dr. Dietz's book is $19.95 and is available at the Bookstore.

Interterm study trips provide new explorations

Elizabeth Rodarte
Staff Writer

Come January Interterm, students will have the chance to journey to a country of their choice and enjoy the educational and social opportunities abroad.

Cuernavaca, also known as "The City of Eternal Spring," is the capital of Morelos, Mexico, and is located one-hour from Mexico City.

Debbie Roberts, Protestant campus minister, and ex-spanish instructor David Román, will be leading the "Mexico Study Experience" trip during Jan. 3-23.

Studies will primarily take place at the Center of Cultural and Language Studies (ICCLS) in Cuernavaca.

Those participating in the trip will be exposed to the unique experience of meeting key political figures, visiting historical sites and having the exposure to outside class lectures and discussions.

"For example, if historical sites is the topic of the day we will take students to a museum or the pyramids and conduct the lecture there," said Román.

Students will live with a Mexican family.

Junior Georgina Negrete, a participant of last year's trip to Mexico said, "It was difficult at the beginning living with the host family."

Students will be able to earn semester units in either HUM 320, Service Learning and Spanish, and may contact Roberts at ext. 4320 for more information.

Leading the adventurous extravaganza to Belize in Central America will be Dr. Jeffery Burkhart, professor of biology.

Dr. Burkhart is new to the Biology Department and has goals for trip.

"I want to expose students to a different culture, to spend a couple of weeks and soak them up on some of the differences between people in other countries and ourselves," he said.

He would also like to introduce students to tropical biology. He says the tropics are currently under a great deal of threat.

There will be a required two-week course on terrestrial and marine environments taught at ULV prior to the trip to Belize.

The trip will take place Jan. 16-31. Cost of room and some meals will be $1,950—plus airfare. There is also the possibility of extending the trip with a four-day visit to the Mayan ruins in Tikal, Guatemala, for an additional $435.

Those participating in the trip can earn units in BIOL 390: Natural History of the Tropics.

Dr. Burkhart can be reached at ext. 4599 or **burkhart@ulv.edu**. for further details.

Eric Bishop, associate professor of journalism, and Michael Laponis, associate professor of communications, will explore how mass media works across the nation.

Bishop and Laponis will take a group to different media related companies and networks.

The journey will begin in Hollywood, and make its way

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ASF Minutes

Advocacy Board and Activities Board members of the University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met Wednesday, Oct. 27, at in the West Dining Room for a general meeting.

Forum members reviewed plans for the upcoming Native American Awareness Month, discussed plans for the Inter-Club Council.

Awareness Month

Elena Cardeña, Catholic Campus Minister at ULV, made a proposal two weeks ago for the funding of Native-American Awareness Month activities.

According to the proposal, several events—including a sweat lodge, flute concert and Day of the Dead exhibit—will be planned for the November celebration. Cardeña asked the Forum for a sponsorship of $650 to alleviate costs for planning.

The Forum voted in favor of allocating $650 toward several areas of the Native-American Awareness Month activities. That amount will be subtracted from the Board of Advocacy's budget.

Inter-Club Council

Stephanie Thraen, commissioner of clubs and organizations, discussed the upcoming formation of the Inter-Club Council (ICC), which will consist of one representative from each if the University's 21 recognized clubs.

Thraen asked that each recognized club and organization submit the name, phone number and on-campus box number of its ICC delegate in order to set up an initial meeting for all representatives. The deadline to submit the aforementioned data is Friday, Nov. 5.

ICC delegates' data should be sent to the ASF Office, to Thraen's attention. For questions, call Thraen at ext. 4677.

—Araceli Esparza

LV officials clarify parking postings

Araceli Esparza
Editor in Chief

The combination of a parking permit system at the University of La Verne and a similar system in areas of its city has influenced city officials to post signs clarifying the difference between the systems.

Earlier this year, officials warned the ULV community against parking in "preferential parking" spaces along B Street, which borders the University to the west. The notification came after recent news revealed that some students have received violations for mistakenly parking within the street's "Parking by Permit Only" boundaries.

The postings were not specific as to what permits could be used in the designated parking areas. But city officials recently added a sign clarifying that only "City of La Verne parking permits" could be used to park along areas of B Street.

"I was kind of suspicious about the sign, but I saw that others [with the ULV permit] had also parked in that space," senior Teriy Castro said, of parking along one of the city's restricted parking areas about three weeks ago. "So I figured it was OK if I parked there, too."

Castro said she received a $30 ticket for parking in the designated area. But other vehicles (with the ULV permit also displayed in their window) that were parked in that area did not receive tickets, she said.

John Lentz, director of Campus Safety and Transportation, said he has heard of violators' cases regarding this matter. However, he said the University community should be aware that "Permit Only" postings around ULV's surface streets are applicable to residents who have been issued special permits by the city.

Students and staff are, therefore, not allowed to use their school permits in order to park within these areas.

The B Street permit system was implemented by City Council members in January after residents repeatedly complained about the University's parking problem. Enforcement of the city's parking system came almost immediately, and La Verne Police Department officials have been citing violators of the system since then.

"The problem is the [B Street] sign says, 'Parking by Permit Only,' " Lentz said, of parking violators' possible confusion.

"We can go to the city manager's office and ask for a word to be added to the sign to make the signs more clear," he added prior to the city's posting of the new sign.

Lentz said that both he and city officials are well aware of the parking problems the community faces on a day to day basis. That is part of the reason for which they posed the clarification on signs along B Street.

"You just can't grab one of these spots just because it's there," Lentz said of the restricted spaces. "If those are the only spaces, keep on looking."

"Now I know I won't be parking there anymore," said Castro. "I mean, it's only $30 for the ticket, but it's $30 I'm burning this week.

"I would advise people to get here early to look for parking, and if you don't find any spaces, park anywhere else you can—even if is it far away," said Castro.

> 'You just can't grab one of these spots just because it's there. If those are the only spaces, keep on looking.'
> *—John Lentz, director of Campus Safety and Transportation, on the B Street parking spaces*

Upgraded courses offer opportunity to learn online

Heather Baxter
Staff Writer

Students enrolled in the Distance Learning program at the University of La Verne have had the opportunity to participate in an exciting program of on-line classes to fulfill general education requirements.

Since 1996, students who are involved in Distance Learning and the School of Continuing Education have been given the option of taking courses such as Introduction to Chemistry and Values and Critical Thinking over the internet.

Dr. Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs, not only the academic adviser for the program, has also taught several of the courses offered online.

"First and foremost, [the courses] provide an opportunity to take classes for students who have no other way to take them," said Dr. Clark.

"Personally, that's the way I see it at the present time, as a supplement, not as an alternative," he said.

The classes being offered over the Internet are designed to be this way, as a supplement to the traditional classroom setting. Many of the Distance Learning students who do not attend the main campus take advantage of these courses because it makes attending school easier to fit into a busy life.

"It [the class] fits better into my schedule," said Jeanette Neyman, a senior CAPA student.

Neyman feels that many of the people who take advantage of the Internet courses are working people or students who take a lot of evening classes.

Just as regular classroom courses, the internet courses offered at ULV "cover the same material, demand the same prerequisites, and fulfill the same requirements," as stated in the Distance Learning area of the ULV web site. Unlike regular classroom courses, however, these classes "can be taken, for the most part, from the student's home or office at times convenient to the student."

In addition, Internet courses require much of the same elements as a classroom course, requiring students to purchase textbooks, write term papers, participate in class discussions (which is accomplished through online "discussion rooms"), give presentations, take examinations and even participate in field trips.

"To the extent possible, our La Verne philosophy has been to replicate the classroom, teaching on the Web," Dr. Clark said.

"Our philosophy has been to take the faculty members, to help them learn how to use the web to teach their course. We've done everything possible to replicate the classroom experience," he said.

In many ways, the Internet courses can be even more difficult than the traditional counterparts.

"You're expected to cover a lot more area. For me, I ended up spending more than 10 hours a week on work, while in the classroom, I would have only had about eight," said Neyman, who took a Values and Critical Thinking class in fall 1998.

Although the courses that the University offers over the Internet are designed for Distance Learning students, undergraduate students can participate in the program if they are approved by Dr. Clark.

"We maintain a policy in which these courses are offered to the non-traditional age students," said Dr. Clark. "We have had, and we will allow, traditional age students to take them under certain circumstances, but they're very limited."

Many online courses are being offered for the January Winter Interterm. These classes include Statistics, Personal Finance, College Writing A and Values and Critical Thinking, among others.

Steps are currently being taken to expand the types of courses that are offered online.

"I would anticipate that there will come a time when anyone from the University would be able to take [these courses]," Dr. Clark said, although he maintains that this will not include courses that are offered on the off-campus centers, like the CAPA program.

He also wants students to understand that there are a number of issues that University officials must work through before courses can be offered to all traditional students.

"We don't want any program in the University competing for the same students as another program," he said. "This is the principle reason the courses are restricted."

More than anything else, Dr. Clark is concerned with providing an environment as close to a classroom course as possible.

"My feeling is that I'd much rather not offer the course than have anybody feel that it was a cheap course," he said.

In The News

Activist Speaker

The ULV Honors Program, Campus Ministries and Peace Studies Program will present activist and healer Estela Roman Porcayo as guest speaker Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 11:30 a.m. in La Fetra Lecture Hall.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will drive will be held in the Old Gym Thursday, Nov. 4, between 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call Erica at (909) 626-2411, room 406.

—Damien Alarcon

Sigma Kappa helps keep freeway clean

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

Responsibility to the earth they live on and a sense of pride in the community they live and go to school in has prompted the women of the University of La Verne chapter of Sigma Kappa Sorority to participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

The sorority started to actively clean the area around the off-ramp of Fairplex Avenue off the San Bernardino (10) Freeway in Pomona.

Senior Liz Rodarte helped institute the program during the summer of this year, and it has become the sorority's main philanthropy.

Philanthropy is an essential part of Greek life, as activities range from fundraising for charities to help clean up the surrounding communities.

"Our goal is to make a difference and clean up where we live," said Sigma Kappa Philanthropy Chair Mabel Martinez.

Once a month the women head to the off-ramp with bright orange vests and helmets. The equipment is provided by the California Highway Patrol, who began the Adopt-A-Highway program in the late 1980s as a means to battle the growing pollution on California freeways.

"People see us on the side of the road and they think we are convicts," said Martinez, "but we are actually helping a great cause."

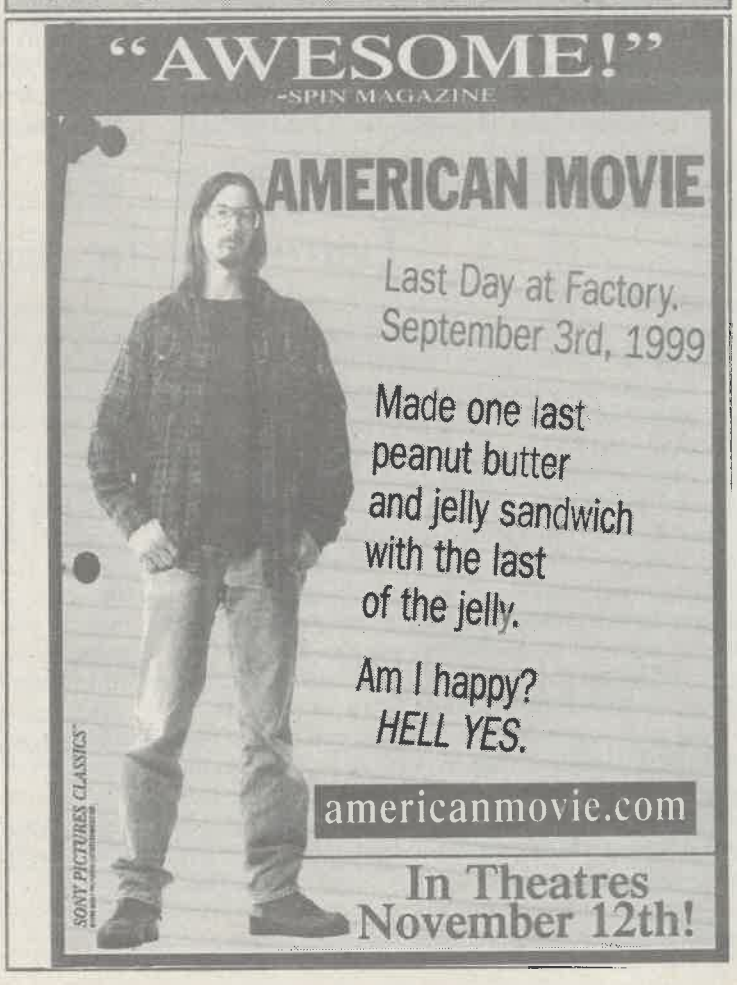
The act of cleaning in hard work and entails no less fun for the women than sweat.

"We have a great time. It is a lot of fun," said Andee Gomez, a member of the sorority.

The women spend a few hours on the weekend and fill loads of trash bags full of litter and miscellaneous things left behind by California motorists.

Currently at La Verne, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has also been an active participant in the program.

"We have helped them clean in the past and we knew that we could do it too," said Martinez. "This shows that we are willing to give back to the community and it is very important to us."



Halloween killing defies rationality

Imagine you are at home. It is 2 a.m. and you are sound asleep. Suddenly, you awake to the sight of a shadowy figure clutching a knife, looming near the foot of your bed.

He is rummaging through your valuables. You grab the gun in the drawer next to your bed and, as the intruder turns toward you, you pull the trigger, dropping him dead to the floor.

In most cases like this in our society, you would probably not even be charged with a crime. An intruder entered your home, your life was threatened and you acted in self defense.

But for some people, it is unclear where the line is drawn concerning the use of deadly force.

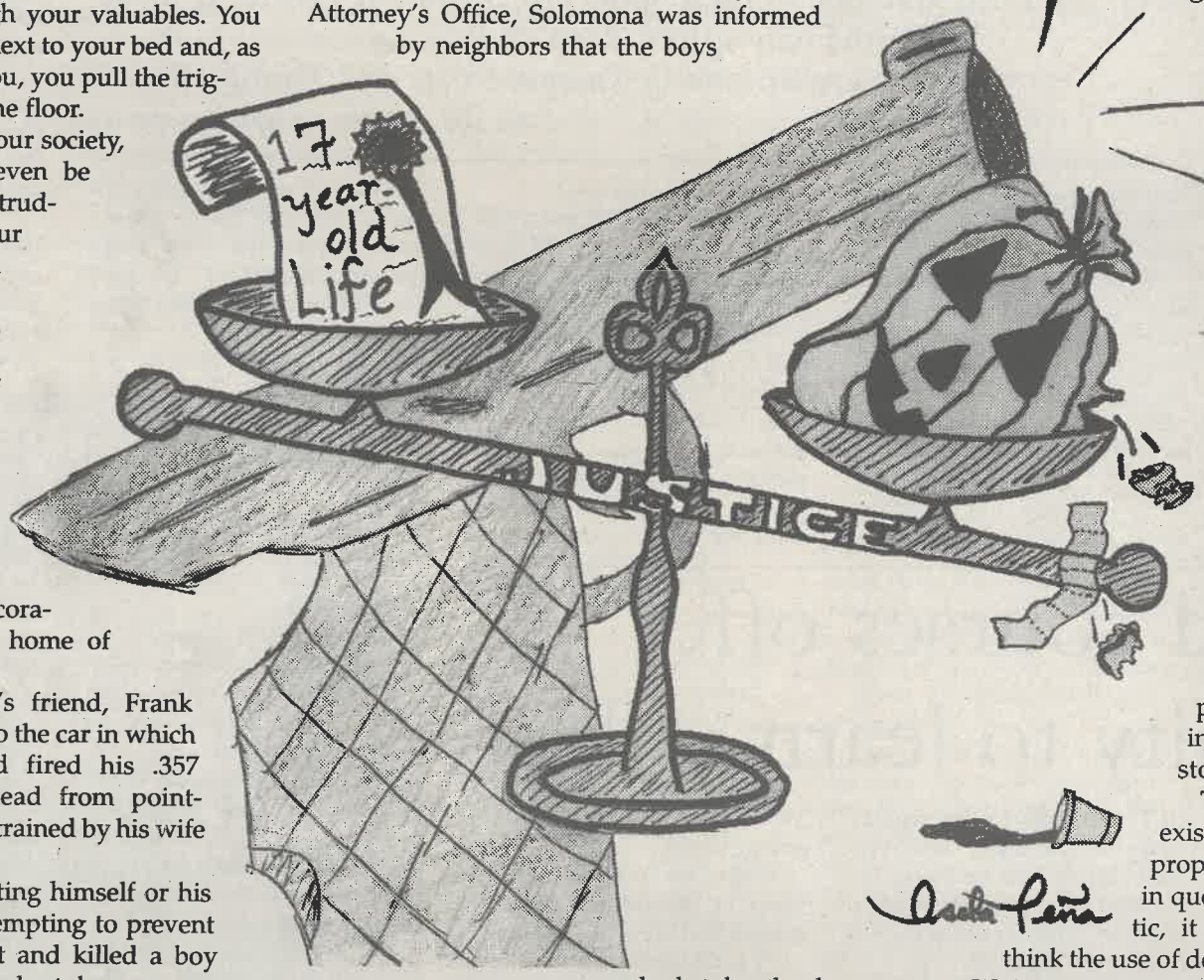
On the night of Monday, Oct. 18, the life of Brandon Ketsdever, a 17-year-old boy, was taken when he was shot in the head after he and two friends stole Halloween decorations from the Buena Park home of Peter Solomona.

According to Ketsdever's friend, Frank Nelson, Solomona came up to the car in which the boys were sitting and fired his .357 Magnum at Ketsdever's head from point-blank range, before being restrained by his wife and daughter.

Solomona was not protecting himself or his family. He was not even attempting to prevent the theft of his car. He shot and killed a boy because the boy and his friends stole an orange trash bag with a jack-o'-lantern face on it.

Sure, the three teenagers acted foolishly when they decided to continue what they considered a regular ritual of stealing holiday decorations as a gag. But Solomona simply went too far, even if, as he claims, the gun went off accidentally. There was no reason to be carrying a gun in the first place.

According to the Orange County District Attorney's Office, Solomona was informed by neighbors that the boys had stolen the decoration and he drove around the neighborhood searching for them. Neighbors describe Solomona as gentle and religious. He is not the type, they say, who would intentionally gun down someone over something so trivial.



It seems as though Mr. Solomona was fed up with being victimized, something to which many people can relate. But that does not give one the right to take matters into their own hands. There are laws in this country for a reason, and that is to prevent something like this from happening.

No one likes to feel as though he or she is being victimized. That feeling of powerlessness is hard to overcome, but reason and common sense must prevail.

According to the law, deadly force is appropriate if one's life is threatened, and the likelihood that criminal charges will be filed are slim.

"If your life or the life of someone else is in imminent danger, then you can use deadly force," Buena Park police Sgt. Chris Nunez said in an *Orange County Register* story.

That same power does not exist if one is only protecting property. And when the property in question is made of cheap plastic, it is absolutely ridiculous to think the use of deadly force is even an option.

We as a society do not have to accept that there are individuals who will commit crimes against us. Nor should we feel compelled to continue to be victims. But we do not have the right to play jury, judge and executioner.

ABA right move for ULV

Serving as probably one of the most important steps of the decade, the University of La Verne announced last week that the College of Law will relocate to Ontario in order to reach an even bigger goal.

According to ULV President Stephen Morgan, the main objective of moving the law school is to gain American Bar Association (ABA) approval, making it an Inland Valley first. The transition serves as a benefit to the University, the students and the city of Ontario. This is a positive step for the University.

The current College of Law houses 200 students. The new 6,000 square-foot building is expected to host 520 students, which more than doubles the capacity of the current school. With this—the increasing number of classes and instructors—the University will hold an even stronger reputation as an educational provider.

The University will distinguish itself from most Southern California schools and will be recognized along with other ABA-accredited institutions nationwide.

Ontario, where the school will reside, will gain major business activity in the downtown area, which has suffered losses in the past few years to the Montclair Plaza and most recently, construction of the Ontario Mills Mall.

As for the students, the relocation helps ease the parking tension that has been an ongoing problem. The 200 students and faculty members of the College of Law will no longer be desperately seeking parking.

Every year, the number of students admitted to the University increases. With a parking lot currently being constructed behind the Supertents, and the law school moving, the University is setting the table and preparing for the the future. The Hoover Building will provide more classrooms and administrative offices for this growing institution and ease our growing pains.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I know this is a little late regarding the column titled "ASF neglects ULV traditions," [Oct. 10, 1999] but it still doesn't negate the outrage. Homecoming 1999, just a binge on bad pizza and worse singing! No parade, no fair, no fun. Next you are going to tell me that Warehouse Pizza closed down and in its place sits a laundromat.

Great. I am driving six hours with my wife from the Bay Area to watch just a football game and not all the festivities that go with it. If I would have known that, I would have waited two weeks for the good ol' orange and green to take on Menlo, which, by the way is about a half hour away. At least at Menlo, you can drink beer at the game. The last time I checked, Homecoming is for the students, but mostly for the alumni. It's a time to go by all the clubs and organizations from whom you used to be a part and buy a dried out kabob or pop a professor in the face with a cream pie during the fair, then watch the kids parade with their floats in their usual pretentious, yet self-effacing way. Then go to the game and not really pay attention because you are chatting with old chums. Then go to that fine pizza establishment and partake in its wonderful eats.

At least, I know of some friends who will be attending and I can tailgate with, though La Verne fire codes prevent it. The one thing about La Verne, though it was small and everyone you knew made fun of it like its sister college was the University of Shirley, was that at least it had football and it had a Homecoming and that generated some sort of spirit. But then, for environmental reasons, they took away "L" Day (understandable). And even though it was corny, Illumination was kind of neat. The Powder Puff game was great just because, the girls always showed more competitiveness than any of the boys in Brandt could ever muster for a mud football game in January. Now it's a dumb karaoke night, in which people care more about free pizza and a time to drink beer at a sanctioned ULV event than they do about tradition, and a stale ceremony where I don't know anyone and I will likely be finally getting to the front of the line to buy a hot dog from Korny's Korner. The coronation was always the worst part. Now it's the highlight. Is this what I am driving six hours for?

Vince Wetzel ('96)
via Internet

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From the Editor...

Internet egg auctioneer plays God



Araceli Esparza

Enough is enough. The boundaries enclosing the gift and value of conception have not only been crossed, but they have been altogether depleted.

Recent reports that Ron Harris, a self-proclaimed "renowned fashion photographer," decided to spearhead an Internet egg (and sperm) donor auction shocked the public earlier this week. Harris' web site, **http://www.ronsangels.com**, features numerous fashion models who, according to the photographer, are more than willing to donate their ova to infertile women for a small price—at least $15,000 or $150,000 ... in $1,000 increments.

Harris has opted to start this online auction in order to allow potential buyers to "choose the girl that most resembles you. A better-looking version of you." Moreover, he claims that millions of men worldwide would "love to have their genes combined with the most beautiful women," and that the auction serves as the best opportunity for either party to ultimately have attractive offspring.

How can one who experiments with a camera's shutter speed and aperture suddenly be able to put out a smorgasbord of ova to recommend to customers the kind of person they should pick?

Granted, egg banks are a common part of our society, and more than 6 million infertile woman nationwide are looking for eggs in order to have children of their own. But only certain factors—age, eye and hair color, ethnicity and overall health of the egg donor—can be considered legit in selecting a candidate.

Some couples, for either personal or emotional reasons, prefer that their children at least bear a close resemblance to them. After all, that is part of the reason for which a donor's data can be so vital.

However, it seems that our society has come to use egg and sperm banks as a lottery, playing God by picking and choosing desired donors based on their physical appearance, all while it has also grown to slowly ignore the pricelessness of conception in the process.

Several years ago, the idea of a woman raising a family on her own was not a popular vision among the day's society. To witness or hear of the life of a single-parent family often filled many with not only a sense of empathy, but also with a feeling of concern.

Nowadays, it seems that single-parent families are no longer a big deal. They are part of what society has understood and accepted—no questions asked.

But at the same time, more and more women who, for whatever reason, seek to be single mothers are taking it upon themselves to simply select the father of their baby, get pregnant and break off any connections with the father of their child.

Take Madonna, for example. An entertainment icon who has literally transformed before the public eye since the early 1980s, Madonna one day disclosed that she wanted to conceive a child.

She began the hunt for a suitable, temporary mate (and found her physical trainer, Carlos León), made a financial agreement for León's commitment, got pregnant, and gave birth to a baby girl she named Lourdes. Within months after the child's birth, the "couple" settled its monetary compromise, split up and continued with their individual lives.

As easy as it was for Madonna to play the lottery for a "beautiful" sperm donor, infertile women nationwide are being given the chance to select a personally attractive woman from the Internet to supply their ova for conception.

Even if web sites such as Harris' are successful for its customers, who is to say that their offspring will actually look like one of these models? Neither natural nor artificial forms of conception come with a money-back guarantee.

Moreover, genes are one of the dominating factors in regards to a child's appearance, and no one but God can determine who a child will resemble.

In any case, life and conception is not about "wishing" that a child will "turn out" successful, happy or even beautiful.

Those who are privileged enough to be able to conceive and give birth to a child—whether through natural or artificial means—should feel privileged enough to raise the family with which they are blessed, not the family they have been able to choose.

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Death penalty creates hell on earth



Nune Gazdhyan

Death is upon us, all around us and within. It is a reality that hovers over the sick, the young, the meek, the old and the innocent. It strikes without warning when someone's time is naturally up, and it is acceptable and understood. However, today death is fantasized over, accelerated and used as a weapon against humanity by humanity all in the name of justice.

Mummia Abu-Jamal, the former Black Panther and radio journalist, has first-hand experience with the foul play in our society and the so-called justice that is so "prominent." He has been on death row for 18 years and now a date has been set for his execution.

Gov. Thomas Ridge of Pennsylvania signed the death warrant for Mummia Abu-Jamal, setting Dec. 2 as the date for his execution by lethal injection. However, U.S. District Judge William Yohn granted him an indefinite stay on Tuesday.

Life has become so devalued that, with a stroke of a pen, a human being can be killed. A blot of ink has more trust and say than life and this scares me.

The death penalty is the epitome of evil in our justice system. It is a quick fix to avoid dealing with the real issues. I have racked my brain to find some justifiable means for the death penalty, but I cannot. How can I, when I know that all life is worth living? I am not naïve or idealistic. I too, personally have a problem with murderers, rapists, child molesters and all others who cause harm. However, I do not think that even they should be killed. For these people, death is a way out without suffering. A life sentence in jail is a lot stronger and might make them realize and have remorse for what they have done.

While Mummia will now have the opportunity to live to see Christmas and the new millennium from his cell, he is still the victim of this screwed-up system. His life is in the hands of the people who are against him, who are also those same people who believe in justice through death.

He is, in my eyes, an innocent man framed for a murder that he did not commit. He was just conveniently at the wrong place at the wrong time.

His involvement with the Black Panthers and his comments on radio made him a threat to the officials and the idea that he was present at a crime scene was too good to pass up. All he was trying to do was help out his brother after witnessing the police harassing him.

I am aware that many readers by now are thinking that, had Mummia been a white man, his guilt would not be questioned; but since he is a black man, immediately one thinks that he was wrongfully accused because of his race. I have read and followed up on this case, and it is quite clear that Mummia is innocent, and there is no doubt in my mind that the police were just waiting for the opportunity to "get him."

No one wants to be victimized, and this country prides itself for its Constitution, the Amendments, its freedom and its justice system. On the surface it all looks good and perfect; there are no blemishes. However, lifting the veil reveals a society full of hate, injustice and shame, but no one wants to change it because quick solutions do not involve thinking or effort.

When I was growing up my grandmother would warn me about hell, and I used to behave well so that when I died I would go to heaven. But now that I am older, I realize that we are living in hell, but the flames do not reach high enough for some of us to feel the heat.

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Money threatens democratic process



Alisha Rosas

My deepest feminist support goes to my fellow woman, Elizabeth Hanford Dole. To my dismay, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, Dole dropped her bid for the 2000 presidential campaign. As of this time, she will be the fifth candidate to withdraw from the race—all before the first vote.

What bothers me most about this issue, is not the fact that a woman will not (surprise!) be elected President of the United States next year, but that her reason for abandoning bid was due to lack of revenue for her campaign.

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, after Dole compared George W. Bush's $38 million campaign budget to her $900,000—then figured the millions Steve Forbes is "dipping into" from his publishing career—she realized that her rivals would enjoy an approximate 80-1 cash advantage over her.

What makes this issue so disturbing is the light being shed upon our political system. We are witnessing a campaign in which, "He that has the most gold, wins." It no longer matters how qualified or how much experience one has; instead, we have entered a time when cold, hard cash dominates without question.

What the average "Joe Six-pack" needs to be concerned with is the lack of equal and fair representation in national campaigns. If the only candidates that society has to choose from are rich men, how will we ever reach a time in which the elitists are not our only options?

It is also disturbing to live in a nation that is able to put man on the moon, but still cannot get a woman elected into higher office. To see Dole run for the presidency, and see her being taken seriously, was inspiring. The fact that she is no longer running due to money issues is a step backward.

To go beyond Dole, if this is the way the country continues to run its presidential campaigns—based solely on campaign financing—then it is not extreme to say that this country will never see a person of minority status elected President of the United States.

Although Dole did provide a stepping stone for women in regard to running for higher office, she also scratched the surface for issues that need to be faced. Campaign financing needs be less extreme. It should be possible for the rich, but also rational for the average person.

If things continue to run as they do, I suggest everyone clothespin their vote to either Bush or Forbes and get used to them; because we will see more men like them if such campaign finance figures continue to be tolerated.

It is understood that Dole could have planned her campaign earlier or gone about things differently. But the fact that this woman was taken seriously by the American people to be elected president overrides that. Susan B. Anthony is probably rolling over in her grave with the thought that money (of all things) made this woman withdraw from the campaign.

For some, the fact that Dole is a woman is irrelevant; but really, it is a crucial point. Dole created a legacy for future female candidates by making her run for presidency. It is quite sad that she could not have remained in the campaign to see how the voters would have responded to her. Perhaps, she would have been elected. What a day that would be to see a woman elected president.

Until then, however, I must fume with the thought that money stopped this woman, all while another photograph of Bush kissing a child he does not know (to get the vote) runs in the newspaper; and I will continue to be disgusted by it all.

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Textbook retailers get on Internet

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Features Editor

For generations the campus bookstore has been the best and only way to purchase textbooks, but that has changed drastically this fall as a number of Web sites VarsityBooks.com, efollett.com, BigWords.com, ecampus.com and Textbooks.com, to name a few, have sprung to initiate an Internet book war and make buying college textbooks as easy as clicking a mouse.

These sites are competing fiercely to attract students through numerous discounts, bonus points, low shipping charges, television and radio announcements.

As more retailers take their business online the competition to attract consumers increases and at the same time offers more options for consumers.

VarsityBooks.com was founded in 1997. The search engine finds texts by course, professor, title, author, subject or ISBN. It also has a toll-free customer service-support system and a 30 day money back return policy.

Also, it offers up to 40 percent discounts on new textbooks compared to on-campus textbook store prices and online competitors. VarsityBooks.com is able to offer 2.5 million titles of textbooks and general trade books from more than 25,000 publishers and it stocks more than 200,000 books that are ready-to-ship. However, they do not sell used textbooks.

While fairly new into the arena, efollett.com, which is part of the Follett Higher Education Group, has 16 million books in stock including foreign language texts and campus-specific course packs and value packs. Also, it specializes in a large supply of used textbooks at 25 percent off the new book prices.

Senior Doug Collins at ULV's distance learning center in Ventura recently purchased textbooks online through efollet.com.

"I like to do everything online. However, I didn't have a good experience with the online service due to a mix up and got the wrong books," said Collins.

However, he did say that he prefers all online services and thinks that they are easy and convenient.

Other services include free in-store pick up, access to a wide variety of college merchandise from hundreds of colleges and online sellers and credits which allow students to save money on future purchases.

"I've actually [ordered] twice online. I felt that it's quick and easy. I recommend everyone to order online," said Eric Buring a second semester master's program student in Elmendorf, Alaska.

There are numerous online textbook retailers and often it is very difficult to keep up with them and their discounts.

The quest to find the best deal on textbooks online without spending too much time can be aided by an online service called BesteDeals.com.

This online site provides consumers with the opportunity to compare textbooks prices with over 40 online retailers and in 20 seconds it provides information on prices, availability, shipping charges and other options that numerous online retailers offer. There is no charge for the service and anyone can use it.

"If you order online you don't have to stand in line," said Nick Karvia, ULV Bookstore's textbook manager. He added that "students don't realize that they need to figure in the shipping and the buyback of the book in order to determine if they are saving money."

All online retailers have their standards and goals when it comes to attracting customers. While many online retailers offer a the same books, their prices may vary.

Online retailers have their standards when it comes to targeting customers and each offers deals to offset the price of the book while at the same time provide customers with reasonable prices.

The convenience and opportunity of shopping from home that these sites offer is their way of targeting consumers. However, by no means will the online competition put the traditional textbooks out of business. There are still traditional shoppers who want to see and thumb through their books before purchasing.

"If you need the book right now, online bookstores aren't going to do you any good," said Karvina.

Marquez climbs ladder of opportunity at ULV

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Staff Writer

Debbie Marquez has been named the new Information Systems Specialist in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at University of La Verne for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Marquez is the recent faculty member at the university. In 1997, she entered as an Administrative Aid II, then stepped toward the position of Administrative Aid I office manager in 1998.

"What made me interested in ULV was the attendance of my youngest daughter to the school," said Marquez. "I got to know how great the school was."

Marquez' tasks and responsibilities include mailing out responses to inquiries for the applicants, accuracy on statistics and numbers, data entry, and the process of status changes for applicants.

"Being an Information Systems Specialists has brought me new, exciting challenges and made me a part of the position's learning process," said Marquez.

Aside from her office and paperwork responsibilities, Marquez is also learning the technological side of her new position.

"I'm excited to learn more about the computer systems on campus and to develop better ways of integrating computer systems with the admissions process," said Marquez in a recent interview published in the Admissions' Office Newsletter. "I believe the possibilities are limitless."

Marquez, although only three months into her position, enjoys her line of work.

"It feels great to help students through the whole application process, and seeing the same names from the beginning, wind up being enrolled."

Marquez is also very involved with her family.

"One of my favorite hobbies is spending time with my six grandchildren, going to their school functions, and being a good grandmother to them," said Marquez.

Despite all her responsibilities, Marquez also makes time for sewing and crafts, in addition to her duties at home and work.

Marquez has been at her new position since August of this year along with 10 other admission staff members.

"Working in the Admissions Office is an enjoyment within itself because a lot of teamwork goes on and everyone helps each other out," said Marquez. "It is a real pleasure."

Currently, Marquez and the rest of Admissions' staff are undergoing the handling of inquires and applications for the Fall term of the year 2000.

"I think that this year our goal is to improve on quicker processing of information for the students," said Marquez. "There is always a way to learn and improve our inquiry flow."



Jaime Ortega

Debbie Marquez is the University of La Verne's new information systems specialist in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She was hired in 1997 as an administrative assistant and during the 1998-99 school year Marquez was office manager in admissions. Marquez says that she is very excited about her new position.

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Tetanto seeks safety away from home

Michael Anklin
Editorial Director

The decision to leave home and go to college can be difficult for many young people. For Melinda Tetanto, a University of La Verne freshman, leaving Indonesia may well have been a matter of life and death.

In July 1998, Tetanto's parents decided that ethnic and religious strife was putting their daughter's life in danger, and that her safety could no longer be guaranteed. Within two months, she was on her way to California to stay with relatives and finish 12th grade in the United States.

Tetanto did not want to leave.

"At first I thought it was a joke," she said.

It was not. "It happened very fast. I was not prepared for that. Suddenly, I just had to leave everything. Just like that. I cried every day," she said.

Why would she have been in danger in a country known mainly for its tourist attractions, like the beaches of Bali, good food and friendly people?

Tetanto is ethnic Chinese.

"They don't like Chinese people in Indonesia," she said.

The two largest ethnic groups in Indonesia are Chinese and ethnic Indonesians. The fact that Tetanto is Chinese alone, she said, would not have put her in grave danger. But for years, ethnic and religious turmoil has made life uneasy for many people living in Indonesia.

There are five legal religions in the country: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Catholicism and Protestant Christianity. Like most Chinese in Indonesia, Tetanto is Catholic. Most ethnic Indonesians are Muslims.

While the Hindus and the Buddhists are mostly peaceful, Islamic and Christian fanatics have been terrorizing each other for years. It is not necessarily only Indonesians who attack ethnic Chinese. Ethnic Indonesians belonging to different religions also fight among themselves.

It is difficult for Tetanto to understand why the different groups cannot get along.

"They should control their emotions. It is not rational. They don't use logic," she said. She had to admit, however, that "it is sometimes hard to like [ethnic] Indonesians because of the way they treat us."

Yet, the fact that Tetanto's best friend, who is currently studying in Australia, is ethnic Indonesian clearly shows that she has overcome this obstacle.

The recent conflict in East Timor, which is a part of Indonesia, shows the dimensions of the problem. The Indonesian government does not want to grant the people of East Timor independence.

"I think it is an issue of pride," said Tetanto.

The government is afraid of encouraging other provinces to ask for independence too, she said. The province of Aceh in North Sumatra already wants to be independent to establish an Islamic state.

In 1975, East Timor, a former Portuguese colony, became a part of Indonesia. Tetanto said elections were held about East Timor's political future but opponents of the Indonesian government were thrown in jail.

According to Amnesty International, Indonesia has a history of human rights violations in East Timor.

Tetanto also said there has been talk about a "second Yugoslavia" occurring not only in East Timor but in the whole country.

"Because every ethnicity thinks that they are better," Tetanto said. "They are trying to kill each other."

Churches and Mosques have been burned, people have been killed and women have been raped, she said.

Nothing happened to Tetanto herself, but one of her relatives, who lives in Jakarta, the capital, had her house burnt down and was attacked with a knife. Just blocks away from where Tetanto lived, a bank became a victim of flames as well.

Tetanto knew she was a potential target because she was Chinese, Catholic and a woman. But she did not want to acknowledge the threat.

"I ignored it for the sake of fun," she said. "I'm not scared," she remembered herself thinking. "All my friends are here and they are not scared either. Why should I be scared?

"But after I came here I started to realize that probably what my parents think is really good because I cannot imagine if something really happened to me."

Tetanto said that since the United Nations got involved in East Timor, the Indonesian government tries to pay more attention to the problems in the country.

"The U.N. is involved in East Timor, but I think it also has an impact on the rest of Indonesia," said Tetanto.

Another reason for Tetanto not to feel safe was her social status. As a member of the middle class, she became a target for the many poor people left by the economic crisis of 1997 and 1998.

"There were poor people before the economic crisis," Tetanto said, "but you did not really see them."

The crisis made things worse.

"A lot of people [say] don't wear your jewelry, don't wear your watch, don't carry a bag," she said. "There are a lot of things happening. They might just take it away from you."

The economy has partly recovered in the mean time.

"It is getting better now," said Tetanto. "Before [the recovery] $1 could be about 15,000 Rupiahs, now it is about 8,000 Rupiahs," said Tetanto.

Prior to the crisis the dollar was between 2,500 and 3,000 Rupiahs.

Despite the circumstances that made her leave her homeland, Tetanto is a lively and friendly girl, who likes to have fun and always learn something new.

With limited knowledge of the English language—she had only taken one short course for fun at home—she enrolled in such classes as physics, math, economics and U.S. government right away when she came to high school in the United States.

"I had a hard time for the first two or three months but then after that I got used to it. I think I did fine," she said. "My grades were fine."

When ULV offered Tetanto a scholarship, she accepted.

"La Verne is a pretty good place," she said. "I like it because it is kind of peaceful."

Although Tetanto has gone back to Indonesia twice since she came to California, she does not know whether she wants to go back for good.

"I'll have to see how I can adapt to the United States," she said. "Because right now I'm kind of in the middle."

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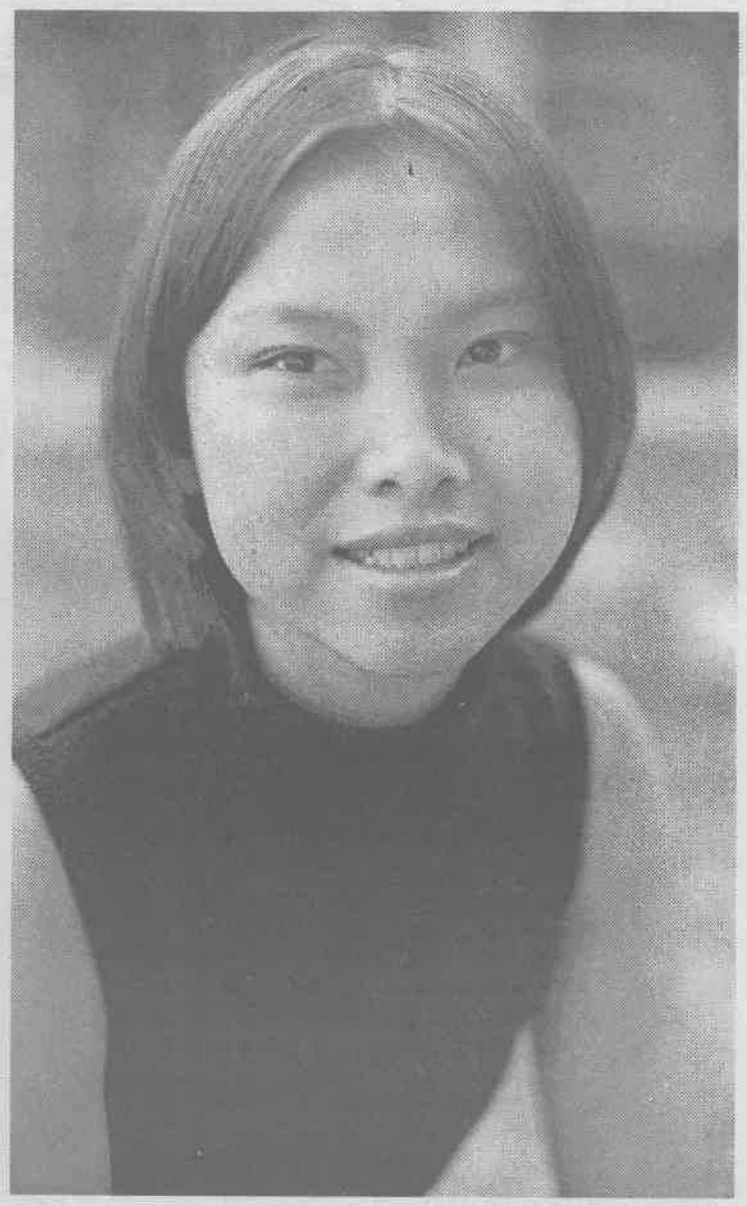
>
> —*Melinda Tetanto, freshman*



Ian Gratz

Indonesian citizen Melinda Tetanto is in her first year at La Verne. After her parents felt her life was in danger in her home country, they sent her to find refugee in America. Despite the relative safety in Southern California, she confesses to missing the familiarity and comfort of her home.

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ple of what she advocates. A disability should not stand in the way. When you meet Janis, you would not notice that she even has one," said Ahmed Ispahani, ULV professor of business administration and economics.

"I would like for it to put people's lives in perspective and not let people worry about little things," she said. "Life is not a dress rehearsal and live everyday to its fullest."

The book is endorsed by Zig Ziglar, a famous motivational speaker. The book costs $19.95 and is being sold at the ULV Bookstore.

"She is a fantastic person and I look forward with enthusiasm to reading the book because of the inspiration it will provide to me. I wish her all the best because she deserves it," said Claudio Muñoz, associate professor of accounting.

Dr. Dietz wants everyone to remember that, "If you have loved ones and know when your next meal is coming, don't complain."

Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

Halloween Bash

Phi Delta Theta Fraternity is having its Seventh Annual Halloween Bash at the Claremont Inn tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are available from any member of Phi Delta Theta for $5. Non-La Verne students are also welcome to attend.

Haunted House

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity will host a haunted house Sunday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 9 p.m.

There will be a $2 fee per person and the house is open to the public. It is located at 2855 Garey Ave. in Pomona.

All of the proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. For more information call (909) 392-5589.

Jazz Concert

The public is invited to attend a free night of funk and jazz with Jarrett Brown and Blue Vibe tomorrow in Founders Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

Moving Wall

"The Moving Wall," the half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be at Chaffey High School, 1245 N. Euclid Ave. in Ontario.

The exhibit will run until tomorrow. For more information, call (909) 391-2510.

'Life is a Dream'

The University of La Verne Department of Theatre Arts will present "Life is a Dream," directed by Stephen Shade, on Nov. 5-6 and 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call ext. 4386.

At the Movies

The following movie opens today nationwide:

• "Being John Malkovich" starring John Cusack, Cameron Diaz and Catherine Keener.

—Alisha Rosas

Museum offers trip into classic hot rod pastime

by Damien Alarcon
photography by Jaime Ortega



Labeled as "the world's fastest and quickest Oldsmobile," the fuel dragster, built in 1964, was raced by Ken Stafford at every Southern California strip. This car is an exact recreation of the original by the original builder and owners. The fuel dragster can reach speeds in excess of 200 mph within a quarter of a mile. The National Hot Rod Association Motorsports Museum, located at the Fairplex in Pomona, displays many racing cars including famous winning cars and oval track challengers. Also, the museum houses a gift shop and plans to add a research library and a multimedia classroom.

Home of such memorabilia as historical dragsters, roadsters, funny cars and photographs dating as far back as 1929, the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Motorsports Museum is open to the public to display the artifacts of this American past time.

A formal ribbon-cutting ceremony served as the grand opening celebration of the museum last April. Since then, NHRA members and California and out-of-state residents who appreciate hot rods have come to see the attraction.

The 28,500 square-foot museum also features helmets, driving uniforms, trophies and paintings belonging to the sport's top competitors of all time.

"Like any other museum, it is valuable to preserve whatever your interest is. This happens to be racing and cars," said Steve Gibbs, NHRA vice president and museum director.

Gibbs contributed much of his personal time into the museum's construction, which began in 1996. He has been a vital factor in the growth of the NHRA Winston Drag Racing since 1969.

"It is very important to preserve our history, not only the cars, but the archival information in terms of photography and the printed words as far as publications," he said.

Residing in the center of the museum, near the entrance, is a gold-painted 15-foot statue of Wally Parks, the NHRA founder and chairman. Around the huge representation are the main attractions of the museum.

Some of these prominent attractions are Kenny Bernstein's 1992 Budweiser King top fuel dragster, the first car to break the 300 mph barrier in NHRA competition; "Big Daddy" Don Garlits' 1971 Swamp Rat, the first successful rear-engine dragster; and Tommy Ivo's 4-engine "Showboat," drag racing's most famous exhibition vehicle.

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Also included are Warren Johnson's 1997 GM Goodwrench Pontiac Firebird, the first Pro Stock machine to crack the 200 mph barrier; Mickey Thompson's Challenger, which set a one-way American land speed record of over 400 mph; and many others. There are close to 50 automobiles total.

The museum contains a combination of cars that have either been restored and donated or loaned to museum officials for an extended period of time, making up a full-toned collage of hot rodding from its roots to today's 300 mph drag racing sport.

Other features the museum offers include a gift shop and facilities for personal meetings, press conferences and private parties.

"I think this is a real valuable asset to any community. We get a lot of good responses from the people who grew up in this area to come back and see these vehicles and things from the past. It is a nice way to remember the good times of your life," said Gibbs.

Financially, the museum is supported by individual members of the NHRA who submit donations, along with staging an annual event called the California Hot Rod Reunion. All proceeds from this year's reunion, which took place two weeks ago in Bakersfield, go to the museum.

The museum is open year-round, Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Extended hours are posted during special Fairplex events such as the Los Angeles County Fair.

Admission is $5 for adults; $3 for seniors, 60 and older; $3 for juniors, 6 through 15; and free for children under 5. Current NHRA members are admitted free of charge.

The NHRA Museum is located at the Fairplex, Gate 1, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue in Pomona. For more information, call (909) 622-2133.

Popular icons direct costume trends

•Halloween fashions still within reach

Jazmine Ponce
Staff Writer

Throw out the old witch's hat and plastic vampire fangs. With Halloween approaching, it is time for creative, unique and funky costumes.

Time is of the essence. There are only two days left, but it is not too late to find a costume for Halloween.

Movies always create costume fads and with this year's past movie blockbusters there are plenty of fantastic characters to mimic.

Catch up on all the "Yeah Baby!" impersonations and be Austin Powers. The costume starts at $39.99 at participating costume shops (fake teeth and mojo not included).

Have a little brother? Dress him up as Mini-Me and go as Dr. Evil. The Dr. Evil accessory kit includes a bald cap, pinky ring and fleshtone makeup and sells for $7.99. Other characters from the '60s spy spoof include agent Felicity Shagwell, Austin's love interest, or a FemBot.

If that is not your bag baby, then maybe the Force is with you. Even before the anticipated "Star Wars" prequel opened last May, fans were dressing up as the popular characters. The evil Darth Maul is a popular favorite.

The Halloween Adventure in the Montclair Plaza has the best deals for Star Wars costumes. A Darth Maul mask and light saber are $29.99 and a makeup kit is $12.99. A Queen Amidala deluxe kit includes a gown and head piece for 49.99. The makeup kit is $12.99.

Also available are a variety of masks from Boba Fett to a minor character in the Star Wars cantina, which range in price from under $24.99 to $160.

Fans can also impersonate other characters from "Episode I" like Obi Wan Kenobi and Qui Gon Jinn. Deluxe costumes start at $39.99, yet fans can also get the same effect by purchasing or borrowing a white karate uniform. A variety of light sabers start at $6.99.

Politicians and characters from television shows are also popular costumes this year. Masks of Bill or Hillary Clinton go for $24.99 each.

Rubber "South Park" character masks go for $23.99 at all Spencer's Gifts stores located in various malls.

Generic felt hats and gloves similar to the ones worn by the South Park characters are $16.99 and are also available at Halloween Adventures.

Wrestling fans can publicly emulate their favorite wrestlers from the various wrestling organizations. Rubber masks of Sting, the Undertaker, Stone Cold Steve Austin, Goldberg, Man-kind and The Rock start at $24.99.

For small children, costume fads range from a variety of Saturday morning cartoon shows.

The cartoon show and game "Pokémon," a big hit with children, have costumes for the characters Pikachu and Charmellon, which sell for $13.99.

Other cartoon characters children can emulate are Blue from "Blue's Clues," Scooby Doo, Tommy and Angelica from Rugrats, and characters from the X-Men. Most children's costumes are priced at $12.99 to $24.99.

Not all creative costumes are store-bought. There are a variety of unique costumes that can be made or put together from clothes and objects around the house.

If one lacks artistic skills, go to local flea markets or thrift stores and acquire creative cheap clothing from the 1930s to the 1980s. Depending on the clothing and one's taste one could be a flapper, sock hop girl, punk, hippie or swing dancer.

Famous characters from movies and television can also be created from thrift store finds. Using a suit and a trench coat, people can be the famous duo of Mulder and Scully from the television show "The X-Files."

Accessories for those looks can vary from a cell phone, a flashlight and hair dye (for Scully red hair) to making an FBI badge by one's personal computer program.

The hit movie "The Matrix," starring Keanu Reeves, is also a favorite. By wearing all black and a leather trench coat, one can be Neo, Morpheus or Trinity. Cool accessories for this look would be black sun glasses, a toy gun and black boots.

Other characters can be as cheap as the price of makeup or special effects latex parts which range from $2.99 to $16.99.

Fans of the show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" can be Buffy by using blonde hair dye and carrying a wooden stake. For vampire characters such as Angel, Spike and Drusilla, use thrift store clothes, latex vampire bite wounds and cool vampire fangs that fit over the canine teeth and stay on for up to two hours at a time.

The fangs can be purchased for only $4.99, while the latex wounds are $5.99 at Party City, located in the shopping center in San Dimas off Arrow Highway.

Makeup is an important aspect of a scary costume. The web site Halloween Online at **http://www.halloween-online.com** offers step-by-step makeup instructions for vampires and other helpful tips on becoming creatures of the night.

Halloween is a time to dress up and have fun. A few stores to visit are Halloween Adventures, Party City, Spencer's Gifts or the Halloween Shop located in the West Covina Fashion Plaza for a variety of masks and costume ideas.

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across the East Coast.

New York is where the group will first arrive via airplane, and, from there, it will sightsee and tour headquarters such as those of the *Wall Street Journal,* Associated Press and several television networks.

After spending a few days in New York, participants will take Amtrak to Washington, D.C.

In Washington, D.C., the group will meet with political figures like Senators Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein and Representative David Dreier. It will also tour the White House, Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters, *Washington Post* offices and will visit monuments and memorials.

Moving south, the group will end its trip in Atlanta, Ga., where it will look behind the scenes at CNN.

The trip will be from Jan. 4-20 and the estimated cost is $2,500.

Students earn four upper division communication units.

For further information, contact Laponis at ext. 4279 or Bishop at ext. 4293.

A trip to Italy has also been organized by the English Department. Though it is scheduled for Interterm, complete details have not been confirmed. For more information contact Ken Scambray, associate professor of English, at ext. 4356.

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Bulldogs take bite out of Leopards

•Comeback deals 1st football loss

Danny Craig
Staff Writer

With players and fans dubbing Saturday night's game as, "the real SCIAC championship," it was clearly a heartfelt loss when the University of La Verne football team was defeated by Redlands University, 22-21, at Ted Runner Stadium.

When the fourth quarter had seven minutes and forty-two seconds remaining, and Leopards receiver Rashard Magee returned a punt 66 yards for his second score, there were few who envisioned La Verne's defeat. After the completion of the extra point, the Leopard's led the game 21-7.

The Bulldogs then countered La Verne's efforts on their next possession. Starting on their own 36-yard line, Redlands sparked a 74-yard drive that would conclude with running back Brandon Ford scoring off a 17-yard run up the middle with 4:41 remaining.

On the extra point attempt, La Verne blocked the initial kick, but was unable to stop Bulldogs place setter Marty Rincoln, who picked up the ball and carried it into the right side of the end zone for two points, making the score 21-15.

> 'Danny Ragsdale is the conference MVP already. He beat us, he's a great player.'
> *–head coach Don Morel*

On the ensuing kickoff, the Leopards recovered an on-side kick at the Redlands 49-yard line, giving them favorable field position. Unfortunately for La Verne, four downs later a tightened Bulldogs defense forced the Leopards to punt.

"We just ran out of offense," said head coach Don Morel, expressing what he felt was a pivotal moment in the game. "We needed to get a first down and could not do it."

Redlands received the punt and began the final offensive drive of the game at their own 8-yard line. After marching 91 yards down the field, Redlands quarterback Danny Ragsdale connected with receiver Jeff Wray on the La Verne 1-yard line to create an intense third-and-goal situation.

Despite the efforts of a relentless Leopards goal-line defense, Ragsdale found a place in the end zone on a bootleg keeper for the touchdown. The extra point was completed with three seconds remaining making the final score 22-21 in favor of Redlands.

Having entered the competition with a 5-0, 3-0 SCIAC record, the Leopards fought a bout that was dictated by the passers both in the air and on the ground. Senior quarterback Dan Blahy, passing for 105 yards and rushing for 95 yards, met aggressively with the Bulldogs All-American candidate, Ragsdale, who led his offense with 392 yards in the air and scrambled for another 50 yards.

"Danny Ragsdale is the conference MVP already," said Morel. "He beat us, he's a great player."

In the first half, La Verne came ready to compete with Ragsdale's squad with seven possessions and numerous opportunities to score.

After two missed field goal attempts in the half, the Leopards first score of the game came at the conclusion of an eight-play, 71-yard drive that began at their own 29-yard line.

Blahy rolled out to hit sophomore running back Chris Huson for a 26-yard touchdown pass. With the completed extra point kick, the score was 7-0 La Verne at the half.

Before the conclusion of the second half, the third quarter provided both teams with a score.

With 11:53 left in the third quarter, Ragsdale completed a 38-yard touchdown pass to Wray to go into the end zone. The extra point brought the Bulldogs into the game with the score of 7-7.

Before entering the fourth quarter, the Leopards brought a

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ULV goes distance in 5-game loss to 1st-place Cal Lutheran

Brice Nixon
Sports Editor

The last hope for a conference championship was dashed Tuesday night for the University of La Verne women's volleyball team as it came up just short in a close five-game match against Cal Lutheran University.

After losing the first game, ULV took the next two, but was unable to win either of the last two games and lost 8-15, 15-10, 15-13, 13-15 and 13-15.

> 'We were emotionally and psychologically more prepared than we've been. Effort-wise, we put it on the line.'
> *–head coach Don Flora*

With the score 13-13 in the decisive rally-scoring fifth game, the Regals scored the last two points to win the game, 15-13, and the match, 3-2.

La Verne held a 13-9 advantage in the game but was unable to close out the match and Cal Lu recorded the last six points.

With only two matches remaining, the Regals (16-9), now 10-0 in conference, clinched their second consecutive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship. It is their fifth championship in six years.

The Leopards are now 6-3 in SCIAC and 12-7 overall with three games left on the schedule.

La Verne had its best opportunity to win the match in the fourth game as it had a 10-3 lead. But Cal Lu evened the score at 12-12 and went on to win 15-13 and force a fifth game.

"We should've won the fourth game and we should've won the fifth," said head coach Don Flora. "Should'ves and could'ves."

The Regals took command early in the first game and had a 10-1 advantage at one point. ULV came back to within five, at 13-8, but could get no closer.

Cal Lu again had control early in the second game before La Verne took a 13-8 lead with two three-point runs. ULV's 15-10 win evened the match at one game apiece.

The Leopards, paced by two kills and a block by junior outside hitter Amy Brummel, led 6-0 in the third game and looked to be well on their way to a win. But the Regals rallied all the way back to tie the score, 6-6.

Neither team could take more than a three-point lead after that. With the score tied 13-13, an ace by freshman outside hitter Sue Witcher, who had a match-high four, and a kill by freshman outside hitter Kelsey Kennedy won the game for ULV.

"They came prepared," Flora said of the Leopards, who lost to the Regals 4-15, 9-15, 15-11 and 5-15 on Oct. 8. "We were emotionally and psychologically more prepared than we've been. Emotionally and effort-wise, we put it on the line.

"We got better at passing the ball and we got better at doing the things we do well," Flora said regarding his team's improved play against Cal Lu.

The Leopards grabbed a quick 5-0 lead in the fourth game and seemed to be in control. They led 10-3 when Cal Lu called a time out. The Regals then outscored La Verne 12-3 and won 15-13.

Another ace by Witcher gave ULV a 12-7 lead in the fifth game before Cal Lu went on a 8-1 run to win the match.

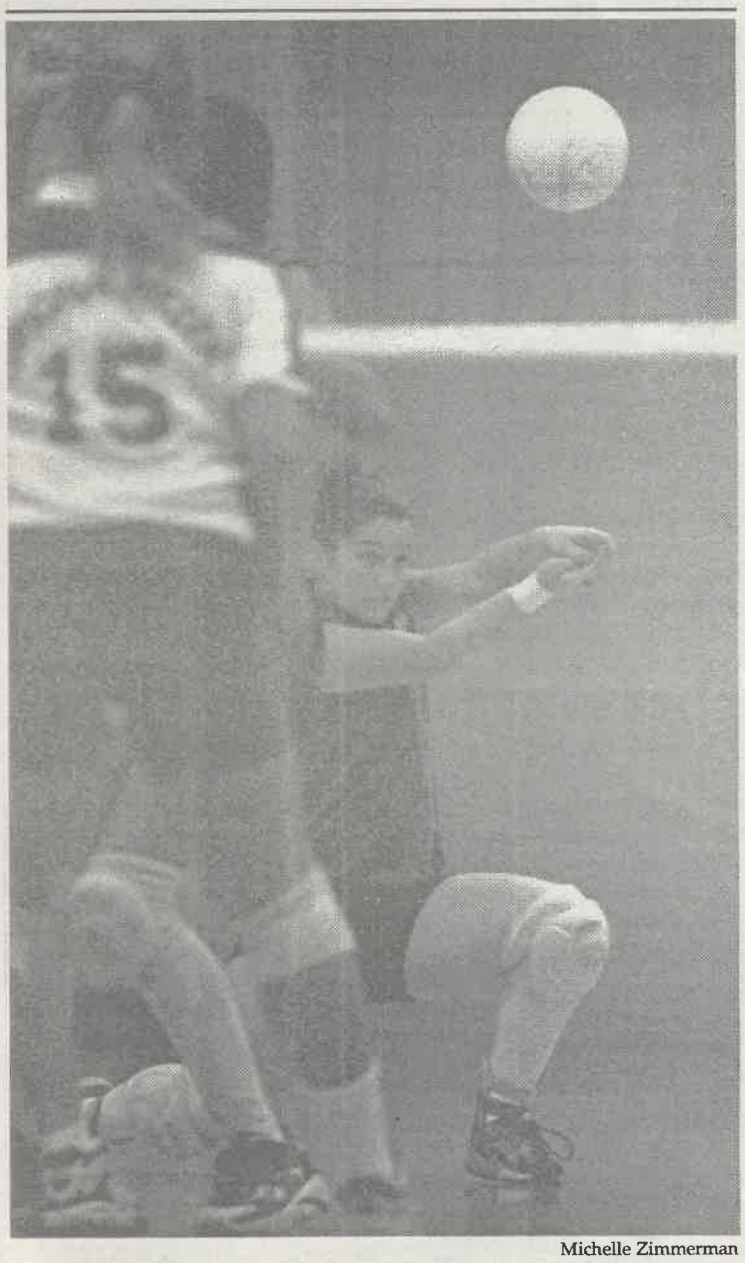
Brummel and Witcher led the Leopards with a match-high 18 kills each. Brummel also had a match-high seven blocks and contributed 10 digs. Freshman middle blocker Stacey Lupu had 13 kills and 10 digs and Kennedy led ULV with 13 digs.

La Verne warmed up for its match against Cal Lu with a convincing three-game victory over Pomona-Pitzer Saturday. ULV won 15-8, 15-11, 15-8.

Witcher and Kennedy led the Leopards' attack with 13 kills each as they dominated the host Sagehens.

Lupu contributed nine kills in two games and sophomore middle blocker Adriana Contreras recorded team-highs of nine digs and 2.5 blocks.

Senior middle blocker Allison Moore added 2.5 blocks and Witcher had two for the Leopards, who outhit Pomona-Pitzer .351 to .189.



Michelle Zimmerman

Freshman setter Meredith Zembal stretches to make a pass during Saturday's match at Pomona-Pitzer. La Verne plucked the Sagehens in three games 15-8, 15-11 and 15-8. ULV lost Tuesday night to Cal Lutheran in five games. The Leopards face the University of Redlands at home tonight.

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Men's soccer continues season slide

Agke Grow
Staff Writer

Entering its two most recent games, things looked bad for the University of La Verne men's soccer team.

With consecutive away matches against perennial powerhouse Cal Lutheran on Saturday and a hard-working Pomona-Pitzer squad on Wednesday, La Verne needed to improve its scoring in order to stay in its matches.

With an injury to senior sweeper Jorge Macias, the pressure was even greater to score on chances that the Leopards created. Unfortunately, the goal drought continued.

La Verne continued to battle on the field and produce opportunities, but the team was once again unable to finish as well as its opponents, and two more SCIAC losses came as a result.

On Saturday, ULV took on an always challenging Cal Lutheran team in Thousand Oaks. The Kingsmen are 14-1-1 against the Leopards in the history of their rivalry, and the Leopards were facing a stiff challenge to begin the match.

ULV made a difficult task even harder when sophomore midfielder Ryan Rodriguez brought a red card upon himself in the 26th minute. The victim of a dangerous tackle from a Cal Lu player, Rodriguez retaliated with a kick. The referee in turn ejected Rodriguez from the game, and La Verne played with 10 men for the rest of the match.

The Kingsmen capitalized on their one man advantage and began pouring pressure on the Leopards' goal. Freshman keeper Robbie Turner was able to turn several shots away, but 11 minutes after Rodriguez's ejection, a shot by Cal Lu's Kyle Brazeli found the back of the net and the Kingsmen were up 1-0 at the half.

Cal Lu continued to push forward in the second half, controlled the final 45 minutes, and came away with a 1-0 win, dropping ULV to 4-11, 2-8 in the SCIAC.

On Wednesday, La Verne travelled to Pomona-Pitzer's field, and again the Leopards

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Water polo flushes Pomona-Pitzer with 8-6 victory



Isela Peña

Senior goalie Mike Miles moves to block a cross cage shot from a Pomona-Pitzer shooter while senior Corey Rodriguez covers the strong side of the goal. The Leopards flushed the Sagehens in Saturday's game at Claremont, 8-6.

Women rebound with 3-0 victory

•Team impacted by injuries

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

The chances for the University of La Verne women's soccer team to win the conference title went away like ashes blown in the wind.

The Leopards are about to wrap up a season that presented obstacles that ultimately prevented the team from accomplishing two of its goals, which were to win the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) and to overcome archrival Cal Lutheran.

Injuries played an important role in the team's opportunities for succeeding.

"It was kind of a roller coaster ride and our biggest enemies were injuries," said head coach Wendy Zwissler.

Perhaps the biggest was the one suffered by sophomore goalkeeper Kim Schrepfer. She had a season-ending injury when she tore her left knee's anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) during the league opener against Whittier.

Schrepfer's absence was deeply felt, forcing sophomore Heather Cooper to move from being a field player to becoming the team's goalkeeper for most of the season.

Sophomore Maria DeSantis joined the team to play goalie. The problem is that she had never played soccer before. Her experience was restricted to water polo.

But Schrepfer's injury was not the only one the team lamented throughout this season. Pulled muscles, sprained ankles, and a variety of maladies made the team look like a rolling hospital.

In addition to injuries, the limited number of players available made the Leopards' hill harder to climb.

"This has been a very frustrating season because of the injuries," said sophomore Erica Borbon. "When you have no subs it is harder to overcome."

Despite all that, the Leopards were tied for first place halfway into league competition.

However, Zwissler's pupils

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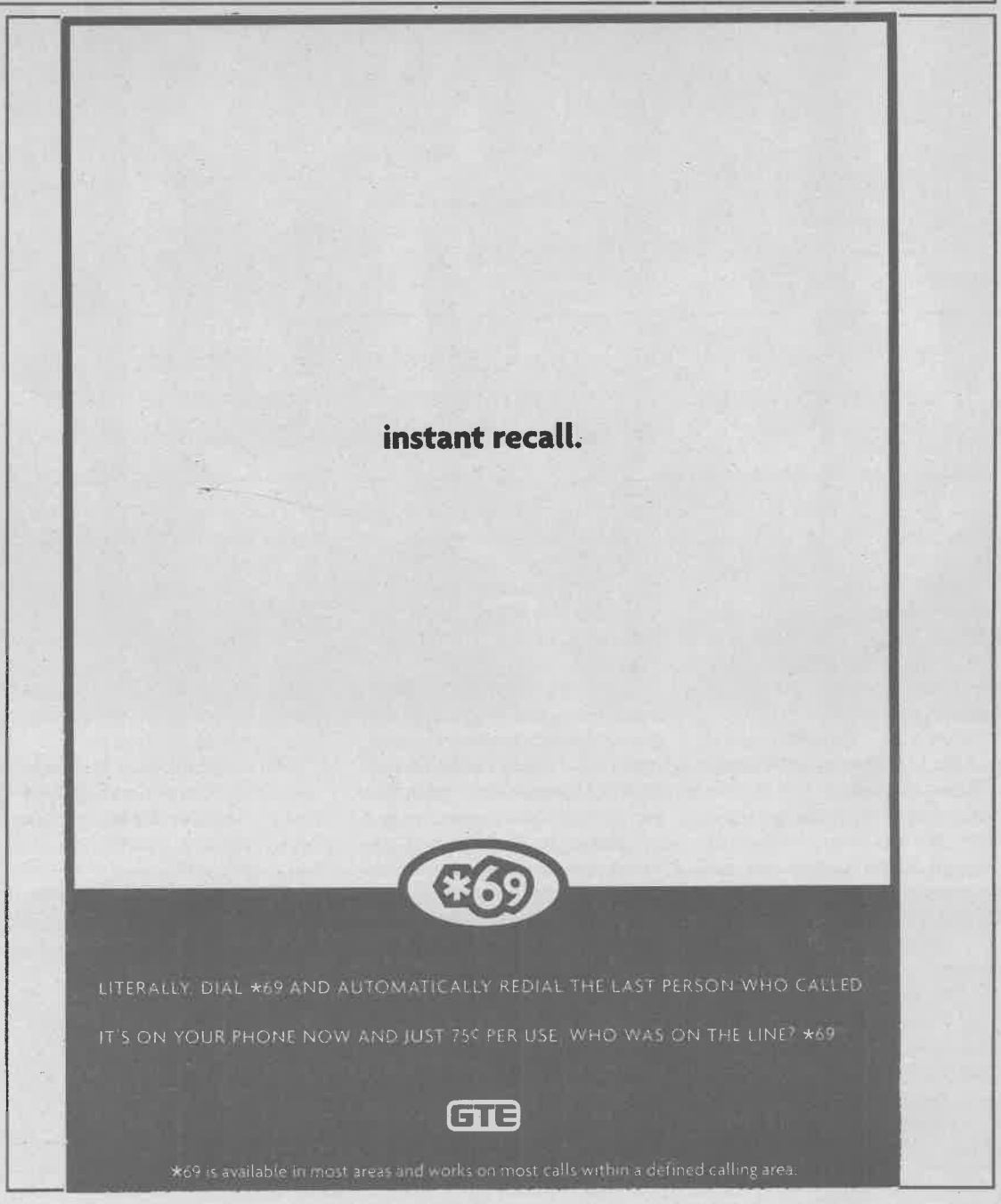

Swim dives off against Northridge

Danny Craig
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne swim team surpassed the expectations of spectators, coaches and itself Saturday in a practice meet against California State University, Northridge, at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

Although the overall outcome of the meet was a 172-66 defeat for the Leopards, head coach John Hallman was content with the performance of his athletes.

"I was surprised at how much more competitive it was," said Hallman on the improvement from last year's competitive event with the Matadors.

With a only week of preparation, Hallman told his athletes that he expected to "win some battles" against the Division I competitors.

The men's team won its first battle in the 50-meter freestyle event when sophomore John Chon took first place with a time of 22.47 seconds. Chon's time was a mere three-tenths of second away from meeting the school record.

Soon thereafter, Leopards' swimmer Roger Garcia came in first place for the men's squad in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:08.67.

The women's team also gave noteworthy efforts in a variety of events.

Freshman Tiffany Yates shone for La Verne with her first place time of 25.95 seconds in the women's 50 freestyle event.

Spreading the wealth were the women's relay teams, who brought home some additional accomplishments.

Sophomore Katie Aimone, freshman Nicole Cataneso, freshman Katie Lyons and sophomore Tandis Morgan combined their efforts to surpass three competitors in taking second place in the women's 200 relay with a time of 1:55.91.

One of the major women's team highlights on Saturday came from the solo performance of relay member Lyons, who set a new school record in the 100 butterfly event with a time of 1:07.7.

"They had more numbers than us, but we put the pressure on them," women's co-captain Aimone said of the team's performance against Northridge.

In retrospect of the meet, Hallman was pleased with the team's experience.

"We have a starting point now," he said.

Noting that in last year's meet the Leopards defeated the Matadors in only one event (sophomore Jessica Morgan won the 500 freestyle last year), Hallman said he was additionally impressed with the team's annual betterment and overall unity.

The La Verne swim team will use its starting point to compete in the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational a week from tomorrow. Competition is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.



Ian Gratz

Sophomore Ryan MacDonald gives a hard pull in the breaststroke leg of his individual medley last Saturday at the La Verne Aquatics Center. MacDonald finished in second place with a time of 2:08. The swim team begins its regular season Nov. 6.

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could not handle it anymore and the glass broke in a non-conference match against Chapman University, beginning a four-match losing streak, leaving their championship hopes behind.

Losses to conference rivals Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands followed the Chapman downfall.

Then on Saturday the team made the long trip to Thousand Oaks to visit the reigning SCIAC-champion Cal Lu Regals for a match the Leopards will not forget anytime soon.

Cal Lu held a 4-0 halftime lead on its way to a 7-0 win. DeSantis accumulated eight saves, but allowed six of the Regals' goals.

It was the Leopards' second loss to Cal Lutheran this season.

"Last Saturday was like a rebuilding more than anything else. We've been struggling through all the injuries and our girls just didn't think they had the potential to beat anybody," said assistant coach Danielle Watson.

"We didn't play that bad," said Borbon, a midfielder. "I think after three goals, we said 'OK it's over,' we just didn't have confidence.

"It was embarrassing and upsetting."

Cal Lu took the victory to clinch at least a tie for the conference crown, needing only another triumph in the remaining two games to earn its ninth outright championship.

"They've inspired me to make this team better by the way they behave," said Zwissler of the Regals' team. "They were inspiration to all of us and a motivation factor to come back next year and kick their [rear end]."

La Verne returned to Ben Hines field for its final home match Tuesday afternoon.

Displaying good soccer throughout the entire match, the Leopards came out victorious defeating visiting Pomona-Pitzer 3-0.

La Verne imposed its game right from the beginning, not giving the opponent any chance. A combination by junior defender Cara Forrest and freshman forward Adriana Ramirez ended up being the first goal of the match less than seven minutes in.

Ramirez's goal was backed up by an unassisted score by sophomore midfielder Giselle Ortega four minutes later.

The Leopards continued to create offensive plays, opening the field and constantly feeding the forwards who kept testing Pomona's goalkeeper.

Five minutes before the end of the first half, junior forward Rachel Lieberman added another goal to the Leopards' effort.

Despite dominating the match and keeping possession for most of the time, the Leopards could not increase their lead in the second half of the match.

The post denied Ramirez of scoring again with 10 minutes left to play and on the next possession Borbon's shot, aimed at the far post, passed inches wide of the Sagehens' goal.

At the end, the Leopards were optimistic of finishing up the season with a winning momentum which they hope to carry into the next year.

"I think we played really well, extremely well. We were ready to play, we had our passes going and the girls worked really hard," said Zwissler.

The Leopards play their season finale this afternoon, at 4 p.m. against Occidental in Eagle Rock. That is a match La Verne will play to win.

"[We want to] finish up the season in a positive note," said Zwissler.

"It's important to win because of pride," Borbon said. "We have to redeem ourselves."

In the meantime, Zwissler starts thinking about next season.

"We are a young team," she said. "We'll be back, but first, we have to beat Oxy."

'It was kind of a roller coaster ride and our biggest enemies were injuries. [We want to] finish up the season in a positive note.'

—Wendy Zwissler, women's soccer head coach

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were unable to capitalize on their chances. The Sagehens took advantage of some defensive lapses, displayed skillful ball control, and took the match comfortably, 3-0.

La Verne found itself down 1-0 in the 16th minute when Pomona-Pitzer's Eric Dugan was left open in front of the ULV goal, and he headed a cross into the upper-right corner of the net.

"We needed to mark up on number 11 (Dugan)," said junior midfielder Nathan Swift. "That seemed to be the place where all their offense started."

Pomona-Pitzer continued to keep possession of the ball throughout most of the match, and in the 61st minute Dugan dribbled through the ULV defense and buried a shot past Turner to make the score 2-0. A late Sagehen goal sealed La Verne's fate.

ULV was able to produce some opportunities to score, but every chance was wasted.

In the 37th minute, sophomore striker Art Pico was spotted out behind the Pomona-Pitzer defense, but his shot was poorly struck. ULV also had an easy header off a corner sail over the Pomona-Pitzer goal.

Junior defender Tom Chambers said, "We had something to prove, and we didn't get it done. We don't finish our chances."

The 3-0 defeat could have easily been worse for La Verne. Two Pomona-Pitzer shots hit the crossbar, and Turner came up with a number of difficult goal-saving stops to keep La Verne in the match.

However, Turner nearly gave away a goal with 6:43 remaining in the first half when a weak shot squeaked through his hands. The ball rolled onto the goal line, but he was able to turn and recover the ball.

Head coach Shayon Jalayer said, "Again, we had some chances, but we're not putting them in, and they (opponents) are. We have to work harder."

"It seems to be our curse," said Swift. "We just have to finish the ball."

The team's final four matches are at home, beginning with today's 4 p.m. match against Colorado College at Ben Hines Field.

The team gets back to SCIAC play tomorrow hosting Occidental College at 11 a.m. and finishes up its season with Whittier on Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. and against Caltech on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.

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61-yard drive to a close with a 12-yard Blahy to Magee connection to score. After the extra point, La Verne entered the concluding quarter with the score of 14-7.

After the game clock ran out, Blahy emotionally said, "They were a good team ... they covered our guys really well." Blahy and Morel both shared a contentment with the defensive efforts of the Leopards.

With their 5-1, 3-1 SCIAC record, La Verne will host Cal Lutheran University tomorrow at 1 p.m.