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Spiritual healer promotes awareness

Jazmine Ponce
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry, Peace Studies, the Honors Program and the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum at the University of La Verne have planned events in November for Native American Awareness Month in celebration of the first Americans.

The awareness month is provided to educate students on a culture that has been an intricate part of America.

"Native America is very much alive. It is strong. It is beautiful, it is here and we need to make sure we are aware of it, how American history is influenced by the interaction and conflicts between the Europeans and Indians," said Elena Cardeña, Catholic campus minister.

Educating people on a culture that is believed to have been wiped out helps to inform others that Native-American traditions are still part of people's lives.

"It is a time of awakening, not only for many Native Americans rescuing the culture, but also for non-natives that are starting to be aware that natives still exist," said Cardeña.

"I think it's part of all our heritage because a large percentage of the population has native blood in them and for so long it has been a forgotten part of our society," said Dan Cannan, instructor of Native American studies at the University.

Events began on Tuesday, Nov. 2, for Day of the Dead. The holiday was originated by the ancient, indigenous people of Mexico. These people believed that the souls of the deceased returned from the grave every year to visit their families and celebrate as if they were living.

Several clubs created altars along the Quad to honor individuals or groups of influential people who are deceased.

In the Chapel, a community memorial was held to encourage people to bring pictures to honor their loved ones.

A lecture on "Ancient Medicine in Modern Times" was held Tuesday in La Fetra Hall. Estela Román, who is Nauhatl (Aztec), discussed her training as a traditional Nauhua-style healer and the importance of learning about one's ancestors.

The style of healing that Román practices has been maintained for over a thousand years by being passed down to each generation through oral tradition.

Spiritual healers, or "curanderas" as they are called, provide services to the community. They are a part of tradition and supply a power of faith.

Early this week, people were able to experience a real Aztec sweat lodge led by Román.

The sweat lodge is a time when all the elements of nature such as fire, water, air, herbs and plants are brought together to help and heal participants.

Román believes that, as humans, there is a naturally warm temperature in the body's spirit and that throughout life, it tends to get colder. The sweat lodges are there to "feed the spirit warmth," said Román.

"The sweat lodge is a whole ritual, an opportunity for all of us to heal and connect with the universe," she said.

Lakotan-Sioux flutist Red Hawk and his brother will perform native flute music and storytelling on Monday, Nov. 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Dailey Theatre.



Naoko Yokota

Estela Román lectured on "Ancient Medicine in Modern Times" in La Fetra Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 9. Román received her bachelor's in sociology and master's in international peace studies at universities in Mexico. She also has organized some events for non-profit organizations that relate to environmental issues and women's health. She discussed how she and traditional medicine practitioners view the world and knowledge of ancestors before Europeans came to the continent.

New agreement moves students to San Dimas

•Inn residents relocate

Danny Craig
Staff Writer

Ongoing rumors were dispelled and made into fact when Office of Housing and Residential Life Director Julie Thurman Francisco confirmed that the Red Roof Inn would be the second semester housing site for University of La Verne residents currently at The Claremont Inn.

With Wednesday's distribution of its special edition newsletter, Housing officials informed of residents' relocation from Claremont to the San Dimas hotel between Dec. 11 and 17, the school's week of final exams.

"I think there's definitely going to be some transition," said Thurman Francisco of possible student reaction.

Although she noted the possible difficulty faced by Claremont residents, Thurman Francisco said she is confident that the housing change will be a good one for students. Those residing at Red Roof will benefit from amenities that were not available at The Claremont Inn.

According to Thurman Francisco, Red Roof Inn residents will be given voice mail and free local calls from all rooms. The Housing director recognized the complaints from residents concerning the existing 25 cent calling fee at The Claremont Inn and expressed Housing's priority to better the phone system for its residents.

She also highlighted other room features offered by the Red Roof Inn to ULV residents.

Students staying at the Red Roof will have access to free cable, and their own refrigerator and microwave, as well as weekly housekeeping services offered by the Claremont Inn.

Thurman Francisco also stated that the Red Roof is working to obtain student discounts at some of the local restaurants neighboring the hotel.

With the major transition approaching quickly, the situation regarding the Claremont and Red Roof inns has gained a wide spectrum of response from those residents it will affect.

"I want to go the Red Roof Inn. I'm happy with all of the additions," said freshman J.M. Garcia, a current resident of The Claremont Inn who was displeased with the previous conditions at the Claremont Inn.

Sophomore Ahmad Rasshan, another Claremont Inn resident, said he slightly regrets his decision to move in to the Oaks Residence Hall at the semester.

"I didn't know it would be so much better," said Rasshan of conditions at the Red Roof Inn.

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Naoko Yokota

The University of La Verne's celebrates Native American Awareness month through the end of November. "Day of the Dead," a popular term of All Souls Day, was observed last Tuesday, Nov. 2, in the Quad to celebrate Mass in honor of dead relatives. It is also the day to set up home altars with food and other items that were pleasing to them. This celebration is still observed throughout Latin America on the Christian Day of All Souls. Many believe that the dead are not the object of fear, but are instead friendly ancestors who can sweeten the life of the living.

Connection helps students teach, tutor

Leah C. Sahagun
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne Honors Program will again have its College Connection during the January Interterm, at which time students will teach in the Azusa Unified School District.

Honor students can enroll in the CORE 305 class for their service learning unit or, if that has already been completed, toward the colloquium units needed for the Honors Program.

"Either way, the honors students do benefit from the interterm class," said Dr. Andrea Labinger, Honors Program director.

On the first three Saturdays of January, for four hours, honors students will teach a selected group of fourth- and fifth-grade Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students material that they choose to teach.

"I enrolled in the program for three years, and I taught a science seminar. In high school physics we did an egg drop where we made a carrying case so that when we dropped the egg, it wouldn't break," said senior Amy Attiyah. "It was fun working with the kids."

"Last Interterm we taught the kids how to express themselves through art. We drew pictures that represented something about themselves and mobiles of things they liked. The final project was a collage," said senior Kelly Young.

Sixteen hours will be completed by the end of the three Saturdays, and nine hours will be completed by the honors students through tutoring sessions with GATE students.

On the final Saturday, GATE students and their parents are invited to the ULV campus. The students are given a tour of the campus to show them what a college campus looks like.

"We try to promote attending college, they are excited to come and see ULV. We try to make it a special day for them," Attiyah said. "I think that its a great program and ULV should increase funding because all the funding for the program now is coming out of the honors program."

"The school gets great publicity through the program, the *Inland [Valley] Daily Bulletin* has also written an article. It is terrific public relations in the community," said Dr. Labinger. "The honors students get to know what it is like to be a teacher and what it takes to work with children," said Dr. Labinger.

She added, "For the GATE students, it is an enrichment for them and they learn that they can go to college. We show them what the environment is like."

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Correction

In the Oct. 29 issue of the *Campus Times*, the article entitled "Interterm study trips provide new explorations" stated that the Belize trip "will be $1,950—plus airfare." The total expense for the two-week trip is $2,000. The course is directed by Dr. Jeffery Burkhart, professor of biology. He can be reached at ext. 4599 or at **burkhart@ulv.edu** for further details.

ASF Minutes

Commissioners and senators of the University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 9:15 a.m. in the West Dining Room for their general meeting.

The Forum reviewed plans for the Winter Extravaganza, discussed upcoming special elections and allocated funds to the Lordsburg Union Debate Society.

Extravaganza

Activities Board members proposed that the Forum allocate money for the Winter Extravaganza, which will be a combination of the annual Holiday Dinner and formal.

The proposal was approved as submitted, and the Forum voted to allocate $16,000 for the planning and organization of the Extravaganza. It will take place Friday, Dec. 3, from 6 p.m to midnight at the Fairplex in Pomona. Formal attire is required for the event.

Tickets for the Winter Extravaganza may be purchased through Nov. 23 at the Student Center desk or from any ASF member. Tickets are available at a price of $10 per student, while those for faculty and staff members cost $20.

For details, call Frank Tolentino, vice president of activities, at ext. 4677.

Fund Allocation

The Lordsburg Union Debate Society proposed that the Forum allocate $450 for its Night of Debate, which is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Funds were approved as proposed, and the breakdown for the allocation of funds is as follows: $250 for catering, $80 for the printing of tickets and programs and $75 for publicity of the event.

Special Elections

Three Forum positions—vice president of advocacy, public relations chair and senator—are open for the spring semester.

Undergraduate students interested in applying for these positions are encouraged to pick up an application from the Student Center desk beginning Tuesday, Nov. 16. Completed applications are due Friday, Dec. 3, to the Student Center desk by 5 p.m., and elections are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Resignation

Dr. Christina Ayala-Alcantar, assistant professor of psychology, announced her resignation as the Forum's faculty adviser.

Dr. Ayala-Alcantar, who has served the Forum since the spring, stated conflicts with the ASF meetings and her own weekly faculty meetings as reasons for her resignation. This week's meeting was the last she would attend, so the Forum will begin its search for a new adviser in the near future.

—*Araceli Esparza*

Senior takes fast track through LV

•Dowell reflects on adventures

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

From the minute he arrived at the University of La Verne, senior Lehi Dowell knew exactly what he wanted to get out of his college experience.

Dowell, a Spanish major from Sutherlin, Ore., heard about ULV from his aunt and uncle, who worked for the La Verne Police Department.

During his senior year in high school, Dowell enrolled at Umpqua Community College, where he took classes in math, English and Spanish at night. It was this jump start into the college experience that helped Dowell acquire enough college credits to be admitted to ULV under a higher class standing.

He began to attend the University as a student who was a year ahead of his peers—as a sophomore—in Fall 1997. Dowell said he had a choice between going to Pepperdine University or ULV.

He said he realized that a majority of the students at Pepperdine were Caucasian and, since he wanted to major in Spanish, he wanted to enroll at a diverse college, which he said he found at ULV.

"I love the language. It's beautiful and sometimes I can express myself better in Spanish than in English. The Latin culture intrigues me," said Dowell.

One of the role models that inspired and encouraged him to follow his dreams was his high school home economics teacher of four years, Sara Lee Croft, who always had faith in him.

"She told me that I would be successful if I put my best foot forward," Dowell said, adding that his mother is also his role model because she supported him and provided him with advice.

At ULV, Dowell anticipated that he would become involved with numerous student activities and departments, including theater and the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum.

Dowell describes himself as "dedicated, educated, and liberated." With that in mind, he set out to accomplish his goals and overexceeded them.

Dowell became the ASF Freshman Representative in his first year at the University, and he participated in the musical, "Company," that year. As he progressed in college, he also increased his involvement in extracurricular activities.

He was a Spotlight Weekend Leader, member of the Latino Student Forum, and eventually became a member of Circle K International as well.

He also joined Alpha Chi, the honors fraternity, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, where he has served as chaplain, fundraiser chair and eminent recorder. In the spring, he will be joining Sigma Delta Pi, a Spanish honors fraternity.

In ULV 1998 yearbook, he was also chosen as the school's adventurer for his way of taking a risk in life. Most recently, he won the election for Homecoming King. He has also participated in the recent Cancer Walk, AIDS Walk and the Police Brutality March.

Dowell's most memorable moment at ULV was when he was attending new student Orientation camp at Pilgrim Pines during the fall of 1997, where he participated in karaoke by singing "Losing My Religion" by REM and also won for a mock game of "Singled Out."

"In order to graduate with a major in Spanish, I had to study abroad for a semester," he said of his decision to participate in the Brethren Colleges Abroad (BCA) program last year.

> 'People don't know who they are. Don't worry about it, go with what feels right at the moment. Be spontaneous. Don't get trapped.'
> *—Lehi Dowell, senior*

Dowell studied in Quito, Ecuador, for his BCA experience.

"When I arrived to the country, it was love at first sight," he said. "I realized I had to stay an entire year in order to appreciate it for all it was worth."

While abroad, Dowell also traveled all over South America. He traveled to Venezuela, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, and parts of Brazil and Argentina.

He stayed with two different families during his travels. The first family he stayed with was an extended upper-class family, and he was constantly going out with the family's relatives, Dowell said.

The second family he stayed with was a single-parent home with two children.

"The four of us were really close," Dowell said.

While observing the Ecuadorean culture, Dowell noted that, in that country, children live at home until they are married.

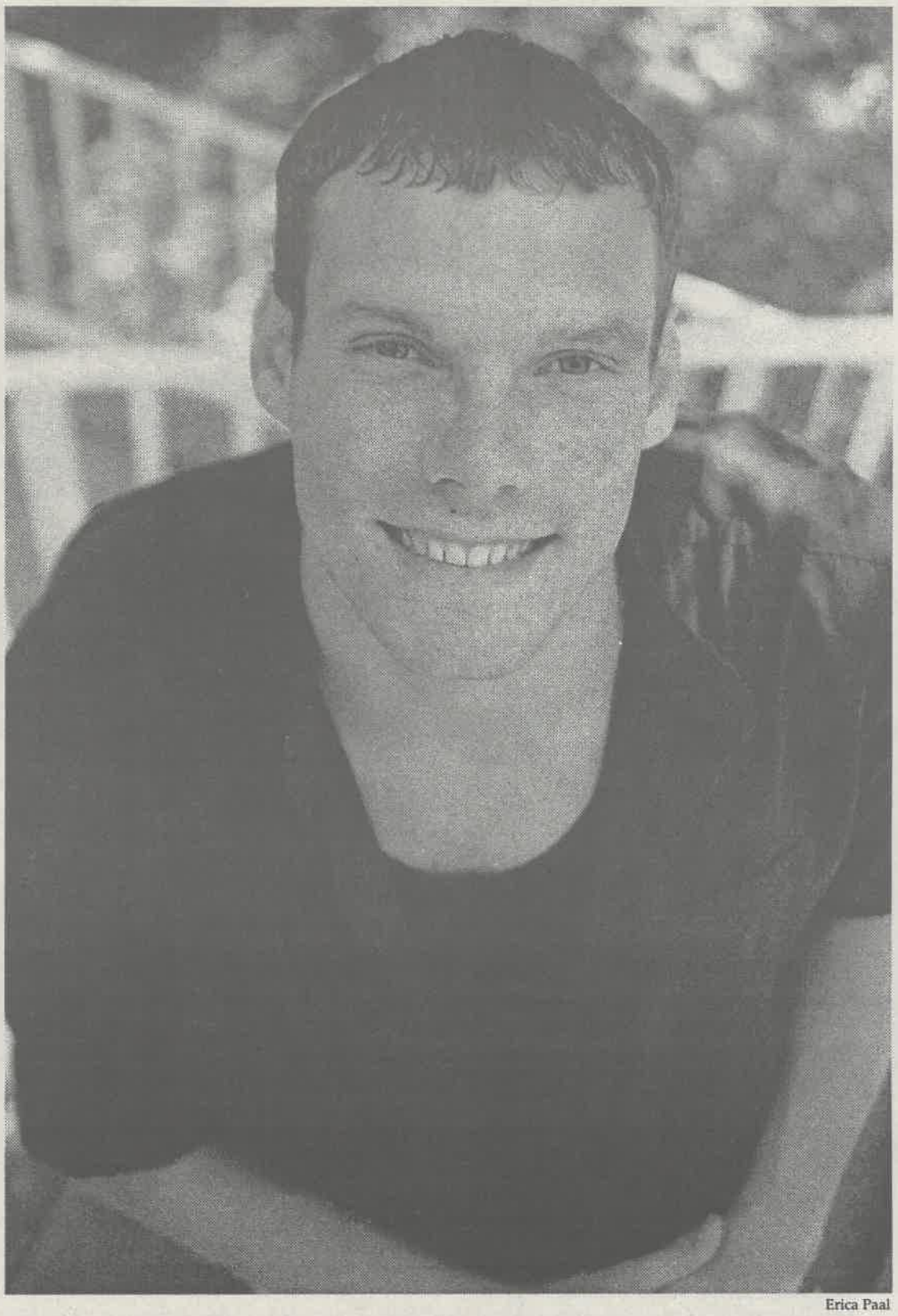
Now back at ULV, Dowell is looking forward to graduating this May. He plans to get a one-year internship in Washington, D.C. at the Washington Office of Latin America.

He is also planning to go to Mexico for January Interterm and is considering coming back to ULV to attend law school in 2001, pending the school's American Bar Association approval.

In his spare time, Dowell said he likes singing, dancing, playing tennis and reading science fiction books, particularly by Michael Crichton. He also enjoys reading books that pertain to the law, such as books written by John Grisham. Other things he enjoys are going to the beach, camping, fishing and talking with friends.

"People don't know who they are," he said as advice to others. "Don't worry about it, go with what feels right at the moment.

"Be spontaneous. Don't get trapped."



Erica Paal

Lehi Dowell, a senior Spanish major, has performed in theater arts productions such as "Company." He also joined Alpha Chi, the honors fraternity on campus, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and has participated in the Cancer and AIDS walks. Dowell spent his junior year in Ecuador, and this year won the election for Homecoming King.

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According to the numbers given by Thurman Francisco, Rasshan will be one of approximately 20 residents filling a vacant spot in the school's main on-campus housing at the end of the semester.

Representing a different perspective from Rasshan and Garcia was senior Seth Halverson, who said he will leave the Claremont Inn at the conclusion of this semester to pursue off-campus housing.

"I think telling us where we're going to live a month before it's going to happen is a little unorganized," Halverson said of Housing.

"We get used to the criticism," said Thurman Francisco, realizing the frustration of the overcrowding in the residence halls this year. Thurman Francisco explained that the Claremont Inn provided living space for 97 students that would not have been able to attend the University if those housing arrangements were not made available to them.

"For those 97 students, I think we've made a difference," said Thurman Francisco.

Claremont Inn residents relocating to the Red Roof Inn will have the duration of finals week to do so.

In the News

Bowl for Breath

Iota Delta will be sponsoring its annual Bowl for Breath philanthropy fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 14, at Chaparral Lanes in San Dimas.

The event, which is from noon-4 p.m., is open to the community. A fee of $8 will be charged to cover three bowling games and shoe rentals for participants of the event. Part of that money, and all money collected, will go to the National Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to benefit research of the genetic lung disease.

—Araceli Esparza

Opinions

Court should limit police power



When an individual encounters a police officer, whether it be while traversing the sidewalks or cruising the streets, that person should feel safe, or at least more so than usual.

But for many people, the presence of a cop brings a sense of uneasiness and trepidation. A large sector of the populous believes police officers have too much power—and that they abuse the power granted to them.

This should come as no surprise. With the recent events that have come to light involving the Los Angeles Police Department's Rampart Division, it is easy to understand why so many feel this way.

Now, the Supreme Court is set to make a decision of which the ramifications are far-reaching. The dilemma before the justices is whether officers have the right to stop and search an individual who runs from them. The decision could specifically affect aggressive police tactics in high-crime neighborhoods.

If the court decides police officers can stop someone for the simple fact that they ran, it would give that much more power to a group that often abuses the power it has.

There is public concern over police methods that might unnecessarily sweep up innocent people. And there is particular concern over the possible use of "racial profiling" tactics, which target individuals based on skin color.

At first glance, the solution may seem simple. If someone runs from the cops, that person must have committed some crime. There must be some reason why the individual feels compelled to flee.

But granting the police that power would give them great latitude in making the judgement on why someone might be running down the street. Such an interpretation would allow officers to stop and search a person running by a bus if they think the person looks suspicious. That is ludicrous.

It may not always be the case that someone who is running while police are present is actually running from the police. Unfortunately, many individuals are fearful of police officers. They may have witnessed others being wrongfully interrogated or persecuted by those designated to ensure their safety, or had a similar experience themselves. The result of that is a lack of trust, possibly even fear, and for good reason.

At the LAPD's Rampart Division, an unfolding corruption scandal has provided evidence of the way power is abused and the tactics some officers may use to put someone behind bars.

Richard A. Devine, representing Illinois in its appeal to the Supreme Court, said, "Flight is inherently suspicious." But the Fourth Amendment prohibits "unreasonable" search, and it seems unreasonable to search someone who runs, if there is no other evidence to suggest involvement in a crime. There should be a right to "go one's own way," as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The major problem of the food service and food quality at the University of La Verne is astonishing ["Actions speak louder than words," Sept. 24]. I cannot believe we pay $22,000 and have the poorest service and poor food choices of a $2,000 school. It seems that every time you report the bad service and the other wrong doings you get ridiculed by people saying they are tired of the talk. Well, today I am writing you to propose to each and every student to come to a meeting about the quality of the food, the service and what we as students can do about it. Now, I know numerous people who are tired of the Spot and don't care for Davenport, so there can be no excuse for you not to join in on the change. A great inspirational writer said, "Nothing is carved in stone. You can change anything in your life you want to badly enough. Time plays no favorites and will pass whether you act or not...Take control of your life. Dare to dream and take risk. Never think it's too late or too early to begin." I feel the same way. It is not too late to change the system. Even though there is a contract with Aramark, it indeed is not carved in stone. So let's act, stop talking about it and come to the meeting. We will talk about the legal issues and the right we have as students to change.

I appreciate the staff reporting people's feelings, but since people's feelings are not changing the service and the food, it is time for something new. There is absolutely no reason why each and every student should not show up. I will follow up with the meeting times and arrangements. Once again, it is time to make a change. For further information please feel free to contact me at **johnsonl@ulv.edu**. Thank you.

Lori Johnson
Senior

Dear Editor,

I usually do not like wasting my time but since Damien Alarcon's "Existence of Guns Increases Violence"[Nov. 5] was amusing and yet very offensive, I decided to make an exception. I'm sick of someone like Mr. Alarcon voicing his own biased opinions every time some maniac goes on a shooting rampage. You see, people that want to kill do so with or without a gun. Not long ago, a man drove his car into a schoolyard full of children killing and wounding several. When asked why, the man answered, "Because they are innocent." He did not use a gun but his car. And it did not even catch a lot of media attention because he did not use a gun to commit this violence.

Mr. Alarcon had stated, "The best option, yet to be exercised by the government, is to cease all firearms. If that is unsuccessful, then try something else." Watch what you say, Mr. Alarcon. In 1997, the Australian government banned and confiscated all handguns and semi-auto rifles from its citizens after a massacre shooting in 1996. They did so by going through their records of registered gun owners, and told them to either give up the guns or go to jail. Of course millions of guns were confiscated and the government cheered victory against gun violence. Now, they have a 500 percent increase in gun crimes. Why do you think that is, Mr. Alarcon? Gun Control Australia (GCA) is a non-profit organization established in 1981 and had been a supporter of strict gun control, but they had opposed the 1997 gun ban. On Oct. 5, 1999, following a shooting that injured four Australian police officers, GCA had a news conference stating, "Police and the general public are at risk from Victoria's 75,000+ illegal weapons, with no program in place to trace and seize weapons and punish lawbreakers with the stiff penalties laid down nationally following the Port Arthur Massacre in 1996. You see, Mr. Alarcon, the millions of guns seized by police came from registered gun owners who were not criminals. Criminals do not walk into gun stores and buy them legally. The Australian government has yet do admit its gun seizure was a failure, and Gun Control Australia has been criticizing the government for it. Do you think the U.S. government will admit when they make a mistake about gun control? Why do they never mention anything about harsher penalties for criminals with guns instead? I do not know much about journalism but I know when writing an article, it's important not to present one's own ideas as fact. I got plenty more to point out wrong in Mr. Alarcon's column, but since I'm only allowed up to 400 words, I'll stop it here.

Jake Ham
Sophomore

Letters to the Editor

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From the Editor...

Profiling proves existence of racism



Araceli Esparza

It is sad to say that, as a society, we have truly failed to move past the issues of race and discrimination that have plagued our nation since long before the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

Most may agree that we have reached some peaks in the fight for equality and the effort to be one race—the human race—without the necessity for prejudice or judgment. After all, we have definitely come a long way thanks to the guidance, leadership and example of people such as Caesar Chavez, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Ghandi.

But can we honestly say we have completely won the battle against inequality? People's accounts prove it doubtful.

According to a recent *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin* (*IVDB*) report, the United States Congress is looking to approve two bills to require that the U.S. Attorney General study whether racial profiling—targeting individuals because of their skin color—is a national problem among law enforcement agencies.

On the proposing side of the matter, victims of racial profiling have said that police officers pulled them over without clearly specifying the details of the offense for which they were stopped. These individuals also said that the officers in question have made up probable cause for stopping them.

Is there really a problem with police officers discriminating against the same people they serve? Definitely.

Lately, law enforcement officials' principal of "protecting and serving the public" has more than often been not only questioned, but also greatly ridiculed.

Racial profiling goes beyond the spectrum of more popular law enforcement agencies such as the Los Angeles Police Department and the California Highway Patrol, where some people believe the majority of these incidents occur.

Prejudice and discrimination on the part of several members of law enforcement takes place every day and for any reason (if for any reason at all), and sometimes local police officers also get caught in the dealings.

For example, right next door to the University of La Verne community, in Pomona, law enforcement officials are being investigated under the suspicion that they have been pulling over individuals based on their skin color.

City Council member Willie White said he, too, has been a victim of racial profiling on the part of Pomona Police Department officers.

"Why don't we go ahead and solve the problem," White told an *IVDB* reporter. "I don't think we need statistics to show us it happens. What we need is to figure out how we get rid of those officers who perpetrate this on our residents."

The city's mayor, Fred Sanchez, said he was unaware of the particular incidents in which residents of his community were being targeted by law enforcement officials. Had he been informed prior to White's own testimony, the mayor said he would have helped spearhead an immediate investigation of the incidents.

Although it may seem that our societal attempts at justice and higher equality have succeeded, sometimes the community protectors we are so often encouraged to trust may also end up being the same individuals who progressively lose our faith by the actions they take.

Granted, most people have a problem with police officers in the first place. No one is exactly thrilled to get caught violating the law, whether the offense be minute or dramatic.

However, it is even more discouraging to hear that police officers—who have a great deal of physical power in the community—take advantage of their power and create doubt among those they are supposed to serve. Racial profiling among law enforcement officials specifically stems from the discrimination and injustice against an individual simply because of his or her skin color.

Though the days in which "For Negroes Only" signs posted above drinking fountains and on park benches are no longer existent, the issues that went along with such physical signs of discrimination are still prevalent. Perhaps the underlying prejudice is no longer concrete, but it exists abstractly in the thoughts and actions of its own society.

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Illinois school board acts unreasonably



Michael Anklin

Once again, ignorance and stupidity are running rampant at a school in this country.

Two months ago, a fist fight broke out in the bleachers during a football game at Eisenhower High School in Decatur, Ill. Based on its zero-tolerance policy concerning violence, the Decatur School Board expelled for two years six male students who were involved in the fight. After the Rev. Jesse Jackson intervened, saying the punishment was too severe, the school board has now reduced the students' expulsion from the school to one year. They will also have the option of earning academic credit at another school.

Nevertheless, even this reduced punishment is not justified. The school board completely overreacted. Yes, the students should be punished. But suspension for a few days or weeks would be more appropriate. Having them take some class on how to control their anger might help, too.

The school board's decision exemplifies the reactionary shortsightedness that is a problem in this country.

Just getting the students out of the picture is very convenient for the school board. It will not have to deal with the problem anymore. Just expelling the students is equivalent to closing one's eyes to a problem. The fact that one cannot see it does not mean it is not there.

Furthermore, the board's decision creates more violence. Not coincidentally, more than 60 police officers, according to the *Chicago Tribune*, guarded the school Wednesday when Jackson arrived to speak with Superintendent Kenneth Arnt. Schools in Decatur had been closed for several days due to rumors about the possibility of more violence. All because of a fist fight, where no one was severely injured or killed.

No, I have not forgotten the Columbine shooting or any of the other outbursts of violence in recent years. Yet there is a big difference between a fist fight and some maniacs who go on a killing spree with automatic weapons and home-made bombs.

I absolutely do not condone violence in any form. The school board's action is violent, too, although not physically. The notion in Decatur seems to be to just expel anyone who, in the school board's opinion, is disturbing the almighty peace.

Instead of attempting to understand the students and their actions, the school board just expelled them. That is not going to solve any problems. It is extremely unfair.

One of the youths involved in the fight is an honor student. These young people are not just a bunch of hoodlums. However, expelling them for a year might very well destroy their whole future. It might get them into further trouble.

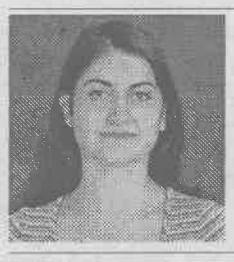
How motivating is it for a young man to get expelled for a whole year just because of a fist fight? It is one thing to punish the students; it is a completely different thing to take away their opportunity to have a future. That is nothing but violence.

As unreasonable as the school board's reaction is, it does not come as a surprise. Too often authorities in this country try to please everybody to an unreasonable extent. They want to avoid controversy by any means. If it was up to certain people, no one would be allowed to scream, curse or get angry in public. Is it any wonder that teenagers get frustrated at times, living in such a system?

The school board can throw these young people out of school for a year and not think about the consequences. They should, however, not be surprised if one of them comes back with a gun.

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Violence not new societal problem



Nune Gazdhyan

Every time there is a shooting, many wonder how the world has become so violent. The truth is, the world has always been violent and what occurs today is no worse than what happened years ago. People who think that violence is a recent phenomenon either do not know about history or enjoy oblivion.

Years ago, there was no television, therefore little news was available regarding non-local events. The lack of information created a notion that back in the days there was less violence. People were unaware of what was happening around them and it made them believe that they were living happy, peaceful lives which in reality was far from the truth.

History tells the tragedy of countless millions who have suffered from some of the worst violence imaginable. The United States is not that far removed from the horrible torture and oppression due to slavery. Only a few decades ago, lynching and beatings of African Americans were common and acceptable. However, in those days everyone was supposedly moralistic, religious values were strong, and the media was tightly censored. The violence of those times, just as the violence of today, occurred not because of violence portrayed on television or in video games, but because people do not give a damn about others.

In every country and culture there is a violent past, from the Holocaust, to the killings of countless thousands of indigenous Americans throughout North and South America, to name a few. No one wants to recognize this side of history; it does not leave room for bragging. These incidents reflect the worst in our faults and our prejudices. Often these acts were committed in the name of nationalism, sometimes in the name of God. People were killed for what they believed or did not believe and, too often, for how they looked. Sometimes it is easier for people to forget than to accept reality.

Today's violence is much less structured than it was in the past, and it is common to hear about numerous violent acts daily. Some might say that these people were influenced to kill by the entertainment world, their lifestyle or their job. These are just shallow excuses that block the truth. Would changing the content of movies and television in general do anything? I have watched plenty of what are considered to be "violent" movies, and never once has the thought of killing a person crossed my mind. A "normal" person is not going to watch a "violent" movie and decide to go out and kill.

A convenient way to explain crime is to blame it on television and films. They are the easiest scapegoats. If it was found that shootings were caused by the way people are educated or how they were raised, that would mean we would have to inconvenience ourselves and concoct solutions. We might have to do some work, and no one really wants that. It is easier just to make excuses and do absolutely nothing.

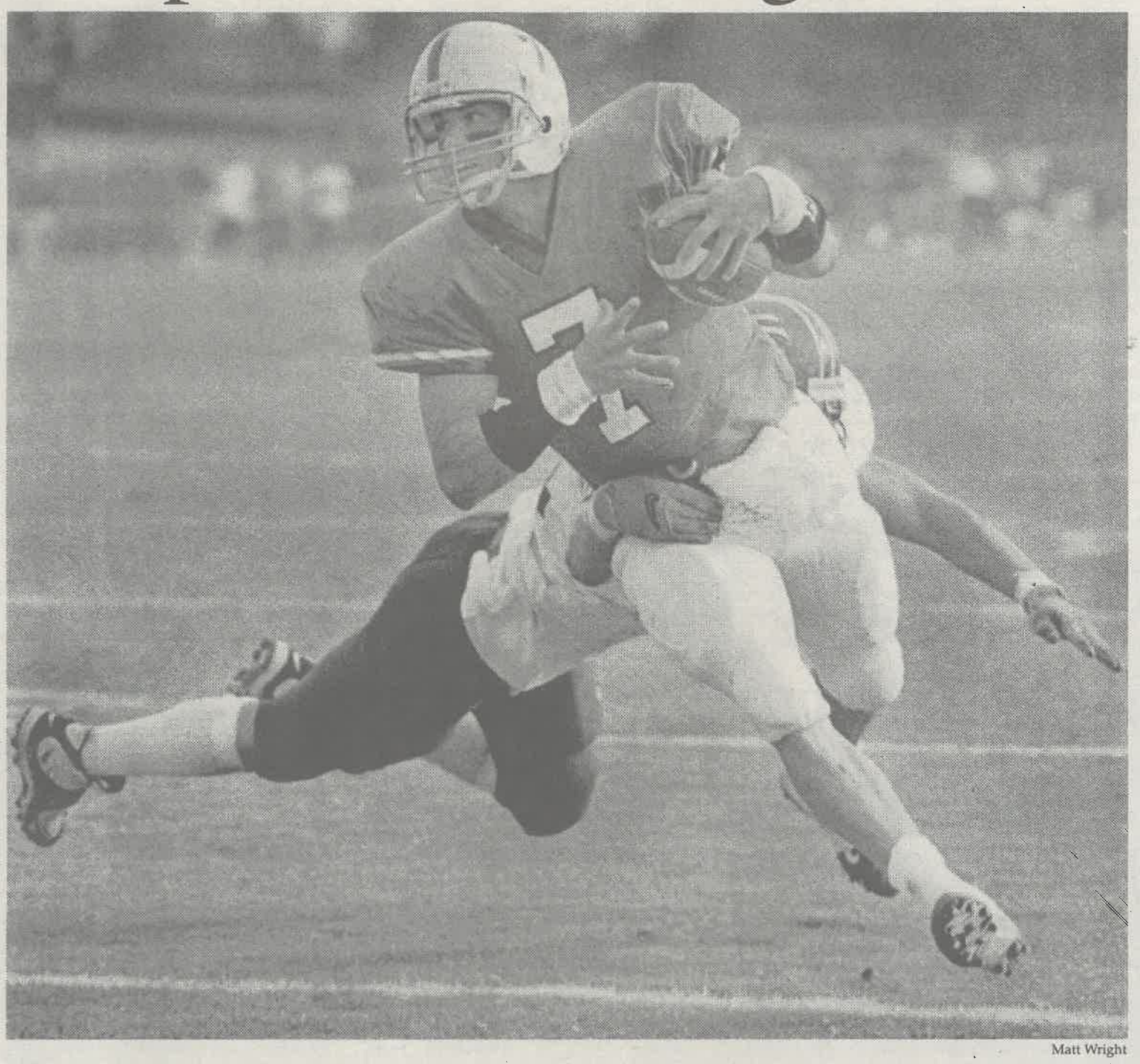
We have to stop blaming others for our messed up society and start looking in to the real causes. Yes, the world is not exactly Eden, a lot of us do not get our fair share. But violence will not bring us closer to solutions.

In short, the message is bleak. We either accept that the world is filled with cruelties and people willing to carry them out however they see fit, or we work toward change. It is not an easy task.

The world can be a less violent place. We just have to stop blaming, stop making excuses and start taking action against violence in all of its forms. Who knows, if we eventually want change badly enough, it might happen.

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Leopards lose catfight to Cougars



Matt Wright

ULV suffered a tough 47-45 loss Saturday afternoon to the defending NAIA National Champions, Azusa Pacific University. Senior quarterback Dan Blahy directed the offense, completing 21-of-31 passes for 329 yards and three touchdowns. With two seconds remaining on the clock APU successfully kicked a 19-yard field goal to win the game.

•APU wins with late kick, 47-45

Brice Nixon
Sports Editor
and
Danny Craig
Staff Writer

In a season in which most of its games have come down to the wire, the University of La Verne football team has seemingly had as many lives as a cat.

But Saturday, for only the second time this season, the Leopards were defeated on the final play of the game as they lost to the Azusa Pacific University Cougars, 47-45.

"We've been in tough ballgames all year," said ULV head coach Don Morel, "and we've won the majority of them."

"But this is a pretty good 6-2 football team," Morel said of the Cougars, the defending NAIA national champions. "I don't think we have anything to be embarrassed by."

APU place-kicker Mike Spellman kicked a 19-yard field goal as time expired, capping a 12-play, 81-yard drive and giving the Cougars the victory.

After junior Jonathan Johnson's 30-yard interception return for a touchdown, La Verne led 38-23 with 5:05 left in the third quarter.

But APU's Jack Williams then scored three touchdowns, the last of which, a 2-yard run with 8:08 to play, gave the Cougars a 44-38 advantage. Williams tied a school record with six touchdowns as he led APU's attack with 164 yards and four TDs rushing. He also caught three passes for 93 yards.

The Leopards retook the lead, 45-44, with 3:38 to play on junior running back Ricky Allen's 2-yard run. But they could not stop Williams, who spearheaded the Cougars' drive from their own 17 to first and goal at the La Verne 6.

Three Williams' runs later, APU called a timeout with two seconds remaining and on fourth down, Spellman booted the winning kick.

La Verne senior quarterback Dan Blahy threw three first-half touchdowns as he staged an impressive showdown with Neo Aoga, the Cougars' 6'3", 285-pound senior quarterback.

Blahy completed 21-of-31 passes for 329 yards and Aoga passed for 362 yards and two TDs on 28-of-43 passing.

Senior receiver Kenny Fredieu, who had eight receptions for 183 yards, caught a 66-yard TD from Blahy to open the scoring in a first half dominated by big plays. The lead changed possession five times in the half.

La Verne led 21-17 with six minutes left in the half after Blahy's 13-yard TD pass to senior receiver Rashard Magee, a lead which they held until the fourth quarter.

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ULV dives past Sagehens at Invitational

•Swimmers have record day at Haldeman Pool

Brice Nixon
Sports Editor

Several impressive individual performances, including two school records, led the University of La Verne men's and women's swim teams through their first taste of Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) competition at Saturday's Pomona-Pitzer Invitational.

"This meet gives the opportunity to see what the rest of the conference is like," said head coach John Hallman. "I'm hoping that people get eyes opened up and catch fire here, because the women are so close to winning the whole thing and the men are close to getting up there."

Freshman Sara Kears took first in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events to lead the women's squad to a third-place finish among nine teams.

The Leopards were fourth after the completion of the swimming events, but the performances of the divers pushed ULV past the Pomona-Pitzer team.

"I thought we swam extremely well," said Hallman. "This year we're very well balanced. I think that's the strength of our team this year, is the balance we have."

In addition to Kears' first-place finishes, sophomore Debbie Lewis placed second in the three-meter dive competition.

The men's team, led by sophomore John Chon, finished in sixth place, ahead of SCIAC opponent Whittier.

Chon took second in the 100-meter butterfly in 55.79 seconds. He also swam the freestyle sprints, taking fourth in the 50 (22.40) and fifth in the 100 (51.10), earning 16 points for the Leopards.

The Lancers of California Baptist College, an NAIA school, finished first in both the men's and women's team competitions as they took first in more than half the 26 individual swimming events and the majority of the 10 relays.

Sophomore Allison Alastuey was second in two individual events for ULV. She was second in the 200 backstroke (2:17.82) as Kirty Strand of Redlands set meet and pool records while winning the event in 2:13.92. La Verne sophomore Summer Hammons placed sixth in 2:28.74. Alastuey was also second in the 500 freestyle in 5:28.69.

Alastuey was ahead in the 500 freestyle after 100 meters but was soon overtaken by Cal Baptist's Akiko Ueda. Alastuey, Ueda and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps' Samantha Brace were even after 350 meters but Alastuey and Ueda pulled away, with Ueda edging Alastuey by .63 seconds.

Sophomore Katie Aimone, the reigning SCIAC champion in the 100 backstroke, finished second in the 100 backstroke (1:04.90) and fourth in the 100 freestyle (57.22).

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> *—John Hallman, head coach*

La Verne sophomore Tandis Morgan was fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:06.16) and sixth in the 50 freestyle (26.16), earning eight points for the Leopards.

Two members of the women's team set school records with fifth-place finishes in the breaststroke events. Freshman Nicole Cantaneso set the new mark of 1:14.31 in the 100 breaststroke.

Sophomore Tiffany Yates broke the 100 breaststroke record as she stopped the clock at 2:42.57. Yates also took fourth in the 50 freestyle (26.07), an event in which Jessica Wild of Cal Baptist set new meet and pool records and qualified for Nationals with a time of 23.90.

The women's team also fared well in the relay events, taking second in one and third in four others.

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Leopards boot Poets in OT

Damien Alarcon
Managing Editor

Going into Friday's contest against Whittier College with a losing record, a losing streak and a recent loss to Caltech, the University of La Verne men's soccer team had absolutely nothing to lose.

However, with the effort put forth against the Poets, La Verne proved that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

The team defeated Whittier 2-1 in overtime at Ben Hines Field to end the season.

Winning was not, however, the main objective for La Verne head coach Shayon Jalayer.

"I made up my mind that, regardless of a win or loss, that I was going to give the opportunity to play to the guys who have been with us and really worked hard all season long," said Jalayer.

Freshman Robbie Turner, who usually starts at goalkeeper, moved to the striker position for this game. This step advanced freshman Derek Ramirez to starting keeper. Ramirez ended the night with seven saves, including a huge stop in the last two minutes of regulation.

After a scoreless first half, freshman forward Brandon Karmann kicked in the opening goal in favor of the Leopards, two minutes into the second half. Whittier answered back with a goal from Shawn Power with 11 minutes left in the game (assisted by Ian Hughes).

With regulation time expired, the match went to sudden death overtime, a 15-minute period.

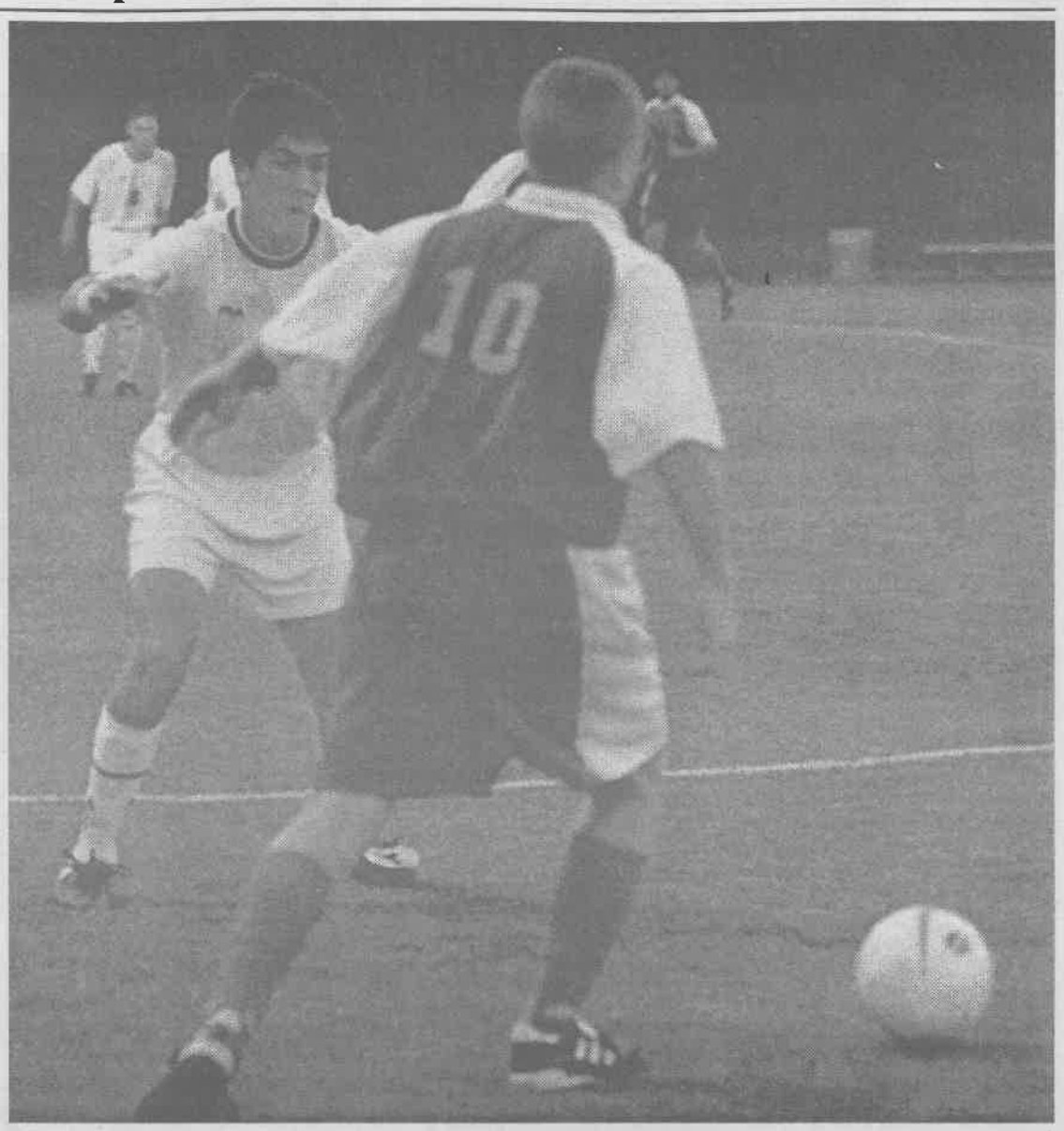
In the fifth minute of overtime, freshman midfielder Sean Kennelly scored the golden goal off a cross from sophomore midfielder Enrique Gutiérrez.

"Even though this was not the ideal season, I'm not happy that the season is over because I like soccer," said Kennelly. "I want to play more."

The match was originally scheduled for last Monday but was postponed since the referees did not appear.

The squad finished with a 5-15 overall record, 3-11 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC). The win pushed the Leopards to sixth place, ahead of Caltech and last-place Whittier.

Jalayer said, "I wanted to make sure that everybody left here with some sort of experience and it ended on a good note."



Erica Paal

John Helmer (#5), a freshman sweeper for the Leopards, goes in to steal the ball from forward Ian Hughes (#10) of Whittier in Friday night's game. La Verne and Whittier were tied, 1-1, at the end of regulation play. They went into overtime and ULV won the game, 2-1, on a fifth-minute cross put in the back of the net by freshman midfielder Sean Kennelly.

La Verne rebounds to dunk Occidental, 12-11

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

The men's water polo team had a split weekend last Friday and Saturday, taking one out of the two games it played. A defeat was the result ULV encountered after playing Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, losing 10-6 at home. The following day La Verne traveled to Occidental to play the Tigers, where they were victorious in a close game, 12-11.

La Verne's play against CMS lacked an important element in the first half—scoring. The Leopards were held scoreless through two periods and goalie Mike Miles, with 10 saves supported by fair defensive play, kept them close going into the half; down 4-0.

"We click very well," said senior Corey Rodriguez. "But we lacked some pre-game focus and when we get scored on we go on mental tangents."

La Verne's tangents came back to the center and in a direct line to the Stags' net as the Leopards found the back of the net six times in the next two periods.

Their efforts proved not enough as CMS outscored the Leopards 4-3 in the final quarter despite, a two-point goal by Fred Sicard.

"It is a disappointment but that is how our season has kind of gone," said sophomore Rey Lopez.

Looking for a win before the conference playoffs, La Verne traveled to Occidental and achieved such a result.

The hard fought match began with a quick goal by the Leopards that proved to be a building block for the game. They would score three in the second period and five in the third. This was due in part to strong offensive play by Sicard, who had five goals, and Rick Harvey, who added three goals for ULV.

Defensively La Verne was not as sharp and Occidental scored 11 times. In the fourth period the Tigers threatened to pull out the victory, outscoring the Leopards 6-3.

"We need to eliminate the one-and-a-half periods of not so great polo," said Rodriguez.

Some tough saves by Miles and an offensive burst helped La Verne stay on top, and they won 12-11.

The Leopards travel to Caltech this weekend for the SCIAC tournament.

"We play strong polo," said Rodriguez, "and we have every capability to win this."

Swim...

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The Leopards opened the invitational with a third-place finish in the 200 relay medly (1:58.01). They placed third in the 400 relay medly (4:25.94).

Yates led off the 800 freestyle relay by finishing her leg in first place. But by 400 meters, Pomona-Pitzer had taken the lead. La Verne eventually finished third in 8:44.38.

ULV, which set a SCIAC record (1:38.99) in winning the 200 freestyle relay at last year's SCIAC Championships, finished second (1:44.71) in that event Saturday as Cal Baptist's squad set a pool record with a first-place finish in 1:42.27.

In the 400 freestyle relay, La Verne, Pomona-Pitzer, Cal Baptist and Redlands were all even after 300 meters. But the Lancers pulled away in the final 50 meters to place first. The Leopards were third in 3:50.11.

The swim teams' next meet is not until Saturday, Nov. 20, when they host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Whittier.

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Borba leads talented trio of divers

Agke Grow
Staff Writer

Justin Borba remembers his days on the UC Santa Cruz diving team. His coach left after his first season, so Borba shouldered the difficult task of both diving and coaching the following year.

"And I did neither very well," he said.

The coaching situation was sorted out by the next season, and Borba, able to focus on his diving, broke three school records and earned All-American status.

Thus, it should come as no surprise that Borba was happy to coach the University of La Verne diving team, one that had no coach last year.

"I know from experience how hard it is to be without a coach," he said.

Borba, 27, is the new graduate assistant for the University of La Verne swimming and diving team. Unlike most G.A.'s, who have responsibilities similar to assistant coaches, Borba is essentially the head diving coach.

A graduate from UCSC in 1997 with a degree in psychology, he is now planning to complete his master's degree in general counseling.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Borba, "and I didn't want to see it pass by."

The schoolwork is challenging, and Borba had been out of the classroom for quite some time while working in Silicon Valley.

However, Borba is enjoying the challenge, and likes the fact that graduate students often pull together and help each other out.

"I've been bogged down with a ton of school work, but it's a really good place to learn," said Borba. "The longer I'm here the better I integrate.

"You get to be a part of something. People seem friendly, and there is a good sense of community."

In addition to joining the graduate student community, Borba is also a major component of the diving team this year, a team full of potential.

"This is some of the best talent I've ever worked with," he said. "It's exciting to work with athletes who are genuinely interested in improving."

Borba's job as the first true ULV diving coach is to channel the team's talent in a positive direction and refine his divers' techniques.

"I'm here to help, but I don't spoon-feed my divers," said Borba. "My working relationship with the team is, 'I'm here to help you, what do you want to work on'."

Last year, both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams finished 4th in SCIAC, and with the addition of Borba to the coaching staff, bigger goals have been set.

"In the short term, we are trying to clean up our dives," said Borba. "We've got talent, but there are some little things we can fix that make the dives that much better."

As for long term goals, Borba's squad is looking to take both first and second place at the conference meet Feb. 17-19.

"It will take a lot of work," said Borba, but he feels that it is within the team's reach.

His divers are making good progress toward that goal. Freshman diver Sara Kears took first place on both the one-meter and three-meter boards, and her teammate, sophomore Debbie Lewis, finished second in the three-meter event at Saturday's Pomona-Pitzer Invitational.



Ian Gratz

New diving coach Justin Borba instructs a diver during practice Tuesday night. Borba comes to La Verne after coaching various high school dive teams and two years on the coaching staff at UC Santa Cruz. In addition to coaching the diving team, Borba is also enrolled in the master's of counseling program at La Verne.

"We're a little farther than I expected us to be talent-wise," Borba said. "Numbers-wise, we have too few [divers]."

There are only two women and one man currently diving for the Leopards, and according to Borba, many teams enter eight divers into competitions.

"We may have lost some divers because I didn't secure this job until the end of the summer, " said Borba. "It's logical that if a student is choosing between here and another school, and that other school has a diving coach, they're going to the other school."

He plans to recruit more members to fill out his roster next year.

Borba is pleased with the facilities that are in place at the La Verne Aquatic Facility, but he noted that some things that are not present, such as a trampoline, could be beneficial to the team.

"I like what's here, but there are some things we could use, and maybe we'll see them as the program progresses," he said. "But I've seen divers advance farther than we are right now with less than we have."

Football...

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The Leopards had their biggest lead of the game when Johnson stepped in front of his receiver, intercepted Aoga and raced down the left sideline to put La Verne up 38-23 in the third quarter.

Williams scored his fourth touchdown on the Cougars next possession, but Aoga's two-point conversion attempt was broken up, preventing APU from closing within a touchdown.

The Leopards turned the ball over on the second play of their next drive when Fredieu caught a pass but had the ball knocked loose, giving the Cougars possession at ULV's 16-yard line.

Fredieu's fumble was the fourth of five fumbles lost by La Verne (6-2, 4-1 SCIAC), which had six turnovers in the game.

"I think we played well, but the bottom line is I've never seen a team win a game with [six] turnovers," said Morel.

On APU's first play, Aoga was wrapped up by Sanchez but still managed to loft a pass to Williams, who ran into the end zone untouched, making the score 38-36.

The Leopards forced APU to punt on its next possession when Sanchez sacked Aoga on third down.

But La Verne gave the ball right back when Magee fumbled after what would have been a first-down catch.

Williams then gave the Cougars their first lead, 44-38, since the first half when he scored from two yards out.

Freshman Justin Brown's 27-yard kickoff return gave the Leopards good field position at APU's 42. Blahy bobbled the snap on second and goal but still managed to toss the ball to Allen, who ran it into the end zone for a 45-44 ULV advantage.

"They're the defending NAIA champs and I couldn't ask for more out of our guys," said Morel. "Every game ... our guys have played as hard as they can and, as a coach, I couldn't be more thrilled about that."

Leopard Scoreboard

At the buzzer...

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Men's Water Polo, Nov. 5

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Men's Water Polo, SCIAC Tournament @ Caltech, 9 a.m.
Football @ Menlo, 1 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Alumni, TBA

Sunday

Men's Water Polo, SCIAC Tournament @ Caltech, 9 a.m.

All-SCIAC Men's Soccer

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