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Winter Extravaganza brings delight

•ULV enjoys night of fun

Danny Craig
Staff Writer

For the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum, the University of La Verne faculty, and the 200-300 students attending, the innagural Winter Extravaganza at the Pomona Fairplex was the center of attention last Friday night.

After a crowded room was seated for traditional holiday dinner and a blessing was invoked by International Student Services Director Phil Hofer, attendees were greeted by ASF President Justin Jones-Rodriguez and Vice President of Student Activities Frank Tolentino.

Before having to depart for the evening, President Stephen Morgan also gave a holiday message wishing all a season's best, and a strong conclusion to the first semester.

With nearly three and a half hours remaining in the evening, the event moved to the dance floor where students and faculty alike took part in the festivities.

One of the familiar ULV faces seen there was Director of Movement and Sports Science Rex Huigens with his wife, Karen.

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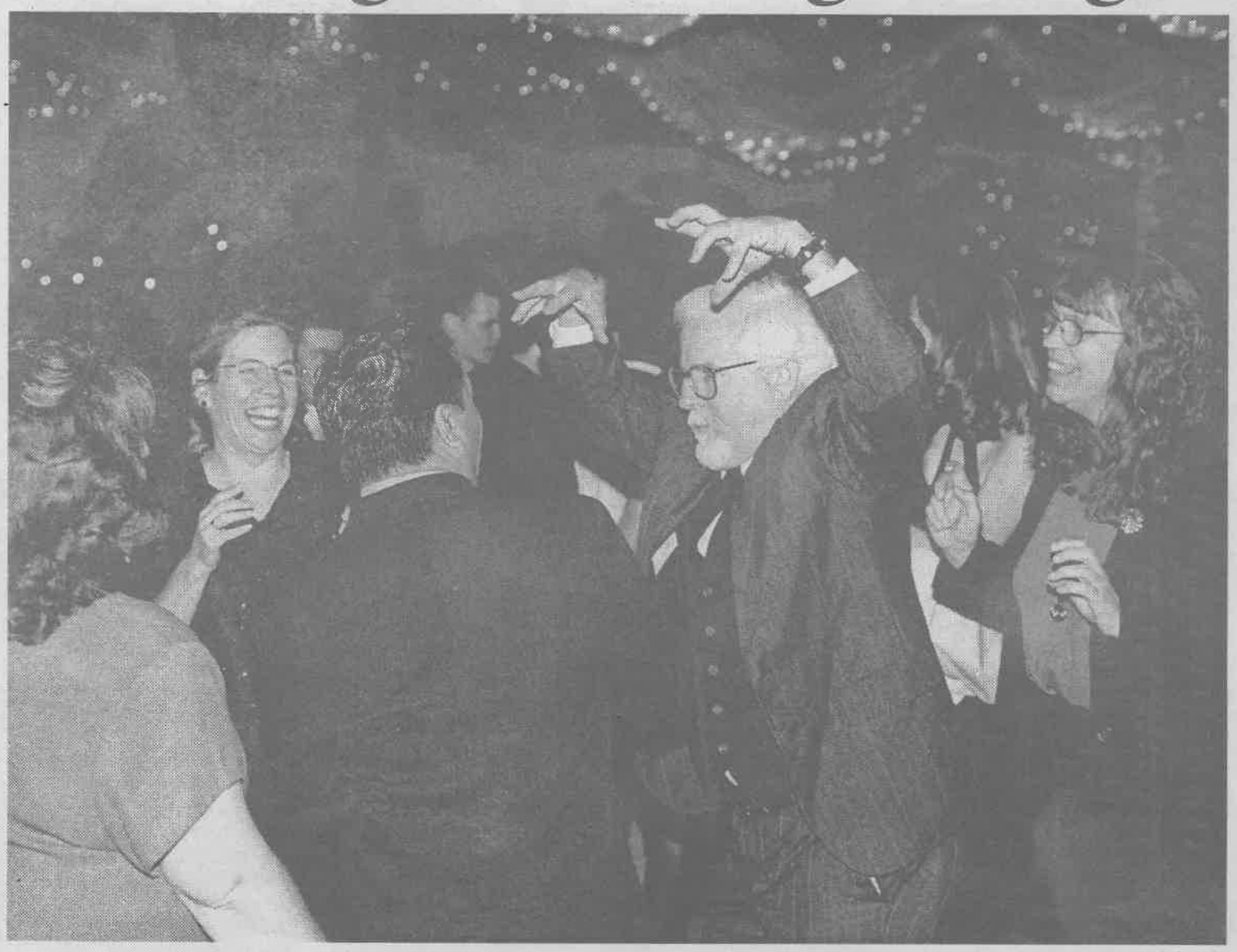

Isela Peña

Hip-hop and dance music created the atmosphere at the ASF-sponsored Winter Extravaganza at the Fairplex last Friday. Following a holiday meal consisting of turkey, ham and all the trimmings, Phil Hofer, international student services director, entertained Ruby Montaño-Cordova, associate dean of student affairs, Dr. Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs, Derek Vergara, First Generation Student Success Program director, and his wife, Joy Hofer.

WTO summit sparks Seattle protests, conflict

Nune Gazdhyan
Features Editor

The World Trade Organization (WTO) summit took place in Seattle from Nov. 30 through Dec. 3 and was designed to review the global trading system and ensure its dynamism and responsiveness for the years ahead.

However, the meeting of representatives from most of the world's governments came to a halt due to civil disorder and anti-globalization protests.

Charlene Barshefsky, a United States trade representative, called off the summit after deeming that the WTO's goals were out of reach and that the WTO would take time off and enter a process of self-examination to seek a better way of including all its 135 member nations in decision-making and seek solutions for the issues it faces.

"All they [WTO members] were trying to do here was to lay out the program for the next five years. The only thing that came out was the concern that President Clinton addressed about child labor laws," said La Verne Professor of Business Administration and Economics Dr. Ahmad Ispahani.

The issues the WTO needs to address deal with the protests and the civil unrest, mainly from laborers upset with the WTO's plans for globalization.

Many American workers, especially in farming and other labor intensive jobs, felt that their jobs will be threatened as a result of globalization.

Some of the major issues that faced the trade ministers in Seattle included the issue of whether China should be allowed to join the WTO.

"China was expecting in Seattle everything would be solved and in 1999 they would become a member of the WTO and be involved in planning for the next agenda," said Dr. Ispahani.

"I think that you cannot ignore China. It has 1.2 billion people. They have to enter the WTO and they will. The question is when?"

Many developing nations and textile and apparel companies in the U.S. fear that China would step up the competition. U.S. labor groups strongly opposed to giving China membership unless it improves working conditions back home.

"I think that China entering the WTO is a mistake. A lot of it has to do with the moral imperative of human rights," said Chris Medina, director of speech and debate at ULV.

"To allow a developing nation into the WTO," said Medina. "Even though they have problems and are committing atrocities, to allow them simply because they can be a beneficial economical trading partner says that money is more important than humans."

The fear of losing their jobs due to cheaper imported goods caused millions of people to march on Seattle. It turned from a peaceful protest to an uproar, where the police had to get involved to the point of confronting the protesters with tear gas to block them from entering the Seattle Convention Center.

There were also concerns about agriculture. The European Union pushed for massive farm subsidies needed to preserve

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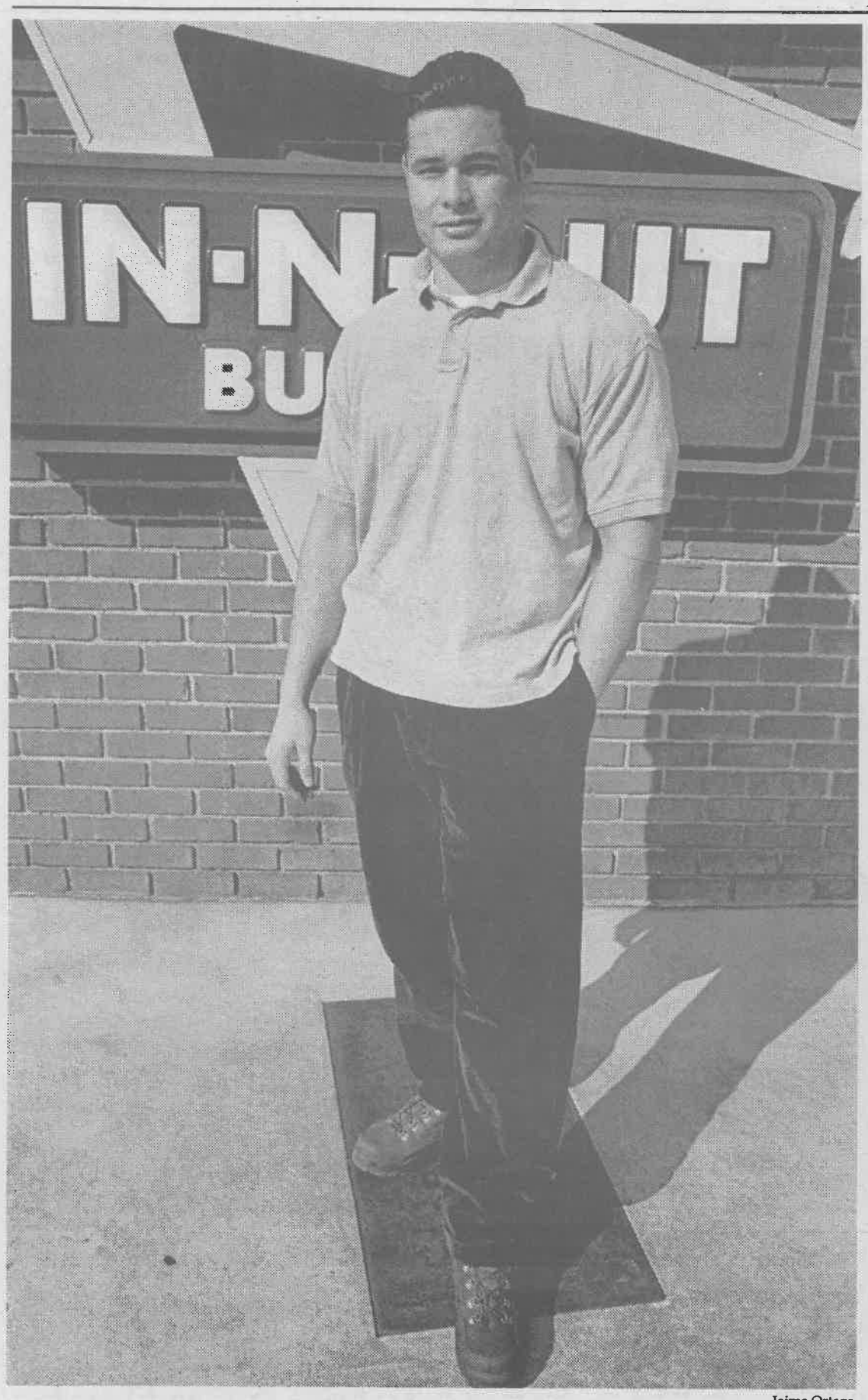

Jaime Ortega

Senior Damien Alarcon has been chosen to be the new editor in chief of the* Campus Times *for spring semester. This is Alarcon's fourth semester on the* Campus Times *staff. "I'm pretty excited and I'm looking forward to working with the staff," he said. "I'm going to do my best to maintain a quality newspaper that the* Campus Times *has been." Senior Allison Moore, a communications major, will take the responsibility of* La Verne Magazine *editor. Sophomore Erica Paal and senior Matt Wright will be the photography editors for the* Campus Times *and* La Verne Magazine*, respectively.

Editors spring into positions

•Leaders selected for semester

Alisha Rosas
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Editors for the *Campus Times* and the *La Verne Magazine* for spring semester were selected by a unanimous decision made by the faculty of the Communications Department earlier this week.

Senior journalism major Damien Alarcon was selected as editor in chief for the *Campus Times*.

Alarcon has been involved on the newspaper's staff for four semesters and has held three editorial board positions prior to next semester.

"It's not like I'm the best, but I guess I'm one of the hardest workers, and I think others see it," Alarcon said.

As to how he manages his busy schedule, Alarcon said, "I just try to stay on top of the water and try not to get sucked in and drown."

Eric Bishop, associate professor of journalism and adviser for the *Campus Times* said that he believes that the experience Alarcon has and his "laid back style will make him relate well to his staff."

"I think that will earn him the respect of the *Campus Times* staff," Bishop said.

Alarcon said that he already has plans to improve the efficiency of the newsroom next semester. "I want to push the writers to meet deadlines and to be enthused about the newspaper."

"I want to make the *Campus Times* one of their top priorities, as it is for me," he said. "I only want to do the best that I can. I know it's a big responsibility and I wanted to take it ... I've wanted it for awhile now."

Alarcon will be working exclusively with sophomore journalism major Erica Paal, who was chosen as photography editor for the *Campus Times*.

Senior communications major Allison Moore will be editor in chief for the *La Verne Magazine* this spring. Moore has served two semesters on the magazine staff.

Moore admitted she was surprised when the position was offered to her. "I was floored by it. I was not even planning to be on the magazine next semester but when they offered me the position I was shocked. It is really flattering."

Dr. George Keeler, professor of journalism and adviser of the magazine, said that he feels that Moore has grown as a writer over the last two semesters.

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> —*Damien Alarcon, Spring 2000* Campus Times *editor*

"She has a quiet leadership style that is very attractive," he said. "Allison communicates well, she also understands what a magazine story is as well as sources and how to do in-depth research."

Dr. Keeler said that it was not an easy decision determining who would be editor next semester. "We had many good people to chose from," he said. "It was a hard decision to make, but it was the right decision."

He then explained what faculty members look for in a nominee for such positions. "The relationship between the adviser and the student is important, and is just as important as the relationship between the editor and her staff."

Moore is already using her leadership skills to set goals and ideas for the coming semester. "I really want to have the magazine out during the semester," Moore said in regard to meeting deadlines.

"There are ideas I have about deadlines and assignments for the staff, ways for the staff to write better and ways for them to have more depth in their stories," she said.

Since Dr. Keeler will be on sabbatical leave next spring, Bishop will be taking his position as adviser. Although Moore has never worked with him, she said, "I think he's great, and I'm really looking forward to learning from him."

Bishop has confidence in Moore as well, "She's a proven leader on campus and I'm pretty sure she'll be able to transfer that leadership to the *La Verne Magazine* staff."

Moore will work with senior journalism major Matt Wright, who was selected as photography editor for the magazine.

In The News

La Vernacula

The University Latin Community Magazine is accepting poems, short essays and drawing with an emphasis in Hispanic themes to be published in the fall issue of *La Vernacula* magazine.

The entry forms can be picked up at the Humanities office located in Miller Hall. For details, contact Andrea Labinger at ext. 4357 or Nancy Morales at ext. 7-6261.

Residence Halls

All students residing in the Brandt, Stu-Han or Oaks Residence Halls are required to vacate their rooms by Friday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., for the winter break.

In addition to the time requirement, residents need to complete their "Checkout Procedure List" and post it on their doors before leaving.

Students who reside in the Claremont Inn will be under the same requirements as the main campus residents.

Those moving into the Red Roof Inn for the second semester will have until Dec. 17 to do so.

Study Breaks at Davenport

The Aramark staff anticipates Davenport Dining Hall to be open during finals week from 8 p.m.-12 a.m.

The nights are to provide a study break area for students. Refreshments will be served throughout the duration of the stated hours.

—*Danny Craig*

Week provides break from stress

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Affairs, along with the Student Program Assistants, have planned events for the University of La Verne's "Stress Relief Week."

Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, said the purpose of week-long event was to "have a place to have fun and not worry about finals for a couple of hours."

On Tuesday, there was a volleyball game at the Old Gym from 1-4 p.m. ULV students had the chance to step onto the Old Gym court and play against the school's faculty.

Among the faculty playing were Brian Tresner, Harvey Good, Rick Simon, Michael Frantz, Mark Nelson and Jeff Burkhart.

There had been six students that originally signed up; however, only four students showed up for the actual game.

"It was an excellent stress reliever," said junior Jazmin Eckenburg, one of the game participants.

Yesterday, study lounges were set up at Davenport Dining Hall and the Student Center. The study lounge at Davenport Dining Hall was open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Student Center study lounge was from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free snacks and drinks were provided by Davenport.

Officials upgrade systems for Y2K

•ULV said to be compliant

Michael Anklin
Editorial Director

No matter how real the threat posed by the computer bug commonly known as Y2K may be, the University of La Verne is not taking any chances. What ever will happen or not happen on the night of Dec. 31, 1999, the University is making sure that any possible damages will be limited.

Concerning the administrative software, Clive Houston-Brown, director of Management Information Systems (MIS), said, "We've got to make sure that all of the databases, all of the operating systems, all of the software applications that we are running are year 2000 compliant."

MIS has been working on these changes for the last two years.

"The way we've done it," said Houston-Brown, "is to upgrade to specific versions of the operating system or database that the vendors have told us is year 2000 compliant."

He said that ULV's major systems are ready for the new millennium.

"The last one we are working on right now is the payroll system," Houston-Brown said. "That one got a late start. But other than that, our major systems have been moved up to appropriate versions."

Despite the preparations, something may still go wrong. There could be some minor problems but there could also be major disruptions.

"Minor problems is where systems have a problem and we upgrade them within a few days," said Houston-Brown. "A major problem is that one of our major systems or an external system like electricity or something like that fails," he said. "That is going to cause us weeks of down time and that would be a major problem no matter what you are doing."

However, Houston-Brown said, "My feeling is that our electricity providers are ready for this; our major applications are ready for this."

He estimated that, if anything, there may be a couple of glitches within the first few days or weeks but nothing that cannot be dealt with with some advice from the vendors.

One way or another, students should not be afraid that their academic records are going to disappear.

"All our systems are fully backed up on a regular basis," said Houston-Brown. "We keep tapes [of back up information] in safes on campus; we keep tapes in safes off campus.

"So even if the systems failed in January, we still got the data. And we've just got to then correct the systems and the data is still available."

Nevertheless, the University is not taking chances. For about the last two months each administrative area has been developing detailed contingency plans covering four scenarios should the computers fail.

The first scenario deals with a computer failure for a few hours, the second with a failure of a few days, the third anticipates the computers to be down for a few weeks and the fourth one concerns a long-term computer failure.

"From the middle of December on," said Houston-Brown, "we are going to be doing massive downloads; we are going to be doing massive printings so that we've got hard copies and things like that for emergencies."

As far as the computers for the academic departments and especially the Computer Science Department are concerned, preparations have been going on as well.

"All our computer labs are Y2K compliant," said Dr. Jay Jones, professor of biology and biochemistry. He said, however, that there is a wide variety of programs in academic computing as well as other departments, not all of which are going to be Y2K compliant.

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ULV reiterates harassment policies

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Michelle Thornton
Special to the Times

Often times, students at the University of La Verne feel they live in a bubble that allows them to look out on the world and its happenings with a watchful eye. In doing so, these students might think, "That stuff does not happen at La Verne."

In actuality, it does.

A variety of important and pressing issues occur in and around ULV daily. Students, staff and faculty may not be aware of these issues but that does not mean they do not exist.

One major issue on college campuses is harassment. ULV is not immune to harassment, and it has policies in effect to guide students and faculty on how to handle and exist in a harassment-free environment.

According to the University's Disciplinary Process for Student Social Misconduct booklet, any incidence of sexual harassment or assault is taken seriously.

The booklet defines sexual harassment and assault as gender-related verbal or physical conduct that takes place under certain circumstances.

Those circumstances may exist if "there is a threat that submission to or rejection of the conduct will affect a person's grade or other type of evaluation or recommendation; 2) the behavior interferes with the victim's academic or work performance, or creates an intimidating hostile, offensive, or otherwise adverse learning or work environment; and 3) the behavior interferes with the victim's social relationships or creates an intimidating, hostile, offensive or otherwise adverse social environment."

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If it meets one of these three conditions, then behavior such as pressure for sexual activity, persistent sexually explicit stories, jokes or comments, repeated leering or staring at a person's body, unwanted or inappropriate physical contact, suggestive or obscene notes or phone calls, the display of sexually explicit pictures or cartoons and invasion of one's personal space can all be classified as harassment or assault.

The procedure a student should follow if such an event was to occur would be to, first and foremost, report the incident. Nothing can be done if there is no record of the matter.

If the victim is a resident, he or she should report the incident to Housing personnel first. In most cases, Housing and Residential Life officials will take necessary actions to resolve the problem.

If the victim is a commuter, he or she must report the incident to John Lentz, director of Campus Safety and transportation, and he will deal with the matter with the student affairs office. It will then be decided if the matter is serious enough to reach either of the University's judicial type committees—the Judicial Board or the Student Life Conduct Committee.

What is done after that depends on several factors and the individual situation.

"Each situation is going to be different. What is consistent and fair is the process," Dr. Loretta Rahmani, dean of Student Affairs, said. She also said each situation and each student is taken into consideration individually.

What is consistent in ULV's judicial procedures is that they are enforced across the board.

"How do we protect students and how do we go through the process if the incident is not reported?" Ruby Montaño-Cordova, assistant dean of student services, said of the importance of reporting harassment.

There are specific steps that are taken by the Student Affairs office when a person persists in harassing another person, whether it be student-to-student, or otherwise.

"The victim always has a right to report it, whether it is a persisting problem or not. There are judicial processes that will then take place," said Montaño-Cordova. "First, a statement will be taken in order to find out about the circumstances of the incident. Through this, it is important to establish the relationship between the two people. Then we try to find out about the accused."

She said it is vital to remember, however, that an accused person has rights. An accusation does not guarantee guilt.

"A person who is accused has fundamental fairness rights to have their story told," said Montaño-Cordova.

ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met in the West Dining Room Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 9:05 a.m.

Forum members devoted the meeting to the discharge of business, and largely therein the elections for the positions of vice president of advocacy, public relations chair and senator of research and investigation.

Special Elections

Members of the Forum interviewed five candidates for the vice president of advocacy position. Sophomore Anthony Granillo, senior Araceli Esparza, freshman LaShanna Livingston, senior Eddie Casarez and sophomore Alicia Southorn underwent a panel questioning by the Forum.

An additional four members of the student body interviewed for the senatorial position. Freshmen Lakunya Nix, Jenipher Miller, Jennifer Contreras and Chris Folden were running in opposition.

The Forum concluded the interview process with freshmen Faheemah Usher and Melinda Sanchez, who ran for position of public relations chair.

After discussion and a vote by the Forum, the results were as follows: Casarez was appointed to the vice presidential position while Esparza will serve in a newly added senatorial position on the advocacy board. Sanchez was elected to the public relations chair position and Contreras will serve as the senator of research and investigation.

Forum Expenses

The Forum voted unanimously to allocate $1,000 to be given to the executive board for expenses that were not provided in the budget. Members said that the funds would be used for gifts, breakfasts and other activities for the Forum members.

—Danny Craig

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"I think that any occasion where students can get together socially is a good thing," Huigens said of the evening.

He also said he wished more faculty had been present at the event, noting that "the more faculty that show up, the more fun they would have all had."

Huigens also expressed a contentment with the evening in comparison with the traditional Holiday Dinner from years past. Explaining that he felt certain aspects of the previous tradition were lacking, Huigens said. "Just because it's a tradition, doesn't mean it needs to continue. I actually think it was a pretty good idea."

Sharing a likewise appreciation for the Winter Extravaganza's festivities, were various students present.

"It was a great combination of good food, good fun and great people," said sophomore Justin Poore. He felt the evening brought a sense of "elegance" that was not present at last year's dinner.

"Seriously, it was one of the best times I've ever had at La Verne," said junior Steve Myers.

With a favorable response from the students, Jones-Rodriguez was pleased with the event's planning and results.

"I couldn't be more pleased. Frank Tolentino did an excellent job," said Jones-Rodriguez.

He also felt the event was a continual improvement from last year and said "the tradition has definitely changed."

Tolentino, who served as the event coordinator for the Winter Extravaganza, said the change in atmosphere for the ULV holiday celebration was a needed touch for students.

"It was actually a really good turn out for being off campus," said Tolentino. He, like Jones-Rodriguez, said he sees a definite change in tradition for ULV.

Overseeing the event was Director of Student and Community Programs Michael Houdyshell.

"It incorporated some of the elements of the Holiday Dinner, but it wasn't the Holiday Dinner. It was bigger and there was more to it," said Houdyshell.

The student director also said that, with the Winter Extravaganza taking the place of the traditional Holiday Dinner and the annual Spring Formal, it was a wise investment.

"ASF worked really hard and it was obvious," Houdyshell said in admiration of the Forum's efforts toward putting on an enjoyable event for the ULV community. "I hope people that were here will tell people who didn't come how great it was," he said.

Noting the strengths seen by faculty and students Houdyshell additionally envisions the possibility of the Winter Extravaganza becoming an annual University event.

Opinions

ULV fails to live up to its mission

The University of La Verne prides itself in having a diverse curriculum that encourages and even mandates students to take certain CORE classes that deal with community service and environmental issues. However, the University as a whole fails to walk its own talk.

The University's mission statement also boasts the diverse educational experience this school provides, but when it comes down to it, it appears the promise of a meaningful education is only a lure to draw in the numbers.

Classes such as CORE 340, which is titled Toward a Sustainable Planet, deal with environmental issues to help students become more environmentally alert. However, while it is good to implement good recycling habits for the students population, the University fails to practice what it preaches.



As many might have noticed, there are several recycling bins, especially within the residence halls. But what students do not necessarily know is that, while the University encourages recycling, it claims it does not have enough funds to actually recycle the items in the bins. The bins are set up for encouraging good recycling habits alone.

However, there is a light on the end of the tunnel, because some of the housekeepers from the Mariott Housekeeping Services choose to recycle the aluminum cans for their own gain. Kudos to Housekeeping for at least making an effort, even if it is for personal gain.

Why are there not enough funds to allocate a recycling program, and why is the school not seeking out sponsors to help create a recycling program? It appears there are plenty of donors willing to help out in the creation of a sitting area in front of the chapel. If effort is placed into gathering funds for leisure, then why not invest time to find donors willing to start a recycling program?

Also, there is a class titled International/Intercultural experience, CORE 310, which is designed to provide students the opportunity to learn about different cultures. However, those classes do not instill the needed education of how to deal with confrontations. We all remember when, a couple of months ago, some African-American students were confronted by a man who made some derogatory racial remarks. Their prior, presumably diverse experiences did not come in handy to help them calm down.

It is also disturbing that the community at large did not publicly show concern for what happened to these students. Sure, the police took a report; but what good did that do, except give the police something to do?

When it comes to important issues, it seems the majority of residents in the city of La Verne do not want to be bothered. Last week's *Campus Times* included an article that dealt with the issue of homelessness. When city officials were asked what the city is doing to aid the people in need, they were not able to elaborate much. It seems La Verne prides itself for being a nice, good, clean "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" where the homeless are not welcome.

It is ironic that ULV is placed in such a careless setting. There is a class at ULV called Service Learning, CORE 305, which is a requirement for graduation. The course is designed to give students an opportunity to go out into the community and provide services to the elderly, tutor at local schools and volunteer at a homeless shelter.

But wait, there are no homeless shelters in La Verne. If a student wants to volunteer at a homeless shelter he has to commute to a different city.

In this city there appears to be very little community service that matters. Of course students can go keep company to the rich residents of Hillcrest Homes, or tutor local children, but how much will they benefit?

The University's Mission Statement is full of promises that make one believe that, at ULV, students are exposed to many aspects of life. But when it comes down to it, students are just sheltered in a town that has no real interest in anything other than its own well-being.

It is easy to concoct elaborate and positive mission statements, but what good does a mission statement do if it is not really being implemented?

Punishment must fit crime

In an effort to improve the criminal justice system, a new initiative titled "The Three Strikes Act of 2000" will redesign the "three strikes law" to apply only to serious and violent felony offenders if approved by voters.

The current act has been both effective and ineffective in that it has overcrowded the state's jails with convicts who have committed misdemeanors or non-violent crimes.

While it is soothing to know that the law is actually enforcing its regulations, it is also disturbing to see that anyone who accumulates three strikes, will have the same punishment as those who commit violent crimes.

Small crimes include tax evasion and petty theft. It is not the view of the *Campus Times* that these crimes should not be punished. Rather, the criminal justice system needs to be amended in accordance with the legislation and the crimes of the times.

It is ridiculous for a person who receives three strikes for petty theft to receive the same punishment as someone who kidnaps, rapes and murders a young girl.

Clearly, both acts are not acceptable by any means, but the punishment has to fit the crime.

In California, as in the nation, the criminal justice system has been heavily hindered by poor legislation. By amending the Three Strikes Act, the criminal justice system can only improve.

In addition, the changes will help the current system by decreasing the number of sentences served.

Jails are currently housing 160,000 inmates when in reality, they were designed only to house 80,000.

According to Citizens Against Violent Crime (CAVC), 78 percent of second strikers and 50 percent of third strikers have been sentenced for non-violent offenses.

The new initiative, according to CAVC, will serve to "protect the people by ensuring greater punishment and longer prison sentences for those who commit violent an/or serious felonies."

Proponents of the act also want to improve the protection victims receive.

"I was fed up with a system that gave more rights to criminals than it did to the victims," said Sam H. Clauder, initiative proponent from Garden Grove.

A strong proponent of the new act is Joe Klaas, the grandfather of Polly Klaas, a 12-year-old girl who was kidnapped at knife-point from her Petaluma home in 1993 and was later raped and murdered by Richard Allen Davis, who is now on California's death row.

According to Klaas, he immediately supported the Act when it was proposed five years ago, because he was "told it would only apply to violent crimes." After realizing the act has put non-violent offenders behind bars, he is in agreement of the act's amendment.

"It still doubles prison terms for second-strike convictions and mandates 25-years-to-life for third strikes, so it's certainly not 'soft' crime," said Klaas.

The initiative will be on ballots in November.

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From the Editor...

Friends, mentors deserve gratitude



Araceli Esparza

Beatle John Lennon once said "life is what happens while you're making other plans."

As this is my final column for the entirety of my undergraduate career, I have had some time to reflect on that thought—on what the past three and a half years at the University of La Verne have meant to me. I have had the opportunity, moreover, to take a step back and look at the people and experiences of ULV who have led me to this very moment.

I came to La Verne in fall 1996 with a sense of reservation, naïvete and determination for what would become the next few years of my life. My expectations of higher education convinced me that endless study sessions and an acquired dependence on caffeine would make up the better part of this college experience.

My initial vision was to excel in academics and nothing else. I never knew, nor could I imagine, that the true college experience would result from the lessons learned outside of the classroom—through friends, family and especially student activities.

Therefore, rather than embarking on many farewells (because I will still be around next semester), there is a need for tremendous gratitude to be given to those who have helped mold and influence me.

First and foremost, I am extremely gracious to God for allowing me the privilege to open my eyes and begin another day every morning.

It is routine to go through each moment without thinking about what will happen next. But the people who surround me, by their own love and support, have reassured me of the belief that life is beyond beautiful. It is indeed blessed.

These blessings include my parents, whom I thank for supporting and nurturing me during my time at this University. Rather than being critical of the times in which I wanted to simply go home and sleep off the previous week, for example, my parents covered me with blankets or turned down the television to make sure I rested comfortably.

Simple acts like this are not only valuable; they are appreciated. And I am not sure if my family realizes how much this institution has influenced me and how much I have grown as a result of its opportunities. My only hope is that I have made them proud in my endeavors.

Then there is this publication, the *Campus Times*—that is, the *Times* as an organization of people who work diligently for the sake of creating a weekly newspaper. The *Campus Times* has meant everything to me since I became a part of it in Spring 1997. In fact, I cannot even remember the time before I fell in love with this newspaper and before its creators eventually became my life.

Every individual who has been part of the *Campus Times* (or the entire Communications Department, for that matter) has blessed me to some extent or another. Professors have served as mentors whose constructive feedback has guided me as student, while the dedication and comfort of friends and peers has encouraged me to keep coming back—week after week, deadline after deadline.

I never understood my capabilities as a student leader and as a journalist, but the encouragement and support with which these individuals have provided me has given me confidence. I owe my gratitude and appreciation to these people. Thank you for believing in me.

As I step down from my position and now hand this publication over to my colleagues, a personal feeling of sadness and emptiness is to be expected. But there is a greater sense that the *Times* was probably the epitome of my ULV career and that I have learned to accept it is over.

Also deserving of thanks are the beautiful women (and Don Morel, its male adviser) who make up Iota Delta sorority. Through this organization, I have discovered my real self. I have found a person who has overcome her own intimidations and, in the process, has also learned to face the future head on.

Letting go and moving forward has not been that easy; it never has been. As long as I continue to count these blessings, I will be just fine.

And while I take in every moment, my life may take a new direction ... even if I continue making other plans.

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Authorities should legalize marijuana



Michael Anklin

There is hope. Not a lot of hope, but it exists. An organization called "Citizens Against Violent Crime" has filed a new initiative titled "The Three Strikes Act of 2000." The initiative's goal is to change California's three strikes law so that it would only apply to violent and/or serious felonies. Finally! Some people have actually engaged in some kind of a reasonable thinking process. It was about time.

Thus far, California's three strikes law achieved nothing but to serve as a tool for authorities to label anyone a criminal, no matter how small and meaningless that individual's violation of the law may have been.

Did you forge a check? Hey, you have just committed your first strike, just like the guy who robbed a bank or sold crack to children. You stole a Snickers, too? Well, there goes your second strike. Oh my God, did you just spray paint this picture on this public wall? Graffiti is a crime, you know. That does it. Off to jail you go for 25-years-to-life.

You may think that this scenario is exaggerated, but it is not that far from the truth. The existing three strikes law makes criminals out of innocent citizens who just happened to make a bad decision or a minor mistake. Yes, I know, thou shalt not steal and thou shalt not forge checks either. Yet to be treated the same way as a murderer or rapist for these misdemeanors simply makes no sense.

Another "felony" that can get you in trouble and, if you get caught three times, can get you behind bars, is a personal relationship with good ol' Mary Jane.

No, I am not talking about a girl, I am talking about marijuana. Pot. Herb. Weed. Whatever you may call it. Not only is marijuana among the illegal substances that make you commit a "strike," but the myths that exist about it are as unreasonable as the three strikes law.

For some dubious reason, marijuana is illegal. I say dubious because I yet have to hear any real explanation for its illegality. Yes, it is not healthy if you smoke it too much. Meat is not healthy either, if you eat too much of it. Cigarettes can cause cancer if you smoke too many of them. And, yes, alcohol is going to damage your liver if you overdo it. Nevertheless, meat, cigarettes and alcohol are perfectly legal.

Furthermore, numerous scientific studies have proved that the effects alcohol has on the body and especially the brain are far more severe than the impact of marijuana. No, I am not advocating the illegalization of alcohol but rather the legalization of marijuana.

It should not be accessible to anyone of course. Just like with cigarettes and alcohol, there should be an age limit to be able to purchase and smoke marijuana.

Legalize an addictive drug? Yes, but hold it right there. Too many people tend to generalize drugs. I am sick and tired of lines like "...addictive drugs like heroin, cocaine and marijuana..." Comparing heroin to marijuana is like comparing a Boeing 747 to a skateboard. It is not only inaccurate but also very dangerous.

Teens who have tried marijuana and did not feel any negative effects may be more inclined to use another illegal, far more dangerous drug like methamphetamine. It is pretty much the same thing right? Wrong. Not to mention the fact that, under the three strikes law, one can get the same penalty for selling marijuana as for selling crack.

It is time to stop the madness. If the new three strikes initiative collects enough signatures, voters will be able to decide next November. If an initiative to legalize marijuana comes along, do not "just say no," think about it.

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Bad decisions can destroy one's future



Damien Alarcon

A certain word, a thought remembered will stir within someday. People will recall the good times, the bad times and the worst of times. Many events in a person's lifetime occur without notice. Many events, however, are altered or changed by the decisions we make.

A decision that a good friend of mine made during Thanksgiving break could have seriously damaged his future. My friend, "Joel" (whose true identity shall remain anonymous), is typically a smart person who makes good decisions. He is outgoing and enjoys the party scene. Joel will graduate this spring from the university he attends.

Entering Thanksgiving break, Joel was looking forward to seeing all his high school friends and spending quality time with his family.

On his first night out, the 21-year-old student was driving to a party with a close friend who attends an out-of-state college and had just arrived via airplane. The two were drinking beer out of paper cups from 7-11, the same place where they purchased the alcohol.

With cups in hand and the 40-ounce bottles in the back seat, the two were catching up on old times.

Less than five minutes away from their destination point, the two found themselves being pulled over by a police car. Frightened about the booze, the two tried to cover the containers with a jacket; however, they were unsuccessful.

Joel admitted that he was drinking when questioned by one of the officers after handing his identification and registration to him.

While one of the two police officers searched the vehicle for possible drugs and weapons, Joel and his friend stood cuffed on the sidewalk.

As the officer pulled the bottles and cups and placed them on top of the car in the cold November night, Joel's heart plunged into a dark abyss.

Accepting that a D.U.I. is in his midst, Bob looks into the future.

"My parents are going to kill me. I'll lose their trust. I won't be able to drive to my own graduation. I'll probably lose my job since I'll have no transportation to get their. No senior trip," he thinks to himself.

As the two stand in the cold, motionless due to fear, the officers write up tickets. Each receives one for an open container in the car. Joel receives another for the original reason why he was pulled over: rolling a stop sign.

The officer explains to Joel that he is probably at the illegal alcohol level (.08) but does not make him take a sobriety test. Trusting that he is safe enough to get to their destination and respecting the fact that Joel told him the truth about him drinking, he only told the two to dump out the beer and go on their way.

Joel and his friend were lucky. This was not the first time that either of them did this. Neither is it an uncommon thing for college students to do. Many people know of others, if not themselves, who drive home a little tipsy or drunk.

Parties, clubs and other social gatherings are fun and alcohol is will always be a part of them. It is important to drink moderately or plan ahead for someone else to drive you home. There is no harm in consuming a little "liquid courage" to loosen you up from the stress from school or work, but take precautions before doing so.

Remember that a .08 alcohol level is equivalent to one glass of beer per hour, so you do not need to drink a lot of beer to be legally drunk.

Little decisions like these can keep you from enduring the bad and worst times.

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Dibbell recounts life battling illness

•Beauty, appreciation of life seen

Araceli Esparza
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In a world that views terminal illness as painful and heartbreaking, individuals such as Jane Dibbell prefer to take on the perspective that the experiences may also be a blessing.

"Having a terminal illness is a gift, and you have time," she said, "because it helps to create a community of people who come and share their love and can get close to a person who's dying."

Dibbell, an associate professor of theater arts at the University of La Verne, was initially diagnosed with breast cancer 17 years ago. She remained in what medical officials called "a long remission" until October of last year, when she was told the illness had metastasized—or spread—to her spine and lungs.

In the short time following the pronouncement of her initial condition, Dibbell became distant from those who surrounded her life.

> 'There's a sense that life goes on even after this life, and that anybody who I'm in touch with now I'll be in touch with throughout their life.'
>
> —*Jane Dibbell, associate professor of theater arts*

"I didn't trust people very much, I didn't think I was deserving of love," she said. "I pulled away from everybody and denied everything.

"But when I put my head down to the pillow, I would get these rushes of terror."

It took a series of such moments of fear to serve as Dibbell's wake-up call to the world. She realized, at that point, that she wanted to accomplish things she had previously put off, including the chance to "really become a teacher and use theater in a way that encouraged social change."

The opportunity to serve as an instructor of drama came for Dibbell 12 years ago when she was hired to work in ULV's Theater Department. It was at the University that Dibbell found the nurturing and encouraging environment for which she longed as an actress.

"She brought a very strong, feminine energy and a very loving energy that has formed everything that she's done in her teaching, in her directing, in her counseling and in all of her collegial relationships," said Dr. David Flaten, chair of the Theatre Arts Department.

"Jane has always been so aware and so careful to be inclusive and to have tremendous empathy that she has for people who might have felt like outsiders."

Dibbell continued in this role until she eventually went on medical leave in January. Prior to her leave, however, the actress/educator experienced what became a turning point in her dealings with cancer and perhaps the rest of her life.

"While I was in New York [last December], I wanted to have my whole family go to a show, and I couldn't get tickets to any other show," said Dibbell. "The only tickets I could get was for 'Wit,' and I really didn't know what it was about."

A play about a woman's battle with ovarian cancer, "Wit" was written by Margaret Edson. Its protagonist used emotions of anger, humor, pain and isolation—which often accompany a terminal disease—to give a realistic and personal insight to the battle against cancer.

"All of us were just stunned, and it was a chance for me and my daughter to just weep together," she said. "It opened up so many channels for everybody in the family to be able to talk about anything they wanted to talk about."

"Wit" had such a profound effect on Dibbell and her immediate family (35-year-old daughter, Dominique, and son, Julian, 36) that, for the first time in a while, she was able to speak openly about her condition.

It was this leap in her life that encouraged Dibbell to readapt "Wit" as her own performance for the local community. Therefore, on Oct. 12, she took to the Cabaret Theatre with other actors to present the personal account of a terminal disease and to help others deal with the issue as well.

"I wanted to demythologize the taboos about cancer and dying," Dibbell said. "It was like anybody else going through life.

"We get up every morning, and we breath in and breath out and do our job."

Dibbell's performance was met with an overwhelming audience turnout. She noted the event as one of her best moments since battling cancer, because "an actor's dream is to have an audience of people who know you and love you."

Dr. Flaten said Dibbell's performance opened the eyes of its witnesses. "I think Jane opened dialogue about all the issues that are too frightening that we can't talk about. She knew what she was doing was important, and she did it."

Since the ULV performance, Dibbell has worked at getting the most out of every day—just as she has done since regaining her love for life and a personal sense of wit. She has learned, within herself, to listen to life around her and hear what she is supposed to do from day to day.



Ian Gratz

Jane Dibbell, associate professor of theater arts at the University of La Verne, has been able to touch the lives of countless students and faculty during her career as an actress and instructor of the art of conscious acting. Since being diagnosed with metastasized breast cancer, Dibbell has learned to appreciate each day and each breath of her life.

"It is gorgeous ... forcing me to live in the present. I get the privilege of having time to do what I'm always trying to do—that is, to get closer to any human being here," Dibbell said, adding that she has helped rebuild bridges between others.

"I saw that people were coming to my house and they were making connections with each other; so I was helping to create community there," she said. "I'm very glad to be a catalyst for that."

Yet in light of the positive, personal effects a terminal illness may have had on Dibbell and on those who surround her life, she admits there are also challenges to battle.

"The frustrating part of this illness is, in August, I was feeling fine; and two weeks later I was in the hospital," she said. "That's the thing I don't understand. You're going along and then something happens and it's odd; it's not anything you can anticipate.

"You only know that it's [death] is coming, but how it's going to happen—how long, how short—no one knows."

Dibbell said she has come to terms with the fact that she can no longer do everything on her own. She said these struggles can be trying on those who help take care of her as well.

"Sometimes it gets frustrating for my daughter because she is doing such a beautiful job at taking care of me. But it's very hard for her to realize that she has to go on," said Dibbell. "And I'm not going to be going with her."

Currently, Dibbell is at a good stage in her physical health. At times, she has had to depend on an oxygen tank to help with her breathing, but she said she has been physically stronger for the past few weeks. She is now walking, compared to a time in which she was confined to a wheelchair.

For the most part, she said she tries to end each day well because of the unpredictability of a terminal illness.

"I say I love you every day," she said. "And it's easy to really forgive myself, just reach for myself. But I think I still have work to do in saying goodbye.

"There's a sense that life goes on even after this life and that anybody who I'm in touch with now, I'll be in touch with throughout their life."

Opportunity offers political insight

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University of La Verne students have an opportunity to become involved with the process of tracking candidates for presidency, Congress and state-level positions for the 2000 elections by interning with Project Vote Smart's headquarters this winter at the Great Divide Ranch in Montana.

This opportunity is made possible to ULV students by a grant from the Hearst Foundation. It will provide participants who commit to a minimum of 10 weeks with financial support that ranges from free room and board to scholarships up to $1,200.

"It is so important for students to be aware of our political processes and what's happening in our United States but also the world globally," said Dr. Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs.

"The reason why Project Vote Smart was started is that we're trying to help inform voters. A lot of times the issues are not clear, because candidates go around the issue or don't address them," said Aili Langseth, Project Vote Smart internship coordinator. "We inform the public of the issues, the candidate's positions and background to collect information and keep them accurate.

"That's where the interns come in."

Langseth said the interns also run the toll-free research hotline that voters can call to get information regarding a certain election, the issues involved and its candidates.

Also, interns help conduct research for the National Political Research Test, which is a test customized for each state that candidates take to which determine their stance and views on issues.

The tests are used to compile accurate information about candidate's points of views and are made available to the public.

"Living in a democracy and not participating in the democratic process is pointless. The more of us that participate the larger the effect," said sophomore international studies major Anna Maria Roy.

Both graduate and undergraduate students with majors in political science, communications, journalism and computer science are encouraged to apply. However, all majors are accepted. ULV students who decide to participate in the program will be joined by students throughout the United States and foreign universities.

"I think that people should be involved and aware. Voting is having a voice in our democratic system and whatever they [students] can do to be involved is fundamental," said Dr. Rahmani.

For information regarding the internship, or Project Vote Smart in general, contact Langseth at (888) 868-3762.

Student Life considers revision of U-100 class

•O.W.L.s have option of teaching

Summer L. Douglass
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With the selection of the 2000 Orientation Week co-coordinators named in junior Kelly Mitchell and sophomore Courtney Henderson, the University of La Verne is in the process of evaluating its freshman Orientation course—University 100.

The Orientation Week Leaders (O.W.L.s) and Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, are considering a prospective change in the way the University 100 class has been taught in the past.

"For U-100, we're just transitioning to the point in orientation, where we will have students who are just O.W.L.s and students who just co-facilitate U-100," said Houdyshell.

Under the current system, all O.W.L.s—unless they are Transfer O.W.L.s—are required to help lead a U-100 course with a ULV faculty or staff member. This proposed change has been under way for the past year, and still may take a few years to be permanently implemented into the Orientation program.

The main reason for this change is due to the fact that students have different interests when committing themselves as O.W.L.s. Houdyshell stressed that different students do well in different leadership positions.

"I think some students are really into being an O.W.L., while other students are really into being a part of U-100," said Houdyshell.

This change is important to the staff. It will encourage more students to become involved in Orientation Week.

"One of the biggest things we want to see, and this is with a lot of things on campus. We want to see more commuter-student involvement," said Houdyshell. "We want to see them come and really be involved in all or part of Orientation, more than has happened in the past."

Some of the other goals that are important to those involved in Orientation include more involvement on the part of staff, faculty and parents of the incoming students.

"We're going to look at our marketing materials and information that we send out to prospective students and parents," said Houdyshell. "We want to get the parents involved. Because if the parents want to come to Orientation, then the students will come."

The idea to separate the O.W.L.s and co-facilitators for the U-100 class is not a definite plan of action. It is an idea that needs more thought and planning before being put into effect.

"This isn't definite, by any means. We are just thinking about it at this point in time, because we don't know where we're going with Orientation just yet," said Houdyshell.

Computer Preparation ...

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"In most cases it is not going to be a problem, if they aren't," said Dr. Jones. All departments must ensure that their individual software is compliant.

Dr. Jones said programs that are theoretically not Y2K compliant may still run, though minor difficulties like a wrong date on the screen or similar small differences are possible.

The major computer programs should be all right.

"We have enquired as to the Y2K compliance of all of our major core software," said Dr. Jones. "[They] are all Y2K compliant, we've done upgrades to assure that. Our core operation is Y2K compliant."

Some programs and desktop machines are simply too old to be Y2K compliant, but Dr. Jones expected to upgrade these systems and ensure that all faculty computers are compliant by the end of last week.

MIS is working on its side of the problem. Houston-Brown has dealt with the Y2K problem at ULV since he was hired about two and a half years ago.

"At that time we were on very old versions of the software," he said. "We needed to upgrade no matter what because we were on such old versions, but we needed to upgrade quickly because of the year 2000. We knew at the time I came here that we were not Y2K compliant."

Houston-Brown estimated that the preparations are 95 percent complete at this point.

"Where we're still struggling because of how much time it takes is the desktop machines," he said. The desktop computers are being upgraded from Windows 95 to a Y2K compliant Windows 98.

"We are about halfway through those machines," said Houston-Brown. "We've been doing an intensive upgrade for the last four weeks or so."

According to Houston-Brown, there are about another 190 computers that need upgrading.

"The staff is working a lot of evenings and weekends," he said.

Houston-Brown said that his confidence about the Y2K preparedness of the University is at a level of about 90 to 95 percent.

"The reason I say that," he said, "is because we don't know. We are going on what our major vendors have told us are year 2000 compliant versions."

Those leading software companies have gone through extensive testing of their products and have found that ULV's systems are Y2K compliant.

World Trade Organization...

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rural communities and jobs and to ensure food safety. However, The United States, Australia, Canada and other countries said the subsidies are unfair because they create artificial low prices and undercut producers in other countries.

Another issue was the Uruguay Round Assessment, which deals with the developing countries reluctancy to expand access to U.S. and European markets for textiles and apparel before they open their markets further to developed country's goods.

There was also disagreement on the anti-dumping measure which was initiated by Japan and developing countries who want a review of anti-dumping measures, which allow countries to protect themselves from being flooded with cheap imports. This measure was strongly opposed by the U.S.

Both the United States and Europe wanted the WTO to consider labor and environment issues such as whether minimum labor and environmental standards should be linked to trade. This measure was opposed by developing countries who argued that this would only benefit richer countries that have higher labor costs.

Also, the United States wanted a moratorium on taxes on e-commerce and tariff reductions on high technology goods, which was opposed by developing countries who argued that they could not afford higher tariffs.

Due to these issues, the conference was unproductive and ended without any resolutions.

The WTO is a Geneva-based international group that, headed by Mike Moore, acts as a forum for trade negotiations and a referee in trade disputes. WTO's purpose is to help trade flow freely by removing or reducing tariffs. Its intent is to ensure that people and governments are informed and have confidence in trade rules around the world.

"Whenever you have a large free trade area, everyone benefits from it. Each area specializes and produces items they can produce the best and the cheapest," said Dr. Ispahani.

Established in 1994, the WTO replaced the General Agreement Tariffs and Trade (GATT) organization. Although GATT regulations have been transformed, they are still upheld. The creation of the WTO helped establish a firmer legal basis for trade and covered a wider range of trade issues.

The WTO has 135 member states and about 30 more candidate states, including China and Russia, are waiting to join. Members represent most of the industrial world, three-quarter of the world's population and more than 90 percent of global trade. Of the 135 members, more than 75 percent represent developing countries.

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Arts & Entertainment

Entertainment Briefs

'Hedwig' Performance

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch," a musical tale of a would be transsexual rock goddess in the vein of "The Rocky Horror Show," plays until January at the Henry Fonda Theatre in Los Angeles. Shows are Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Prices are $22-$55. For tickets call (310) 859-2830.

Christmas Parade

The 46th Annual Whittier Christmas Parade will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Uptown Whittier, on the corner of Hadley and Greenleaf. Grand Marshals will be Jaime Gomez and Jodi O'Keefe of television's "Nash Bridges." The event is free.

Radio City Christmas

The Universal Ampitheatre brings the magical world of a New York Christmas to Los Angeles for a second year with the Radio City Christmas Spectacular playing now through Dec. 28. The renowned Rockettes perform along with Santa and 22 singers and dancers. Prices range from $22.50-$63.50. For tickets call (213) 252-8497.

New Movies

- "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," starring Rob Schneider and Eddie Griffin, opens today in general release.
- "The Green Mile," a drama based on the Stephen King novel revolves around a wrongly accused man on death row and stars Tom Hanks and David Morse.
- "Cradle Will Rock," a fact based drama on 1930's artistic censorship starring John Cusack opens in limited release.

—Jazmine Ponce

Movie Review

by Michael Anklin

Laughter rolls 'Next Friday'

Thank God it is Friday. Again. "Next Friday," that is. Rap star/actor Ice Cube stars as Craig in the sequel to the 1995 hit comedy "Friday," and again a lot is about to go down between Thursday night and Saturday morning.

In 1995, Craig confronted the neighborhood bully Deebo (Tommy "Tiny" Lister, Jr., "I Got the Hook Up") and defeated him in a fist fight. After several years in prison, Deebo has now escaped and is seeking revenge.

Craig's father, the always hilarious John Witherspoon (television's "Wayan's Brothers"), is concerned about his son's safety and sends Craig from Los Angeles to stay with his Uncle Elroy (Don "D.C." Curry) in Rancho Cucamonga. Craig's relatives had bought their house in the suburbs with money they won in the lottery.

With help from his cousin, Day-Day (Mike Epps), Craig has to get used to life in the suburbs. And there is a lot to get used to.

Day-Day's parents like to smoke marijuana and engage in S&M sex practices. If that was not bad enough, Craig's voluptuous step aunt seems to have a thing for him.

Craig cannot exactly lean on Day-Day's shoulders for support either. His cousin likes to play it safe and not get involved in anything risky. However, he also likes to smoke out with his Caucasian co-worker, Roach (Justin Pierce, "Kids"), a hopeless would-be skateboarder. Their boss, Stanley (Clifton Powell, "Rush Hour"), is a wannabe pimp with a very short temper.

Epps replaces Chris Tucker from the first "Friday" movie as Cube's comic sidekick. While Epps is funny at times, Tucker's outrageousness is dearly missed. Nevertheless, there is plenty of outrageous fun provided by Day-Day's Hispanic neighbors. As a matter of fact, they steal the show from Epps and Cube.

> Just like "Friday," "Next Friday," is a hilarious and outrageous must-see comedy for anyone who likes humor on the outrageous and sometimes nasty side.

The lovely Latina next door, Karla (Lisa Rodriguez), serves as Craig's love interest in "Next Friday," but things are not that easy, of course. The girl's brothers just happened to be fresh out of jail, and are lead by Joker (Jacob Vargas, "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion"), the smallest and most hilariously obnoxious of the three. Joker and his brothers have a rather big problem with Craig dating their sister. A dog named Chico is their initial weapon of choice to scare off the newcomer.

Chico, who develops his own issues after his first encounter with Craig, is just one of the obstacles the two cousins and their friend have to overcome. They then try to steal money from their aggressive neighbors to save Day-Day's suburban home, which is about to be evicted because his freaky parents have already spent most of the money they won.

While Craig and his friends are headed for a showdown with their neighbors, Deebo is on his way to Rancho Cucamonga to remind Craig of last Friday. And you can bet he does not just want to say hello.

Just like "Friday," "Next Friday," is a hilarious and outrageous must-see comedy for anyone who likes humor on the outrageous and sometimes nasty side. Tucker's fans will miss him, but the crazy neighbors make up for the gap he left. One way or another, thank God it is

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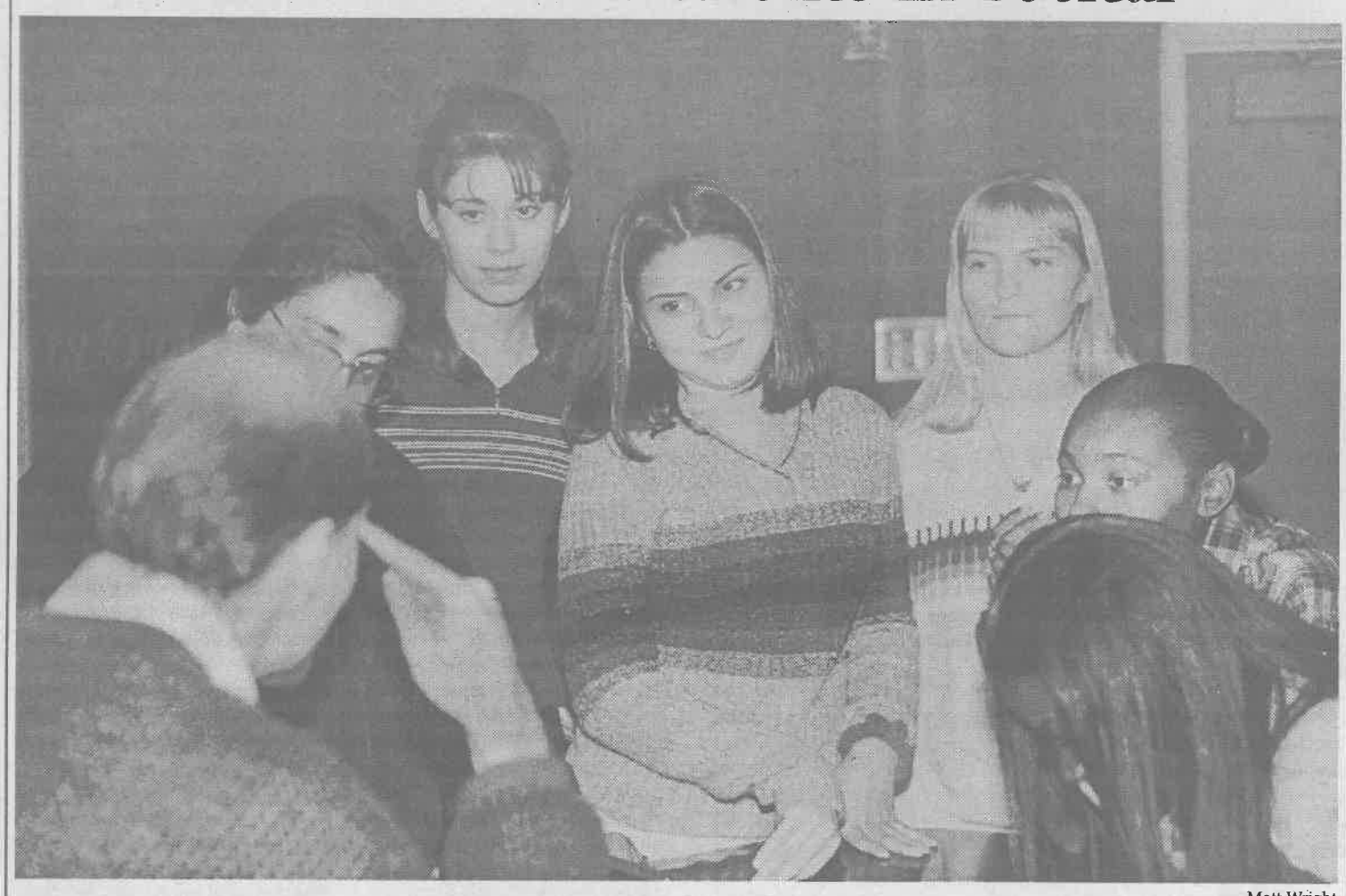
Musicians showcase talents in recital



Matt Wright

At the student recital last Thursday, students from the Music Department at the University of La Verne were given the chance to showcase their musical talents. Performers chose their music and sang, or played it on piano or guitar. Freshman Dayita Datta, junior Gloria Ramirez, sophomore Jacqueline Reaser, freshman Alison Fanning and sophomores Kia Stephenson and Quency Long, all members of the vocal ensemble, are given last-minute directions by their instructor, Shawn Kirchner, before their performance. The student recital was held at the University's Chapel.

Local eateries offer affordable fare

Summer L. Douglass
Staff Writer

Ever find that there is not enough money in the bank account to buy food for lunch or dinner? There are many different choices of food for students that are right off campus, within walking distance, and with reasonable prices.

The Teriyaki Bowl House is one of the most popular eat-and-go places for the students at the University of La Verne. Located at 2075 Third St., it is across the street from the La Verne campus.

"We've been open for almost three years in this location because we enjoy the students who come to eat here from the University, and we like the small town atmosphere," said Choung Kim, owner.

This little food stand offers everything from noodle bowls with fresh vegetables to California rolls. The Bowl House offers entrees priced anywhere from $3.95 to $5.95. It is open until 7 p.m.

'Downtown La Verne offers a different type of food for every craving you could have. Whether you want Chinese, Italian, Mexican or American food, you are guaranteed to find it near our campus.'

—Heidi Bugl, junior

"I eat here because it's good," said Elaine Fregoso, a freshman at ULV. "It's really reasonably priced."

If students are not in the mood for Chinese food, there are other places to choose from.

Warehouse Pizza is another place where many of the students from ULV can be found on a daily basis. Open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Warehouse is located at 2340 "D" Street. Some of the food offered in this eatery includes, pizza, house salads, sandwiches, pasta salad and pasta with meat balls.

"We have good food at good prices," said owner Kenny Schonfeld. "The food here is always a great deal."

Miss Donuts and Bagels is another place to go any time of day for several different types of food. Located on the corner of Bonita Avenue and D Street, it is just around the corner from ULV.

"I like to get my coffee in the morning from here, because it is a great deal," said Heidi Bugl, a junior psychology major. "There are so many types of food to chose from, that I never run out of different things to try."

From 3:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Miss Donuts offers many foods, both for breakfast and lunch. It has a fully-equipped espresso and coffee bar and over 12 types of donuts that are made fresh daily.

For people who are counting calories, there are also 24 types of bagels and nonfat muffins.

Lunch is also a busy time of day at Miss Donuts. Sandwiches salads and chips are available. Soda, Snapple and various kinds of juices are also offered to drink.

"We like the city and the people in the city because there is never any trouble," said owner Sammy Tan. "We get a lot of high school and college students."

Currently, inside the *La Verne Quarterly*, there is a coupon where one can get a bagel and cream cheese for 79 cents and a donut and coffee for 69 cents.

"The food here is priced really good for college students who don't have a lot of cash," said Kim Tan, an employee at Miss Donuts.

The store opened in early 1991, and was closed for remodeling from Dec. 31, 1998, to March 1999.

"When the store reopened, the response was tremendous. Many people wanted to see the new atmosphere that we offered," said Tan.

There are other places off campus to go and get a quick bite to eat.

El Merendero is a restaurant located on 1910 Fairplex Drive in the city of La Verne. It offers an authentic south-of-the-border appeal for a reasonable price.

The restaurant offers an array of dishes that could satisfy anyone's craving for rich and spicy food. Burritos, tamales, enchilladas and carne asada are a few of the items on the menu.

El Merendero is a chain, with another restaurant located at 301 S. Garey Ave., in Pomona.

Another option for Mexican food in La Verne is Roxy's Cafe and Cantina, located at 2232 D. St. "The food is reasonably priced, and there's a casual roomy, atmosphere," said Marlena Waid, manager.

"Downtown La Verne offers a different type of food for every craving you could have," said Bugl. "Whether you want Chinese, Italian, Mexican or American food, you are guaranteed to find it near our campus."

Extravaganza takes students to winter wonderland



Isela Peña

Shimmering Christmas lights, festive decorations and lightly sprinkled artificial snow greeted University of La Verne students and faculty as they entered the Flower and Garden Pavilion of the Fairplex in Pomona, where the first annual Winter Extravaganza was held last Friday. Junior art major Isabel Nguyen and her date, Citrus College student Mike Richardson, share a moment in front of a Christmas display during the dance.

KULV tests Spanish rock with show

Jazmine Ponce
Staff Writer

Recently, music of the Latin vibe has heavily been accepted on mainstream radio formats, so it is no wonder that KULV, the Rock, has also dedicated an hour each week to "Rock En Español."

During the past three weeks, listeners of the University of La Verne radio station could tune into 107.9 FM on Fridays between 11 a.m. and noon to hear an eclectic group of artists ranging from Maná to Cafe Tacuba and La Ley.

Last year, KULV surveyed students asking about their musical preferences. The results showed that numerous students requested a Spanish rock format. With these results, KULV decided to dedicate the hour with the help of Production Director Enrique Gutiérrez, who has an extensive knowledge of Spanish rock music.

The acceptance of Spanish rock in the KULV format also relies on the school's population."There is a high percentage of the students who speak Spanish and enjoy Spanish alternative rock," said Gutiérrez.

"We looked at what Y-107 was doing. They're doing Spanish rock, and they have gotten a lot of good reviews from it," said junior Corey Brown, program director for KULV.

The program stays with the KULV alternative rock format, by playing just Spanish rock artists and not Spanish pop artists like Marc Anthony, Elvis Crespo or Enrique Inglesias.

Overall, the staff feels the response to the new hour has been welcomed by students.

"So far it has been really, really good. We have gotten more feedback then anticipated and haven't received any negative feedback," Brown said.

"I really enjoy the new hour, one of my favorite groups is Maná, and I often don't hear their songs on the radio," said junior diversified major Georgina Negrete.

To find the groups and songs students would like, KULV officials looked at college radio stations that play "Rock en Español" and based their own music programming on it.

The disc jockey also tries to include upcoming and local artists such as Pomona's Pastilla and Los Angeles' Hijos del Sol.

"I know most of the local bands. They are very good and often don't get the air play and support from the media that they deserve," said Gutiérrez.

The plan to expand the hour depends on the student's feedback and participation of Gutiérrez.

"For now it is one hour. I have been trying to get the Spanish rock since last year and now they finally accepted to have it for one hour and I think that is something positive," said Gutiérrez.

Listeners can request their favorite Spanish rock alternative songs and artists by calling the request line at extension 4777.

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Friday.

"Next Friday" was written and executive produced by Ice Cube. Acclaimed hip hop video producer Steve Carr directed the movie. Naturally, the film is accompanied by a rap/R&B soundtrack featuring new songs by Ice Cube, Wyclef Jean, Aaliyah, Wu-Tang Clan and a new N.W.A. song featuring Snoop Dogg.

The movie is scheduled for release on Jan. 12, 2000.

Gustafson leads rally past Panthers

•Game-high 34 points paces ULV

Enrique Gutierrez
Staff Writer

Junior guard Kevin Gustafson hit a three-point basket to give the University of La Verne a 68-67 lead with five minutes to play. With 52 seconds left in the game, Gustafson repeated the dosage to increase the Leopards lead to 76-72 on their way to a Wednesday night victory over Chapman University, 78-77, in the Supertents.

Gustafson led the Leopards with an impressive performance, scoring 34 points, grabbing five rebounds and dishing out two of the team's five assists against the previously unbeaten Panthers (7-1).

"Kevin is a really great player and he is really important to our team. He makes us go," said head coach Dan Mulville. "We are trying to get everybody else more up to his level before the conference season starts. But right now he's our guy.

"I'm hoping some other guys are going to step up on a consistent basis," he said.

The Leopards, whose record now stands at 2-2, staged a breathtaking comeback after trailing for most of the game.

It was Gustafson who kept La Verne in the game. Not only did he show his basketball skills, but he also proved to be a great athlete by playing 39 of the 40 total minutes. In fact, he got his one-minute break with 6:24 to play.

La Verne started off a little hesitant, allowing Chapman to take an early 20-6 lead.

"We started off really slow, but as the game went on we picked it up on defense and rebounding," said Gustafson.

"That's our downfall so far. We can't seem to come out with defensive intensity," said junior forward Greg Gustafson, who scored 11 points but had to leave the game with eight minutes to play due to an injury. "If we play like that we're going to get killed in SCIAC, but if we play like we did in the last 30 seconds of the game, we can beat anybody."

La Verne closed the gap to 30-27 with less than six minutes remaining in the first half, which ended 41-35 in favor of the visitors. It wasn't until the second period that the Leopards caught the Panthers.

The score signaled a 67-63 Chapman lead when Leopards sophomore forward Richard Walsh scored a lay-up and drew a foul to change the score to 67-65. La Verne sophomore Kyle Killam, who had a game-high seven rebounds, ended up with the offensive rebound off Walsh's free-throw miss and connected with a wide-open Gustafson, who scored the lead-changing three pointer.

"My team hit me open. Without their help I couldn't get all those shots that I got. And they were setting picks for me," Kevin Gustafson said. "And I'm just trying to be my best."

"Most of all I'm happy because we came back. I think we showed a lot of toughness," Mulville said.

"That was a good team that we played tonight. We want to win conference. That's why we play a tough schedule now, because we want to get ready for the conference," he said.

La Verne lead by as many as six, 78-72, with 39.4 seconds on the clock.

A jumper by junior guard Tim Werdel, Jr. with three seconds remaining put the Panthers within four points of the Leopards. Chapman then scored a three pointer through sophomore guard Matt Poutsma to establish the final score with 3.2 ticks left.

The Leopards host UC San Diego Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Supertents.

Brummel earns conference honor

Junior named volleyball's 'Player of the Year' by SCIAC coaches

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With numerous awards and trophies accumulated throughout her life, being named Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Player of the Year should be anything but surprising to junior Amy Brummel.

Being the person that she is, she doesn't overlook any feats pertaining to the sport she loves.

The 6'0" outside hitter received the title after completing the 1999 volleyball season, in which the Leopards finished with a 15-7 overall record, and in second place in SCIAC at 9-3.

"I was pretty surprised," said Brummel, who is from Alta Loma. "It was a great thing to get because it tells you that hard work does pay off."

Hard work and year-round training is what enabled the 20-year-old to serve as this year's co-captain.

During her earlier years at Alta Loma High School, Brummel picked up First-Team All-CIF honors in her junior and senior year. In her senior year, she also was selected to the All-Inland Valley squad by the *Daily Bulletin* newspaper. Last year as a sophomore, Brummel made Second-Team All-SCIAC.

This season, Amy led the Leopards in kills (293), digs (201), and service aces (35).

Many athletes believe that receiving a conference MVP award is the greatest accomplishment one can hold. For Brummel, however, she firmly desires to be successful in the bigger picture.

"I will take a National Championship over this award any day," said Brummel. "Yeah it is a high honor, but to make All-American or to be national champions would be better than conference player of the year."

An important figure in Amy's life who is familiar with national championships is her boyfriend, senior Sean Douglas.

"Amy doesn't put herself first. To her, it would be more important for the team to win than for her to be the best player on the team," said Douglas, who was co-captain on last year's National championship men's volleyball team. "She would turn away any individual award for something better for the team."

Douglas also works out in the weight room with Brummel, but says he has no need to push her to work harder because of her "internal motivation."

Brummel's dad, Michael, would agree.

He said Amy "has great determination, great drive and perseverance. Amy has always had an internal confidence."

Amy credits her dad for her athletic ability and drive. In his younger years, he played basketball throughout high school and college

Brummel's athletic career did not begin in volleyball, but with softball and basketball. She began playing volleyball in the seventh grade after friends told her that she could utilize her height and perform well in the sport. She gained confidence and inspiration to be the best in volleyball when her coaches simply told her that she would be good at it.

As time went by, Brummel eventually brought softball and basketball to an end. She quit playing softball after her freshman season of high school and stopped participating in basketball by her junior year to focus more on volleyball.



Ian Gratz

Junior Amy Brummel has emerged as the premier women's volleyball player in SCIAC during the 1999 season. Despite all the hours she puts in working at Outback Steakhouse and The Claremont Club, Brummel still finds time to dedicate herself to school, and to the sport of volleyball. Although Brummel is disappointed in not winning the SCIAC Championship, she is proud of her personal accomplishments.

Volleyball has never been a seasonal sport for Brummel. Other than playing for the Braves, she played on club teams in the off-season to improve her performance and because of her love for the game.

Because of the age limit that goes with participating in clubs, Brummel stopped her involvement in them after high school. At the University of La Verne, she is either training with the team, under head coach Don Flora, or on her own.

Where does Brummel get her motivation? Who pushes her to succeed? Is it her parents or three brothers?

Brummel's dad did not even expect Amy to be involved in sports.

"Certainly I thought my boys would be more of the athletes and my daughter more of a dancer," he said.

"It is not like someone is telling me, 'You have to do this, you have to do that,' " Brummel explains. "I do things for myself because I love the game."

Brummel, a business administration major, is uncertain of her future plans as far as careers are concerned. She is definitely planning on attending graduate school after completing her four years at La Verne.

"She never gives up and she works very hard," said Adriana Contreras, who plays middle blocker for the team. "She makes all of the kills."

Brummel had the opportunity to play volleyball out of high school at the Division I level, but decided to stay closer to home.

"My family is a big part of me. My mom [Laura] and my dad have always loved watching my games," Brummel said. "To take that away from them would mean too much to me."

Sullenger's family funds renovation

Discus ring to get much-needed improvements

Jason Cooper
Staff Writer

The legacy of former University of La Verne discus coach Jim Sullenger will live on with the planned renovation of the discus ring on Arnett Field.

Sullenger was the discus coach at La Verne for six years. He did not come to ULV looking for a coaching job, but for a place to use discus facilities.

Sullenger was a master's discus thrower, which allowed him to continue participating in the sport through his 70s. After using the facility for a while he talked to head track coach Pat Widolff and volunteered for the position of discus coach.

"He'll be missed tremendously by me and the athletes," said Widolff. "There's no way we can replace him. It's not just the coaching aspect. He was a friend to everyone.

"He was a personal friend of mine. He touched everyone he came across. He loved being around the track team."

Head athletic trainer Paul Alvarez agreed Sullenger was an essential part of the program.

"Discus is tough to coach. Throwers are different athletes. He brought knowledge to the program," he said. "He was always interested in the students. He was truly a mentor."

Sullenger died this fall, leaving a wish for his family, friends, and athletes to fulfill. He wanted to see the desperately needed revampment of the discus ring.

The outer metal ring is corroding due to the weather and the placement of the ring itself is damaging a field goal post that is in the throwers field.

The family of Sullenger indicated it did not want floral gifts for his funeral, but money to fund a renovation of the ring.

Alvarez is working with Sullenger's family and the ASF Forum to fulfill Sullenger's wish.

Plans for that renovation include a reorientation of the ring so the throwing area will open up, replacement of the metal ring, an eight-pole arrangement instead of seven, replacement of the nets around the ring, and a plaque commemorating Sullenger.

The primary source of funds for this project has been family, friends, and athletes. ASF also donated $219 for the plaque.

The temporary date for completion has been set for the first home track meet. A small ceremony honoring the respected coach will take place at the meet.

> 'He touched everyone he came across. He loved being around the track team. He'll be missed tremendously by me and the athletes.'
> —*Pat Widolff, track coach*



Erica Paal

During Saturday night's game against the College of Notre Dame, La Verne freshman forward Audrey Butcher (#42) fights for possession of the ball with Notre Dame player Meg Hummel (#11). Leopards Senior guard Michelle Ballard (#11) comes to assist. The College of Notre Dame won the rematch between the two teams, 58-50.

ULV falls short in rematch

Agke Grow
Staff Writer

Few games have been played, but the University of La Verne women's basketball team is already seeing the impact of its hard work. The Leopards squared off against the College of Notre Dame Argonauts on Saturday in the Supertents, and although they lost, 58-50, the game served as a good reference point in tracking their progress.

The contest was a rematch of a game played in Belmont two weeks earlier, a game the Leopards lost 67-37. Although the end result was the same in

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both games, the way La Verne made Notre Dame earn this most recent win shows that the Leopards have improved appreciably in a short amount of time.

"Now we know what we have to do in order to beat a team," said freshman forward/center Athena Tsapanos. "We came out with intensity, rebounded better, and it works for us."

The difference between the blowout and close game was better rebounding and defense by La Verne, the two things that acting head coach Katie Miner has been stressing in practice.

"Last time they outrebounded us," said Miner.

This time around, the Leopards crashed the boards, and pulled down 48 rebounds, including 20 offensive rebounds, compared to Notre Dame's 35 total. Freshman Jamila Anderson and Tsapanos led the effort with eight rebounds each.

La Verne also cut the Argonaut total offensive output by nine points in the rematch, and ULV scored 13 more than in their previous effort at Belmont.

"We played great defense," said freshman forward Audrey Butcher. "We came up short in the end, but we are all communicating and working together."

That teamwork helped ULV come back from being down 40-22 early in the second half.

At halftime the score was 22-17 in favor of Notre Dame. A slow start in the second half by ULV and hot shooting by Argonaut Sharee Robinson allowed Notre Dame to pull ahead. However, La Verne was able to buckle down, screen out well on offense, and work the ball inside.

"We were posting up better in the second half," said Tsapanos. "The post wasn't getting open during the first half."

La Verne rallied as freshman guard Jasper Gary nailed three in a row from behind the arc, cutting the lead to 48-40.

The Leopards continued to claw back, and drew several fouls down the stretch. Eight for 12 shooting from the line in the second half enabled ULV to get even closer, and Tsapanos scored from close range to cut the deficit to 54-50 with 39.9 seconds remaining.

Unfortunately for La Verne, Notre Dame made free throws when they mattered, and time ran out on ULV's comeback.

"We forced a lot of turnovers (21), but we have to convert on those opportunities," said Miner.

Gary and sophomore guard Kelli Obrero had 11 points each.



Erica Paal

Sophomore guard Kelli Obrero (#23) contends with the College of Notre Dame player Sharee Robinson (#10) during Saturday night's home game in the Supertents. The College of Notre Dame won, 58-50.

> 'We played great defense. We came up short in the end, but we are all communicating and working together.'
> —*Audrey Butcher, freshman forward*

Women's golf explored at ULV

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Sports Editor

Rex Huigens, the University of La Verne men's golf coach, is exploring the possibility of women's golf at La Verne.

Huigens said two or three tournaments could be organized if there are any women interested in playing golf, although there are no plans to field a team, and Huigens would not be the coach if there was a team.

Currently, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Occidental have women's teams, Huigens said, and they are interested in hosting tournaments.

If there is enough interest shown, Huigens said he could organize a few practices to help prepare for the tournaments.

At this point, Huigens is waiting to see if there is any interest, and so far, he has not been contacted.

The SCIAC has nine sports each for men and women, and on co-ed (golf). Football is a men's sport and SCIAC only sponsors women's volleyball.

Because golf is a men's sport at La Verne, the University fields two more men's teams than women's.

Athletic Director Jim Paschal said the SCIAC is looking into adding women's golf or women's lacrosse. Because of Title IX, the NCAA gender equity regulation, Paschal said La Verne will not add any men's teams until it adds women's teams, but added it makes sense to have men's lacrosse if women's lacrosse was added.

The conference is looking to promote women's participation, and women's golf is one of those sports.

"I think it's something that if there's interest in, that we would be able to do," Paschal said regarding the addition of women's golf or lacrosse. "I hope we do have some female golfers here. It would be nice if we had the opportunity to add a couple more sports for women and balance that out."

But Paschal stressed that athletes need to "have interest ... enough that people would be willing to take on a commitment to practice and to [compete]," and then teams may be added, although the coaches would probably be part time.

Anyone interested in women's golf can contact Huigens at ext. 4440.

Leopard Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

Remaining schedule:

December

Dec. 20	UC San Diego	4 p.m.
Dec. 23	Puget Sound	2 p.m.
Dec. 29	Whitman @ Eagle Rock	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	Wisc. Lutheran @ Eagle Rock	5:30 p.m.

January

Jan. 7	@ UC San Diego	8 p.m.
Jan. 8	Master's College @ La Jolla	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Pomona-Pitzer*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Caltech*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	@ Whittier*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Redlands*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Occidental*	7:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 2	@ Cal Lutheran*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Pomona-Pitzer*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	@ Caltech*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Whittier*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Redlands*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes SCIAC game

Winter Sports

Men's and Women's Swimming schedule:

December

Dec. 11	@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Pentathalon	All Day

January

Jan. 7	@ UC Santa Cruz/Whitworth	4 p.m.
Jan. 8	@ UC Davis	All Day
Jan. 9	@ UC Davis	All Day
Jan. 14	@ Pomona-Pitzer*	2 p.m.
Jan. 15	@ UC San Diego Div. III Challenge	All Day
Jan. 22	@ Caltech*	2 p.m.
Jan. 28	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps/Whittier*	11 a.m.
Jan. 29	@ Occidental*	11 a.m.

February

Feb. 5	@ Redlands*	11 a.m.
Feb. 12	SCIAC Diving Prelims (Cerritos)	All Day
Feb. 17-19	SCIAC Swimming/Diving Championships	All Day

*Denotes SCIAC meet

Men's Volleyball schedule:

January

Jan. 6	@ UC Santa Barbara Tournament	All Day
Jan. 7	@ UC Santa Barbara Tournament	All Day
Jan. 11	@ UC Irvine	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	@ Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Jan. 15	@ UC Santa Barbara	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	@ UC Northridge	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	Princeton	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ Loyola Marymount	7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Remaining schedule:

December

Dec. 11	@ La Sierra	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	College of St. Catherine (Minn.)	2 p.m.
Dec. 20	Carthage College (Wisc.)	7:30 p.m.

January

Jan. 4	La Sierra	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Concordia College (Ill.)	5 p.m.
Jan. 6	UC San Diego	5 p.m.
Jan. 11	Occidental*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	@ Redlands*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Pomona-Pitzer*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Cal Lutheran*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	@ Whittier*	7:30 p.m.

February

Feb. 1	Caltech*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	@ Occidental*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Redlands*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Pomona-Pitzer*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	@ Cal Lutheran*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes a SCIAC game