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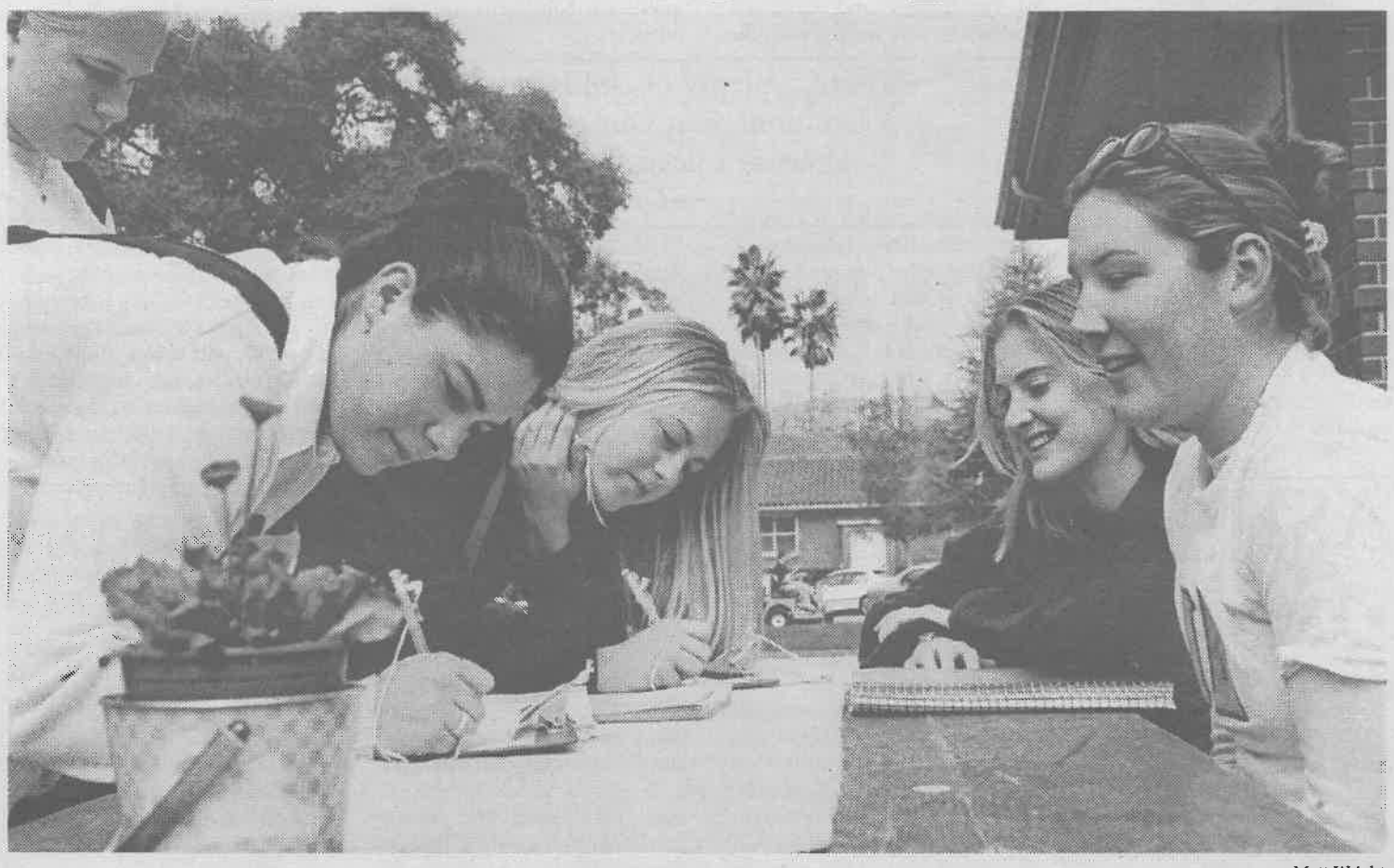
Rush Week provides glimpse at life

•Greeks hold events to recruit

Christine Owen
Staff Writer



Matt Wright

During the beginning of spring Rush Week, students were encouraged to sign up for rush events. Sophomore Jennifer Wilson, sophomore Andreis Krafotias and freshman Amanda Stutevoss are a few of those who expressed interest in this semester's events while junior Tara Ervin from Phi Sigma Sigma and junior Kelly Mitchell from Iota Delta represented their sororities and provided information at the sign up booth Monday afternoon.

Interested recruits are keeping busy this week as they attended events sponsored by the sororities and fraternities of the University of La Verne during this year's rush week, which concludes today.

The sororities of Iota Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Kappa and the fraternities of Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have sponsored social activities this week to attract new members to their respective chapters.

Coordinator of Campus Events and Commuter Programs Michael Houdyshell oversees the Sorority Recruitment Chair, sophomore Joy Gardner and the Fraternity Recruitment Chair, senior Reginald Miller.

"I just coordinate the schedules with Joy and Reggie. It's mainly a lot of work for them," Houdyshell said.

Both fraternities held informational meetings Monday and held a joint activity Wednesday, which was free bowling at the Upland Bowl.

Houdyshell said that the Wednesday night activity was "where the two chapters, just in the spirit of being in a fraternity, came together to sponsor an event for all the prospectives of the two chapters."

On Tuesday, Sigma Alpha Epsilon went to Gameworks in Ontario, and last night, Phi Delta Theta held a barbecue as their individual event.

Prospective members of either fraternity were welcome to either event. Tonight is the SAE preference dinner and tomorrow will be the Phi Delta Theta preference dinner.

The rush events for sororities are somewhat different from the fraternity activities. Wednesday night was open house for the sororities where all interested women visited rooms on campus set up by each of the three sororities.

"That way we get to learn who all the girls are who go through recruitment and they get to see who we are," said Phi Sigma Sigma Recruitment Chair junior Shellie Etheridge.

Tonight is theme night where again, prospective members visit all three sororities, but the active members are dressed in theme.

Tomorrow is preference night, which is by invitation only. Gardner said, "It's a special night because after preference is when the organizations submit a list of who they'd like to extend bids to."

Each chapter delivers bids, which are invitations to join, on Sunday to the prospective members they have decided to invite to join their particular chapter. Twenty-four hours is the maximum time allowed for a sorority recruit to respond to the bid.

Fraternities follow different guidelines and their recruits have a week to return their bids. According to Gardner, there is also a strict period of silence during this time between active members and rushees in order to "eliminate pressure."

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Additional structure planned to expand Oaks

Crystal Apilado
Staff Writer

University of La Verne students who have been assigned to live off campus at the Red Roof Inn, will have a home on campus next school year.

An additional housing structure will be added on to the Oaks residential hall. Construction is expected to begin at the end of April. The decision of which construction company will be building the structure is still being made. According to Brian Worley, director of facilities and management, the price of the new structure is ranged between $1.2 million and $1.4 million.

Students will stay at the Red Roof Inn at the beginning of the year and are expected to move in after construction is completed before the end of the fall semester 2000, or sooner. The new structure will be built between the A-building and the Arts Building.

> 'We're hearing that students need more space. We're trying to service them and give them more options.'
> *—Julie Thurman Francisco, director of housing and residential life*

With more students moving on campus, pressure is expected to be put on the already tight parking situation. So in addition to the new structure, additional parking spaces will also be constructed. According to Worley, a new parking lot will be added at the corner of E and First streets. It is expected to add 35 new spaces. There will also be 18 more spaces added, north of the Oaks complex across the alley in the empty dirt lot.

Being one of the most popular residential halls, the existing Oaks design is being modified to fit more students into the new building. According to Julie Thurman Francisco, director of housing and residential life, the existing design houses an average of 18 students a floor and 36 students a building, fitting 162 students total. The new structure is expected to add 57 more students.

"We are working toward the capacity size we have now," said Thurman Francisco, "It will help relieve demand for on-campus housing, but it will still be tight."

Some of the modifications to the new building include another floor. The building is planned to be three stories tall.

."The first floor will be submerged halfway into the ground like Miller or Founder's," said Worley.

Along with a third floor, the new building will also have

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Psychology, LVTV educate viewers

•Program focuses on violence

Stacey Mleczko
Staff Writer

People read about it in newspapers daily. They see it in movies weekly. They may even play witness to it on occasion. It is violence.

It is not just a national concern. According to the University of La Verne Psychology Department, there have been 1,775 violent crimes, 54 rapes and 1,258 domestic incidents in the Pomona and La Verne communities in the past two years.

"There is plenty of child abuse reported in La Verne, in Claremont, San Dimas and Pomona," said Dr. Mary Prieto-Bayard, professor of psychology at ULV. "It is a problem. There is a need to educate people about that."

Wednesday, the Department of Psychology and Graduate Studies, in conjunction with the Communications Department, produced a live one-hour television show that aired on LVTV, La Verne's cable access channel.

The program, conceived by first year Clinical-Community Psychology students, Rene Roberg, Elena Krishtal, Elizabeth Ryan and Adam Herdina focused on domestic violence.

The panel of speakers consisted of ULV students and faculty, as well as experts from the House of Ruth and Project Sister. Community viewers were encouraged to participate through a call-in feature and voice their questions, comments and concerns.

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> —*Dr. Mary Prieto-Bayard, professor of psychology*

"A lot of people who are involved with or know someone involved with domestic violence don't know how to deal with it or its issues," said Chris Villalobos, associate executive producer of the show.

"They don't know how to get away from a bad situation. They think it's worse if they leave than if they stay," he said.

"This [program] can help them realize that they have nothing to lose," he said. "Here's a show telling [victims] this is why this is happening. You have more to live for, there's more out there for you."

The writers and producers said they believe it can help people who otherwise may not seek out help.

The April 5 show will present the public with a new discussion panel explicating child abuse and community violence. Representatives from local organizations will assist ULV faculty and staff in their extensive effort of cognizance.

Although the live broadcasting will only take place once a month, a taped version of the program airs every Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. for viewing convenience.

Lastly, the project will end where statistics will not. The May 3 panel will broaden its focus and feature a macro information session including facts, laws and possible solutions to aid in the reduction of violence.

The tapes will also be showcased at various times on campus and will be available as educational aids to instructors, students and on-campus organizations.

An additional goal of the participating departments is to branch out access to Pomona, San Dimas and other cities with cable access.

ASF sponsors debate on marriage proposition

•130 turn out to hear sides

Michelle Thornton
Special to the Times

Speaking to a crowd of more than 130 students, the University of La Verne debate team and two outside speakers discussed only 14 words.

"Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." This is Proposition 22 in its simplest form.

The event was held in the University Quad where Joel Wood, a volunteer from the Yes on 22 campaign and Michael Eselun from the No on Knight campaign, which was named after Pete Knight, who wrote the proposition, stated each of their opposing cases honestly and eloquently.

Ward called Prop. 22 a "family issue," saying that "families are the foundation of any society."

He responded to the No on Knight campaign poster that called Prop. 22 divisive, intrusive and unfair, by stating that homosexual couples would not be losing any benefits that heterosexual couples reap and because of this felt that the institution of marriage did not need to be involved.

In Eselun's opening statement he openly admitted to being gay and celebrating his 22 year anniversary with his partner Scott. He said that Prop. 22 is about unfairly drawing lines between the privileged and the unprivileged, lines that prohibit him and his partner from sharing the same right as heterosexual couples.

"This is not a pro-family initiative, this is an anti-family initiative," Eselun said.

He brought to the floor the issues of what is a "traditional" family, reminding listeners that our society is comprised of many non-traditional family structures. For example, he said, adopted families, single parent homes as well as homosexual families none of which are seen by society as "traditional." He says only 7 percent of families fall under the "Leave it to Beaver" type family structure.

Other issues such as the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's movement were also discussed in addition to the comparison of divorce rates between homosexual and heterosexual couples and existing gay rights.

"You can't help compare the different civil rights movements from the past years because there are similarities that you learn from those and there are parallels," said junior Maria Munoz.

Following Ward and Eselun's speeches the debate team began their parliamentary style debate in which the opposition team of senior Justin Jones-Rodriguez and junior Sean Krispinsky argued their views with the team of junior Stefan Chacon and Ernie Minner who debated

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Science club forms in local area

Leslie M. Estrada
Staff Writer

A new club has been introduced to the city of La Verne, which is the Inland Empire Science Club.

Carlos Nickerson, president of the Inland Empire Science Club is founder of the organization.

"As of three months into the club, we are still growing with 40 members," said Nickerson. "So far, it's been pure voluntary effort until we form a full executive board."

The Inland Empire Science Club covers San Bernardino, Claremont, Fontana, Etiwanda, Mt. Baldy and Corona, to name a few.

As the club grows, it will expect to have guest speakers and events of science such as field trips to sites of technology and more involvement in the science field.

"The club is intended for those who are geared toward working with science," said Nickerson.

The formation of an executive board is in progress, with a person dealing with communications and their website, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

"We have two phases: one being the business portion, and the other being activities in the science field," said Nickerson.

Possible topics and ideas for the club are astrology, genetics, philosophy and ethics in science, fertilization and religious science.

"Our club is open to the public and is interest-based," said Nickerson.

As of this date, the club holds 40 members, ranging from ages 11 to 50. The next meeting will be held on Sat., March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Ontario City Library.

For more information, contact Carlos Nickerson at (909) 930-2676, or visit them at their website: **http://iesc.home.mindspring.com.**

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ASF Minutes

The University of La Verne's Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum met in the West Dining Room Wednesday morning at 9:16. The forum attended to the discharge of business and largely therein to the elections of the vice-president and secretarial positions.

Elections

Members of ASF interviewed senior Araceli Esparza, freshman Jennifer Davis, junior Nick Van DerWende, junior Tom Chambers, and junior Mario Guerrero for the position of vice-president of activities. Freshman Risa Martinez ran unopposed for the position of secretary.

After discussions concluded, ASF elected Chambers to the vice-presidential position, while Martinez was elected as secretary.

Campus Parking

Campus Safety and Transportation Director John Lentz spoke to inform ASF that official enforcement of the parking permits will begin on March 15 with warning citations for violators. Lentz said fines will be issued after April 1.

Forum Balance

ASF accountant Shellie Ethridge said that the forum has a current balance of $57,843.77 with combined activities and advocacy budgets.

—*Danny Craig*

Fair offers variety of organizations

Angelique B. D'Silva
Staff Writer

College is a time of expanding one's perspective. Going to college opens up doors unknown and unimaginable. It is these doors opened, that give students the opportunity to everything and everyone; Club Fair gives one such an opportunity.

Club Fair was held on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Quad. It provided all students with information to help them decide whether or not to commit to such organizations. Some clubs and organizations at Club Fair were Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, Latino Student Forum (LSF), Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Iota Delta sorority.

Planned by Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, he wanted to inform ULV students of clubs and organizations that our campus offers.

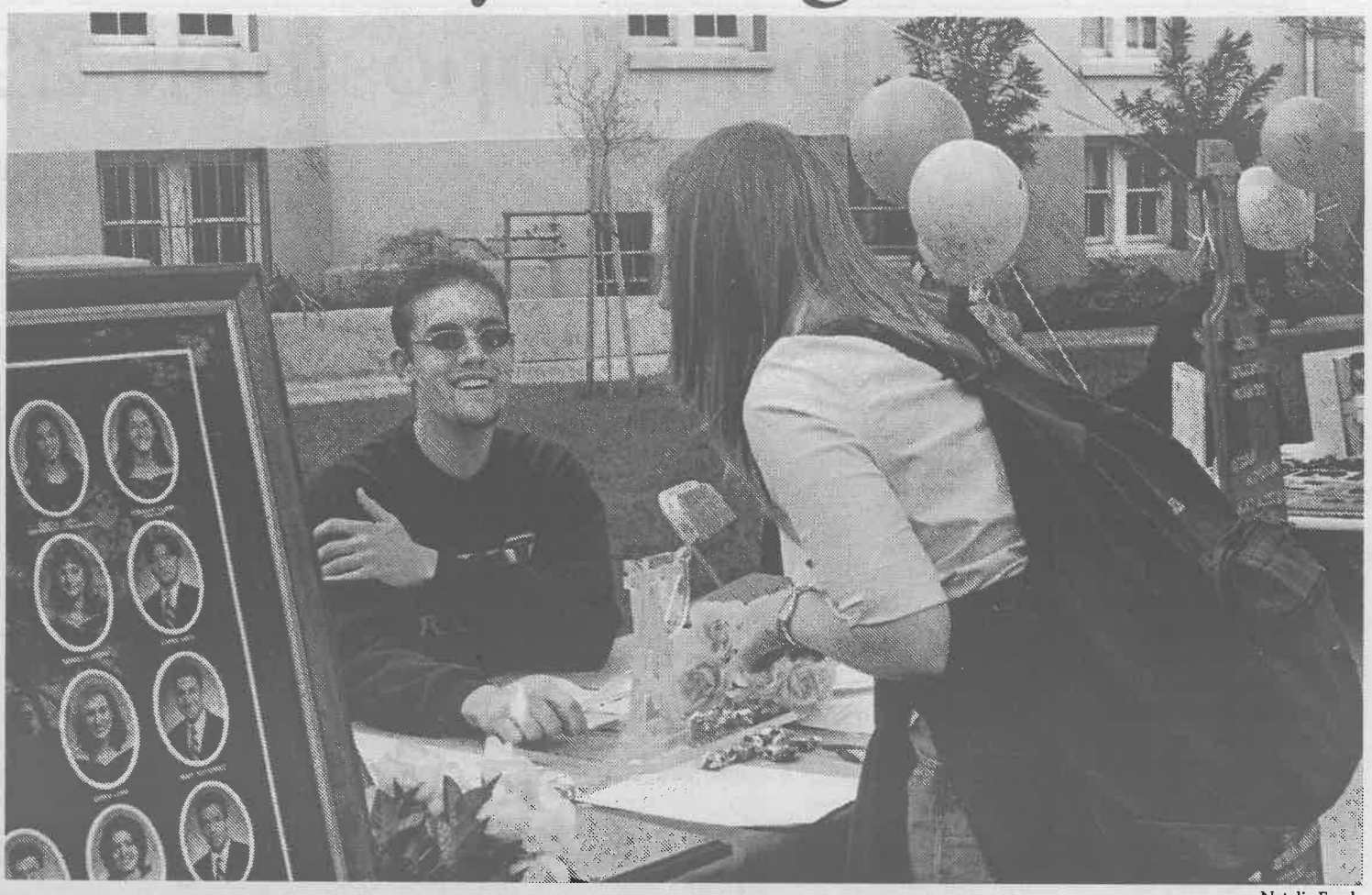
Alpha Kappa Psi member Teriy Castro said she would like to see people participating whether it is joining her organization or other organizations being offered.

Carolina Peralta, a sophomore and member of LSF said she volunteers because she hopes that LSF can "bring more diversity to ULV and educate Latino heritage to others."

Students also had an opportunity to experience greek life at Club Fair.

Adolfo Vasquez, a sophomore and member of Phi Delta Theta, said that students become involved and find out what they are missing.

Houdyshell believes that this semester's turnout did not compare to fall's because of student's attitudes. He said that fall was a success because it was a new school year, with new possibilities to encounter.



Natalie Fowle

The Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity was among 10 other clubs represented at Tuesday's annual Club Fair held in the University Mall. Senior Jonathan Castle, rush committee member for the business fraternity, helped to inform interested students about what the fraternity has to offer. The national fraternity boasts two former United State's presidents, both Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon, among its alumni members.

Multicultural Institute handles affairs

Mike Lawson
Staff Writer

The recent formation of the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity will help strengthen existing diversity efforts around the University of La Verne.

Before the creation of the institute, all campus diversity and multicultural efforts and programs such as the Multicultural Student Affairs Office and the First Generation Student Success Program (FGSSP) were directly under the office of the president.

Currently the institute will house both of these programs, plus it will promote any of the efforts to diversify the La Verne community.

All money granted by the University previously went directly to the program to which it was granted. Now with the new institute, all money will go through it then be distributed to the individual programs.

Derek Vergara, co-director of the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity, said that the staff will "need to expand."

According to Vegara, all of the programs will run the same. But, they might run a little smoother. "Students will be served better," said Vergara.

The programs, like the FGSSP and the Coalition for Diversity, will do the same things they did before, "but they will go through minor reconstruction," said Christina Ayala-Alcantar, co-director of the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity.

Besides taking on the task of monitoring existing programs, the Institute for Multicultural Affairs will help clubs on campus communicate with one another.

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"They are even advised not to speak to other girls going through the rush process so they can make the decision on their own," Gardner said. As the SRC, Gardner said she disaffiliates herself from her own sorority during this time in order not to "look like she's favoring one over the other."

Both Houdyshell and Gardner emphasized that no one is guaranteed a bid, and likewise, a bid does not have to be accepted.

According to Etheridge, sorority sign-ups this semester have been impressive. "The first day of sign ups we had twenty women sign up," she said. "Obviously the sororities did something right because people were ready to sign up, they weren't hesitant."

Despite somewhat lower fraternity sign-ups, Phi Delta Theta Recruitment Chair Jason Opdycke said, "people that end up pledging and returning their bids usually outnumber the people who showed up for our rush events." Freshmen are among the recruits this semester because they are finally eligible to take part in the rush process. There is a twelve-unit requirement in order for any person to be able to take part in the rush process. "Spring is usually our large semester because of deferred rush," Opdycke said.

Senior James Torpee said that despite whether he decides to join a fraternity or not, he was pleased that he took part in this past week's activities. "I am really grateful that I got to hang out with a bunch of really neat guys and get to know them better. If their goal was to just hang out and show me what they're all about, then they certainly achieved it," Torpee said.

In The News

Upcoming Speakers

•Parker J. Palmer, a teacher and activist will be speaking Tuesday, March 7, in Founders Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

•The Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum is sponsoring a public lecture on Thursday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. in Founders Auditorium.

It will feature Medea Benjamin, a California Green Party candidate for the United States Senate. She will speak about her campaign and debate issues about environmental awareness and the role politics have with the environment.

College of Law

On Tuesday, March 7, at 4 p.m. the public is invited to attend an official community celebration at the new campus for the College of Law. The new location is at 320 East "D" Street in Ontario.

—*Alisha Rosas*

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Opinions

No on Proposition 22

With the first election of the 21st century, one would hope that the government would promote issues and propositions that will push America into the future, not into the past. Yet with Proposition 22 people's beliefs and lifestyles are threatened.

Proposition 22, which will be voted on Tuesday, states "Only marriages between a man and woman is valid or recognized in California." The proposition is redundant because same-sex couples are currently unable to marry in California. The distinction of man and woman leaves out and limits the option of same sex marriages. No matter how one feels on the issue of same-sex marriages the initiative is in violation of one's constitutional rights and bridges the gap between church and state.

> If the proposition's supporters really want to maintain the definition of marriage, then why is there not an initiative providing government-funded counseling programs to help out all these current problems?

Only 50 years ago, an interracial marriage was unlawful in America, and now this initiative is repeating history by singling out a specific group.

If the initiative passes and other states allow same-sex marriages in the future, a couple who married for love and companionship who happen to be of the same-sex will not have their marriage recognized under California law and will not be entitled the rights of married people. Yet marriages only four money and sex, like the "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-millionaire?" couple, will still be able to disgrace marriage.

Supporters of Proposition 22 believe that the initiative, if passed, will maintain the "traditional" definition of marriage. Divorce rates, adultery and spousal abuse are rapidly increasing. If the proposition's supporters really want to maintain the definition of marriage, then why is there not an initiative providing government-funded counseling programs to help out all these current problems?

The proposition is intrusive and extremely unconstitutional. Living under a democracy, United States citizens have fought for the separation of church and state, yet with Proposition 22, moral views and beliefs are being forced upon people.

The prime issue of Proposition 22 is not whether same-sex marriage is considered "right" or "wrong." The question really is how intrusive will the government become in people's lives and how many people will allow it to happen? Why should the government decide who and how people love, and how they express that love?

If the proposition passes, what will be next? How many more civil rights will be violated? If more citizens allow the government to infringe on their lives and limit their rights, the fundamentals of the United States Constitution will end up being nothing but a joke.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to read Alisha Rosas' article entitled "'Who wants to ...' lowers societal values" [Feb. 25] because she confirmed that we are raising young people who realize that parading in a bathing suit and agreeing to marry a man you do not know is not romance, it is sport. I am very proud to see our students stand up for values, for those values will shape their future the most.

Janis Dietz
Associate Professor of Business Administration
via Internet

Dear Editor,

It is with no little amazement that I read the article "Student's letter questions Mexico trip activities" in the Feb. 25 issue of the *Campus Times*. I am concerned that letters by students that do fundamentally nothing more than complain about a class are now the provence of front page *CT* journalism. Had other students agreed with Mr. Dowell, I could possibly see some point in *CT* getting involved in the issue, but as it is the article strikes me as something like sinking to the level of *National Enquirer* sensationalism. I am sure that every professor on this campus has a student or two who complain about almost every class he or she teaches. Is that properly of *Campus Times* concern?

It seems obvious from the article that Mr. Dowell's difficulty was caused primarily by an incredible lack of preparation on his part. Did he not know that there had been an attempt at a revolution in Chiapas? Was he unaware that Mexico is primarily a third world country? Does he bother to keep up on current events? Is any of this the fault of his instructor?

> 'The article strikes me as something like sinking to the level of *National Enquirer* sensationalism.'
> –David R. Werner, associate professor of English

Good, substantive editorials in the same issue on the parking fiasco and on the racial problems in Claremont prove that the *CT* is capable of good journalism. It is disturbing when the paper sinks to the level of sensationalism.

David R. Werner
Associate Professor of English
Director, Educational Programs in Corrections
via Internet

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to last Friday's article "Student's letter questions Mexico trip activities." I felt that Lehi Dowell's comments might discourage students from taking any study trips with the University, and being one of the 12 students who took part in this trip, I wanted to clear some things up. As students it is our responsibility to assist our teachers in helping the courses we take be successful, not to make it difficult.

During this trip there were numerous times where things did not go as planned and schedule because of our own faults. Tardiness and irresponsibility is what caused most of the schedule change during our time in Mexico, not the organizational or leadership ability of our two teachers. It's unfortunate that Lehi feels the need to blame everyone else but himself about his supposed awful experience in Mexico. I wonder if in the lengthy letter of complaint that he wrote to Dean Gingrich he included the fact that one of the three museum visit cancellations was largely due to the fact that he chose to leave the group, not because of "lack of effort" of David Román.

I'm sorry that Mr. Dowell did not enjoy our time and numerous adventures in Chiapas. Most of us knew that Chiapas is a state where there is a lot of political tension. And if Mr. Dowell had read the book before we arrived to Chiapas he would have known that as well. I advise that Mr. Dowell visit the counseling center for a few sessions to work through his horrible experience in Chiapas. While Lehi will forever be affected by the "risks" we faced in Chiapas, the rest of us will remember swimming in waterfalls, visiting beautiful Mayan ruins in the jungle and learning how to say a few words in the Tzotzil dialect from indigenous children. I really don't understand why Lehi all of a sudden feels that this trip was terrible, unorganized and not worth taking. He mentioned he was scared and felt he was in danger because we supposedly went into a war-zone. It's funny that the rest of us on the trip did not see it that way. He sure didn't seem to think we were in a war-zone when he was dancing away in Salsa Clubs and attending "Happy Hour" at the nearest bar.

Maria Sandoval
Senior

Letters to the Editor

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From the Editor...

Owners abuse journalistic power



Damien Alarcon

Many people don't realize it, but newspapers, television news networks, magazines and other forms of media influence society and its values. The media is powerful and its effects can have a major impact.

The news media, or more specifically print journalism (what I am more familiar with), tries to be unbiased and avoid favoritism in covering all events. One power that print journalists have is their ability to be gatekeepers.

As gatekeepers, editors and writers decide what topics, stories and events get published in their newspapers. Last week, at a small newspaper chain in San Luis Obispo County, a number of editors and writers quit after the owners, who abused their role as gatekeepers, refused to run positive news on gays and the issue of abortion.

Is deciding to withhold such information bad?

According to a recent issue of the *Los Angeles Times* [Feb. 25], about 200 people have cancelled their subscription to that area's newspapers because the owners, Mary and David Weyrich, wanted to express their thoughts by not allowing editors to print an article informing the county of a new group called Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered Persons. But at the same time, the same number of people have called in to show support of the decision.

Many people in the county have been applauded the decision or gone into a pissed-off frenzy.

"Call us old-fashioned, but it hasn't been too many years since our professed beliefs were the accepted norm in America," said the Weyrichs in a letter sent to reporters stating their position.

True. Homosexuality has been accepted more on a national level in recent memory.

There is no rule saying that they cannot get away with what they are doing.

In the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, it reads, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ..."

Because of this amendment, the government has no say as to what should and what should not go into any newspaper.

The people involved in the situation, the editors and writers, cannot possibly think that by walking out of their job, they can bring reform to those newspapers. The only way the newspaper companies will change is if absolutely no one is willing to work for them.

Highly unlikely.

There are thousands of people, millions perhaps, who agree with the views of the Weyrichs. With that in mind, many of those people would not think twice of applying to work there. Besides that, Americans are competing for jobs everyday. The people who have quit have only opened the opportunity for more available jobs.

This is not the first time that a news group has taken a stance on a certain issue. The *Los Angeles Times*, as many may not know, works behind its anti-firearm stand. In recent memory, no one has made major complaints about beliefs as in the San Luis Obispo case.

The Weyrichs are, in a way, merely exercising their freedom of speech. I am not saying I agree or disagree with their beliefs, but I am saying that they are exercising a right that was granted to them by our government.

But where the Weyrichs did commit an error is when they labeled themselves a community newspaper. If it is a community paper, then it would report on everything that is happening in the community. If a bunch of community members came together and decided to do something—that is newsworthy. Whether a writer or editor agrees with it or not, it should be reported. Simply because you disagree with it does not mean it should go unsaid.

The *L.A. Times* has an anti-firearm stance, but they will still report an event that the National Rifle Association (NRA) is doing.

The Weyrichs are not wrong for believing what they do, but if they are going to own a community newspaper, they should learn a thing or two about the guidelines and codes by which journalists abide.

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Irresponsible parents create 6-year-old killer



Brice Nixon

The thought of it makes me sick to my stomach: A 6-year-old boy shot and killed a classmate of his Tuesday after an apparent quarrel on the playground.

A 6-year-old boy did this. It is almost impossible to even comprehend something like that; a first-grader pulled a gun from his pants, aimed and shot 6-year-old Kayla Rolland in the chest.

A tragedy like this raises so many questions, many of them concerning the same societal issues that seem to be under constant scrutiny.

It has become apparent that the boys parents, namely his father, are far from model parents.

Where does someone so young and, ideally if not realistically, so innocent, get such an idea?

One might suggest television or movies are to blame. And though I usually refrain from placing responsibility on anyone but the individual, there is little doubt in my mind that such an idea was likely first introduced into the child's impressionable mind by a movie or television news broadcast.

Sheriff Robert J. Pickells said the father told him his son "liked to watch the violent movies, the television shows."

But how does anyone so young even get their hands on a gun?

The gun was reported stolen and was in the boy's home, prosecutors said. That would seem to imply the boy's parents had no knowledge of what their child was doing and place much of the blame on the parents, where it definitely belongs.

One of the recurring themes in the recent string of school shootings is the irresponsibility and the lack of involvement from the parents.

In this case, it is obvious the parents were the main reason the boy acted as he did. He is a product of his environment, an environment in which drugs and guns were found lying around and strangers traded crack for guns.

The boy's father is in jail on an alleged parole violation, so it is likely the boy will end up in a similar situation if no intervention is made.

The father's statement made that theory all the more accurate. He said his son was suspended from school for fighting and for stabbing a girl with a pencil. Stabbing a girl with a pencil? That is more than enough to warrant intervention or raise questions in the minds of the administration. If anything was done, it was not enough. An elementary school should not need a metal detector to ensure its students' safety.

When the father heard about the shooting "a cold sinking feeling came over him because he knew it was his son," Pickells said in an Associated Press story.

So who is to blame? The boy will certainly not be charged in this case.

"There is a presumption in law that a child ... is not criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill," Prosecutor Arthur A. Bush told the Associated Press.

Of course, if he was 7 years old, he could be charged with murder in the state of Michigan. Another year logically makes one capable of sinister thoughts, right? Wrong. Each case should be examined on an individual basis.

Although the boy said the shooting was an accident and he was only trying to scare the girl, he needs to be held accountable in some way. Granted, he should not be put in jail. But he should definitely be removed from a harmful environment and placed in counseling.

It is unlikely we will see an end to such abhorrent incidents until there are sweeping changes in the way some parents raise their children.

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R.A.'s/P.A.'s not a free ride



Danny Craig

It probably does not take a bloodhound to notice the recent blitz of advertising that was produced by the Office of Housing during it Resident Assistant/ Program Assistant hiring process.

On a campus where involvement is so strongly encouraged, it should not be a surprise that there is such a strong showing of interest amongst the students in these positions. After all, who would be adverse to free housing, your own room, a complimentary meal plan and "leadership experience that is unparalled at the University of La Verne."

But the pitch doesn't stop there. Interested students can attend informational meetings where a panel of current R.A.'s and P.A.'s who are trying to secure their jobs will give you the highlights of there experience.

So where's the problem?

For one thing, few things in this life are free. And that housing/meal plan package is far from being in that select number.

I cannot help but wonder what the applicant's response would be if the Office of Housing told them the reality of what their duties might entail.

I wonder if these applicants know that they will need to have a tolerance for immature college peers covering their doors with profanities and personal remarks, with a surrounding decor of condiments form Davenport.

I wonder if these applicants realize that they are going to be asked to build a community amongst a group of college students, when at the same time their job requires them to separate themselves from their peers.

And when the stress of this position comes to a peak, I guess these students can sit in their empty room marvel and in the delight of their meal card that has 12 free meals for the week.

Really though, that just does not suffice.

The R.A./P.A. position has countless other obligations that do not show themselves until you are sitting in that empty room.

These students are being made to feel like they are getting involved and playing an intricate role in student life and the University in general.

But the reality is that you are just getting involved with housing, no one else.

Students who go through the process will have the highest of expectations when they arrive in their residence hall. It does not take long however, to realize that you are not really considered a neighbor, you are the guy who is with housing. Sure, the R.A.'s have the option of becoming "cool" in the eyes of their residents by turning their head and never posing a serious threat to the activities that might take place behind close doors. Those individuals will be liked, but will run the risk of being severely reprimanded or fired.

Or, on the other hand, the staff member can choose to keep a watchful eye on his or her community's activities. And when they are forced to be a disciplinarian, few people will stand by their side in support. Except, of course, if you do not count the consoling words from your supervisor, or the other R.A.'s and P.A.'s who have to deal with the same dilemma.

At this point you do not feel like an intricate part of any thing.

The fact of the matter is that no one goes to college with the anticipation of being a resident assistant. And by the miniscule number of students who return to the position (this year two, one of which resigned), one can see that maybe, just maybe, there might be more rewarding opportunities to get involved on campus, where you actually feel like you've contributed to your college experience.

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PCC recognizes University alumna

•Jackson's work brings honor

Deanna Reyes
Staff Writer

Honored as one of the Most Distinguished Alumni of Pasadena City College's 75th anniversary, Professor Emeritus Betty R. Jackson, also a University of La Verne alumna, truly deserves her spot in the limelight.

In order to receive this award, the recipient must have achieved prominence in his or her career and/or made a significant contribution to the world, nation or community. In Jackson's case it was missionary work as a nurse in various countries.

Jackson's life has been quite remarkable; her struggles led to great accomplishments worth of much recognition.

Born and raised in Ohio, Jackson said she remembers being intrigued by nursing. In high school, she took prerequisite courses in nursing, and after graduation went for an entrance interview for a job in a hospital. Even though she had completed all the necessary courses and came well prepared, Jackson said she was denied the job.

"The director of nursing told me that she was sorry, but that I couldn't get the job because they didn't have separate housing for minorities," recalls Jackson.

She did not let this downfall get the best of her. She eventually secured a job as a nurse's aide, and eventually became a psychiatric technician. Jackson worked as a psychiatric technician for seven years, and was able to earn more money and play a significant role in the care of clients.

In 1961, Jackson and her family ventured to sunny California, where she was employed at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, Calif.

Her supervisor encouraged her to go back to school, and taking his advice, Jackson received her Registered Nurse and associate degrees from PCC. Soon therafter, she moved up the career ladder and became a staff nurse and a mentor to students.

Jackson went on to earn her vocational nursing credential from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her bachelor's degree through the University of Redlands. It was not until 1982 that Jackson completed her master's degree in Health Care Management through ULV's satellite program.

In 1987, Jackson became immersed in nursing through her membership in the United Methodist Church, which has missions located throughout the world. She traveled to a number of countries which included Japan, China, Russia, Kenya, Northern Ireland, Africa, Argentina and Mexico.

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> *—Betty Jackson, Pasadena City College professor emeritus, ULV alumna*

"I traveled before, but always came home with a void from not really doing anything and not knowing anyone," said Jackson, "but missionary work was my first experience of really feeling useful and understanding other parts of the world; that's what kept me motivated."

Jackson felt the experience she was most effected by were her travels to African countries.

"Those of African descent have no genealogy which we can follow, and most of us wonder where we came from and who our ancestors are," said Jackson.

Jackson is a woman who is not afraid of a little dirt. She helped with the laborious task of building a sewer in Africa, and also traveled on a war ship in Liberia.

Jackson feels nurses are good candidates for overseas and mission work because they are trained to not become distracted by what they cannot do for a person, but focus on what they can do.

Despite the common stereotypes of underdeveloped countries or "suffering" economies, Jackson said people of these cultures have an extreme sensitivity and camaraderie toward each other that does not depend on one's social standing or status.

"I think we talk about impoverished societies and 'uncivilized' societies, and sometimes I wonder who really is the 'civilized' society," she said.

On a recent trip to Indonesia, Jackson witnessed first hand the effects of what many would call a "struggling" economy.

Despite their difficulties, Jackson said she has never met a group of people who were so generous and hospitable. She wonders if our society could possibly be that warm and generous if in Indonesia's position.

Today, Jackson shares her knowledge and experience by teaching as a part-time professor at PCC. She finds fulfillment in her children, grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jackson has amazingly been to every continent in the world except for Australia, and hopes to travel there sometime this year.

"That would be an accomplishment beyond my wildest dreams," she said.

Jackson is pondering the idea of serving on the Mercy Ship, which is a fleet of ships that travel to ports in order to set up mini-hospitals.

If she could offer one piece of advice to our society, she would encourage young people to follow their dream and not become discouraged.

Receiving her Distinguished Alumni award, Jackson remains in good company. Baseball great Jackie Robinson and actor Nick Nolte are also recipients. She will be honored by PCC with a ceremony on May 12 at the Pasadena Center Exhibition Hall.

Credit/no credit brings alternative options

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

Students at the University of La Verne always have the option of taking their classes for a letter grade. On the other hand, there is always the option of taking classes for credit or no credit.

The credit/no credit option originated 1974, when it was called honor credit/no credit. That same year, letter grades were introduced and the credit or no credit option was kept.

In 1987, the University added the plus and minus signs to the letter grades and the credit/no credit option remained.

Traditional undergraduates can take the credit/no credit option up to four semester hours each semester. Students may not take the credit option for a class that is required for their chosen major.

"The credit or no credit turned into a pass/fail grading. It leaves the students to experiment [with classes]," said Marilyn Davies, Registrar.

By choosing the credit/no credit option, a student's grade point average is not affected since it is not included in their overall GPA.

Davies said the credit/no credit option is a beneficial alternative for students who are trying to maintain their GPA.

Although the option of taking credit/no credit may be a good alternative for students to have, it can also work against the student.

In order to get credit for a course, students need to receive a grade of C- or better. If the student receives a D+ or lower the student will not receive credit for the course.

Another disadvantage of using the credit/no credit option arises when a student has to decide what major he or she wants to go into.

The student may find that a class he or she took for credit /no credit applies to the major of his or her choice. Since the student took the class for credit only, it does not count for his or her major.

Freshman Nathan Baca chose the credit/no credit option for a music appreciation class he took over January interterm.

Baca said he opted for the credit option because "I've never taken anything like it before. And I wasn't sure about it and I didn't want to take the risk [of possibly getting a low grade]."

However, there are classes at the University that are designed specifically for credit/no credit only, such as Introduction to Chemistry lab, Service Learning, Communication Skills, University 100, Mathematics Workshop and Intermediate Algebra.

Students are prohibited from taking more than 32 semester hours of credit/no credit courses while in pursuit of their degree.

"Students can work with their counselors and choose their options and know when the deadline is [for credit/no credit]," Davies said. "They don't mark it [the credit or no credit option] and they need to be aware of it."

"At this level, it's important. Transcripts follow you into jobs and getting promotions," said Davies. "Select carefully, faculty are willing to talk to you."

Debate...

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in favor of Prop 22.

Jones-Rodriguez asked in this opening statement, "What in the hell are we protecting it [marriage] from?"

His "house," as they call it in this style debate, questioned society's acceptance of homosexuality by saying that allowing same-sex marriages would be the final move in favor of societal acceptance. He and Krispinsky were in favor of allowing the option of same-sex marriage versus outlawing it all together.

The team of Chacon and Minner debated in favor of passing the proposition. It was their stance to allow the civil union of same-sex couples would be to promote more useless hate crimes and be detrimental to the pursuit of gay rights.

Minner made the point that allowing same sex marriages is not going to make society more accepting of this lifestyle choice. He said that most of the "liberal, college students" will probably vote "no" on the proposition, but that it is the parents of those students who are going to be the angry citizens.

"I thought both sides presented really valid points. It's interesting how people perceive the whole idea of marriage. I think the issue here is not whether marriage is to be saved or not, but it's marriage is what each person wants it to be," Munoz said.

"Ernie Minner said that, yeah all the liberal college students would vote yes on it, but what about the parents? And the truth is, our parents are not the wave of the future," said Munoz about an argument for Prop. 22.

"It is fear of change. Fear of lifestyles other than their own," junior Steve Vallance in regard to Prop. 22

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• "What Planet Are You From?" a comedy starring Gary Shandling as a alien looking for love on earth. Also stars Annette Bening and Greg Kinnear.

• "Drowning Mona" is a dark comedy that stars Bette Midler as a mean spririted shrew found dead and the whole town is suspected. Danny Devito and Neve Campbell co-star.

Tickets on sale

•Tina Turner's May 4 concert at the Arrowhead Pond go on sale Sunday.

•The July 20 Ricky Martin concert at the Arrowhead Pond also go on sale Sunday.

• Bob Dylan at the Sun Theatre on March 10 go on sale Sunday at noon at all ticketmasters.

Morrissey concert

Morrisey perfoms today at Universal Ampitheatre and Sunday at the UCI Bren Events Center. Tickets are $28-49.50 for tonights show and $30 for Sundays Tickets on sale at ticketmaster.

Broadway spoof

"Forbidden Broadway Y2K L.A.!", a spoof of recent Broadway musicals begins at the Tiffany Theater at 7 p.m on Sunday. The show runs Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are $37.50-39.50. The theater is located at 8532 Sunset Blvd. For more information call (310) 289-2999.

Beirut play

The play "Beirut" will be perfomed today and tommorrow in the Dailey Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

—Jazmine Ponce

Dr. Peter Green creates Magical music key by key

by Melinda Sanchez
photography by Naoka Yokota

Music filled the air, and a classical whim flowed through the University of La Verne's Chapel on Feb. 24. The scattering of fingers across a black and white keyboard was pianist Dr. Peter Green's way of sharing his award-winning talent with ULV students and community members.

Dr. Green was born in Newfoundland, and came to the United St[illegible] to obtain his musical doctrine under the direction of Stewart Gordon at the University of Southern California.

After starting out as a child who banged on his aunt's piano, Dr. Green was influenced mostly by his piano teachers. Throughout his musical career, the person who influenced him the most was Gordon at USC.

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>
> *—Dr. Peter Green*

With a successful career that includes two CBS television performances, studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, England and winning first prize in the national piano competition of the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Associations, Dr. Green still loves to perform for even a small crowd.

Dr. Green said "larger crowds are more intimidating, but fun because you get more feedback." After performing for an audience of about 30, Dr. Green said that smaller crowds give him a more "intimate" feeling.

Sophomore Chris Arbizu said it sounded like "more than one guy playing, because there are a lot of sounds in the air."

For Dr. Green to portray this sense, he must evoke energy into his music and be quick with his hands. He said, "Sometimes it's hard to get going," but once he starts "the energy just flows."

Several of the students present at the recital went to fulfill a requirement for an honors colloquium class. Junior Mario Guerrero was one, but he also attended because of his personal interest in music. He said he finds piano recitals "intellectually stimulating, but some people enjoy them more than others."

Senior Amy Attiyah believes a great way to get students to appreciate classical music is by "requiring attendence to such events in certain classes, and teach the basics about such music so they can enjoy it more."

Dr. Green said he hopes to keep youth informed about all kinds of music, and would like them to have an active interest in it as well. He said "there are lots of different types of music, and there are good and bad in all genres."

Having had so many great accomplishments at such an early age, Dr. Green said that from this point on he hopes to "continue playing and helping students." Dr. Green currently serves as instructor of music at Glendale College, and is also the director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Monrovia.

As the recital closed, and the small audience applauded, Dr. Green took a humble bow and smiled childishly, as if embarrassed. He said his humble and thankful attitude is because he grew up in Newfoundland, and "that's just the way we are."



The Peter Green piano recital included lyrical works of "Fantasy Pieces" written by Schumann. Held on Feb. 24 in the University Chapel, Green's performance included twentieth century keyboard music, such as Rachmaninoff's, "Etudes-Tableaux." Green received his master of music and doctor of musical arts degrees from the University of Southern California.

Love fest promotes diversity

•Students perform at Lordsburg

Jazmine Ponce
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Black Liquid Love Fest, a night of poetry and spoken word in celebration of African American History month was held Feb 24 at Lordsburg Coffee Roasters in La Verne.

The event was part of the program assistant's "What's Love Got To Do With It?" month.

The theme of the event was to promote diversity and awareness so people could learn about the struggles of minorities

The event was hosted by Coordinator of Minority Affairs Harvel Lewis, who read from the book "Profiles of Great African Americans," which contained a variety of famous African Americans in history such as Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Muhammad Ali and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nikkia Williams, a junior computer science major and member of the debate team, performed an interpretative speech which combined the song "I used to love him" from artist Lauryn Hill and excerpts from playwright Ntozake Shange's play, "Color Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf."

Senior criminology major Daniel Pulley recited a poem from African-American feminist and liberated slave Sojourn Truth entitled "Ain't I A Woman?"

"I like her for the mere fact that when she was free she was liberated like I hope college has done to a lot of us. We don't just go around in the same little culture we came from, we can go along and try to change it in a different way," said Pulley on Truth.



Jaime Ortega

Daniel Pulley, senior, participates in Black History Month every year. He stated that "we are not just beings, remaking what our parents did, but we can go further so that civil rights can be for everybody." This year he recited the poem "Ain't I a Woman?" It was written by Sojourn Truth a woman slave who was freed.

"Although it only deals with women, I think the idea of what it is saying transcends to anybody who has been oppressed, it is something that hits us all somehow," said Pulley on the reason he chose Truth's poem.

The last performance was done by Lewis reciting the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" written by James Weldon Johnson. The song inspired people of diversity to march on and fight against racism. In closing Lewis encouraged the audience to "continue to fight the fight, march on till victory is won."

Though attendance was moderate and the program short many of the audience members were amazed by the two acts.

"She [Williams] was really excellent. It gave me chills just the way she sang and the words were funny and thought provoking. I can relate to what she said, overall I enjoyed it," said Teriy Castro, a senior diversified major.

Some students felt that more publicity advertising the event as a program commemorating African American History month would have a created a larger turn out and bigger event.

"I didn't know it had anything to do with African American month. It bugs me the fact that there weren't a lot of people. I think they should have advertised it more and specifically said it was for African-American Month I think a lot of people would have showed up. I thought what Nikkia did was great and it sucked that there were only three people reading. But I thought it was amazing as far as what they were doing or trying to do," said freshman Nancy Mendez.

All of the performances acknowledged diversity as a tool of unity.

"I like to take Black History Month as a moment to reflect on that. That we are not just beings remaking what our parents did or re-doing what society told us. But stretching it farther and farther so that minorities whether it be females, whether they are Latinos, African Americans or whether they are gay so we can go further so that civil rights can be for everybody," said Pulley.

> 'Although it only deals with women, I think the idea of what it is saying transcends to anybody who has been oppressed, it is something that hits us all somehow,'
> *— Daniel Pulley, senior on Sojourn Truth's poem "Ain't I a Woman?"*

New Housing...

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many other changes. There will be no study rooms built in the new building and the absence of cupboards in the lounge area. The lounges will be built smaller compared to the existing ones. The air condition and heating systems will also be "modified to work better."

Besides the construction of a new building, the existing Oaks structures will undergo a facelift this summer as well. An additional double room will be added onto some floors. Some of the single rooms will be expanded to doubles also. These new spaces will be available next semester.

"We're hearing that students need more space. We're trying to service them and give them more options," said Thurman Francisco.

An in-depth study is being done on the housing situation at ULV. Ira Fink Association Inc. is doing a housing survey. ULV students should turn them in by today.

According to both Thurman Francisco and Worley, the results of the housing surveys are important because they will help determine if a new residence hall is or is not needed; the size of the hall will be determined from the survey. A final decision that will be made from the results of the survey is whether or not the Stu-Han residence hall should go undergo modifications or if it should be torn down and replaced with a new residence hall.

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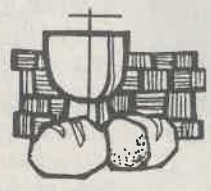

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Baseball breaks out the brooms

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer



Jason Cooper

Senior second baseman Corey Rooper and junior shortstop Eddie Munoz turn a double play against Whittier College last Friday. La Verne's offense racked up 10 runs by the end of the fourth inning, and strong defensive play held that lead as they swept the Poets in a three-game series, 14-3, 17-6, and 19-1. The team begins a three-game series against Cal Lu today.

Sweeping the three-game series against Whittier College was not the hardest challenge for the University of La Verne baseball team.

The Leopards not only defeated the Poets, they humiliated them in a brutal manner with a 50-10 combined score.

"We just played really well in all aspects of the game," said assistant coach Pat McGee.

"We had a good weekend. We were fortunate. We swung the bat, we played defense and pitched OK," said head coach Bobby Lee.

The series started on Friday at Ben Hines field with a 14-3 victory for La Verne. Then, on Saturday, La Verne traveled to Whittier to play a doubleheader. The day's first game ended 17-6. As if that wasn't enough, the Leopards piled it on in the third game by scoring 19 runs and allowing the host team to tally only one run.

That attitude is, perhaps, inspired by a note posted outside the baseball office, which the players have seemingly taken very seriously.

It reads, "Do you believe? Do you have passion? How important is it to you? We may never accomplish what we so very much want, but we need to commit ourselves to working toward those goals, trusting in what we are given, and going after those visions like a SAVAGE."

The team has started the season with an 8-1 record and a current eight-game winning streak. Prior to destroying Whittier, the Leopards had also swept Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"We came out hammering the ball," senior outfielder Garren Injijian said of the Whittier series.

The ULV onslaught against Whittier began in the first inning of Game 1. Senior outfielder Andrew Woolsey was the first Leopard to step to the plate, and he reached first base walking. Five batters later, with the bases loaded, sophomore catcher Nick Cordova hit a single to left field to drive in La Verne's first two runs. Then, junior Matt Cresto hit a solid double to knock in three more runs for La Verne. ULV was up 6-0 after one inning. That was only the genesis of what was about to come.

Senior pitcher Ryan Christoph held the Poets scoreless through six innings, and earned a win to improve his record to 2-0.

Dustin Boots, a sophomore third baseman for Whitter, scored the first run for the Poets in the top of the seventh inning, but by that time the Leopards had a 13-1 lead.

On Saturday, La Verne continued to show its offensive power and flash the leather, which meant embarrassing scores for Whittier.

Injijian scored three runs, including one off a home run. Senior second baseman Corey Rooper and junior first baseman Nathan Devine also homered.

Woolsey went 3-for-5 with a triple, and had three RBI.

From the mound, junior pitcher Jon Cruz struck out four and walked two batters in seven innings. His record stands at 3-0.

For the Poets, Boots had four hits in five at-bats, and scored three of Whittier's six runs.

The third and final game of the series seemed destined to be closer than the first two. It ended up being the opposite.

La Verne scored in the first inning when Injijian drove in Woolsey. But a 1-0 lead did not give the Leopards any guarantees.

Once again, La Verne's defense held Whittier scoreless for most of the game. Through five innings, Whittier only managed two hits.

For La Verne, Injijian and Cordova scored in the third and fourth innings, respectively, to put the Leopards up 3-0.

In the top of the sixth Rooper added another run for La Verne after Whittier's Greg Makos, a freshman third baseman, committed an error that allowed Cresto to reach first base. Rooper took advantage of Makos' error to score. Cresto also scored eventually.

The Poets scored their lone run in the top of the sixth via a long-ball from junior outfielder Rob Frith.

However, La Verne was not done and scored 14 runs in the last three innings.

Woolsey hit a triple with two outs in the top of the eight. He finished with two hits and three runs in five at-bats.

Junior outfielder Eric Garma also scored three runs and had three hits, including a homer in the seventh.

Freshman outfielder Ray Podesta opened the ninth inning with a single to center, and Cresto followed with a double. Woolsey and Garma then hit consecutive singles before freshman Nick Rohr was walked.

Back-to-back doubles by freshman second baseman Justin Brown and Rooper continued the Leopard attack. Podesta came back to the plate and cleared the bases with a home run deep to center field, which sealed the game.

"We are going to continue to compete regardless of the score," McGee said. "Just because we are winning doesn't mean we're going to try any less harder. We expect our guys to have the same quality at-bats regardless of the score."

"Our guys have started to

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> 'We came out hammering the ball. Everyone had a good weekend. We just take that momentum into this weekend. That's the championship series. Do or die.'
> *—Garren Injijian, senior outfielder*

Water polo team falls to UCLA, Long Beach

• Losses give team experience

Reginald Miller
Staff Writer

The women's water polo team kicked off its second season by taking part in a 16-team tournament at the University of California, Santa Barbara last weekend.

The two-day competition featured some of the top Division I teams including the Leopards' first-round opponent, UCLA, ranked No. 1 in the country. Unfortunately for La Verne in this David and Goliath matchup, things went Goliath's way and the Leopards fell 17-0.

"We're trying to play a balance of games this first tournament," said ULV head coach Tim Hugar. "We're playing all the best teams in the country, teams that we don't expect to beat, but we're hoping by playing against them that we'll learn quite a bit."

The Leopards have not had much practice together due to the fact that the swimming season just came to a close, where much of the water polo team was committed.

"We were really just getting started this week because of swimming and stuff," said Hugar. "I'm still learning a lot about the team."

He added, "We're still a pretty young team. I think that we are going to be vastly improved from last year, but I'm still not really sure exactly what our capabilities are at this point."

While the Leopards have only been practicing for about a week, the Bruins have been practicing and playing since October, just like the other Division I teams.

In the second game of the tournament, the Leopards suffered their second loss at the hands of Division I Long Beach State, 15-2. Sophomore driver Summer Hammons scored La Verne's first goal of the season in the first quarter of play.

"Our strategy basically the whole water polo tournament was just to play our hardest," said Hammons. "We only had a week of practice so its pretty hard to set really big expectations, but all our coach wanted us to do was to play the water polo we knew and not to make stupid mistakes, and just to play the hardest that we could."

Sunday's games ended in two more losses for La Verne courtesy of the University of Pacific, 13-1, and in a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) league preview, a closer 5-2 loss to the University of Redlands.

Freshman driver Emily Tollefson said, "It showed us what we are going to be up against in league, and it gave us a good idea as to where we stood because they (Redlands) are top in our league, they are our division's National Champions."

Over the course of the season the Leopards are scheduled to play in four tournaments, not including the SCIAC Championships, and possibly

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Basketball ends season with victory

•Young team drops Cal Lu

Danny Craig
Features Editor

With a 72-62 second-half victory over Cal Lutheran University Saturday night, the University of La Verne men's basketball team capped a 14-10, 8-5 SCIAC record, and a season that teammates can now look at in retrospect.

Overcoming a lull in their offensive surge, the Leopards capitalized after a pivotal comeback in the second half to overcome the Kingsmen in their season finale.

"Cal Lu got tired. Once we got them down, they didn't want to fight back," said Dan Mulville, head coach for the Leopards. Mulville said he recalls Cal Lu scoring five straight points in the second half with 15 minutes remaining.

"That was us opening the door for Cal Lu. We closed it right back up. I was really proud of those last 15 minutes," said Mulville.

Offensively, the Leopards controlled the boards, getting 20 rebounds to the Kingsmen's 12.

Four players shone for ULV, accounting for 52 of their team's 72 total points. Senior guard and First-Team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection Kevin Gustafson led the squad for the evening with a 17-point total. Sophomore Jamal Washington and freshman Robbie Leark each brought in 12 points for the Leopards. The fourth player to have a double-digit total for La Verne was junior forward Greg Gustafson, with 11 points.

With the season-concluding victory, Mulville's squad finished with a third-place ranking in conference.

Looking at a year concluded, Mulville said that although the campaign had hang-ups, he was pleased with the team's performance in the second half of the season.

"If you had told me on Oct. 16, that we were going to go 9-5, I would have told you that's a really good season," said Mulville. "Now, having been through it, I'm still disappointed. What we're trying to do here is win the league championship."

Mulville said the team struggled with its youth and inexperience , having only four returners with SCIAC playing time under their belts.

Although not without difficulties, Mulville's team had a turnaround in the second half of the season with a five-game winning streak spurred by a victory over Pomona-Pitzer.

"The high would be the second half of the conference season. We learned a lot about playing college basketball," said Mulville.

Kevin Gustafson shared a great deal of Mulville's perspective.

"It was a building year," said Gustafson. "Sometimes we lacked the needed focus in some key games."

Gustafson said the team

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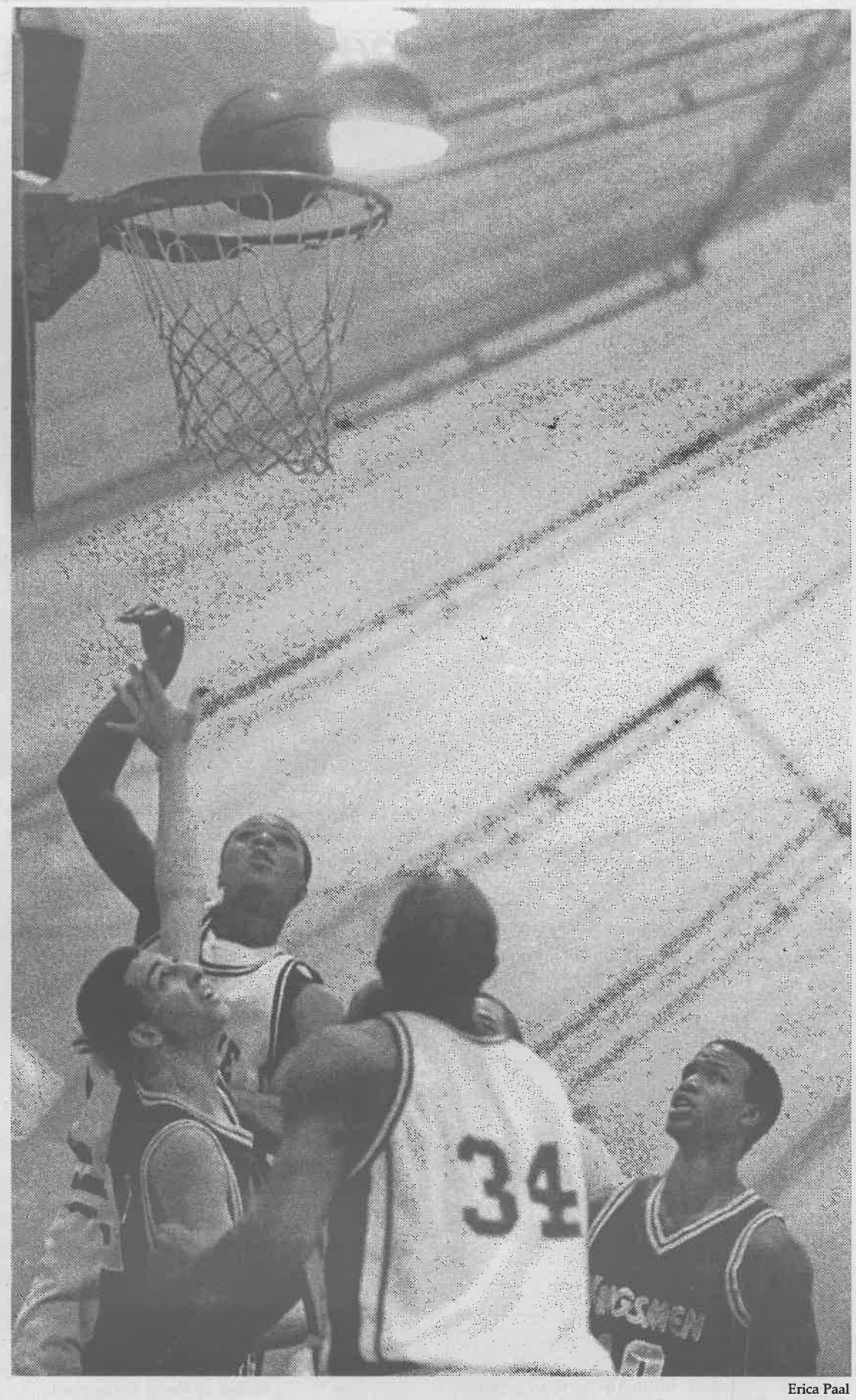

Erica Paal

Jamal Washington sinks a layup in last Thursday night's home game against Cal Lutheran in the Supertents. Washington, a sophomore, is a guard and forward for ULV. He walked away from the season finale with 12 points, and ULV walked away with a win.

Hofer leads tennis on bad day for team

Damien Alarcon
Editor in Chief

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, last year's Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) champion, walked on to the Nancy Blicken-staff Tennis Pavilion on Saturday with the intention of obtaining another victory.

The women's tennis team of the University of La Verne, who has been vigorously fighting to obtain a win this season, was unable to force an upset.

The Leopards lost to the Athenas, 8-1, and fell to 0-4 in SCIAC, 0-8 overall.

"Today was not a good day. We usually play better," said freshman Christan Krusic. "We have on-days and off-days; today was definitely an off-day."

Sophomore Emily Hofer was the lone victor for the Leopards. In her singles match she defeated CMS' Maggie Goodman in three sets (6-3, 2-6, 7-6). The Leopards were shut out in doubles competition.

"This team [CMS] is very well prepared and they have been together as a team," said first-year ULV head coach Steve Bergovoy.

He said La Verne's squad suffers from its youth and lack of experience as a unit.

"We are playing for the first time as a team," he said. "It is just the little strides that I am looking to do."

La Verne will try to improve from its current condition when it travels to Claremont tomorrow to face conference opponent Pomona-Pitzer. The match is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

Softball sweeps Whittier, leads SCIAC

Matt Cresto
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's softball team took two games from Whittier College on Saturday to complete a three-game sweep over the Poets.

The Leopards have clawed their way to the top of the SCIAC with a 4-0 record, proving to be one of the top contenders for the conference championship. Head coach Julie Kline likes her chances with the team she has this year.

"I think our potential is unlimited as long as the players continue to strive to improve," said Kline.

The first game of the doubleheader featured a complete game tossed by junior Robin Haaker. Haaker allowed only one run on two hits, improving her record to 2-0.

La Verne jumped out on top in the second inning on a triple by freshman Sue Whitcher. She came home on a fielder's choice later in the inning. Whittier answered in the bottom of the third with a run of its own to even out the score.

The Leopard offense exploded by hitting in four runs in the top of the sixth. Freshman Libby Ramos led off the inning with a walk. Haaker and Whitcher followed with singles. The inning was capped with a two-run single by freshman Gina Meza, and the Leopards went on to add another run in the seventh to take the first game of the the day, 6-1.

The second match-up of the day showcased the hitting dominance of La Verne. The Leopards put 15 hits on the board and brought 12 runs across the plate.

"I was happier with our efforts in the second game," said Kline.

ULV got the scoring started in the first inning on a single by Whitcher, scoring Ramos. She reached first on a slap single and was moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt by freshman Amanda Stutevoss.

The Leopards jumped out with four in the third. Senior Kadie Tillema singled with one out to score Whitcher and Stutevoss, highlighting the inning.

Just like in Game 1, the Leopards rallied in the sixth to put the game away with a five-run inning. Ramos got the rally started with a single to left. Tillema followed up by smacking a two-out double, which added another run. Freshman outfielder Jackie Russo put the nail in the coffin with a one-run triple to polish off the 12-1 victory.

On the defensive side of the ball, freshman pitcher Mandy Tillema (2-0) allowed only one run on five hits, bringing the opposing team total to just three runs in four games.

Kline attributes the success of the team to a group effort. She feels that the best is yet to come for the squad.

"Everyone contributed to our success on Saturday," said Kline. "I think that we will develop even more as we play."

The Leopards battle Redlands today at Wheeler Park at 2 p.m.

Leopards shape up after slow start

•Golf takes back-to-back wins

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

After three consecutive losses, the University of La Verne golf team was working toward a turnaround point.

The team made good by beating Caltech last Thursday, and on Monday it obtained its second win of the season with a victory over Occidental.

The two wins put La Verne's record at 2-3 overall, 2-2 in conference.

"I think we're getting closer to being a pretty good golf team, but we're just still not there yet," said head coach Rex Huigens. "We haven't showed it yet."

The Leopards shot 342, while Occidental shot 373 on what Huigens called a "very difficult course" at Annandale Country Club.

> 'I think we're getting closer to being a pretty good golf team, but we're just still not there yet. I know they want to play better and one thing I like about them, they keep playing hard, they're not giving up. I think we are ready to break loose.'
>
> —*Rex Huigens, head coach*

Junior Paul Gomez shot an 83, while senior Scott Garrison scored 85 on the par-70 course to lead ULV to victory.

"Paul played pretty good," Huigens said. "He's not playing as good as he can play and played well in the back nine in particular."

Gomez scored 39 on the back nine combined with 44 on the front nine.

On Thursday the team hosted Caltech. Senior Steve Lewis shot a match-best 77, followed by senior Jim Brooks who shot 78. Caltech's best was a 93 by Nick Lorenzen. La Verne won 321-388.

"We need to be a little more consistent. I mean, we're all capable," Huigens said. "Guys can shoot five, six or seven shots better than they're shooting. We need to get down to that range. Every single guy on that roster can shoot 77. We just have to get a lot better at staying away from the big numbers."

Huigens also mentioned that it is important for the team to start playing better if it wants to finish in the top four places in conference.

"Right now our best team score is 321 and I think this team is surely capable of shooting 310," Huigens said of the expectations he has. "We're just finding ways not to, and it has been very frustrating for the guys, and its frustrating for me too."

"I know they want to play better and one thing I like about them, they keep playing hard, they're not giving up," he said.

The Leopards will participate in the Southern California Intercollegiate Golf Championship at Torrey Pines today and tomorrow.

Huigens said this is an important tournament because it allows the team to realize where it really stands compared to other schools.

La Verne will play Redlands at Sierra La Verne, a match Huigens considers of crucial importance.

"If we don't beat Redlands I don't see us finishing better than fourth. If we beat Redlands then who knows, we can finish in the top three, but we need to beat Redlands," said Huigens.

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Nationals, wrapping up the season in early May.

The Leopards return five of the seven starters from last year, a bright spot for such a young team. With last year's inaugural season under his belt, Hugar is optimistic about this year's team.

"This year we've got a good group that has gone through a season, so they know two or three different defenses, they know how to break through a zone, know how to handle a hard press a little bit more," said Hugar. "We worked on it last year, and we added some more experienced girls this year, so our depth should be a little bit better.

SCIAC play does not start until March 25, when ULV squares off against the Whittier Poets at home. The Leopards are preparing for conference play that includes playing in some very tough preseason tournaments.

La Verne has two weeks off until its next match, a weekend tournament at Cal State San Bernardino on March 11 and 12.

Men's tennis still struggling

Vince Zavala
Staff Writer

The rain clouds have cleared, but the winless steak hangs high over the men's tennis team, which dropped consecutive matches 9-0 to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands this past weekend.

"CMS and Redlands are top teams in the nation and we put up a good fight," said head coach Tim Fitzgerald.

In singles play, junior Sebastian Lopez tried to force a third set against Adam Short of CMS, but he fell just short, finishing 6-1 and 6-4. Lopez again put in a good effort when he and junior Kirin Asola were matched against Brett Shepardson and Adam Short of CMS. The two played a hard and competitive doubles match, but once again lost, 8-5.

Although CMS and Redlands swept the Leopards in both the singles and doubles matches, and did not allow any match to go beyond two sets, the Leopards are able to keep up their good spirits.

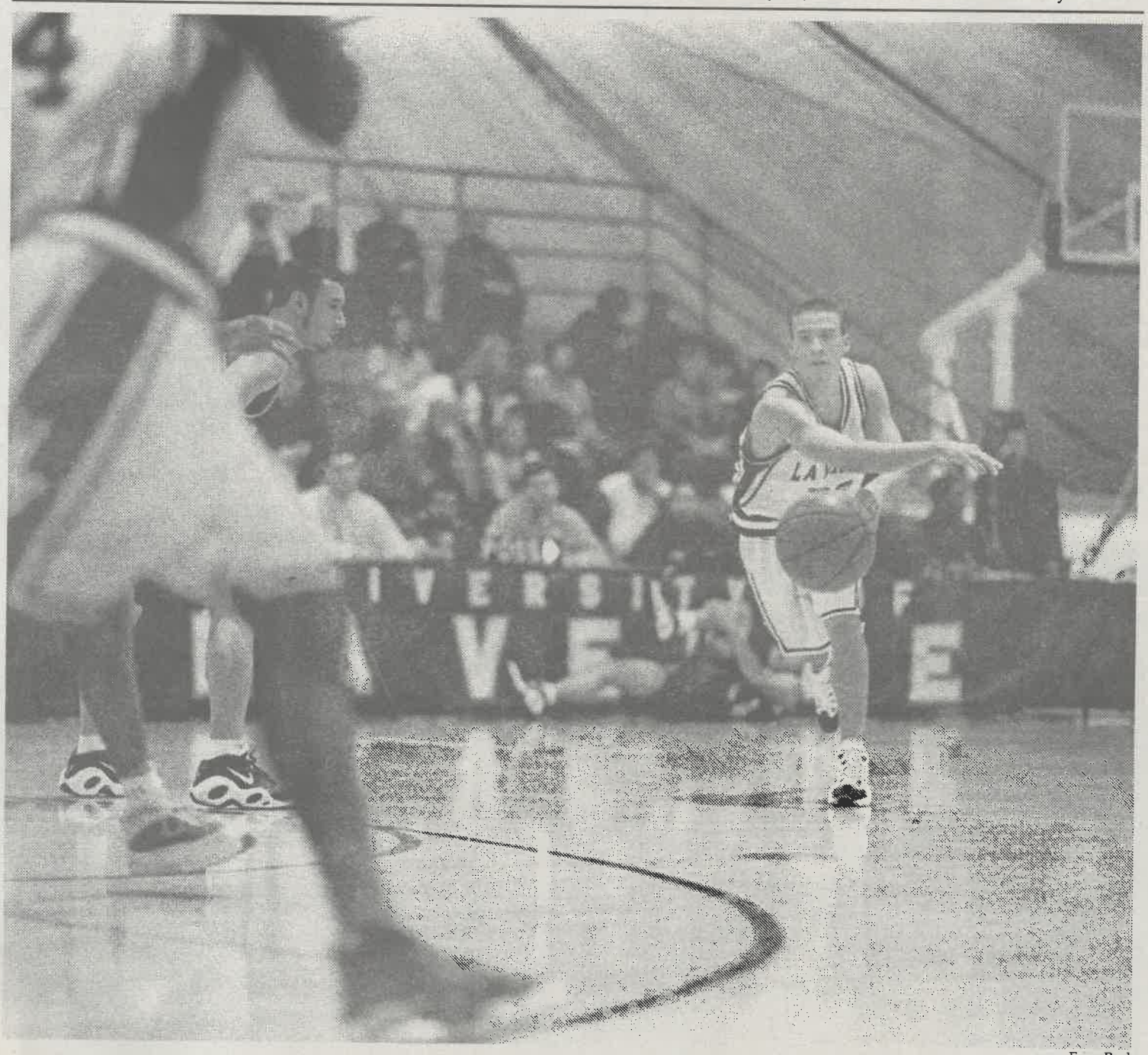
"We play to have fun and see how good the guys on the other teams are. We have nothing to lose," said Jarrod Hesler, a sophomore who managed to play one of the more competitive singles matches.

With a third of the season behind them, Fitzgerald and his team are an optimistic group. They look forward to the rest of their season, and feel that their winless streak will end soon.

"We're playing a lot of tough schools, but we're playing well. We've been coming up short on the points, but we feel a win coming soon," said senior Brian Rice.

Most of the teams the Leopards will play have more depth and may take their tennis a little more seriously, but don't think for a minute that this team is not trying to win.

The Leopards will be in search of that elusive first win today when they take on conference rival Pomona-Pitzer at 2 p.m.



Erica Paal

Freshman guard Robbie Leark works the offense during last Thursday night's home game against the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen. Leark finished the game with a total of 12 points. The game was the last of the season, ending with a 72-62 win for ULV. La Verne's final record for the season is 14-10 overall, and 8-5 in the SCIAC conference, good enough for third place.

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faced many challenges going into this season, having lost 10 seniors on the squad from last year. Like Mulville, Gustafson said the team's efforts were less explosive in the first half of the conference season, where the Leopards earned a 3-4 SCIAC record.

"We could be in the league championship if we could just cut out some of those games," he said.

Gustafson said the team's exceptional unity this year has compensated for some of the inexperience and early-season shortcomings seen from the Leopards.

"We took a step forward in that we all enjoy each other," he said. "Overall the league did get better, and so did we."

With his sights set on next season and a shot at the championship, Mulville said he hopes to bring some new faces to the team to continue the success of his program.

Swimmers tread to 1st Nationals

•Team qualifies 5 for 8 events

Agke Grow
Sports Editor

Emory University is hosting the 2000 Division III National Swimming and Diving Championships, and for the first time ever, the University of La Verne will send swimmers to compete at the event.

Nobody from ULV qualified in last year's inaugural season, but this time around five swimmers have qualified for eight events at the tournament, which will be held March 9-11 in Atlanta, Ga.

Only SCIAC champion Redlands was more successful by qualifying six. Pomona-Pitzer will send four, and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps earned one bid to Nationals.

"We were real disappointed last year, it was a real let down," said head coach John Hallman of missing Nationals. "I took everyone out for ice cream because they were so bummed out. We all made a promise that I would not give them ice cream this year, we're going to make it to Nationals."

La Verne has indeed qualified for nationals this season, breaking school and conference records along the way.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of sophomores Tiffany Yates, Katie Aimone, Tandis Morgan and Summer Hammons broke the SCIAC record in the conference championships with a time of 1:38.25, a time fast enough to earn a spot at Nationals.

"Last year we had really high hopes," said Hammons, "and when we didn't make it we were really disappointed, so making it this year is really cool."

The 400-yard freestyle relay team of Yates, Aimone, Morgan and freshman Katie Lyons also qualified for Nationals by swimming its race at the conference championships in 3:35.24.

The time broke the previous conference record, but in the same race, the team from Redlands swam .12 seconds faster than ULV to claim the record.

By virtue of qualifying for Nationals, both the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams earned berths to compete in the medley relay events in their respective distances.

Three ULV swimmers also qualified for individual events. Yates will compete in the 50-yard freestyle, an event in which she holds the conference record. Aimone, the team captain, will swim the 100-yard backstroke, and Morgan will enter both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

Morgan broke the conference record in the 100-yard backstroke, but her record was broken by a Redlands swimmer.

ULV rose to the occasion at the conference championships and nearly qualified several more athletes.

"Of the 29 swimmers we had on the team, all but three of them had lifetime bests," Hallman said. "We finished the same in conference as last year (fourth), but in the sense of nationally, we've done a lot better."

Sophomore Allison Alastuey broke the school record in the 500-yard freestyle event, but missed qualifying for Nationals by an eyelash.

"Allison had one of the best meets of anyone," said Hallman. "She had a great swim and a great meet."

Sophomore Ryan MacDonald repeated as conference champion in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.99, but his time also fell short of Nationals.

According to Hallman, the team everyone will be looking to beat is Kenyon College, from Gambier, Ohio.

"The top team in the nation is Kenyon," he said. "Kenyon's men have won Division III nationals like, 24 years in a row. Their women have won it 15 years in a row."

Although La Verne is a long shot to win any events, the swimmers are setting lofty goals for themselves.

"Our ultimate goal is to make top eight," said Hammons. "If we make it in the top eight, we're All-American."

"The 200 and 400 free relay, and the 50 free, we have shots at making All-American in those events," said Hallman.

"We also have an outside shot in the 100-back. Tandis always swims well in the big meets, so anything's possible with her. She just rises to the occasion."

As for team goals, Hallman said, "I would like us to set a goal of scoring 100 points or better back there. The way we're seeded right now, we'd score sixty-something."

He added, "We can get back our conference records in the backstroke and the 400 free relay. To have four records in the conference in only our second season is really saying something."

"This is the first really big meet I've been to," said Aimone. "We're excited."

"Its going to be a bit nervous, but I think they're going to do really well back there," said Hallman.

Yates said, "I like the pressure, the pressure really gets me going. I feel confident that we will do well."

Said Hallman, "The one thing that we're really successful with, that everyone's adapted real well to, is the mental imagery. They swim the perfect race in their head, and then when it comes time for the race, they've already swam that race, they already know what to do. Now its just a matter of trusting your instincts."

He said, "I told all the swimmers, 'Listen. You've already thought about your race, you've already done the training with your muscles, now just trust your heart and do the best you can. That's all anyone can ask for."

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understand that we are not playing opponents, we are playing the game. We are not worrying about the people we are playing," Lee said.

Senior pitcher Bo Balzar struck out four Poets and allowed only four hits in seven innings of work, and improving to 3-0. Devine closed the door with four strike outs in the last two innings.

The Leopards finished with 20 hits in the game, and a total of 58 for the series.

"I think we feed off each other. If one person starts hitting, the lineup starts hitting, everybody starts hitting," Injijian said. "Its like just gets in our blood."

The Leopards know the Whittier series helped them to get ready for this weekend's series against Cal Lutheran.

"Great preparation for this weekend," junior outfielder Scott Iavarone said. "That's a big series and we need everyone at school to support us."

"Everyone had a good weekend," said Injijian. "We just take that momentum into this weekend."

Injijian added that La Verne has not beaten Cal Lu since 1995.

"They're going to be just like any other team. They're not any better than us," he said. "We should go out with the same mentality that we've been doing the past few weeks and play our baseball, play our game. The second we try to change things because it seems it's a bigger series, that's when we are going to screw up."

"Pitch by pitch, inning by inning, game by game," Woolsey said. "If you break it down in that sense, if we can play hard every inning our chances increase."

Lee said the Leopards will go out with the same pitcher rotation they have been using from the beginning of the season. That is Cristoph will start today, while Cruz and Balzar tomorrow.

The Leopards visit Cal Lu today at 2:30 p.m. and tomorrow will host it in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

"That's the championship series," said Injijian. "Do or die."

> 'Our guys have started to understand that we are not playing opponents, we are playing the game. We are not worrying about the people we are playing.'
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> *—Bobby Lee, head coach*

Leopard Scoreboard

At the buzzer...

1999-00 All-SCIAC Men's Basketball

Player of the Year:
Jeremiah Martin, Pomona-Pitzer, F, Jr.

First Team:
Pastor Cuenca, Cal Lutheran, G, Sr.
Jason Nicholas, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, F, Sr.
Kevin Gustafson, La Verne, G, Jr.
Finn Rebassoo, Occidental, F, Fr.
Travis Bray, Pomona-Pitzer, F, Jr.
Heath Kirschner, Whittier, F, Sr.

Second Team:
Justin Muth, Cal Lutheran, C, Jr.
Bob Donlan, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, G, So.
Mario Thompson, Occidental, G, Jr.
Jeff Herzog, Pomona-Pitzer, F, Sr.
Jon Allen, Redlands, F, Jr.
Jorge Gurrola, Whittier, C, Jr.

Ducey Award: Robert Wurtz, University of Redlands & Heath Kirschner, Whittier College

Schedule

Today
Baseball @ Cal Lutheran, 2:30 p.m.
Softball vs. Redlands (DH), 2 p.m.
Golf, SCIGC at Torrey Pines, all day
Men's Tennis vs. Hope International, 2 p.m.

Saturday
Baseball vs. Cal Lutheran (DH), 11 a.m.
Softball vs. Cal Lutheran (DH), noon
Golf, SCIGC at Torrey Pines, all day
Track and Field @ Claremont, 11 a.m.
Men's Tennis vs.Pomona, 9:30 a.m.
Women's Tennis @ Pomona, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday
Women's Tennis vs. Mills, TBA

Did You Know?

Of its 10 matches, the University of La Verne men's volleyball team has played eight against Division I teams (Pepperdine, Long Beach State, USC, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, CSU Northridge, Princeton, Loyola Marymount), and two against Division III UC San Diego.