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Fair opens eyes to various cultures

•Groups host annual week

Julia Carachure
Staff Writer

International Student Services, along with various organizations, held its annual Multicultural Fair from April 25-27, entitled "Many Voices, One World."

Among the groups that organized the event included the Associated Students Federation (ASF) Forum, the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity, the Coalition for Diversity, Campus Ministry, Peace Studies and Undergraduate Admissions.

Marcy Garcia, administrative assistant at the International Student Center, said the purpose for the fair is "for students and faculty to become more aware of what is going on around the world.

"Here in the United States we are so centralized with just what happens here that there's so much in the world that our students need to become aware of," said Garcia.

"I wish more people would get involved and, during the event, take advantage of knowing the history and the causes of other countries. It's fun and interesting," said Garcia.

On Tuesday, lunch was served at the University Mall where students got a chance to eat different kinds of foods from Davenport Dining Hall as well as check out the different booths that represented different countries, including the Philippines, Indonesia, Hawaii, Japan, India, Mexico, Ecuador, Thailand, France and China.



Matt Wright

The International Student Services kicked off its annual Multicultural Fair with lunch at the University Mall. There students were able to visit various booths, sample food, and immerse themselves in various cultures from different countries around the world. Reference Librarian Vinaya Tripuraneni shows Assistant Professor of Psychology Christina Ayala-Alcanter how to put on a Shari, the national dress of India.

The International Student Organization also had its own booth.

These booths had a variety of ways to express their own cultures, including food, clothes, posters and artifacts.

The Reed Gratz Band performed during lunch. Also, students got the opportunity to watch other students perform. Sophomore Christina Suan performed a Hawaiian dance. Two students from the Brethren Colleges Abroad program from Ecuador performed an Ecuadorian salsa dance and a girl from India sang a traditional Indian song.

On Wednesday, faculty members gathered in the Miller Hall faculty lounge to put on a workshop called "The Joy of Diversity: Celebrating Uniqueness, Accepting Challenges."

Students and faculty discussed some of the aspects of diversity, which range from voicing opinions and thoughts about one's culture to accepting the differences in other cultures.

On Thursday, the rededication of the peace pole took place at the University Mall. A large crowd was in attendance as they gathered near the peace pole.

Debbie Roberts, Protestant minister, told the audience that the peace pole originated from Japan as a way of encouraging harmony after the nuclear bombings that occurred during World War II and that the peace pole will act as a reminder of peace as well as tolerance for all people.

After Roberts spoke, President Stephen Morgan spoke about the history of the peace pole at the University of La Verne, when three years ago the ULV community had activist Eldridge Cleaver help dedicate

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Nobel Winner touches campus with life struggle

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

When Rigoberta Menchú speaks, people generally pay close attention.

Founders Auditorium was the site where a voice that crossed both the international and cultural borders was heard. That voice belonged to 1992 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Menchú.

Through the help of interpreter Madeline Rios of Claremont, Menchú spoke to the La Verne community on Thursday, April 27, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

She spoke about human beings, about her family and how it was exterminated and about the hope for the future. Her lecture included discussions about her life, about society and its children. She spoke about human rights.

Menchú gained world-wide recognition for her labor pro-human rights, especially the rights of the indigenous people in Guatemala.

It was this type of work which earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992.

Phil Hofer, international student services director, and a committee invited Menchú to speak as part of the Multicultural Week festivities at the University of La Verne.

Hofer had some some contact with Menchú before she received the Nobel Peace Prize, and the committee felt that it was worth a try to invite her to come speak.

"I like talking to university students because I'm talking to the future politicians, the academics," said Menchú.

She talked directly to the youth, encouraging people to care about humans and to take action.

"Life goes by fast when one is useful," she said. "Get old thinking in humanity rather than thinking about your computer, or even worse letting your computer think for you.

"I don't live based on utopias. I'd like to see results before I die."

"It's an honor to have a Nobel Peace Prize winner on our campus and, I think, very appropriate because we have a long heritage of embracing peaceful resolution to conflict," said ULV President Stephen Morgan. "She is a shining example of bringing that to life."

The speaker, of Mayan origin, was welcomed with a standing ovation at Founders Auditorium where she gave two lectures.

The morning lecture was entitled, "Human Rights and Minority Rights," but it turned out to be more of a narrative of Menchú's struggle in Guatemala.

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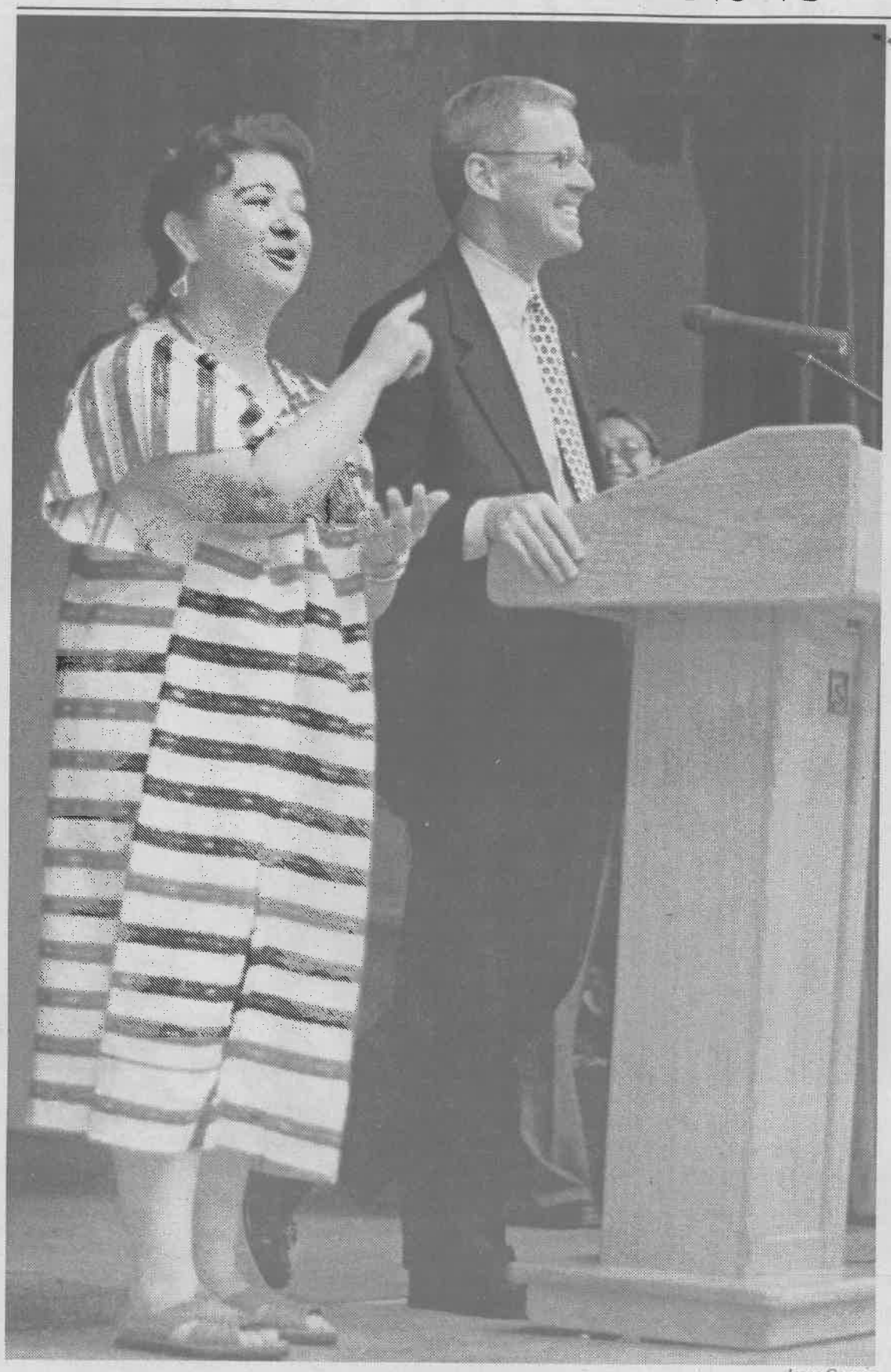
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Sports

Senior Jennifer Thompson brings talent, ambition to field.

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Jason Cooper

Catholic Campus Minister Elena Cardeña translates for President Stephen Morgan at Sunday's Bienvenida Dinner. The Latino Student Forum (LSF) has hosted this event for 11 years and it is a celebration of students' and faculty members' Latino heritage. It also welcomes parents of Latino students to the University. The event included speeches by President Morgan, Assemblyman Tony Cardeñas, dinner, a raffle and dancing.

Annual dinner welcomes parents

Mike Lawson
Staff Writer

The Latino Student Forum (LSF) held the 11th annual Bienvenida Dinner last Sunday to honor the parents of Latino students at the University of La Verne.

Bienvenida is translated to English as "welcome." The Bienvenida Dinner is designed to welcome Latino parents into the university atmosphere. The theme, "En Celebracion de Nuestras Raíces" means in celebration of our heritage.

Events for the evening included translated speeches by President Stephen Morgan and Assemblyman Tony Cardeñas, dinner, special recognitions made by LSF, dancing and a raffle.

'After you have received your degree, take a minute to reflect, and remind yourself that you didn't get there alone.'
–Tony Cardeñas, assemblyman

Dr. Morgan's speech focused on the importance of equality in education. Dr. Morgan talked about the recent changes in the Cal Grant distribution. Dr. Morgan said he was pleased to see the number of students receiving Cal Grants and the rise in the amount of money granted to each student.

Guest speaker Tony Cardeñas spoke about his family and his struggle for success. He told the audience about his parents, "They came to this country to sacrifice their dreams so I could fulfill mine."

Cardeñas said, "After you have received your degree, take a minute to reflect, and remind yourself that you didn't get there alone."

The Bienvenida Dinner was held in the La Verne Community Center to accommodate the number of reserved seats. This was the first year it was held off campus.

"There were 240 reserved spots," said LSF's Director of Public Relations, sophomore Erick Vasquez. Less than 180 people usually attend the Bienvenida Dinner. But last year, over 200 students reserved seats, causing the dinner to move from Davenport Dinning Hall to the Old Gym. "We didn't want to do it in the Old Gym," said Vasquez, "because the mats are hard to roll out and they aren't easy to dance on. But, we still wanted a big crowd."

Most students came with their parents. Sophomore Allison Alastuey brought her mom Judy. Allison said "I am Latino, and I wanted to meet other Latinos on campus."

Both mother and daughter Alastuey said they had a fun night. Judy said that the speakers were good. "Cardeñas had a powerful and true message," she said. "He talked about how difficult it is to be poor and succeed. But he also shows it's possible."

"Next year we are going to bring the rest of the family," said Allison.

The event's budget of $3,000 has been funded partially by the Associated Student Federation (ASF) Forum, the School of Business and Global Studies, the President's Office, ULV Graphics, the Office of Student Affairs and other departments.

After dessert, the room was transformed. The lights were turned down and the music was turned up. The dance took place from 7-10 p.m.

"The night was successful" said Vice President of LSF junior Norma Cruz, "everything went as planned."

College memories through yearbook may be thing of past

Danny Craig
Features Editor

University of La Verne Associate Dean of Students Ruby Montaño-Cordova and sophomore yearbook editor Heather Baxter are attributing this year's cancellation of the yearbook publication to a lack of interest and communication.

"I feel really bad for the seniors who aren't going to have a yearbook," said Baxter.

Baxter, who served on the *Lambda* yearbook staff last year, said that problems arose when she resumed her duties last fall.

Baxter said the yearbook staff began with a roster of eight members and dwindled down to three by the conclusion of the fall semester.

With a lack of man power, Baxter said meeting the necessary deadlines for production became increasingly difficult.

"It seemed like I wasn't getting help from anybody," said Baxter. She said the this year's production efforts began to mirror that of last year, where she credits production of the *Lambda* to the efforts of three freshmen staff members.

'I feel really bad for the seniors who aren't going to have a yearbook.'
—Heather Baxter, former yearbook editor

The editor also noted that the late fall resignation of Leadership Development and Transition Program director Lura Poggi, the acting faculty adviser for the *Lambda*, was also an obstacle. Baxter said that Poggi, who left the University of La Verne for a position at Cal State San Marcos, was the authority figure for the staff and a necessary liaison to Montaño-Cordova.

With numerous setbacks and a fleeting time, Montaño-Cordova said that the staff lost too many opportunities for completion.

"If you miss deadlines there's a price tag," she said," the students lost interest as the lack of communication took place."

Montaño-Cordova and Baxter said the yearbook has been a struggling entity at ULV in past years.

With the cancellation being official, a variety of responses arose from seniors.

"That bothers me severely," international business and language major Andy Davis said of *Lambda's* absence. "I'd like to be remembered. There's so little tradition at this school."

He said that for many students who are involved at ULV, they will find the turn of events disappointing.

Sharing a similar sentiment was graduating senior Debbie Carrera.

"I know I don't care that much about it now now, but it probably would have meant something to me years from now," said Carrera.

Montaño-Cordova said that statistics show a decreasing popularity for yearbooks on college campuses.

With all aspects of the *Lambda* in consideration, the associate dean arranged for Lordsburg Productions video producer Bill Neil to create a video yearbook with the remaining year.

The video version of *Lambda* will be free of charge to ULV students.

Montaño-Cordova said there is consideration for other alternatives for future yearbooks, including a CD-rom program.

Senior Amy Attiyah feels that although she anticipated a traditional yearbook, she is optimistic about the new ideas for the *Lambda*.

"I think this year more than ever we faced the fact that traditions are not being kept up. I think they owe it to themselves to give it a shot," said Attiyah. "It's nice to have something to look back on."

While a future change in format for the *Lambda* is under consideration, Monaño-Cordova said the traditional yearbook has not been ruled out for future classes.

2000-2001 ASF elected officers

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Speaker ...

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Menchú said that about a dozen of her relatives, including her parents and two brothers, were killed by military forces.

"Twenty years ago they burned my father to death, they tortured my mother, they burned my brother to death and shot my other brother," said Menchú. "We weren't famous because of our ideals or values or culture.

"We were famous because we became a sign of terror. Our last name was forbidden. That was worse for us, the surviving relative," she said.

That was when Menchú said she decided "to cross the frontiers of the atrocities."

"The fight for human rights is not a temporal fight," she said, "it is a permanent fight.

"To work for the rights of humanity is to work for our rights. It is to work for the rights of our children. It is to work for the rights of the community where we live."

She said that people have three postures to choose from. "We can be complies, silent people or activists to prevent those atrocities from expanding."

She has participated in different movements including the campaign to name this year the year of the culture of the peace.

Nevertheless, she said although most countries sign peace agreements it is the citizens who should obligate them to enforce those promises.

According to Menchú, the academic education is obsolete and isolated if it does not have a social function.

"It has to be integral with the conception of a multicultural world," said Menchú. "Science should be for the service of the community. Science shouldn't be a way of the problems suffered by the great vast majority of the world population.

"Our ancestral cultures should be compatible with the occidental culture with mutual respect."

Freshman Kim Reed said, "I really like what she had to say about science, and the arts and education working in a socially responsible manner to further human rights and the responsibility that lies in each of us."

"Your education is not just for making money. It's to be used for the good of society, to make it better to meet needs of society," said Hofer in response to Menchú's first lecture.

"As I look at what is happening in the world today is human beings who cause much of the pain and suffering for other human beings. I think it's important for us to have opportunities to hear from people who have suffered such atrocities. Hopefully it heightens our awareness and inspires us to do something about that and to try to make a difference in the ways that we can to help to make the world a better place," said Dr. Morgan.

"I hope that students hear that there is, there was, there has been a significant level of abuse of human rights in Guatemala," said Hofer.

"I hope that students learn something about that history, because I think that when we learn, then we better prepare ourselves to speak to our own government about how our government uses our tax dollars, uses the resources that we contribute," he said.



Natalie Fowle

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rigoberta Menchú spoke in Founders Hall on Thursday. Menchú's speech, part of the events for the Multicultural Week, included commentary on her life in Guatemala, her escape from political persecution, the murder of family members and an overall message of peace, along with sharing her autobiography.

At night, Menchú's lecture was on the hopes for the future.

She began by stating everybody should set goals, otherwise people end up doing useless things for humanity.

She said the hope of humanity relies on the goals that people set. She listed crossing cultural borders, learning to listen and braking the silence as important steps toward a better society.

"I have crossed cultural borders. That's why I've wanted to learn Spanish, other languages, to understand the differences even amongst the indigenous," she said.

"We need to know how to listen to people. Their needs, their problems," she said. "We shouldn't prejudge people because of their political, cultural, economic or class condition," said Menchú. "Knowing how to listen is part of the hope of humanity."

The third aspect she pointed out was becoming loud.

"We need to break the silence about all the injustices, atrocities, intolerance, racism," she said. "All those gaps that separate our communities."

However, she warned the audience saying that action requires "courage, bravery and decision."

Menchú, the author of "I, Rigoberta Menchú," said how important it was to her to get her autobiography published. She said it was the most important goal she has accomplished over the years.

"The book is a statement that I didn't stay silent before the genocide in Guatemala at the moment that it was happening," she said. "I am prosecuting crimes against humanity."

She encouraged everybody to attain a better global vision in a world composed of many different cultures.

"The world is multicultural," said Menchú. She also advised people to stay true to their roots.

"Do not lose your identity. Do not lose your language.The language is the soul of a culture," she said.

"Learn other languages, English, French, whatever but do not lose your first language. When we kill the language we put the entire culture in agony," she said.

Junior Kat Przybylska, an ASF representative, said, "I hope that the people who actually went, took with them the belief that yes, one person can make a difference."

"Here is someone whose family was killed, who faced tremendous odds in her life and who in spite of those odds and in spite of tremendous tragedy, has one of the most wonderful smiles and speaks eloquently to hope, struggle and put effort to change situations that are bad," said Hofer.

"I was very pleased with the number of students and faculty who were here today. We're a learning community and learning to take places outside the classroom as well as in the classroom, and this was an opportunity to hear from someone outside of our community who has a lot to offer," said Dr. Morgan.

Menchú was also invited to speak at other universities like Scripps College, Occidental College, University of California Riverside and Cal Poly Pomona.

She also spoke at a press conference at the International Institute of Los Angeles. She had a reception there with city and government leaders as well as Indigenous groups in the Los Angeles area.

—Staff Writer Crystal Apilado contributed to this story

> 'The fight for human rights is not a temporal fight, it is a permanent fight.'
> *—Rigoberta Menchú, Nobel Peace Prize Winner*

Seniors attend luncheon

Melinda Sanchez
Staff Writer

Graduating seniors, faculty and staff gathered at the home of President and Mrs. Stephen Morgan on Wednesday, May 3, for the annual Senior Luncheon.

Master of Ceremonies Michael Houdyshell, coordinator of campus activities and commuter programs, said, "I'm just there to make it flow, because there is a certain flow to the whole thing."

An official welcome by Dr. Morgan followed by a moment of silence, proceeded a speech by Jane Dibbell, associate professor of theatre arts.

The running theme for the luncheon was "Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver, and the other's gold."

Dibbell had the crowd sing the song because she was once asked what her last request was, and she had replied, "To have everyone at a faculty meeting sing together."

Seniors Amy Attiyah and Araceli Esparza gave a brief and comedic overview of their four years at ULV. They also presented two "Make a Difference" awards to Associate Professor of Journalism Eric Bishop, and Michael Frantz, associate professor of mathematics.

Senior Kesley MorganArmstrong gave a speech that brought tears to the eyes of some audience members, and presented her father, Dr. Morgan with an award.

The luncheon concluded with a raffle and a singing of the Alma Mater.

Campus alerted to email virus

Academic Computing and Administrative Computing at the University of La Verne has recently found that a virus sent to students' emails can go around to other people in the student's address book.

This virus originated from the Phillipines and is referred to as the "I love you" virus. The message, which has the words, "I love you" as the subject line, also contains the following message: "Kindly check the attached love letter coming from me." It is the attachment which contains the virus.

The way that this email tricks people into opening it is that it uses email addresses that the student has in their address book, therefore prompting the student to open the mail they just received from a friend.

Usually, anyone can simply delete any unwanted email and that will be the end of the message. However, deleting this email will not get rid of the virus, since the attachment will still be located on the hard drive of the computer.

If students find that they have received this email, do not click to open it. Please notify Academic Computing at ext. 4603 as soon as possible.

—Julia Carachure

Retreat possibly in hands of students

Brice Nixon
Editorial Director

The class of 2000 at the University of La Verne has not had its Senior Retreat, an event that usually takes place in the last week of March or the first weeks of April, and it looks as though there will not be one this year.

If that happens, it will be the second consecutive year the graduating class will not have the event, a senior tradition at ULV, at least partially because of diminished participation.

"We have experienced in the last few years that there has been a lack of involvement," said Ruby Montaño-Cordova, assistant dean of student affairs.

The senior retreat program falls under Montaño-Cordova's leadership, although she is not directly in charge of it.

Senior Araceli Esparza started a petition on April 26 to show that there is interest. She said she has approximately 35 signatures and will meet with Montaño-Cordova on Monday.

"Initially, I heard about the cancellation of the retreat two months ago," said Esparza, "and I wasn't sure people were really bothered by it as much as I was. But as the semester progressed, and I talked to more seniors, and they were upset. They felt some of our traditions had already been taken away, and this was just another one.

"So I decided the only way we were going to have a retreat was if we proved people would show up."

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>
> —*Araceli Esparza, senior*

Montaño-Cordova said she will decide after the meeting what action, if any, to take.

One of the concerns expressed by many seniors is the desire to read their goal letters.

During freshman orientation, students write a letter to themselves detailing their "hopes and dreams," Montaño-Cordova said. The letters are opened at the senior retreat.

"What it represents and says to them is how they've changed during that time," said Montaño-Cordova.

The letters for this year are saved, she said. They were going to be sent out to students with a memo, but Montaño-Cordova said they are holding off on that due to the petition.

"Last year we were at a position where we had less than 10 students," said Montaño-Cordova. "In the end we didn't have what would officially be called a senior retreat."

It was cancelled last year because there was not enough interest to justify the cost, Montaño-Cordova said. An on-campus, half-day retreat was planned, but there was little response.

In October, there were discussions on where to go with the senior retreat and the transitions program, which provided support to students to help them transition through experiences.

Based on previous years' experience, the decision was made that the senior retreat would at least have a different look and that it was just one of the ideas for a senior program.

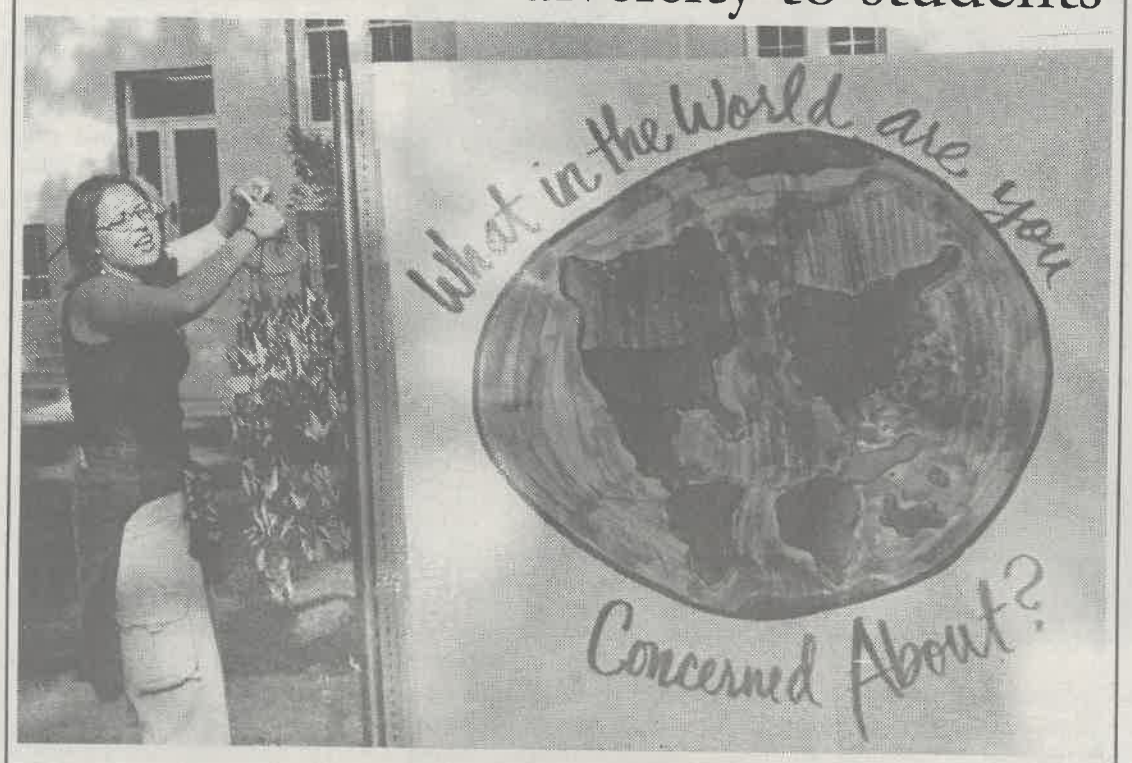
"The vision was wider this year than it had been in years past ... that we were going to open the doors of possibility," said Montaño-Cordova.

The senior program was the responsibility of the leadership, development and transition programs director, a new position held by Lura Poggi, who left the University in December.

After Montaño-Cordova lost Poggi, a member of her staff, she decided the L.E.A.D. and University 100 programs took priority.

Julie Hurst assumed leadership of the L.E.A.D program and the transitions program was put on hold while Montaño-Cordova searched for a new leadership, development and transition programs director.

Peace Fair offers diversity to students



Natalie Fowle

Maria Munoz, a junior, is holding the peace doves that were made by children in Mexico last year. The peace doves are added every year to show campus ministry's on going dedication to peace. The Mexico trip interterm class put on the peace fair with the Peace Club and Voices of Independent Educated Women. For the peace fair, the ULV choir sang African freedom songs in the University Mall.

Dr. Gonchar takes medical leave

Alisha Rosas
Managing Editor

Due to a sudden illness, Professor of Psychology Arthur Gonchar has taken a medical leave of absence and is not expected to return for the remaining of the semester

"He's had a mild heart attack," said Roger Russell, director of psychology. "I do not know the exact diagnosis. I do know that he had a clogged artery to the heart."

Dr. Gonchar, who is currently at home on bed rest, wrote via e-mail that "he must restrict physical activity until medically certified to return to ordinary daily activities."

Until then, however, Dr. Gonchar's four classes that he teaches at the University of La Verne are in the hands of his colleagues.

"Full-time faculty have been recruited or have agreed to provide the lessons for his classes.

"[The faculty] are filling in until the end of the semester," said Dr. Russell.

Dr. Gonchar wrote that he feels confident in his coworkers abilities to handle his classes."Each professor is an expert in the field and each has taught these classes before. They are following the course

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CAPA Dean's List, Fall 1999

The following CAPA students earned a 3.75 or higher GPA during the fall 1999 semester.

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Rama Treat-Morris
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Robert Wiley

Nobel Laureate assists in ULV Peace Pole rededication ceremony

Photographs by
Juan Garcia







On Thursday, April 27, Debbie Roberts, Protestant campus minister, President Stephen Morgan, and Rigoberta Menchú, along with translator Madeline Rios were all on hand for the rededication of the Peace Pole, located in the University Mall. The Peace Pole, which was erected in 1998, bears the message, "May Peace Prevail On Earth," in eight languages for all students to see. The event was in conjunction with the Multicultural Fair.

ULV takes center stage at press convention

Stacey Mleczko
Staff Writer

It is no wonder why University of La Verne enrollment is increasing every year.

Last year, the men's volleyball team brought attention to La Verne with its National Championship. Last semester, the ULV debate team gained international recognition by ranking second in the world. And just last month, the Communications Department ran away with the awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and the California Intercollegiate Press Association (CIPA).

This year, the CIPA Convention was hosted by ULV April 13-15.

"No one knew who we were or where we were. We chose to host the convention because we decided we could do it better than any school has so far. We were upset with how it was run last year. We knew we could show them how to host it. I think we did that. We did a really good job," said senior journalism major and On-Site Vice President Araceli Esparza.

"It's a pretty big deal that we compete with all kinds of school from around the state," said convention participant and coordinator Brice Nixon.

Among the 14 participating four-year universities were schools like UCLA, UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley. California State universities such as San Diego, Humboldt and Northridge were also in attendance and private opponents included ULV rival Cal Lutheran.

Despite La Verne's size difference, the Leopards prevailed against many dominant universities and reputations.

"[ULV's victories] say a lot [about La Verne] because all the other schools like Cal State Los Angeles and UC Irvine are so big and we're so small and we are able to maintain a quality in our paper. Every year we earn something," said junior journalism major Jazmine Ponce. "It shows that our department can work together and help us do our job."

> 'It was really nice to be recognized by people who are in the business. It is encouraging to see that they read what you write and they think that it's worthy of an award.'
> —*Brice Nixon, convention participant*

Esparza recalls ULV's past involvement in CIPA conventions and said, "We've always done well, but this year was really, really good."

She says she credits the increasing number of younger students entering the program and the potential they exhibit. She also said she wanted to acknowledge those who "came in as freshman and who won awards as seniors. It shows that over the last four years we really enhanced our skills enough to be competitive with others."

Journalism, television, radio and photography students were given the opportunity to put their work out in the real world and get results. Judges of the competition were recruited from local media organizations. Major publications, stations and broadcast channels supplied qualified professionals to vote in each category. Nixon, a sophomore journalism student and editorial director of the *Campus Times* proved himself to be on track to a successful career as a print journalist.

"I won four awards and it was really nice to be recognized by people who are in the business. They are where you want to be years from now, so it is encouraging to see that they read what you write and they think that it's worthy of an award," said Nixon, who took both first and third place in the sports game article category.

The convention presented participants with prearranged scenarios in which they were to photograph, illustrate and write about in a timely manner.

The news event consisted of a staged debate that resulted in a fight and an arrest.

Senior journalism major Allison Moore said, "I watched the news event, and I thought it was exciting. The actors played out their parts well. The fight scene actually looked real. The looks on the faces of the CIPA participants were great. They were so shocked by what was happening."

Moore, editor in chief of *La Verne Magazine* and a CIPA coordinator, said, "If we had to do it again, I would make sure that we make it clear to the CIPA participants that some of the events would be staged. Some of the writers were confused about whether they should write a story about the events they witnessed or if it should be based on the fact that the event was staged."

She also said the event was an overall success as the conference was in its entirety.



Law students place 2nd at contest

Damien Alarcon
Editor in Chief

The Moot Court team of the San Fernando Valley College of Law a branch of the University of La Verne, took second place overall in the 31st annual Roger J. Traynor California Moot Court Competition, a prestigious contest featuring most of the law schools in the state on April 1-2.

The competition was hosted by the UCLA School of Law.

The team consisted of second-year law students Vahe Hovanessian of Burbank and Kevin McConnell of Pacific Palasades. They were coached by Professor David Glassman. This is the first competition that the two have participated in.

"We were just hoping to gain some experience," said McConnell. "We did not expect to win anything."

The San Fernando Valley College squad was the only team that had two members.

Other participating schools consisted of three people. The contest had 18 schools present.

The team outscored such highly respected institutions as UCLA, Pepperdine, UC Davis, the University of San Diego and Whittier College, among others.

The team also defeated the Empire College School of Law, who came out as the first-place winner. SFV outscored them in the first round of oral arguments. Empire College was able to outscore the ULV campus in the overall tournament scoring.

Both Empire College and the SFV branch of ULV are non-American Bar Association (ABA) accredited schools.

Judging of Saturday's rounds were performed by Justices Orville Armstrong, Paul Coffee, Gary Hastings, Charles Vogel, Miriam Vogel and Fred Woods. For the final round, which was held the second day, Justices Mildred Lillie, John Arguelles and Armand Arabian had the judging duties. Scoring was based on the combination of written brief and oral argument phases of the competition.

Roger J. Traynor (1900-1983) served as an associate justice of the California Supreme Court from 1940 until 1964 and as the chief justice of California from 1964 to 1970.

He received the highest award of the ABA, the ABA medal "for conspicuous service to the course of American Jurisprudence."

He also has received numerous awards from organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Virginia State Bar Association and the University of California.

This particular moot court competition is a nationally recognized appellate contest. It was developed by the Young Lawyers Association of the state bar of California nearly 30 years ago.

"We are very flattered that the University of La Verne and the San Fernando Valley Campus gave us the opportunity to make this happen," said Hovanessian. "We would like to send our thanks to Professor Glassman for his guidance and direction."

"The results far exceeded our expectations," said McConnell. "We look forward to competitions in the future."

Fair...

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the pole.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchú also spoke at the rededication by saying that people should respect each other and all the lives of the planet, raise better children and "make better lives, respect their families and people."

Sophomore Chris Arbizu and junior Will Martin on the guitar sang "Peace Train" by Cat Stevens. Upon the end of the song, the audience read the responsive reading and had nine students recite the phrase, "May peace prevail earth" in nine different language which include English, recited by freshman Kim Reed, the Mayan dialect, recited by Nancy Morales; Spanish, recited by Nancy Mendez; Chumash, recited by junior Maria Munoz; the African dialect Yurube, recited by Mubo Owonsekun; Japanese, recited by Madoka Kasara; Hebrew, recited by Professor of Religion Jonathan Reed; German, recited by Shane Haldeman; and Serbo Croatian, recited by sophomore Anna Roy. Following the rededication, a book signing was held afterwards where Menchú signed copies of her book, "I, Rigoberta Menchú."

Finally, the Fair concluded in the evening with the International Dinner and Peace Fair in the Quad. There, students got a chance to see the Peace Fair, entitled, "What in the World Are You Concerned About?"

The Peace Fair featured different tables, which included pictures of the Mexico trip taken in last January, Voices of Independent Educated Women and International Activism.

The ULV Chorus also performed songs from South Africa and the Peruvian group, Canta America, also performed songs from around the world, including Peru. Finally, Menchú gave another lecture at 7 p.m. at Founders Auditorium, this time addressing the community of La Verne.

Garcia also hopes that people "come out and enjoy it, learn from it [the fair], ask questions, students are willing to answer questions to students that ask them. Become globally aware of what's around them."

'I wish more people would get involved and, during the event, take advantage of knowing the history and the causes of other countries.'
—Marcy Garcia, administrative assistant at the International Student Center



Natalie Fowle

Senior Tom Moose was one of the students who volunteered to conduct the choir. This African Freedom song is called "Siyahambayo," and was one of the last student conducted songs of the year. The performance was part of the Peace Fair.



Natalie Fowle

Jeremy Collins, a senior, was one of four student conductors. Heather Quintana, Nina Pham, Lori Armenta, Kristine Gustilo, Alison Fanning, Dayita Datta, Leanne McKown, April Shenkmen, Natalie Ganther, Sharon Gavin, Erika Weiner, Jessica Wotherspoon, Pam Foryph and Chastity Archer have worked on these songs for about three weeks.

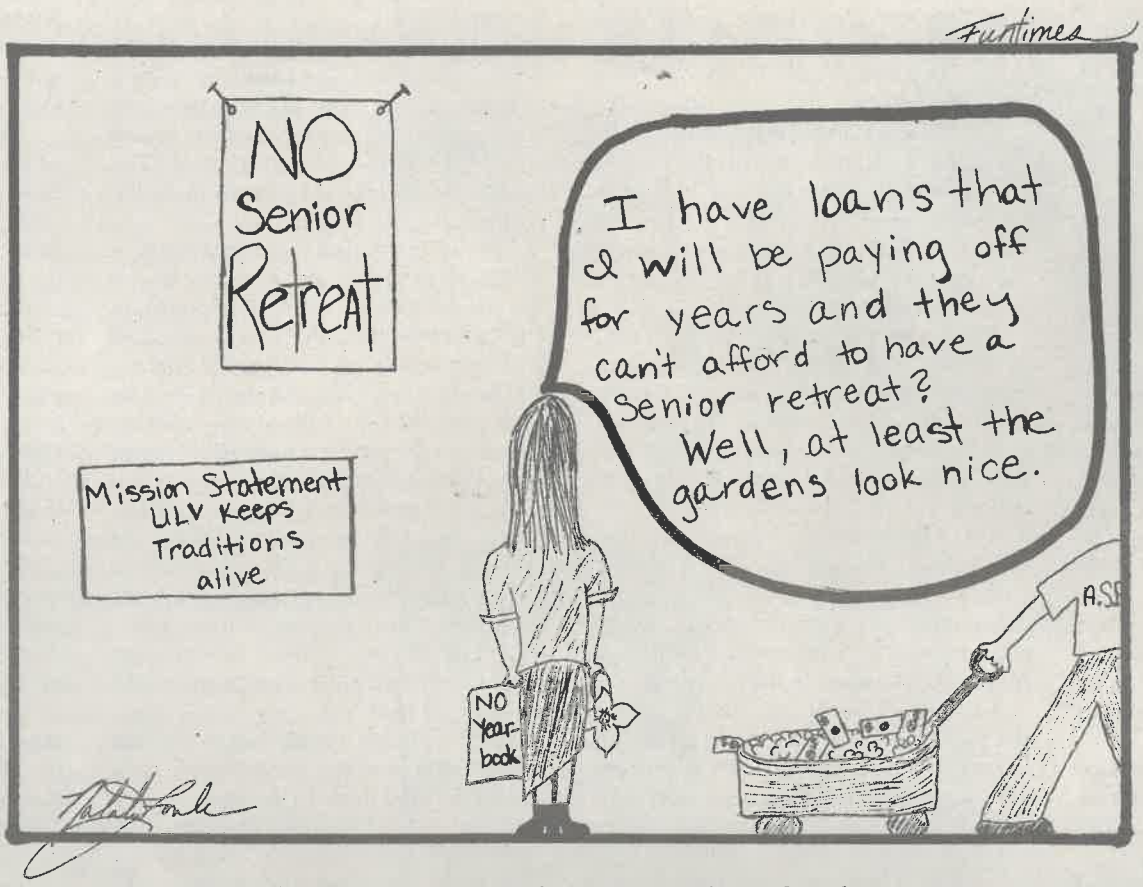
Opinions

Retreat latest tradition to disappear

For the graduating seniors at the University of La Verne, the recent cancellation of their Pilgrim Pines retreat has been a typical scenario in a year of disappointment.

Every student at ULV who went to Pilgrim Pines as a freshman or transfer listened to faculty and staff explain how coming back to the mountains for their senior year would complete some kind of sentimental circle in their college experience.

They were talking about tradition, an all too familiar theme for students at the University. Many newcomers, after being at this campus for only a few weeks, begin to see that there are many events that are held sacred.



After a few months, those same students might observe that the same people who endlessly speak about tradition do not take every measure to uphold it.

Because of what Student Affairs administrators have deemed as a "lack of interest" on the part of the seniors, they have chosen to once again dismiss the annual Senior Retreat.

The department might possibly have some basis for using this excuse if it were not identical to the reasoning for the absence of a retreat last year.

Limited investigation would probably show them that the idea of leaving for a weekend with no more than 50 fellow seniors has lost some of its appeal over the years.

A convenient remedy to the dilemma would be to know this fact and, when the time arises, cancel the retreat annually on account of apathy. Another possibility would be to make an attempt to actually gauge the interests of the senior class and provide some activity that might spur some interest as well as a respectable turnout.

There has been a great deal of bitterness circulating amongst seniors in regards to the retreat and reasonably so. Albeit a weak tradition, it was one of the few annual events still existing that they could anticipate as a part of their commencement.

When it is taken away with no alternatives and resources are already wasted, soon-to-be graduates are left deserted, and such a reaction can only be expected.

This is not to say that the principles surrounding the tradition of the retreat should be ousted. Student Affairs should make an effort to "complete the circle" for the seniors.

However they should pursue either an on-campus or one-day event that taps not only the seniors' emotions, but their interests as well.

To continue promoting the Senior Retreat shows little knowledge of the students' wants and needs.

Furthermore, to stand back and blame the scarcity of graduate events on the seniors' lack of interest shows nothing more than departmental laziness.

Elian's tale has dramatic ending

In the end it took only three minutes, as long as the entire ordeal should have taken. But instead, the three-minute raid on April 22 that reunited Elian Gonzalez with his father followed five months of drawn-out discussions.

The result, as most Americans would agree, was the right one. And although it was unfortunate it had to happen the way it did, the Attorney General Janet Reno made the right decision. Elian is where he belongs—with his father, Juan Miguel.

The photograph of a horrified Elian, with a federal agent holding a semiautomatic weapon just a foot from his face, will no doubt forever be ingrained in the minds of Americans and Cubans alike.

But the saga had continued for too long. Elian ceased to be seen as a child and became nothing more than a political pawn. He never should have been held hostage as long as he was.

A 6-year-old is too easily manipulated by adults, which is the likely scenario Elian faced at the home of his Miami relatives, including cousin Marisleysis Gonzalez.

The situation was completely out of hand. There was little chance the boy's Miami relatives were going to voluntarily give him up and negotiations for a peaceful reunion had failed.

Elian had been turned into a symbol, one that was different for each of the groups involved.

Cubans saw him as a symbol of the righteousness of American democracy and the vile nature of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro's regime.

For some in the United States, the boy was associated, although wrongly so, with post-Cold War relations. And there were also those whose ethnocentric view of America's superiority provided them the fodder to champion the case for Elian to remain in the United States.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am commenting about the article written last year, "GLBSU works to resurrect presence," April 30, 1999, by Jeanette M. Neyman.

My name is Jamie Bigornia and I graduated in 1997. I was the president of the GLBSU when I was an undergrad and I was very "out" in or out of campus. Although I was involved in a bar fight with a few of the baseball players on campus, I didn't let it hinder me from being myself.

I am surprised that in this time of age where diversity and so much talk about homosexuality in the media, people are being put back in the closet because of fear of getting "outed" or gay-bashed because of who they are.

I am living in New York City now and I am very involved in the gay community here. I would like to be involved in the resurrection of the GLBSU on campus and if I have to go there and give a speech in being gay, I would be glad to do it—for whom ever is interested in listening to my story—straight or gay!

And for "George," just be strong and believe in who you are and that will carry you thru the hardest times.

Thank you for listening and giving me this opportunity to support the GLBSU, even if its in hiatus right now!

Jamie Bigornia ('97)
via Internet

Dear Editor,

I was browsing the web last night and I came across a remarkable on-line collegiate newspaper, University of La Verne's *Campus Times* Online. I just want you to pass my words of praise along to every member of your staff, especially Greg MacDonald. His strong opinions and insight are unparalleled by any journalist who has ever received a Pulitzer Prize. My hat's off to Greg MacDonald and the rest of your staff.

Nathan Dean
Harvard University
via Internet

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From the Editor...

Laker victory definite



Damien Alarcon

After the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Sacramento Kings 113-89 last Thursday and took the first two games of the five-game series, almost everyone in Southern California began to tilt his seat back, place his feet on a table, pop open a Corona and prepare for some calm, smooth sailing.

The possibility of a three-game sweep was inevitable, or so we thought. Somebody did not tell Chris Webber and the rest of the Kings that they were supposed to bow down and let the Lakers walk away as the victors.

Now, seven days after the Lakers last defeated Sacramento at the Staples Center, Los Angeles has returned to its home court to hopefully prevent the Kings from winning the series.

The Kings answered back from a two-game deficit in the series by winning two games of their own. The Lakers lost Sunday, 99-91, in Sacramento. No big deal, they won the first two games, gave away the third, but will end up winning the fourth game.

Yeah, right.

On Tuesday, the Kings looked as if they were a better team than the Lakers, who trailed from the opening buzzer to the game's end. Sacramento smacked the Lakers 101-88 in front of its home crowd. How embarrassing it was for the Lakers to lose by such a margin.

Webber led the Sacramento attack with 23 points. Pretty good. The Lakers once again had good performances by Kobe Bryant (32 points) and Shaq O'Neil, who had 25 points and 16 rebounds. O'Neil did, however, had trouble at the line, making 5-of-12 foul shots.

Off of the bench, the Kings dominated the Lakers, scoring 42 points to the Lakers' eight. The entire Sacramento squad obviously wanted the game more, while most of the Lakers relied on the key players to take them to the next level.

I am sick of the Sacramento Kings. For the past few years they have given the Lakers problems on different occasions. They have handed Los Angeles a loss here and a loss there. This can be the biggest upset the Kings are in the midst of executing.

And what do the L.A. fans think? What is going on? The Lakers have been untouchable for most of the season and now they are one game away from taking an exit from the playoff picture. The Lakers are too talented to even be in the position they are in right now.

The Lakers ended the regular season with a 67-15 record and were the heavy favorite to win the NBA championship. The Lakers are the only hope for any sort of championship for Los Angeles fans.

The Dodgers and Anaheim Angels have plagued L.A. with average performances for the past few years. Both teams are not doing that bad right now, but it is early in the season and they have a lot to prove. The L.A. Kings and Ducks are showing no signs of bringing a Stanley Cup to Southern California anytime soon. Since we have no home football team, well, Los Angeles natives cannot even enjoy watching a professional game without taking a road trip.

With as much talent they have, the Lakers hold the key to bringing back recognition and pride to the area.

As far as tonight's Game 5, the Lakers will not lose (knock on wood). They have not lost to the Kings at home in the four times the two teams have faced each other at the Staples Center. Laker fans, have no fear!

The Lakers will be on fire and supported by thousands of crazy, die-hard fans. Each player will have career game highs and the L.A. bench will also be a major factor with its contribution to the game. Los Angeles will be the world champions!

Back to reality: the Lakers have much riding on this game, and being the most talented team in the NBA, will need to play with the desire and play with the tough defense and fast-breaking offense that has made them the team they are.

Since Shaq will be on his home court, the fans will not be fighting to break his concentration on foul shots. Opponents cannot contain Shaq and fouls are unavoidable. His performance on the line will be a whole lot better.

A Los Angeles victory is in the bag (at least it should be).

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Musical sings appropriate lessons



Jazmine Ponce

This past weekend I had the chance to see the musical "Inappropriate," which is being called the next "Rent." In it, eight teenagers, distraught, troubled and labeled inappropriate by society, express their fears, problems and emotions. Topics of rape, drug abuse, suicide, divorce and sexual identity are all expressed by the different characters.

The first time I saw "Inappropriate" was this January when, during the Media Across the Nation trip, I was in the audience of the Saturday "Today Show." In near-freezing weather, the eight young teenagers got up and sang a song entitled "I Wonder." The teenagers were all from the DeSisto School in Massachusetts, a school dedicated to helping troubled teens. All the material in the musical is based on school yearbooks, letters and personal accounts of the students.

I decided to go with my best friend Fermin and my other friend Ruby. We went to see a fun show with hip music. What we got from the show was far more than we expected.

Fermin, who is graduating with a degree in psychology tomorrow, found a connection to his major and future job. He currently works as a counselor for a teen home. Everyday he sees children and teenagers just like these characters. He could see a different teen in each character and would like to show the musical to the teens he helps.

I felt relief and insight into the troubles I have been having. These past couple of weeks I felt like my world was crashing down on me. I had not felt like this since my adolescent plights in high school. While sitting in the audience and listening to the song "I Wonder" again, I felt myself paying attention to the words and they touched me, as corny as that sounds. It clearly showed the emotions I was feeling during those awful plights during my high school years.

"Oh. I would rather be someone else than what you see. I'm wiped out by my lack of confidence in me. I'm going under, running from the thunder of my mind. I surrender. I surrender and wonder why I'm not good enough and why I always screw things up. I wonder why I'm not the special one, the perfect daughter, the perfect son. I wonder why I live the life I lead ... I wonder why I don't like who I am and why I even give a damn."

I am not saying that my life was wrecked with the troubles of these teenagers. I was never addicted to drugs or anything like that. But anyone who has been a teenager has felt this anguish, these plights and questions of life.

Hey, everybody has had these questions at times, even after adolescence. I often feel like all I do is make wrong turns in life. I feel consumed and overwhelmed with pressure and want to crawl into someone else's skin just for a moment of release.

I really loved "Inappropriate" for the message it brings: never give up on yourself when you feel down and never give up or criticize the people you know who are feeling that way. When you are in that position, the support and love you get from friends and people who care mean all the difference. I recommend that anyone who has felt consumed with their troubles try to check out "Inappropriate."

From the ending song, "Everything That You Are:"

"There is purpose in my joy and in my sorrow. There is comfort in the fact that I can believe in tomorrow ... The fear that walks beside me will come and go, you do what you have to do. What may seem like a mistake may be a discovery in disguise. What may seem inappropriate may be appropriate in someone else's eyes."

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Soccer offers concepts for American sports



Agke Grow

Relative to the rest of the world, the United States does not take soccer very seriously. Many sports fans consider soccer a boring, slow, uneventful sport that all too often ends in a 0-0 draw.

There are some things that Americans can learn from the soccer world to help liven up our more traditional sports, such as baseball, basketball and football.

Specifically, the fascinating concepts of multiple divisions, relegation and promotion, ever-present in soccer around the world, are absent in our country.

In soccer, each country has a league, comprised of separate leagues, each with a different level of play. This can be likened to the minor league system in Major League Baseball. The majors are akin to Division I, AAA is equal to Division II, and so on.

The thing that makes the soccer system so great is that at the end of the year, the top three teams in each division are promoted to the next level, and the bottom three teams in each division are relegated down one notch.

This makes for exciting games throughout the season in any sport. Each team would have something to play for, regardless of its position in the league. Teams mathematically incapable of winning a championship still play hard to try and earn promotion, and teams at the bottom of the league fight to avoid being demoted to a lower division.

Take the professional basketball season this year, for example. The Bulls, Clippers and Warriors were the three worst teams in the league. If the NBA implemented relegation, those teams would have to play hard until the very last game to stay in the league, as opposed to giving half-hearted efforts in order to improve their chances in the college draft.

Can you imagine if those three teams were to drop out of the NBA, to be replaced by the top three CBA teams? The Quad City Thunder, the Yakima Sun Kings and the Rockford Lightning would have earned promotion this year, and have an opportunity to compete against the Lakers, Trailblazers, and the rest of the NBA. And of course, there could be a reward for the top NBA teams potentially more prestigious than an NBA ring.

In soccer, the top few teams in Division I earn a berth in international tournaments to determine the top teams in the world. The best from each country competes for a title even more coveted that a country's domestic championship.

In Europe, the tournament is called the Champions League. In South America, the competition is known as the Copa Libertadores. Winning those cups are the ultimate goal of every soccer team eligible to compete in those events.

Wouldn't it be great to see the New York Yankees play the Orix Blue Wave of Japan in a true world series, with each team doing battle with international competition on the road to the championship series?

For the first few years, the U.S. championships would be the most difficult to win in our "big three" sports, but as international tournaments get older, the competition improves, and the feat of defeating the rest of the world would become harder and harder.

Most American sports fans are convinced that the basketball, football and baseball teams in our country are by far the best in the world. That is probably true. However, we cannot really back that statement up with results. (National teams that are sent to competitions like the Olympics are not the same as individual clubs competing.) Such a system of competing would give us an opportunity to prove those claims.

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Professor leaves knowledge, legacy

• Kachuck retires ULV experience

Melinda Sanchez
Staff Writer

Dr. Rhoda Kachuck came to the University of La Verne with great dreams and aspirations. Now she leaves with more knowledge gained than she sought to teach or learn.

A love for literature, plays, students and teaching has brought complete satisfaction to Dr. Kachuck's career at ULV.

"I always wanted to be a teacher. When I was a little girl, my grandfather would call me his 'Professor-Ké,' his little professor," she said.

Dr. Kachuck once dreamed of being a famous actress but said, "When I realized I couldn't be Shirley Temple, that took care of that." She then pursued her life long dream to be a teacher.

Her love for the stage never folded, so Dr. Kachuck decided to teach courses in Shakespeare, American Stage, 20th Century Drama, Comedy/Tragedy and later in her career found an ongoing interest in Holocaust and Jewish literature.

Her knowledge and love for Shakespeare allows Dr. Kachuck to identify herself with the character of Cleopatra. She said mostly because, "there is a line that talks about, age cannot wither, nor custom stale, her infinite variety.'"

After having been at ULV for 28 years, Dr. Kachuck said that when she started, she didn't have any prior experience working with people for that many years.

Having taught every grade, "from pre-school on up, and Yiddish schools," Although never in any one level for a long period, Dr. Kachuck had the opportunity to work with every age group that is schooled .

She said, "I enjoyed working with students who are adults, therefore can be approached on a different level. It's a lot more exciting."

One of the most unique courses that Dr. Kachuck had the opportunity to teach was on Shakespearean plays. Her class took a trip to Ashland Theatre in Oregon to see nine plays in eight days.

According to Dr. Kachuck, the first year the class went, only two people actually went on the trip. This year, she bought 26 sets of tickets.

The plays consist of four Shakespearean, and five others. Dr. Kachuck said, "Once I started going to Ashland, it became a central focus, because there is nothing like seeing the plays."

> 'I know who and what I am. I'm a teacher, there's no question about that. I will always teach, but I know not what I'll be.'
> *–Dr. Rhoda Kachuck, professor of English*

Dr. Kachuck believes that the trip allows students time to bond with each other, and with her.

"I think that after we've broken bread together, there's something different," she said.

In that sense and through evaluating and discussing the plays, Dr. Kachuck tries to explain to her students that, "the actors are there, and are doing their job, and we are the audience who do our job by reacting to the play."

By teaching the students more about the actual contents of the play, Dr. Kachuck's goal is to inform the students and allow them to decide if they love the subject enough to pursue it.

She said, "We like what we know, and you can't begin to like something if you don't know it."

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Juan Garcia

A 28-year teaching career for the University will come to an end. Rhoda Kachuck, professor of English, will retire at the end of this semester. Dr. Kachuck is best known for her enthusiastic teachings in the Shakespeare class, and for her contribution to multi-cultural Literature through her Jewish Literature class. Dr. Kachuck, however, will continue to sponsor and participate in ULV's class to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Graduation marshals flare up commencement

Enrique Gutiérrez
Staff Writer

On May 28 there will be about 200 undergraduate students walking into Ortmayer Stadium to participate in the commencement. However, six of them will not be graduating.

They are the Graduation Marshals, one of the most important element of commencement which few know about.

Grad Marshals lead graduating seniors into the stadium, they hand over the diploma cases, among other duties. "Basically what they do is to provide order," said Ruby Montaño-Cordova, associate dean of student life.

This year's Grad Marshals will be sophomore Trisha Garcia, and juniors Norma Cruz, Mario Guerrero, Shellie Etheridge, Maria Muñoz and Katie Stanton.

Although any student may apply for the position, potential Grad Marshals need to be leaders, good community members, and academically strong, said Montaño-Cordova.

"They should be able to direct people around, be firm, take the lead," she said.

Many of these students show their leadership in their extracurricular activities.

"I just thought it was an opportunity for me to continue to be involved with the university," said Muñoz. "I thought it would be pretty cool to participate in graduation ceremony before I graduate."

"It is not a paid position, it is a volunteer position," said Montaño-Cordova. "They are people who are used and willing to help."

In addition to that, the associate dean said that Grad Marshals give up valuable time during both finals week and Memorial Day weekend.

"I think people are too busy and not many people know about it [the position]," said Garcia. "The people who have applied for the position, they are involved in school, they are in like ASF, sororities or fraternities."

Montaño-Cordova said that another characteristic Grad Marshals have in common is "a sense of serving La Verne."

"One more extra weekend is not going to be the end of the world," said Etheridge. "I've never been to graduation so I thought this would give me some insight in to what to expect when I graduate so I figured, why not apply?"

The Grad Marshals see action in both commencement ceremonies, the undergraduate and the graduate ceremonies.

"Graduation is the most important event of the year," said Montaño-Cordova. "It is like a common goal to work towards so it is exciting to partake in the event that culminates that goal."

"You get to meet new people. You get recognized among faculty and staff," Garcia said.

But most importantly, they said, the gratification they get is to see their graduating friends achieve such an important goal.

"Last year I attended graduation just to see my friends," said Muñoz, "and it was such an incredible feeling of pride."

"A lot of my friends are graduating and if anything I'm doing it for them," Garcia said. "I thought it would be an awesome experience to participate in the farewell ceremony for them and to be able to share that with them.'

"I'm nervous about how my graduation is going to go, the Grad Marshals kind of make everything run smoothly," Etheridge said. "So I was hoping that I could help my seniors by make it a little easier on them, make it really exciting."

Knowles brings acclaim to University

•Debater shines for forensics

Christine Owen
Staff Writer

Placing higher than all previous University of La Verne speakers, sophomore Ryan Knowles earned the No. 10 ranking in the nation at the recent American Forensics Association National Championships, held April 14-17 in Lincoln, Neb.

The competition hosted thousands of students from over 100 schools across the nation, all competing in individual events, the speech part of forensics.

Knowles qualified for Nationals by accumulating points at competitions he attended throughout the year. He qualified in five categories (with the maximum being six) and rehearsed five speeches with which he competed. Knowles competed in dramatic interpretation, prose, programmed oral interpretation, prose, impromptu and poetry. Knowles took second place in the category of dramatic interpretation and fifth in prose.

"I was really happy because I thought that if I could do slightly better than last year, I'd be pleased because then it shows some growth," Knowles said.

Last year, Knowles qualified in two events to advance to the quarterfinals, but proceeded no further. This year, he qualified for the quarterfinals in programmed oral interpretation, a combination of prose, poetry and drama that has woven together with a central theme, dramatic interpretation, in which Knowles orated a 10-minute selection from a play, and prose, a book selection. In the quarterfinal competition, speakers compete against the top 24 of their peers in the nation.

"When they posted breaks to quarterfinals, I broke three of them, which is more than I did last year and a lot more than I expected this year," Knowles said.

During the quarterfinal competition, the speakers competed and a panel of five judges ranked them, advancing the top 12 to semifinals. Knowles advanced in all three categories to the semifinal round. Out of the semifinals, Knowles qualified for finals in dramatic interpretation and prose.

"I went to semifinals and I thought I wouldn't break anything out of that, maybe prose because that's what I've been doing my best in all year. I was already happy with what I had done," Knowles said.

Having never been in a final AFA round before, ULV gained attention by Knowles performance. He won second in the nation for dramatic interpretation and fifth in prose giving him an overall ranking of 10th in the United States.

"He's brought so much recognition to the school," said ULV debate coach Ian Lising. "If there's anything that really highlights how great his feat is, it is that he has brought so much acclaim to La Verne nationally."

Knowles has been involved in speech since high school and as a member of the ULV debate team, competed with his partner Stefan Chacon at the national championships for debate and represented La Verne at Oxford and Cambridge. He is currently an assistant coach at Cleveland High School in Reseda, Calif, and said he believes coaching the high school team helps him as well.

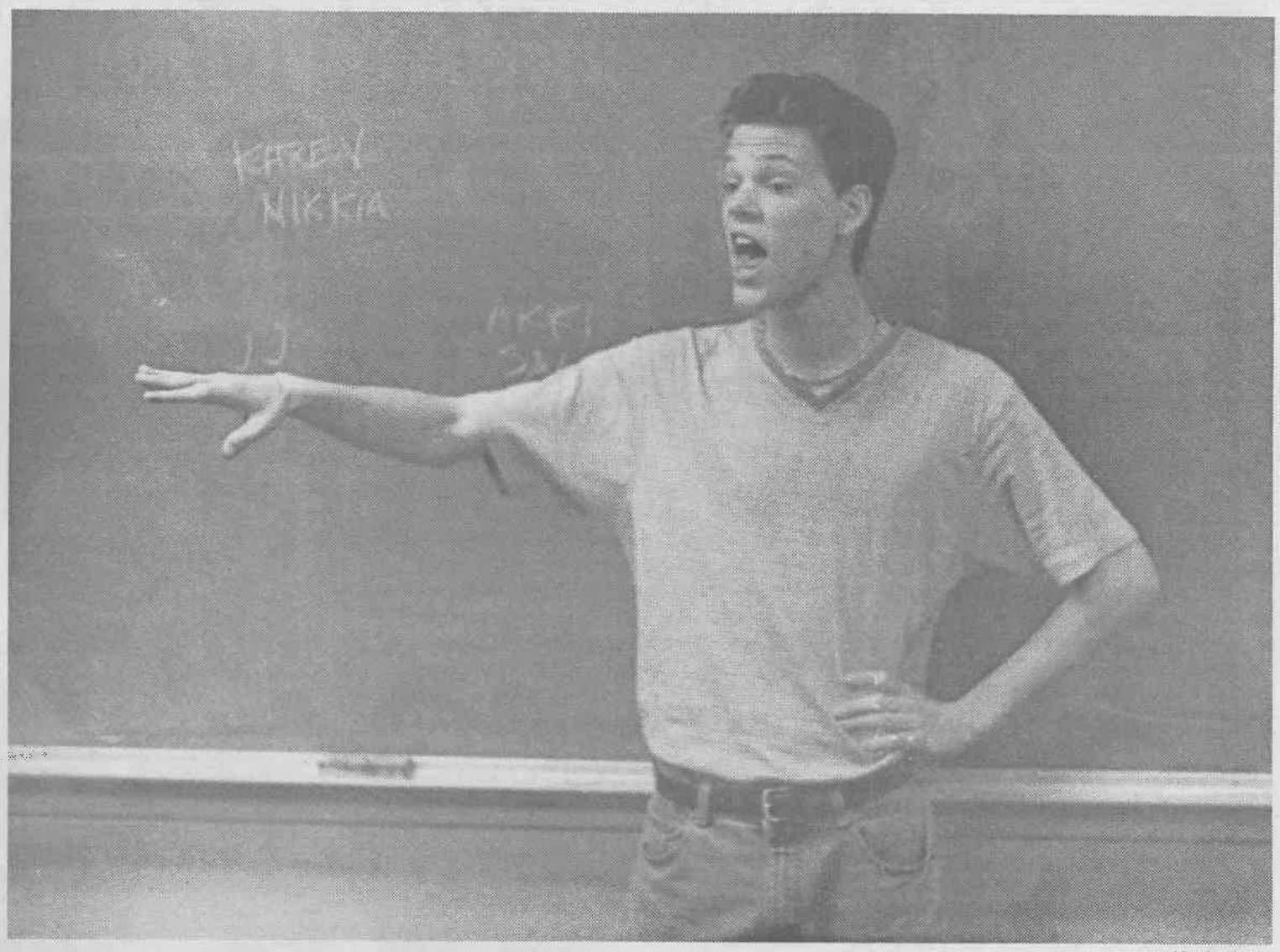
"In coaching them or learning how to coach them, it helps me be able to coach myself," he said.

Crediting Lising as the means for his accomplishments, Knowles said that part of his reason for staying at La Verne is because of his coach.

"Ian Lising is bar none, one of the most talented people I have ever met in my life. He is outstanding in every respect as a human being, but in speech and debate, he is just even greater," Knowles said.

However, Lising maintains that Knowles' talent is not something he gained by being a part of the debate team.

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Natalie Fowle

Ryan Knowles, a sophomore, has been on the ULV debate team for two years and has already set records. This year Knowles was the only ULV interpretative event participant to qualify for the American Forensics Association National Championships. The second year debater earned the No. 10 spot in the national rankings while competing in Lincoln, Neb.

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Entertainment Briefs

Now Playing

•"Gladiator," directed by Ridley Scott, revolves around a Roman general named Maximus. The ancient romanesque epic stars Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix.

•"I Dreamed of Africa," a drama starring Kim Basinger, is based on the memoir of Kuki Gallmann who gave up her high society life to live on a Kenyan planation with her new husband and child.

Tickets on sale

•The Vans Warped Tour added another show June 28 at the Ventura Fairgrounds. Tickets go on sale tomorrow. A variety of performers ranging from Mighty Mighty Bosstones to NOFX will perform.

•LFO and B*Witched headline this years All That Music and More Festival, June 29 at the Glen Helen Blockbuster Pavillion, and July 2 at the Verizon Wireless Ampitheatre. Tickets go on sale Sunday at all participating Ticketmaster locations.

Student plays

Students in the directing class present their final projects beginning next week. Plays will be held in the Cabaret and Dailey Theatre.

•"Poster of the Cosmos and Eukiah," written by Lanford Wilson and directed by Ryan Landmann, will be May 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.

•"Fall Up," written by Shel Silverstein and directed by Jammie Lawrence, will be performed May 12 at 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Movie screening

Tonight at 7 a screening off the film "Beloved" will be shown in La Fetra Auditorium. The film stars Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover. Admission is free.

—Jazmine Ponce

Area band's mix of music is Easy pill to swallow

by Deanna Reyes

"Fat Side of Skinny," "Sleeper" and "Coffee Boy." No, these are not titles to this summer's new film releases. These are just a few of the 22 original songs written and performed by the up-and-coming band "The Big Pill."

The Press, located in Claremont, set the stage for the band's performance last Friday. The five-member band include Rich Herrera, percussion; Joey K., drums and lead vocals; Nick Lewis, guitar; Josh Steinberg, bass and Jake Wilson, saxophone. DJ True accompanied the band, adding some spice to its sound by scratching records.

The group formed when Lewis ran into Joey K. who was playing a guitar outside a local record store. Joey K. said Lewis called him everyday for three weeks until he finally agreed to get some people together and start a band.

Joey K. called his two childhood friends, Steinberg and Herrera, and recruited them to the band. Wilson, a recent member of four months, attends school with Lewis, who brought him to one of the band's practices. And as they say, "the rest is history."

The original name of the band was suggested by Joey K., who had always had the name 'The Big Pill" in the back of his mind if he ever started a band.

"The name came from another band who didn't like it, and I did," said Joey K. "It came from the first line of a George Clinton song called 'Dr. Funkenstein.'"

Joey K. said he writes about 80 percent of the band's songs, and uses his personal experiences for inspiration. A song entitled "Coffee Boy" is about his time working at an espresso bar located inside a gas station.

Fellow band member, Wilson said he thinks Joey K.'s songs are very unique and original.

The Big Pill has a unique sound, mixing various genres of music to create something all its own. Joey K. describes their music as "aggressive lounge music."

> 'What makes our band unique is that everyone can really play,'
>
> *—Joey K. lead vocalist and drummer for The Big Pill*

"We have a heavy jazz, rock and R&B sound," said Wilson.

Incorporating many instruments, the band's sound is strong due to the experience of each member.

"What makes our band unique is that everyone can really play," said Joey K. "Nick has been playing guitar for 15 years and I've been playing drums for 20 years."

Its performance at the Press offered a smaller and more intimate setting than the band is accustomed. Tables adorned with candles surrounded the area in which the band was playing. While enjoying the enthusiastic music, band-goers enjoyed various appetizers from the restaurant's late night menu.

The performance began at 9:30 p.m. and lasted until midnight. The band had the crowd of various ages tapping their feet and grooving to the upbeat sounds throughout the evening.

"I like the band's sound and beat with the scratching of the records," said Jose Galindo, a 20-year-old student from Chaffey College. "They are real high energy."

The band is currently working laboriously on its second CD, expected it to be completed in July or August of this year. Their first album is titled "The Big Pill: Prescription Strength," is available at their concerts. Their ultimate goal is to go nationwide with their music.

All of the members of the band have a passion and dedication for music, which attributes to much of their success.

"I tremendously enjoy performing," said Wilson. "I just can't get enough."

The ages of the band members range from 19 to 25, and the level of their music is incredibly high and their undeniable talent is prevalent with every song they play.

"The Big Pill" will be playing next at McMurphy's in Old Town Pasadena on May 18 and June 1.

Student-directed senior project explores life in hell



Erica Paal

"No Exit," by Jean-Paul Sartre showed for three consecutive nights in the Cabaret Theatre last week. The production was a senior project directed by Dustin Lorentz. The play is based on three main characters: (from left) Inez, played by Jessica Wotherspoon, Estelle played by April Shenkman, and Garcin played by Obren Milanovic. They are trapped in hell together forced by one another to face up to their own personal demons.

Variety of concerts sing summer fun

Angelique B. D'Silva
Staff Writer

Summer is a time for relaxing and getting the opportunity to do the things that might have impeded one's schedule during the school year. Summer is a time to sleep in, watch television, go to the beach and attend concerts.

Concerts give fans an opportunity to see their favorite musicians up close. Concerts also give the fans an opportunity to hear the music without the studio amplifying the musician's voice. The best part of concerts is that people meet new people and have a great time because they are amongst their fellow groupies.

If people enjoy alternative music, one can attend The Vans Warped Tour 2000 will have such featured artist as Save Ferris, Long Beach Dub Allstars, Mighty Mighty Bosstones and NOFX. They will be a variety of other artists performing at the Arrowhead Pond parking lot. For more information on the Vans Warped Tour visit the official website at **www.vanswarped.com**. Also featured at the Arrowhead Pond will be Nine Inch Nails in June.

Another tour going on will be Hootenanny 2000 with Chris Isaak, Reverend Herton Heat and Royal Crown Revue at the Oaks Canyon Ranch in June.

At the Universal Amphitheater, the Smashing Pumpkins will be performing on May 23. Those interested in blues and jazz music will have a festive time attending the B.B. King Blues Festival in August., also at the Universal

At the Great Western Forum Blink-182 will be playing in May and No Doubt will be at Verizon Wireless Ampitheatre on August. Do not forget to see Sting performing at the Greek Theatre in August.

"I was asked to answer, why do I go to concerts? I buy CD's if I like a song. I might not know what group is singing the song when I first hear it, but, I'll find out what group is playing the song simply by the song alone. I'll play the song over and over again until the CD is scratched. Afterwards, I have no choice but to see the group playing in persons," says junior Anthony Granillo.

Junior Miriam Bueno, said,"Concerts are a way to meet some of my favorite artists." Bueno will be attending Wango Tango presented by KISS FM in the summer, which will be featuring a variety of musicians.

"I am going to Wango Tango on May 13th. At Wango Tango I have the opportunity to meet many different talented people such as Lenny Kravitz, Marc Anthony, Enrique Iglesias and 'N Sync. It is exciting to be able to see them live, you're able to yell, dance and sing to your favorite songs," said Bueno.

"I am going to go see the 'N Sync in concert June. I am going because it is an opportunity to see the artist in person. I enjoy the rush of an entire stadium screaming and yelling, and singing along with the performance. It's fun and exhilarating," said junior Margaret Tipton,

Concerts are a great way to pass the summer time. It is a time to let your hair get loose and spend time with your friends. Concerts may be expensive, so save up your money.

Go to local Ticketmaster outlets or visit **www.ticketmaster.com**, to purchase tickets. For more information on these concerts and others visit **www.pollstar.com** and **www.goldenvoice.com**.

Comedy Review

Titus' comedy melts Ice House

Jazmine Ponce
Arts & Entertainment Editor

With the ongoing stress of day-to-day activities such as work, school and family, one needs to relax and just laugh. One particular place to let the laughter flow is the Ice House in Pasadena, a comedy club for people 18 and over.

Last Thursday, Christopher Titus of Fox's new series "Titus" performed a one-night-only show. Like his series, he draws from his personal experiences in a dysfunctional family that range from an alcoholic father with five ex-wives to a mother with multiple personalities.

Does not sound funny? Wrong. Titus is extremely hilarious with a quick wit, impeccable comedic timing and is able to change his troubles and problems into laughable and relatable comedy. He uses his comedy as catharsis therapy and some of that therapy rubs off. He also included material on the current event icon of dysfunctional families: Elian Gonzalez.

"When I was a little kid people would say well you got a screwed up life, then I watched Elian Gonzalez this last week.

"Now I don't wanna be hanging with this kid when he's 16 and we are all telling those stories about our lives. 'Yeah my dad used to call me a wussy.' 'Yeah well, I flew over in a inner tube from Cuba, mom died, then I was a propaganda tool for the U.S. and the Cuban government. Oh and then some guys broke into my house with big guns and took me away, what do you got Titus?,' " he said.

Titus whose series recently got renewed for next fall after six episodes says he decided to pitch his dysfunctional comedy series after he read a *Los Angeles Times* article. "One day I sat down read the *Los Angeles Times* and it said, 63 percent of American families are now considered dysfunctional, and I thought my God we're the majority, we're normal. It's those people that have the mom, dad, brother, sister with the white picket fence; those people are the freaks," he said

Let's face it, not every family is perfect. Any person who has fought or bickered with their parents, dabbled in mischievous behavior, or had disastrous relationships can relate to being dysfunctional.

One particular characterization of his father that had the audience rawled up was "Anti-dad." Who couldn't relate the self-esteem stomping episodes fathers sometimes give.

"As a kid, he was weird, he'd be cool take you skiing, than he start drinking and about three o'clock he'd just change. He'd be the most negative human being on the planet, he was like this negative super hero: anti-dad, where there is hope I will stop it, 'Dad I got a B on my report card.' 'But it's not an A, now when the smile has left your face I'm off.' 'Hey dad, I graduated high school.' 'But you didn't make valedictorian did you boy, when your confidence returns so shall I,' " said Titus.

Though he makes fun of his parents in his comedy he has respect for them and praises their sacrifices. Without their dysfunctional behavior he would not be doing his act and would not have it any different.

"Be normal, and the crowd will accept you. Be deranged, and they will make you their leader," said Titus.

One of his philosophies is "I never fail. I succeed at finding what doesn't work." Carbon copy stand-up comedians and their TV series come and go, but when all hope is lost, a creative comedian, like Titus comes along and keeps the audience laughing at his innovative views on life and making connections to their own life. For Titus one would not call that failure, but on the way to success. Remember Titus. He will probably be around for a long time.

The Ice House is located at 24 N. Mentor Ave. in Pasadena. For information on shows and reservations call (626) 577-1894. Price range depending on acts.

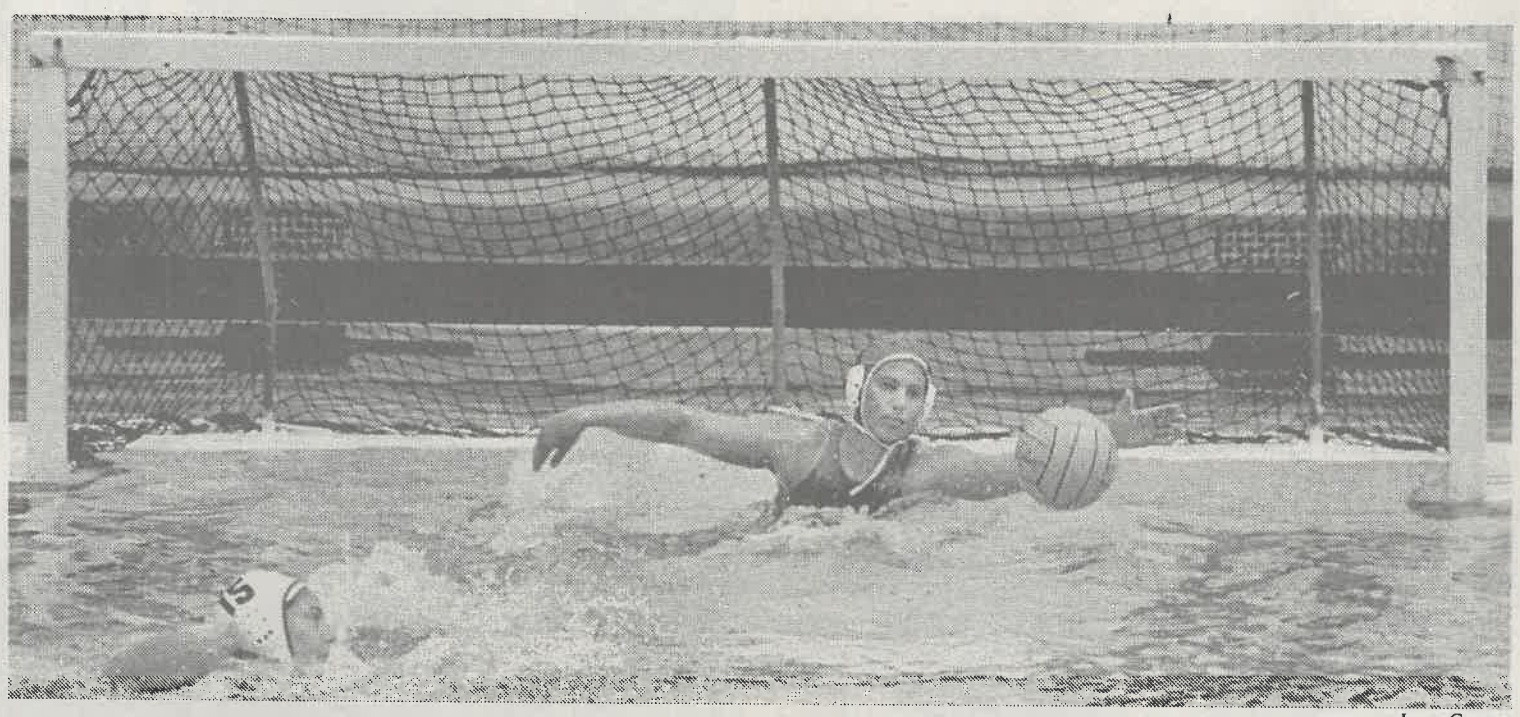
"Titus" airs Monday nights on Fox at 8:30 p.m.



Water polo goes 1-4 in tournament

•ULV ends season with victory

Reginald Miller
Staff Writer



Jason Cooper

Sophomore goalie Maria DeSantis climbs out of the water to block a shot from Occidental last Friday at Claremont College. The Leopards would succumb to the Tigers 5-2 in their first game of tournament play in the SCIAC championships. La Verne went on to lose three more and walk away with a lone victory against Whittier on Sunday.

The final curtain call of the season for the University of La Verne women's water polo team took place last weekend as the Leopards competed in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship tournament at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Sophomore utility Tandis Morgan said, "During the tournament I felt we played really strong and really smart."

The Leopards faced each of their conference opponents, playing five games over the course of three days.

"As a team we wanted to win as many games as possible," said sophomore driver Allison Alastuey. "We wanted to play hard and make sure that we didn't mess up at any time, or any point, and see if we could play really good games."

> 'They [Poets] scored the first two, but as usual we came back in the second half really strong and we made our last goal in the last quarter.'
> —*Allison Alastuey, sophomore driver*

The Leopards' record ended up 1-4 in the tournament, earning their sole victory, a 5-2 triumph over Whittier College, in their last game of the weekend.

"They [Poets] scored the first two, but as usual we came back in the second half really strong and we made our last goal in the last quarter," said Alastuey.

Against Whittier, it was Morgan that led ULV's scoring with three goals.

In the games prior to the finale, the Leopards dropped both Friday. First they lost to Occidental, 5-2, then they suffered a lopsided loss to the University of Redlands, the defending Division III National Champions, by the score of 10-2.

"I think that we came out in the first half and played some really good water polo," said freshman utility player Jennifer Pacheco. "We had a few mental breakdowns in the second half and they [Occidental] capitalized on that and that was our downfall."

Saturday's games proved fateful as well. La Verne was defeated twice. The Leopards fell 7-4 to Claremont and 11-9 in a high-scoring affair with Pomona-Pitzer.

"I definitely would say that we are a never-say-die team," said head coach Tim Hugar. "When we were down going into the fourth quarter in lots of games we never rolled over, which is a good sign."

Against CMS, scoring two goals apiece for the Leopards were sophomores Andrea Griffith and Morgan. Against Pomona-Pitzer, in which every Leopard starter scored, Pacheco led the team with three goals.

"Pomona was a tough loss," said freshman driver Emily Tollefson. "We definitely gave them a tough game. Erase the second quarter and we win 8-7."

La Verne's second-year program has a lot to be proud of. It took the Leopards one week to break the top 10 in the Division III USA Water Polo polls. Going into last weekend's tournament, ULV had steadily climbed to sixth in those rankings.

"Last year we started seven freshmen," said Hugar. "This year we were still pretty young, with all freshmen and sophomores starting."

Not bad for a program that in its second season, does not harbor a senior on its roster and has only two juniors.

"We were 10 goals behind most of these teams last year," Hugar said of the team's inaugural season. "I told the girls if we improve that much again next year, teams better look out."

The rise in the rankings can be attributed to the steady improvement the team has made as a whole.

"Overall we have improved more than anyone else in our conference," said Griffith.

Kline, athletes revive SAAC

•Group to apply for club status

Matt Cresto
Staff Writer

Assistant head trainer Jim May and women's basketball and softball coach Julie Kline are trying to bring back a voice for the student athlete. The two are trying to revive the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) that once flourished at the University of La Verne.

The nationally known committee allows student athletes to have an opinion about what goes on in their sport, but also has a great deal to do with community relations. It allows students to voice their opinions and solve problems throughout the athletic community.

"If it is an issue as far as athletics in general that the athletes feel strongly about, it's a great way for them to unite and go further up the administration chain to get their voice heard," said May.

The committee was first started by Athletic Director Jim Pascal, but last year the committee never got the jump start in the right direction. This year May and Kline hope to bring forth good things for the future here at La Verne.

"We are just trying to get it started this year and get it going strong," said May. "Next year we will have a good base to work off things more in-depth."

The student-based committee is not run by the faculty but by the students. Two representatives from each sport are chosen by their coach to represent their team. The committee also has elected officials to lead the discussions.

Junior soccer and softball player Robin Haaker heads the committee as the chairman. Football player Manny Rodriguez was elected co-chairman, and Cara Forrest was named secretary. These three positions will carry over into next year as well.

Two sub committees have evolved from SAAC: the inter sport relations committee and the community outreach committee. Two SAAC members are put in charge of these groups.

The SAAC will apply to become a ULV club sometime next month.

The committee right now is working on a Habitat for Humanity program that will join together student athletes in constructing a house for the poor. SAAC is working on building more events for the student athlete to participate in with the community. A canned food drive is the next event on the agenda.

The committee of approximately 40 student athletes meets tentatively on Thursdays at 9 p.m.

Dr. Gonchar...

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outline and course requirements will be fulfilled."

Dr. Russell said that although Dr. Gonchar has said that he hopes to return before the end of the semester, he does not want to interrupt with Dr. Gonchar's healing process.

"He [Dr. Gonchar] is not being pressured to come back any sooner than he is ready to come back," said Dr. Russell. "Everything is covered by the department to fill the gap and will be filled until he is able to take over again."

Dr. Gonchar also wrote that he is being informed of his classes' progress throughout the remainder of the term.

"The faculty of the Psychology Department has responded quickly and professionally to this unexpected circumstance," wrote Dr. Gonchar in regard to what the department has done to make up for his absence. "I have every confidence that students in these classes will have the finest academic experience."

As for his health condition, Dr. Russell said, "As it currently stands, he is recovering well. He just needs to rest."

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Leopards take Bulldogs to pound

•La Verne ends second in SCIAC

Vince Zavala
Staff Writer

Although they let a nine-run lead slip away in their third game, the University of La Verne Leopards managed to take two of three games from the University of Redlands Bulldogs last Friday and Saturday.

The first game of the series was played at Ben Hines Field and featured the Leopards senior ace Ryan Christoph (7-3). The usually quick-starting Christoph had some control problems.

"I struggled early. But I found my rhythm after the fourth inning," said Christoph.

Find his rhythm he did. Christoph did not allow a hit after the fourth inning en route to his complete game victory. His team responded with five runs in its half of the fifth inning, giving the Leopards a 5-2 lead after five.

The team added three runs in the seventh and two more in the eighth, completing the first game of the three-game series with 10-2 victory.

La Verne's batters more than doubled the Bulldogs in hits, and the ULV defense was error-free, which sharply contrasted with the Bulldogs' five errors. Christoph finished the game with seven strikeouts.

"Christoph pitched an outstanding game," said pitching coach Dan Grudt.

The morning game at Redlands started just as the previous night, with the Bulldogs jumping out to a quick two-run lead.

Senior pitcher/DH Kyle Spielbuehler lead off the top of the second inning with a first-pitch home run to deep left field.

"I usually like to go after the first pitch. I got a good pitch to hit and hooked it over the left field fence," said Spielbuehler.

Spielbuehler added another RBI in the seventh on a sacrifice fly. The Leopards were tied at three before the Bulldogs took a one-run lead into the top of the ninth.

ULV responded with four runs in the top of the ninth to give junior pitcher Jon Cruz the lead for the first time. In the bottom of the inning, junior Nathan Devine came in and closed the game, giving Cruz his fourth win of the season.

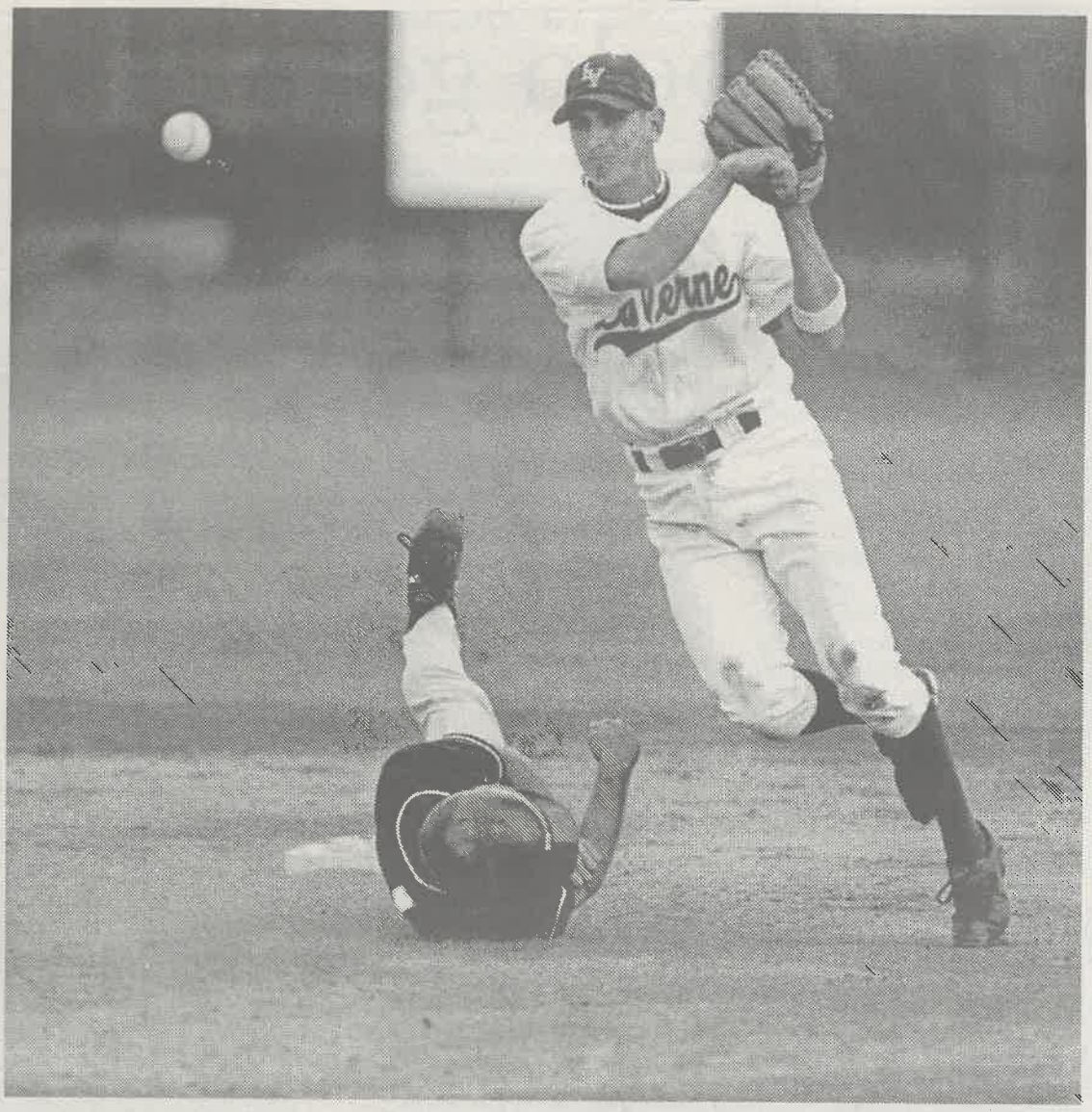
"Jon pitched one of his best games of the year. He was able to get ahead of the hitters and keep his pitch count down," said Grudt.

In the final game of the series, the Leopards batters spotted senior pitcher Bo Balzar nine runs. The Leopards seemed to get complacent after their 9-2 third-inning lead.

"We played good in two out of three games and just went flat in the third," said head coach Bobby Lee.

Redlands scored 10 runs over the last six innings to secure their only victory of the series over the Leopards, 12-10.

The Leopards will wrap up their season this weekend in San Diego, where they will play their final four games at the UCSD tournament.



Juan Garcia

Shortstop Eddie Muñoz turns an easy double play during last Friday's 10-2 victory against the University of Redlands. This was the first of two wins in the three-game series.

Kachuck...

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In that sense, by giving her students the knowledge, Dr. Kachuck said, "All I can do in three month's time is to wet their appetite for it."

Dr. Kachuck had a shirt made for her husband, trying to make him consider retiring. She had a quote placed on it that stated, "We know what we are, but not what we may be."

After some time, she realized that it also applied to her, and she came to the conclusion that it had come time for her to retire as well.

She said, "I know who and what I am. I'm a teacher, there's no question about that. I will always teach, but I know not what I'll be."

Dr. Kachuck's philosophy is "if I couldn't learn something from my students, then I'm wasting my time and theirs."

Teaching has become a two way road where information and growth are exchanged. Dr. Kachuck lives by the quote, "When you become a teacher, by your pupils you'll be taught.

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Thompson takes swing at ambitions

•Calm DH leads by example

Agke Grow
Sports Editor

For any team to be successful, a prerequisite is talent. An unskilled team stands little chance of winning half of its games, much less a championship. However, talent will only take a team so far. To get to the next level, a squad needs ambition and good chemistry.

By this formula, senior Jennifer Thompson is the complete package. She brings unquestionable talent and determination to the field, and a positive demeanor to the dugout.

"She has come out every day for four years and has worked hard without complaint," said head softball coach Julie Kline.

Of course, she was working hard on the softball field even before she became a Leopard. Thompson first began playing softball at age 8 for a Fontana Parks and Recreation team. She continued to play city ball even as she played for Bloomington High School.

"I was the only pitcher in high school," Thompson said. "I pitched every game. One year I pitched 96 innings. Freshman, sophomore and junior year, I was the only pitcher on my city ball team. I would have to pitch all through high school, and all through city ball. My senior year, my sister played city ball, so I didn't have to pitch."

Her hard work paid off, and Thompson was an all conference selection her junior and senior years at Bloomington, and earned Most Valuable Player honors as a junior.

She was also a scholar-athlete throughout high school, and graduated third in her class with a 4.03 GPA.

For all her innings on the mound in high school, Thompson has not pitched at all for the Leopards. Her role in college has been designated hitter.

"I love to hit," said Thompson. "Even when I pitched, I'd rather have hit."

Thompson brings intensity to the fifth spot in the order, as evidenced by her power grunt.

"My anger comes out on the field," said Thompson. "I'm not a real big person. My dad says its good because that's power from the inside. That's why I started grunting. I used to have a huge grunt when I pitched."

By taking her frustrations out on the ball, Thompson is able to keep a pleasant demeanor about her off the field.

"[She's] good-natured," said Kline.

"I don't really have a temper," Thompson said. "I can get along with pretty much everybody and handle pretty much every situation."

That even temperament has helped Thompson deal with an unfortunate string of injuries throughout her softball career.

Her freshman year, Thompson broke her radius. "We were sitting on the foul line, and one of the girls hit a foul ball," she said. " It was coming at my face, and I blocked it. And it broke my arm."

Thompson's foul ball woes continued the following season, when she was hit by one during practice.

"My sophomore year, a foul baseball came over and gave me a concussion," she said. "It hit me in the back of the head."

Thompson was injured again her junior year in practice.

"Sliding into second base in practice last year, I ripped all the ligaments away from my ankle," she said.

Her senior year has been injury free, but the injured left ankle's condition is worsening, and she said she will need to undergo surgery.

Although she is playing hurt, Thompson has overcome her injuries, and earned all-conference honors the past three years, as well as all-West Region honors in her sophomore and junior years.

But more important than individual accolades, her leadership has helped steer a young University of La Verne softball team to the SCIAC conference title this season.

"Jennifer has always led by example," said Kline. "It has been a pleasure and honor to work with J.T. [She] is a positive role model for everyone."

Thompson down plays her being a role model, and said, "Most of my brothers and sisters are bigger than me. I'm not really the role model. My mom and dad wanted me to be, because I'm the oldest."

Thompson comes from a large, a tight-knit family that still sits down together to eat.

"We eat dinner at the table every night," she said. "There's nine of us. We all live in the same house.

"We're pretty close," Thompson said, but she added, "I'm ready to move out."

Thompson, who turned 22 yesterday, has also grown close to her teammates and Kline over her four years at ULV.

"Last year and this year I've grown closer to Julie just by playing and dedicating my time to the team," she said. "The best thing about Julie is that she knows what she's talking about. She has lots and lots of knowledge of the game and she was a very, very good softball player.

"She's always like, 'We're going to work with you until you get it. I know you can do it and you're going to do it.' "

As for Thompson's relationship with her teammates, she said, "My freshman year I didn't feel that bonding. Last year and this year, the girls are actually my friends on and off campus. It's just better chemistry, and because of the chemistry, I enjoy going out there."

Thompson's best friend is teammate Lacey Cramer, a sophomore pitcher.

"We enjoy the same things, we get hurt the same," said Thompson. "She's like my sister. We're exactly alike."

Thompson's goal after college is to land a job as a sportscaster for Fox Sports West.

She hopes to get a job at a local television station and work her way up, and worked at KTLA 5 for her internship.

"I've known what I wanted to do since junior high," she said. "I want to do the highlights."

Thompson really began working toward her goal in high school, where she was on the newspaper staff for three years, and was did yearbook for two.

Thompson is now busy completing her senior project by producing personality profiles on ULV athletes, and is covering Ben Hines, Curtis Frick, and Dwight and Mary Hanawalt.

It's going OK, I guess, considering I melted one of the tapes," said Thompson. "I left it in my car."

Thompson is also spending her time training with the softball team in preparation for the postseason. La Verne will attempt to win the Western Region Championships.

"We're working out, were conditioning, were getting prepared. We have to play together, we have to play with intensity," she said. "If we go out there and complete to the abilities we have, we can beat those teams."



Naoko Yokota

Senior designated hitter Jennifer Thompson has been playing softball since she was 8 years old. She says winning the SCIAC championship was not so difficult because her team played together. Though she had several serious injuries, she says, "I like softball a lot. I get a long with all teammates and I have my best friend, Lacey Cramer, on the team." Thompson hopes to work at a local television station after graduating this May.

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"We try to help him as much as we can, but with as much talent as he has, there's very little we can do," Lising said. "He's so polished that I'll just give him one or two bits of suggestions, but I can't claim that's help."

Although this year's season is over, Knowles is already looking forward to next year and to the prospect of gaining new debate team members.

He said he believes that more people might join if they knew there was more to do than just debate. There are 11 individual events to compete in which include informative speaking, persuasive speaking and stand up comedy. "There's really something for everybody and I wish more people would join," Knowles said. "It's the best activity I've ever been involved in."

This summer, Knowles will be teaching high school students public speaking. He is also going to begin publishing speech interpretation handbooks that will be used as textbooks by high school students. An English major having previously attended Cal Arts, Knowles still ponders becoming and actor and intends to do his graduate work in theater. As for now, Knowles is focused on speech and is looking for material to perform next year.

"Of course, being a competitive guy, all I can think about is how I can do better next year," he said.

Golf leapfrogs to 2nd with victory

•Di Carlo individual champion

Brice Nixon
Editorial Director

For most of this season, the University of La Verne golf team has played below its ability.

But the Leopards continued a recent streak of improved play when they surprised many in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), and capture the conference Championship on April 26.

"I felt like our capabilities were much better than what we were showing all year," said head coach Rex Huigens. "We just weren't playing very well as a team."

The Leopards' season has been on the upswing since the team's March 29 match against third-ranked UC San Diego. And that positive momentum reached its pinnacle last Wednesday, when La Verne jumped to second place in SCIAC with a 622 total.

La Verne sophomore Mario Di Carlo recovered from a four-shot deficit to claim the individual championship with a 150 score in the par-72, 36-hole tournament.

"Winning tournaments like that is what keeps you out there," said Di Carlo.

Di Carlo shot a 76 on the first 18, after which he trailed Redlands' Forest Jones (72). Di Carlo came back with a 74 on the final 18 to claim the individual title and win the tournament for ULV. Jones won a playoff with John Fischer of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps for second.

"I knew I was close," said Di Carlo. "I went into 17 ... three over. I bogeyed 16. I was like, I got to birdie this hole. I came back and birdied 17 to go two over.

"I didn't know if I was going to be in the lead or one or two back. I saw the playoff [for second] and thought it was for first."

La Verne, who came into the championships in fourth place in the conference, trailed Cal Lutheran 309-311 after the first 18.

"Our first two scores were 82 and 89," said Huigens. "I thought, gee, I hope we can hold on for the fourth spot. And Cal Lutheran was feeling very confident at that point.

"So Cal Lutheran, I think, thought they had it wrapped up at that point. And then we came in with a 76, 77 and 74 from our last three guys."

Di Carlo, playing in the final group of the day, capped off the Leopards come-from-behind win.

"The last guy wins the whole tournament," said Huigens, "and obviously put us ahead of Cal Lutheran to win the tournament as a team as well."

La Verne lost by 10 to UCSD, but Huigens felt the Leopards were on the verge of a breakthrough.

"I just kept thinking, you know, I think we're on the edge here," said Huigens. "If we could just get over it, I think we can play pretty good in the tournaments. And we did."

> 'Going into the tournaments I was hoping we could catch Pomona and finish fourth by ourselves. Guys played beyond what I even thought we would play. So I was real excited about it, and obviously the guys were. It's always nice to finish strong.'
> —*Rex Huigens, head golf coach*

La Verne was in fifth entering the first 18-hole tournament, where they finished second. The Leopards again finished second in the second 18-hole tournament and moved into a tie for fourth with Pomona-Pitzer, two behind third place and three behind second.

"Actually, realistically," said Huigens, "going into the tournaments I was hoping we could catch Pomona and finish fourth by ourselves for sure.

"And actually guys played beyond what I even thought we would play. So I was real excited about it, and obviously the guys were."

Junior Paul Gomez was fourth in the tournament with a 153.

"We've been waiting for him to break lose," said Huigens, "and he picked a good day to do it, the last tournament of the year."

Senior Steve Lewis shot 84 in the first round, including a 10 on the 16th hole. But he came back to tie for 11th.

"In the afternoon he came back with a 76 and had a hole in one on No. 13," said Huigens.

Lewis also won SCIAC's Jesse Clark Sportsmanship Award and was named Second-Team All-SCIAC.

"The whole last month of the season was a very good month for us," said Huigens. "It's always nice to finish strong, and actually way beyond what I expected to happen, or thought could happen."

Relay team shines, qualifies for championships

•4x100 squad looks to nationals

Leslie M. Estrada
Staff Writer

Last weekend, the University of La Verne men's and women's track and field teams competed in the California/Nevada State Meet and moved into position for nationals in Chicago in three weeks.

Prior to the state meet, the track team also participated in the SCIAC championships three weekends ago. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps won the event, and ULV finished fourth.

Demetric Brown, a freshman running for the 4x100-meter relay team, felt a change that raised the team's confidence.

"Before going to state, we didn't get the respect we deserved from the Division III schools. But after beating about 98 percent of our competition, we finally earned that respect," said Brown.

Freshman Dejuana Satchell, Sheppard, and the women's 4x100 relay team are provisional qualifiers.

During the conference meet, in which the winners were crowned SCIAC champions, Jones won in the long jump with a leap of 22-5 3/4", La Verne won in the 4x100 relay race and Lawson won the 400 hurdles with a time of 53.11 seconds, a school record. Sheppard came in first in the 200m with a time of 21.58. Junior Andre Ike won the high jump by clearing 1.98 meters.

For the women, Satchell took first place in the 100 and 200, and freshman Liz Lucsko won the 100 low hurdles with a time of 15.37.

Cres Gonzales, assistant coach, had positive reactions on the team's achievements.

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> —*Demetric Brown, freshman*

"We are extremely impressed on the performance at the conference," said Gonzales. "They [athletes] broke school records as well as personal records."

ULV now ranks fourth in the nation in the men's 4x100 relay race with a time of 41.33, posted by Sheppard, Brown, Jones and Lawson.

In order to compete in the state championships, athletes from schools in California and Nevada must fall in the top 20 of that particular event against Division I, II and III schools. Lawson's time of 53.11 allowed him to participate in the 400 event.

Sheppard, as well as other team members, are looking forward to their anticipated performance in national competition on May 18.

"We have a lot of confidence in competing at nationals in a few weeks," said Sheppard. "State competition prepared us well with a high confidence level."

Gonzales said he is optimistic about both the present and future of the team because a large number of freshmen and sophomores are doing well.

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Men's Golf

SCIAC
Championship Tournament

1. University of La Verne	**622**
2. Cal Lutheran	627
3. Redlands	633
4. Claremont-McKenna	642
5. Pomona-Pitzer	649
6. Occidental College	666
7. Whittier College	731
8. Caltech	798

Schedule

Saturday
Baseball @ UCSD tournament, TBA
Track & Field @ Occidental Invitational, 5 p.m.

Sunday
Baseball @ UCSD tournament, TBA

May 12-15
NCAA Softball Regionals, TBA, TBA

May 25-27
NCAA Men's & Women's Track & Field Championships, Naperville, Ill., TBA

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Baseball
1972 NAIA champions
1975 NAIA third place
1977 NAIA third place
1984 NCAA Division III regional champions
1995 NCAA Division III champions

Softball
1993 NCAA Division III regional champions

SCIAC TITLES

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1971-72 champions
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Women's Basketball
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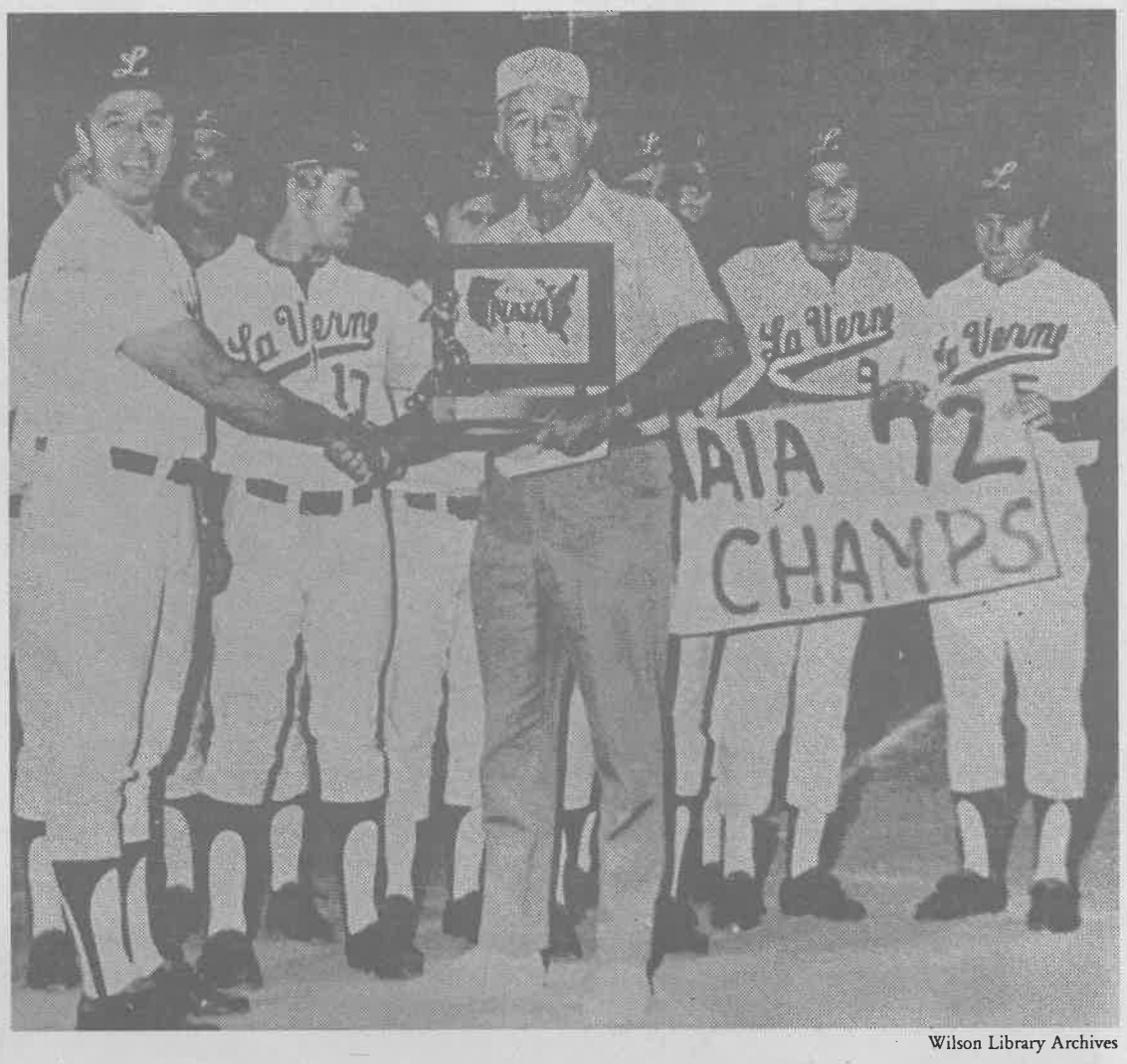
Say What?



"I coached by my gut, by the seat of my pants that year. The point is that it was magical. Cinderella: that's what that team was."
Owen Wright, who coached from 1984-98, on the 1995 NCAA Division III national championship team.

Tales of excellence

Baseball walks off as 2-time champion



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Baseball coach Ben Hines accepts the NAIA national championship trophy in 1972. During that title year, he led the Leopards to a 44-9 overall record, which is the best mark in La Verne history. In 1977, he led another La Verne team to the 40-win plateau (41-12).

The history of La Verne baseball is a tale of two coaches—Ben Hines and Owen Wright.

During Hines' regime, the Leopards were coached and organized similar to a professional club. Under Wright, La Verne went about its business in a more casual manner.

The different coaching styles, however, produced the same results—SCIAC domination and a national championship.

Hines guided the Leopards to a 582-299-2 record from 1960-80, including eight conference titles and an NAIA national championship in 1972.

"My best experience at La Verne was winning the national championship in 1972," Hines said.

Wright, who coached from 1984-98 and complied a 348-277-1 record, won six SCIAC crowns and the 1995 NCAA Division III national title.

Hines' program was filled with players who were drafted by major league teams.

"We had about a 10-year span in which we had about 45-50 guys drafted," Hines said, "and a higher percentage made it to the big leagues than normal."

Probably the most notable La Verne player to be drafted was pitcher Dan Quisenberry.

He pitched 12 years in Major League Baseball as a member of the Kansas City Royals and ended his career with 244 saves. Quisenberry led the American League in saves five times. In 1985, the three-time all-star was the winning pitcher of the sixth game of the World Series, when the Royals defeated the St. Louis Cardinals, 2-1. He also helped Kansas City reach the World Series in 1980, but the Royals lost to Philadelphia.

At La Verne, the submarine-style pitcher won 31 games over the course of his career (1974-75).

One of Quinsenberry's pitching mates in 1974, John Verhoeven, appeared in 117.2 innings that year, yet he only allowed 16 earned runs (1.22 ERA). He also won 14 games and had 115 strikeouts.

Another Leopards' pitching great was Ben Ochoa. During his 1969-72 career, he threw 507 innings. But those were definitely effective outings, as he won 15 games in 1972, and

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Leopards' success is right on track

The success of the La Verne track and field team can be measured by the blood, sweat and tears each athlete shed in preparing for SCIAC dual meets or nationals.

And the measuring device that gauges the Leopards? No, it is not read on a stop watch. It is visible every day on the La Verne campus—the "Track and Field Leopards of Honor" board.

Over 80 athletes in 20 different events have left their prints on the track and field hall of fame. But before some of their marks are discussed, individuals who hit greater strides must be singled out.

Anthony Rice, Liron Wilson, Jason Neal and Anthony Hayes were crowned NCAA Division III individual national champions in 1996 after the quartet raced to a 41.02 time in the 400-meter relay.

"Everyone at nationals underestimated us, so we were keeping cool," Wilson said. "We didn't get any respect until the final race."

Wilson, Rice, Ordell Williams and Eric Gleason formed the 1,600 relay in '96 and clocked in at 3:15.55. In 1958, Harvey Good, Fred Wilson, Richard Robinson and Don Brizendine ran the 1,600 relay in 3.27.9.

Tricia Wright was a back-to-back national champion in 1989 and '90 for her javelin throws. But Wright was not just an outstanding thrower, the All-American excelled as a runner, too.

In 1990, Wright recorded times of 16.35 in the 100 hurdles and 26.82 in the 200 event. She also scored 4,361 points in the heptathlon.

> 'Everyone at nationals underestimated us, so we were keeping cool. We didn't get any respect until the final race.'
> *—Liron Wilson, 1996 Division III national champion*

Stacey Williams had the distance in the long jump (17 feet, 10 inches) to be called a national champion in 1997.

Williams was eclipsed in 1998 when both Patrina and Katrina Hall leaped into the long jump sand. Patrina Hall jumped nearly two feet farther than Williams, landing 19 feet, 6 inches. Katrina Hall went 18 feet, 5 inches in her flight.

The Hall sisters also scored highly in other individual events in 1998. Patrina Hall ran the 100 in 12.16, the 200 in 24.11 and the 400 in 56.90. Katrina Hall, meanwhile, flew 38 feet, 8 inches in the triple jump.

But when Williams landed her national championship jump in 1997, she was part of the only La Verne track and field team (men or women) to win SCIAC.

The '97 conference champion had talent everywhere. On the field, Rhiannon Jensen (hammer, 112 feet, 5 inches; javelin, 135 feet, 8 inches; shot put, 42'1"), Jacqui Zwissler (javelin, 134 feet, 10 inches; triple jump, 37'10 3/4") and Socorro Gonzalez (shot put, 43'3 3/4") held their ground.

On the track, the 400 relay team of Patrina and Katrina Hall, Stacey Williams and Jemeace Willis raced to a 48.45 time. Stephanie Castillo, Patrina Hall, Vicky Wallace and Willis went the distance in the 1,600 relay in 3:54.20. Castillo (25.68 in the

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Softball learns valuable second lesson

As the old saying goes, second place is the first to lose. But for the La Verne softball team during the 1998 and '99 seasons, finishing second in SCIAC was more of a learning experience than a time of mourning.

And the Leopards used their knowledge to their advantage, capturing the 2000 SCIAC title with a 19-19 overall record and a 14-4 conference record—one game ahead of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. La Verne also qualified for the NCAA Division III regional playoffs.

"We just got tired of losing to Claremont and Cal Lutheran," said Jennifer Thompson, who, as a designated hitter, played on the second-place 1998 team that finished two games behind Cal Lutheran and the 1999 team that finished tied for second with Cal Lutheran, three games behind first-place Claremont.

"We're happy," Kline said, "but not quite satisfied because we have our sights set beyond conference."

Gina Meza, Kadie Tillema and Lacey Cramer, along with Thompson, have led the Leopards in 2000, but La Verne has had different heroes come through in the clutch during this season.

"Every player stepped up at one time or another during the season," Kline said of her 2000 team.

But winning the conference title this year is not the first time the softball team has made La Verne proud. The Leopards were the envy of SCIAC in 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1992-93.

Pitcher Stacey Mays, who was named SCIAC Player of the Year in 1993, led the Leopards to a 28-8 overall record, including 21-3 in conference. Those Leopards also qualified for the NCAA Division III regionals and were ranked among the top 10 teams in the nation.

'We just got tired of losing to Claremont and Cal Lutheran.'
—Jennifer Thompson, designated hitter for La Verne, which finally won SCIAC after back-to-back second-place finishes.

"Mt 1993 championship team was not as talented as my 2000 team," Kline said. "However, my 1993 team was dominated by our pitcher Stacey Mays. The young ladies who played behind Stacey were players who were dedicated to becoming better every day, and they had heart like no other team I have had."

At regionals, La Verne advanced to nationals, defeating host Cal Lutheran, 1-0, and Buena Vista twice, 3-1 and 1-0. In addition to earning conference accolades, Mays, catcher Chelcee Clifton, shortstop Jackie Alvarez, left fielder Michelle Macias and second baseman Shelly Moreno were named to the all-regional team.

Amber Hall stepped up for the 1998 Leopards, as the pitcher/third baseman was named SCIAC Player of the Year. Sophia Garcia (first base), Lindsey Weber (outfield) and Thompson joined Hall on the all-conference team with first-team honors. Tillema (catcher) and Robin Haaker (utility) were chosen to SCIAC's second team.

In 1999, Thompson again was a first-team all-SCIAC player and was joined by shortstop Kari Abbott. Garcia, Haaker and Weber were second-team conference standouts.

Just four years after softball became a SCIAC sport, La Verne earned a share of the conference title in 1989. The Leopards finished tied with Whittier College atop SCIAC at 9-3. Shannon Ord, Beth Sullivan, Julie Vitale, Tricia Hill, Raquel McLellan and Kari Pucci formed a solid nucleus for La Verne.

In 1990, the Leopards made it a goal to win SCIAC outright, and they did just that. La Verne went 26-13 overall and 18-2 in SCIAC. Pucci, Vitale, Hill, Tricia Wright, Kelly De Wit, Mary Johnson and Santina Delligatta were added into the SCIAC record books with all-conference awards.

Before the Leopards took home conference titles as a team, Laura Redick brought La Verne back-to-back SCIAC Player of the Year awards. Redick was a powerful force and more often than not got the Leopards on the board with home runs during the 1987 and '88 seasons.

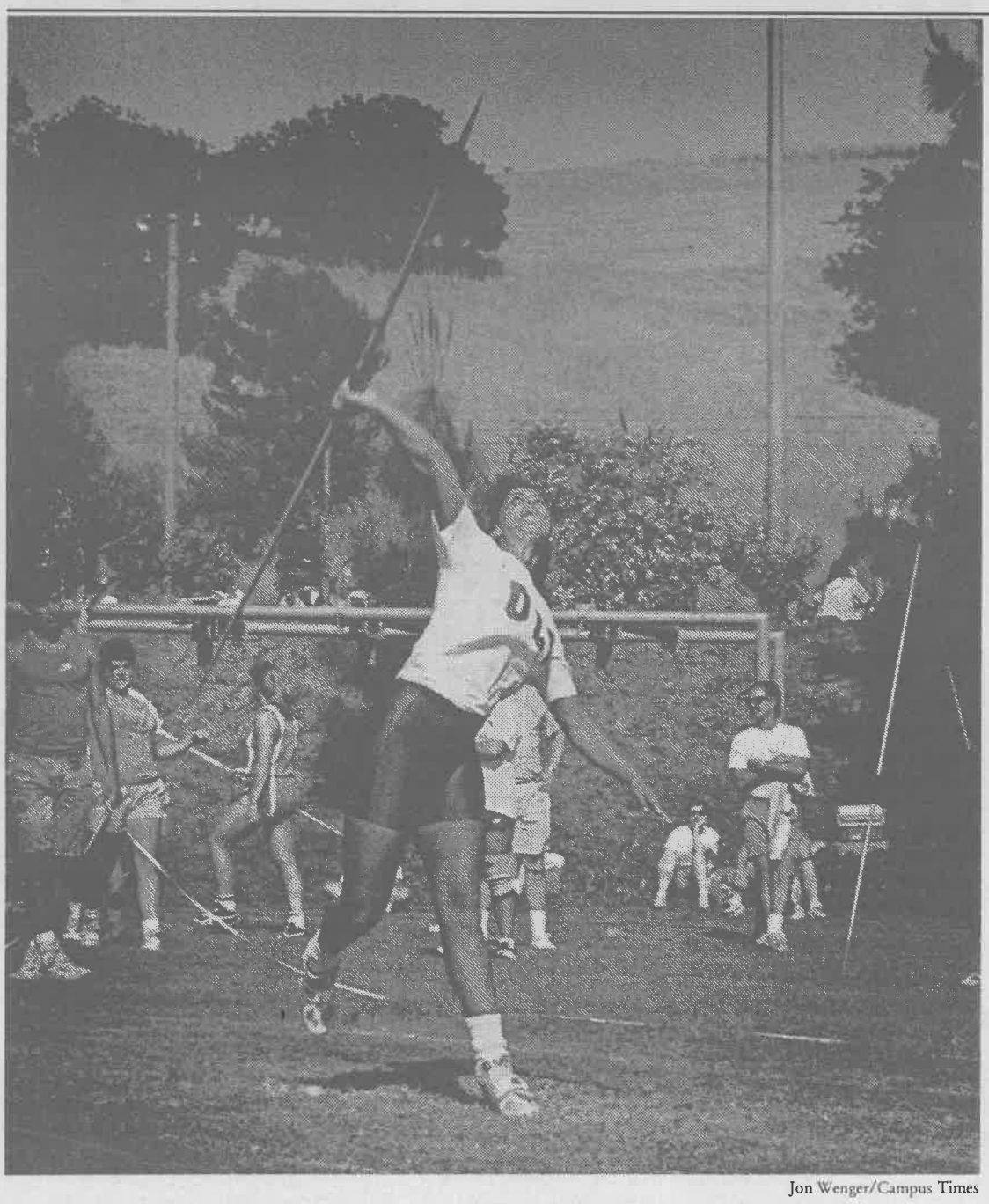
But softball's history still has one final chapter to be written before the end of the century, and Thompson offered the team's goal for the 2000 NCAA Division III regional and national championships.

"We want to win it all," she said.



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The 2000 edition of the La Verne softball team learned from years past, as the Leopards, who finished in second place in SCIAC in 1998 and '99, won the conference title with a 19-19 overall record and a 14-4 conference mark.



Jon Wenger/Campus Times

Tricia Wright was a back-to-back national champion javelin thrower in 1989 and '90 for the La Verne women's track and field team. The La Verne Hall of Famer also ran for the Leopards. In 1990, Wright recorded times of 16.35 in the 100-meter hurdles and 26.82 in the 200 event, and scored 4,361 points in the heptathlon. Wright also excelled for the basketball, volleyball and softball teams, earning all-conference honors in the sports for La Verne.

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200, .57.77 in the 400 and 2:23.5 in the 800) and Maria Garcia (67.46 in the 400 hurdles) crossed the finish line with flying colors in individual events.

"I don't think that there has ever been a women's track and field team at La Verne with the combined talent of [1997]," coach Pat Widolff said.

Even though the men's team did not win conference in '97, it did have its share of standout performances.

Following their record-setting relay teams in 1996, Ordell Williams, Wilson and Rice set individuals marks in '97. Williams ran the 400 race in 49.02.

Rice, who ran the 200 dash in 21.68 the year before, sped to a 10.73 finished in the 100. Wilson did Rice one better in the 200 sprint in 1997, when Wilson went start to finish in 21.55.

Michael P. Bailey was a star on the field with a javelin throw of 192 feet, 3 inches in 1997. However, Bailey could not measure up to past javelin record-setter Dick Mann, who, in 1967, set the La Verne javelin mark of 230 feet, 1 inch.

Rob Hogan, in 1979, recorded 6,011 points in the decathlon.

In 1986 one year after winning an individual national championship in the long jump, Kirk Dean leaped 24 feet, 2 inches in the event. In 1987, Dean teamed with Moise Garrett, Barry Tyler and Mike Speed to run the 400 relay in 42.32.

In 1987, Garrett also ran the 100 in 10.94, a mark that was later tied by Neal in 1996. A year before Neal's 10.94, Marc Tyler ran the 100 in 10.91. Chris Malone also was fast in '95, running the 100 in 10.95.

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From the editor...

Athletic trainers heal wounds of defeat



Greg MacDonald

A championship team takes nothing for granted: its coaches, its opponent, its practice, its mindset, its equipment and its *trainers*.

That's right, its *athletic trainers*. They are the ones who tape, brace and warm up the athletes prior to competition. They are there when injuries occur, making sure further damage does not happen. Just like the rest of the fans in attendance, the trainers want to see their team win.

Here at the University of La Verne, the athletic training department meets all of that criteria—including the enjoyment of being an essential part of a team's success.

"It becomes worth it when you watch a team, which you have cobbled together all year long, win," acting head athletic trainer Paul Alvarez said. "Thinking back on national championship type of teams, volleyball a couple years ago had a couple key injuries, so I would like to think the athletic training contributed toward them having a chance of getting there."

But the health of the team is the first concern of the athletic trainers.

"We do try to stay on top of a team in a playoff chase," said Alvarez, who has been a full-time trainer here at La Verne since 1989. "However, we don't compromise the health of an athlete, but we are sensitive when we deal with the coach."

"[The athletic trainers] told me that if I don't get [my ankle] taped up every day, I can't play," said Jennifer Thompson, who is the designated hitter for the 2000 SCIAC champion softball team.

The athletic training department, which, on average, graduates five to six students a year, doesn't just watch championships, it has achieved plenty of its own success.

Three La Verne alumni, Willie Sinon (1996), Todd Hutcheson ('81) and Paul Navarro ('94), have become certified trainers and work in the San Diego Padres organization.

But probably the most notable certified athletic trainer ever at La Verne still works here—Marilyn Oliver, professor of movement and sports science.

Oliver was not only the first athletic trainer at the university, but she also was one of the first female trainers in the country when she began in October 1978.

Oliver and Alvarez, along with all of the student athletic trainers in the program, have to be committed to their profession because they dedicate endless hours each day working for the Leopards.

"We are always the first here," Alvarez said, "and the last to leave."

Alvarez, however, admits all the hard work pays off, especially when La Verne is on the winning end.

"Sure, it is nice to be affiliated with a winning program," he said. "It's nice to have everyone happy."

What may make trainers at other universities unhappy—athletes taking the athletic trainers for granted—does not occur here. And that is a direct reflection of the athletic program as a whole.

"It has been very nice to be associated with the coaching staff here at La Verne," Alvarez said.

Athletic training is a tough job. Whether it is a taped up ankle or a medical recommendation, the athletes need around-the-clock care—that is, unless the Leopards are riding a wave of success.

"We joke about it," Alvarez said. "When we win, everyone goes home and doesn't need ice because they are so high on the win. On the other hand, if we lose, athletes say, 'This and that hurts.' "

Ahh yes, the price of being a good trainer—healing the sting of defeat.

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finished with 47 career wins and 455 strikeouts before being drafted by the Houston Astros.

Steve Barber, who was drafted by the Minnesota Twins, was Ochoa's teammate in 1969 and was also solid on the mound. In his two years (1968-69), Barber won 20 games while striking out 286 batters in 309 innings. He also had a 1.65 earned run average in 1969.

Two early pitchers (Phil Winkler, 1963-66, and Bob Reynolds, 1964-67) paved the way for La Verne dominance. Winkler won 33 games (second only to Ochoa) and had ERAs of 1.53 (1965) and 2.36 (1966). Reynolds was on the winning end of games 24 times and had his best season in 1967. During that campaign, Reynolds won 13 games and struck out 174 (353 career Ks) in 149.1 innings.

Doyle Lyman did his share of pitching (19 career wins with a 2.60 ERA), but he also did his share of hitting. In his two years (1965-66), he hit .355, had 25 home runs, drove in 82 runs and scored 79 runs.

Rich Cruz did the majority of the catching for Winkler, Reynolds and Lyman when he was at La Verne (1965-68). Cruz collected 205 career hits, including 42 doubles. From 1966-68, he led La Verne in batting average (.369, .347, .364, respectively), which allowed him to drive in 107 career runs.

Jack Maloof, who also was drafted by the Twins, scored his share of runs (132) from 1969-71. The first baseman/outfielder had 89 hits in 1969, and led La Verne in hitting in 1969 (.349) and 1971 (.349). He finished with 213 hits.

Another run producer was Nick Leyva (1972-75). While hitting 22 career home runs, the shortstop drove in 155 runs in his four years. His .346 career batting average includes 41 doubles and 10 triples, which were plenty for him to get selected by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Jim Beal, taken by the Cardinals in 1973, was Leyva's teammate and played outfield for the '72 champions. Beal was a career .423 hitter, stole 84 bases and scored 100 runs for La Verne (1972-73).

Willie Norwood, another Leopard to be drafted by the Twins, joined Beal in the outfield during the Leopards' title run. Norwood hit .359 from 1971-72, collecting 20 home runs and 42 stolen bases.

Fred Long was in the outfield with Norwood in 1971, when Long scored 54 runs and stole 41 bases. The center fielder, who was drafted by the California Angels, ended his days as a Leopard (1968-71) with 170 runs scored, eight triples, 100 steals, 110 RBI and 137 walks.

Bruce Hines was another threat for opposing pitchers. He led La Verne in steals and runs scored in 1979 and '80 before being taken by the San Diego Padres.

Wright also had his share of great players, especially in '95. Those Leopards were the second La Verne team to go undefeated in SCIAC and the first to win more than 20 games in conference (21-0).

"It was like a team of destiny," said Wright, whose 1995 club finished with a 39-9 overall record. "We won games that we shouldn't have won."

J.D. Romero and Jeff Doen were two of the pitchers in '95 who benefitted from the Leopards' destiny. Doen recorded 10 wins and an ERA of 2.35, both were team highs. Romero led the team in innings pitched (114), games (22) and strikeouts (95). He also posted an impressive 2.76 ERA. In fact, the entire La Verne staff that season was impressive, posting a team ERA of 3.64.

Jeff Polinsky paced the Leopards at the plate, as the first baseman led La Verne in home runs (nine), runs batted in (47), batting average (.441), hits (75) and doubles (17). David Madrid, who was the left fielder on the 1995 team and had a .360 career batting average, protected Polinsky in the lineup.

Brock Whobrey and Mike Smith did the job of setting the table for Polinsky and Madrid. Whobrey, La Verne's shortstop who was coming off a season in which he hit .400, scored a team-high 51 runs in 1995. Whobrey went on to set the mark for doubles in career with 46 from 1994-97. Smith, the Leopards' second baseman, led off for La Verne and "got under the skin of the other teams," Wright said.

Seth Marrs was the center fielder for the Leopards in 1995, when he collected a team-leading six triples. Marrs finished his La Verne career (1994-97) with a school record 15 triples.

Even though Wright enjoyed a national championship in 1995, he did admit he "inherited a great team" when he took over in 1984. That squad included third baseman Perry Ceccarelli, right fielder Bill Baird, and pitchers Rich Dunn and Ben Townsend. Dunn and Townsend each played professionally in the Independent League.

Catcher Buddy Buzzard, who was drafted by the Twins in 1985, came from Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania, where he played for Wright for two years.

The 1984 team placed third in the nation, and Wright said it "could have been the best team" he had. Baird led the Leopards in home runs and RBI during the 1984 campaign, collecting 15 HR and 53 RBI. He was again first in the two categories the following year with 16 home runs and 54 RBI. Baird ended his La Verne career with 31 home runs, second to Tom Amante's 36 (1982-83).

Wright coached the first team to go undefeated in SCIAC in 1987, when the Leopards rolled through conference with an 18-0 mark. But Wright said 1995 was the year everything fell into place.

"I coached by my gut, by the seat of my pants that year," said Wright, whose assistant coaches Ray Bundy and Jerry Kettle helped him make the right decisions. "The point is that it was magical. Cinderella: that's what that team was."

ALL-CENTURY LA VERNE BASEBALL TEAMS

Starting Lineups

Jim Beal*
LF, 1972-73
David Madrid#
LF, 1993-96

Fred Long*
CF, 1968-71
Seth Marrs#
CF, 1994-97

Willie Norwood*
RF, 1971-72
Bill Baird#
RF, 1984-85

Nick Leyva*
SS, 1972-75
Brock Whobrey#
SS, 1994-97

Bruce Hines*
2B, 1979-80
Mike Smith#
2B, 1994-96

Dave Cripe*
3B, 1972
Perry Ceccarelli#
3B, 1982-85

Jack Maloof*
1B, 1969-71
Jeff Polinsky#
1B, 1994-95

Rich Cruz*
C, 1965-68
Buddy Buzzard#
C, 1984-85

Doyle Lyman*
DH, 1965-66
Tom Amante#
DH, 1982-83

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Dan Quinsenberry*
P, 1974-75
Steve Barber*
P, 1968-69
Ben Ochoa*
P, 1969-72
Bob Reynolds*
P, 1964-67
Phil Winkler*
P, 1963-66
John Verhoeven*
P, 1974

J.D. Romero#
P, 1993-95
Jeff Doen#
P, 1993-96
Ben Townsend#
P, 1985
Rich Dunn#
P, 1983-84
Dale Buzzard#
P, 1986-88
J.D. Haendiges#
P, 1991-92

**Denotes players during Ben Hines' era or before.*
#Denotes players during Owen Wright's era or during transition period.

Golf tees off on SCIAC foes

Long before Tiger Woods was roaming the greens on the PGA Tour, the La Verne golf team was making a name for itself at the Sierra La Verne Country Club.

And one team—the 1989 squad—etched its name permanently into the Leopards' history books.

The Leopards of '89 were unmatched by any team before or after at La Verne. The Leopards went 17-2 overall and 12-0 in SCIAC. But even more impressive was the fact that La Verne sent all of its members to the Division III national championships.

All-District 6 selections Dean and Keith Milligan, and Kirk Avazian, along with Don Brubaker and James Hong, took the trip to Panora, Iowa to represent La Verne.

The Leopards, who were ranked 14h in Division III, and had defeated Cal State San Bernardino and UC San Diego in their district, placed 14th at the national championships.

"We had a lot of depth," head coach Rex Huigens said of the 1989 team. "We had six players and took the five best scores each event, and [the five best players] changed from match to match. When you have depth like that, you are in pretty good shape."

Avazian and Keith Milligan, who was honored twice, each were selected as All-Americans after La Verne's showing at nationals.

"It's always nice to end on a strong note," Huigens said.

> 'It's always nice to end on a strong note.'
> *—Rex Huigens, head coach, on La Verne's 14th place finish at the 1989 national championships.*

Milligan, were again solid in 1990, but not as dominant as the year before.

Hong and Gruber tried to continue La Verne's success in 1991, but the Leopards' depth was not up to par.

But, in 1992, La Verne received a talented Citrus College transfer, Todd O'Brien.

O'Brien averaged 76.8 in conference play his first year (1992) and was recognized as a first-team all-conference and all-district player. He was one of 10 individuals the NCAA committee selected from the region to compete in the Division III championships.

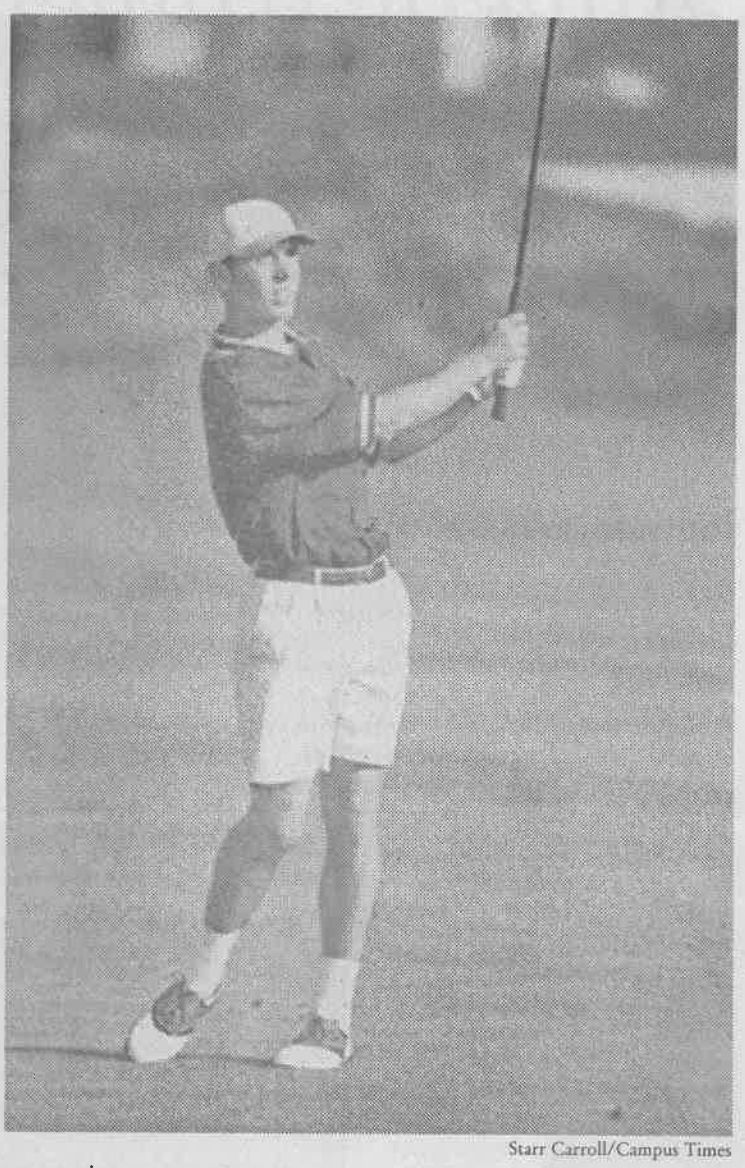
"Any guy who qualifies for nationals is a really good golfer," said Huigens, who did admit that O'Brien was a "solid player who played OK at nationals."

Although the Leopards were 4-12 overall and 4-10 in SCIAC in 1993, O'Brien—who took second at the conference tournament—was again selected as a first-team all-conference golfer. Eugene Kim ended up in fourth place in the SCIAC tournament and was a second-team all-conference choice.

Speaking of strong showings at the nationals, Mark Watson placed 18th at the 1997 championships held in Westerville, Ohio. The All-American was named SCIAC Player of the Year after he averaged 75.7 during the '97 season.

"He was an outstanding player," Huigens said of Watson. "He is arguably the best player we have ever had. He didn't have a weakness."

The Leopards, led by Scott Gruber, Hong and Keith



Starr Carroll/Campus Times

Mark Watson is the only La Verne golfer to be named SCIAC Player of the Year. He pulled the trick in 1997, when he placed 18th at the Division III national championships, earning him all-american honors.

La Verne came storming back in conference this season. Heading into the SCIAC championships, the Leopards were fifth. But Mario Di Carlo, Paul Gomez and Steve Lewis led La Verne to a first-place finish. in the tournament. The Leopards ended the year in second place in conference.

Gary Harvo and Tim Pettis were talented golfers for La Verne in the mid-1980s.

The duo each were first-team all-conference players in 1984 and '85. Pettis captured a third first-team award in 1986.

Tennis Aces

Men's Standouts

Player: Dwight Hanawalt
La Verne Career: 1938-41, 1946-86 (professor, coach)
Honor: ULV Hall of Fame inductee.
Notes: Director of Athletics (1946-60); Dean of Students (1956-70); Chairman of the Department of Physical Education (1946-86); Three-year letterman in football, basketball and tennis.

Player: Shirley Moore
La Verne Career: 1940-43
Honors: ULV Hall of Fame inductee; *Lambda* "Athlete of the Year" (1943); "Man of the Year" in the city of Covina (1973).
Notes: Coached and taught 27 years for Chino, Baldwin Park and Covina unified school districts.

Player: Mark Lehmer
La Verne Career: 1925-28
Honor: ULV Hall of Fame inductee
Notes: Played five sports—football, basketball, baseball, track and tennis; Returned to La Verne in 1929 to coach all the frosh teams (football, baseball, track, basketball).

Player: Dave Plaster
La Verne Career: 1984-85
Honors: First-team all-SCIAC in 1984 and 1985.

Women's Standouts

Player: Nancy Blickenstaff
La Verne Career: 1959-92 (coach, professor)
Honors: ULV Hall of Fame inductee, Blickenstaff Tennis Pavilion built in her honor in 1993.
Notes: First Women's Director of Athletics at La Verne (1959-90); Physical Education Department chair (1985-92); Academic adviser (1959-92); Dean of Women (1960-66); Professor of Physical Education (1959-92).

Player: Jean Snyder Brennecke
La Verne Career: 1953-56
Honor: ULV Hall of Fame inductee.
Notes: Physical Education instructor for 25 years (22 of them at Bonita High School); Coached 18 years of tennis; First girls athletic director at Bonita.

Player: Mary Butters Killinger
La Verne Career: 1961-64
Honors: ULV Hall of Fame inductee as four-year star in tennis, volleyball, basketball and softball.

Player: Mary Hanawalt
La Verne Career: 1974-77
Honors: ULV Hall of Fame inductee for tennis, basketball and softball.
Notes: Captain of all three sports during her junior and senior years; Played on No. 1 doubles team.

Player: Kari Pucci
La Verne Career: 1990-1993
Honors: First-team all-SCIAC selection in 1992 and 1993.
Note: Took home all-conference softball awards 1989-91.

Women's basketball mixes perfect ingredients together in title season

For more than a decade, the women's basketball program had to watch the women's volleyball teams win SCIAC title after SCIAC title in the 1980s.

By the time Jan. 1, 1990 arrived, the scoreboard read: women's volleyball—nine conference titles and two national championships; women's basketball—zip, zero, zilch.

But the Leopards never stopped shooting for their goal. And not too long after the '80s turned into the '90s, La Verne was able to claim a SCIAC title in women's basketball.

Led by Letrice Benjamin, Kelli De Wit, Tricia Wright and Wendy Gibbs, the Leopards stormed through the season. La Verne ended the year with a 19-7 overall record and a 10-0 run through SCIAC.

"We had a great season," Rich Hernandez, who was the coach of the Leopards, told the *Campus Times* in 1990. "We set our goal to win the conference, and we did that."

However, a quiet goal—reaching the NCAA Division III playoffs—was not met. But that had nothing to do with the play of the team but rather the picky NCAA selection committee.

The team did receive its share of individual awards. Gibbs was selected as the team's player of the year. De Wit was honored as defensive player of the year, while Wright was selected as offensive player of the year. Benjamin was chosen as freshman of the year. All four of them also averaged 10 or more points a game.

Gibbs was a first-team all-conference selection in both 1988-89 and 1989-90. De Wit joined her on the first team in 1988-89, and she was a second-team selection, along with Wright, during the 1989-90 season. Wright also was a first-team choice in 1986-87 and 1987-88.

> 'We had a great season. We set our goal to win the conference, and we did that.'
> *—Rich Hernandez, coach of 1989-90 SCIAC champions, told the* Campus Times *in 1990.*

Gibbs and Benjamin continued to shine in conference, as Gibbs took home another first-team selection and Benjamin was a second-team choice in 1990-91.

Gibbs ended her career at La Verne with a SCIAC Player of the Year honor in 1992-93. Coach Julie Kline said Gibbs brought "domination" to the court.

Stacey Mays wasn't just a dominating pitcher for the softball team. Her athletic ability as a basketball player was recognized by SCIAC in 1993 as she took home an all-conference first-team award. Michelle Macias joined Gibbs and Mays as all-SCIAC players, as the "finesse player," Kline said, took home second-team honors.

Rachel Auld (1993-95), Leslee Rogers (1994-96) and Lori Johnson (1996-98) each were first-team all-conference players in back-to-back years for ULV.

Rogers also was named as an All-West Region and Kodak All-American player. Kline said Rogers was an "all everything" athlete for La Verne.

Katie Minor was a second-team all-conference player for the Leopards in 1996 as Rogers' teammate. She earned first-team all-SCIAC in 1997 for being "a role model" and for her "work ethic," Kline said.

The pure shooting touch of Heather Johnson earned her a first-team all-conference selection in 1998.

Robin Holland was a first-team all-SCIAC player from 1979-82, while her teammate Chris Kuehl was a second-team pick in 1979-80 and 1980-81. Kuehl also was a first-team conference star from 1977-79.

The first women's basketball star, Mary Theibert, began the tradition of first-team all-conference players when she took home the award in 1977. Theibert's teammate, Sandy Ingersoll, received second-team recognition in 1977 and '78.