National Champions!

“It’s an amazing sense of setting a goal and reaching it.”

– Don Flora, Women’s Volleyball Head Coach
They were the underdogs. No one in Wisconsin expected the team from the University of La Verne to defeat No. 1 ranked University of Wisconsin, Whitewater and break its 43-game home winning streak dating back to 1999. No one, that is, except head coach Don Flora. And Assistant Coach Randi Smart and Trainer Beth Thompson. And the team. And the group of over 50 La Verne parents and fans who had traveled 2000 miles to watch the team win the respect denied them during a season filled with challenges and setbacks. “It’s an amazing sense of setting a goal and reaching it,” said Flora.

The women’s volleyball team would settle for nothing less than number one in the nation. Their dedication, perseverance and heart won not only the Division III Championship, but also honors for several team members and the SCIAC Division III Coach of the Year award for Coach Flora. The Leopards endured a hard-fought, 5-game match to defeat the over-confident Whitewater team. On December 6, the team was honored at an enthusiastic reception hosted by the Athletic Department in the Student Center. They had earned the respect they richly deserved.

ULV Women’s Volleyball Wins National Championship

Top Teams
Women’s Volleyball - First
Men’s Water Polo – Second

Top Athletes
1st Team
Men’s Water Polo
Ian Gratz
Sean Smith
John Steifeling

Women’s X-Country
Kelly Wood

Football
Ernesto Rios
Flynn Turner
Marcel Perez

Women’s Soccer
Kim Schrepfer
Erica Borbon
Nancy Santana

Women’s Volleyball
Adriana Contreras

Individual Awards
Ryan Winn
SCIAC Player of the Year
AVCA All West Region
AVCA 1st Team

Stacey Lupu
AVCA All West Region
AVCA 2nd Team

Amy Kratochvil
SCIAC Rookie of the Year
AVCA West Region

Fall Athletics Roundup

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Diamond Jubilee

June 2002 marks the seventy-fifth year that the University of La Verne has been authorized to issue fully accredited California teacher credentials to a long line of distinguished educators. From its earliest beginnings, teacher training has been a major priority of the University. Even during the depression, La Verne had better success than many larger colleges and universities in placing its teachers. Today 150 superintendents of school districts throughout the state of California are graduates of ULV, and educational institutions actively seek teachers credentialled through the University of La Verne.

La Verne graduates have touched the lives of countless children through the years since 1927. Those children have in turn grown to become leaders who have made a difference in this world. The Diamond Jubilee is a celebration not only of renowned educators and authors like Dr. Terrence Deal ’61, but also of the myriad of unknown teachers who have, without fanfare, faithfully taught students entrusted to their guidance through the University of La Verne.

Seventy-five representatives of this distinguished group of educators, chosen by the people whose lives have been changed because of them, will be honored at celebrations throughout California during our Diamond Jubilee.

Activities Celebrating the “Diamond Jubilee”

The Diamond Jubilee Celebration officially began on December 5, 2001, when Dr. Kenji Hakuta, the Vida Jacks Professor of Education at Stanford University spoke in the first of a series of lectures to be held through May, 2002. Hakuta, an internationally recognized expert on language development, bilingual education, and research methods, spoke on “Cross Cultural Language Acquisition” and stressed the importance of improving education for English language learners.

On February 26, Jim Burke, High School Teacher, Author, and Expert on Reading Instruction, spoke on “Reaching the Reluctant Reader” in Founders Auditorium in the second of the series. A schedule of remaining events follows:

Lecture Series:

April 26, 2002
Ann Lieberman, Professor and Senior Scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Past President of the American Educational Research Association, will speak on “Teacher Leadership” in La Fetra Auditorium, University of La Verne at 4:00 p.m.

April 27, 2002
Susan Villani, Senior Program/Research Associate at Learning Innovations, a division of WestEd, will speak on “Teacher Mentoring” at 10:00 a.m. in La Fetra Auditorium, University of La Verne.

Special Events:

April 20, 2002* Distinguished Graduates will be honored as part of the Alumni Day Luncheon at 12:00 noon.

April 27, 2002* Luncheon following lecture by Susan Villani will honor Distinguished Graduates.

President’s Message

One of the benefits I enjoy about my job is the wide variety of activities available within our University community. Each year we celebrate new achievements in the lives of our students and faculty as well as important milestones in the history of the University itself.

Our academic year has just passed the halfway point and already we have achieved an impressive number of notable events. We started the fall semester with the opening of refurbished state of the art facilities in both the Hoover Building and the Art and Communications Building. We went on to celebrate the arrival of our new Steinway Concert Grand Piano and in December, our women’s volleyball team became NCAA Division III National Champions. The fall semester also saw the opening of our new community Literacy Clinic. Communications student Ross Mathews made guest appearances on the Tonight Show, bringing a new degree of fame to both himself and the University of La Verne.

During our January Interterm our students and faculty trekked off to Guatemala, the Galapagos Islands and Hawaii to study both cultural and environmental issues first hand.

As we entered the spring semester more than 600 people attended the annual President’s Dinner to honor Chairman of the Board, Ben Harris and to support the scholarship fund that provides financial aid for nearly 75% of our traditional undergraduate students. As this semester continues we will also celebrate the 25th year of our Communications Department and the 75th year of teacher preparation at ULV.

While all these activities are taking place in the 2001-2002 academic year, our Board of Trustees is beginning to plan for La Verne’s long-term future as it explores growth options in both La Verne and the City of Ontario.

We are indeed a dynamic University, constantly changing and constantly improving to better meet the needs of the 6,500 students we serve here on our main campus and at our other sites throughout California and Alaska. Your generous support allows us to provide the quality educational experiences necessary to prepare our students to be effective in our rapidly changing world. Your investments in today’s students will reap dividends for generations to come.

We are a vital University and we hope you will participate in our activities whenever you can.

Stephen Morgan
President
Alumni Profile: Nancy Treder ’92

If you live in the Pacific Northwest, ULV alumna Nancy Treder may seem familiar to you. That’s because she’s a spokesperson for the Washington National Guard. During the beginning of the Homeland Defense mission, Treder was beamed into the homes of more than 20 million people in the Seattle and Portland area. As a Public Affairs officer assigned to the 122nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment in Tacoma, she played a critical role in the airport security mission at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Treder spent many long days working with the media to inform the public about airport security and air travel. “This was the biggest audience that I’ve ever had to speak to. I was a little bit nervous because I knew that the public needed to hear the information that I had to share with them but the reporting was live,” said Treder. “I’m not afraid to be in front of the camera because my training at UW certainly prepared me for that.”

Treder describes herself as a rare breed. “In the Army, I’m different than most journalists because I can perform as a TV broadcaster, print journalist, photographer or even public speaking coach. The foundation of these skills was laid at the University of La Verne Communications Department. I owe my abilities to Bob Rivera, George Keeler, the late Carol Fettty, Gary Colby and Bill Neill because they took the time to ensure that I was prepared for the real world.”

As a Public Affairs Officer, Treder works in the real world every day. She has been on the front lines of the forest fires that raged in central Washington, spent time training with the Special Forces near Mt. Rainier, and is preparing for an assignment in Japan.

Nancy is the owner and photographer for Ultraviolet Studios located in Seattle, WA. She specializes in documentary wedding photography and is a member of the Professional Photographers of America. “I never really thought that my liberal arts education would really help me in the field, but I use it everyday,” she said.

Welcome our New Alumni Director

Beth Elmore, the new Alumni Director at the University of La Verne, began her official duties on March first, though she joined many of us at the recent 2002 President’s Dinner a month early. The choice of our new director was a difficult decision among several well-qualified finalists from a candidate pool of 39 applicants.

Beth holds a B.S. in Education from Illinois State University at Normal, and an M.P.A. from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She will bring to ULV valuable experience gleaned at De Paul University in Chicago, where she worked with volunteer boards, managed alumni and university special events, and promoted the university. She also has significant marketing, media, and public relations experience with a major international law firm.

Beth, who has strong ties to California where she visited several times last year, is eager to begin work at La Verne. After living in other parts of the country as well as traveling abroad to Asia, Scandinavia and the Caribbean, it has been her dream to relocate to Southern California. Beth looks forward to becoming part of the La Verne community and we welcome her.

Kick-Off Reception Planned for New Latino/a Alumni Organization

In an effort to better serve the particular needs of the Latino/a, Chicano/a, Hispanic and Indigena communities at the University of La Verne, the ULV Alumni Association and the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity (IMRCD) are formalizing the Latino/a Alumni Association. We hope to offer additional network opportunities for ULV alumni and to encourage their involvement and support of ULV students. This effort is another step in working toward creating a multicultural learning community.

On Friday, April 5, 2002 from 5:30-8:00 P.M. at the beautiful Pomona Valley Mining Company, we’ll be hosting our first Annual Latino/a Alumni Association Reception and you’re invited. If you are a pre-1997 graduate and you would like to join us, please contact Daniel Loera, Multicultural Affairs Director, at 909.593.3511 ext. 4253 or at loerad@ulv.edu. Formal invitations will follow.

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Communications Department Celebrates 25 Years of Excellence

On Saturday, March 16, 2002 at 7:00 PM the Communications Department will commemorate its 25th anniversary, as well as the opening of its new facilities in the Arts and Communications building. The evening will include hors d’oeuvres, alumni and former faculty reminiscences, a video retrospective, and tours of the new facilities.

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40s
Bruce Reeves ’41 was included in the last ULV Hall of Fame inductee list. He received the most prestigious award from the Argonauts as he participated in the State Democratic Central Committee. We neglected to include his photo.

George Royer ’41 and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 63 years. They live in Dallas Center, TX. He has been an agriculturist for 63 years, and also drove 40 winters dairy ca. in Pomona.

Arthur R. Snell ’42 and Hazel G. Snell ’41 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 6, 2002. Their trip to California included a family reunion in January 2001 as well as a week at a resort on the California coast.

50s
Chuck Terrell ’52 is celebrating his 50th anniversary of marriage on August 31st. This past election year he was elected as a trustee of the San Bernardino Community College Board.

James R. Allgood ’52 retired from Downey (CA) High School after 43 years of teaching. His wife and he are celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary this May. They have 6 children and 19 grandchildren.

60s
J. D. Glick ’63 has retired after 35 years of pastoral ministry in the Church of the Brethren, including the last at First Church of the Brethren in Harrisonburg, VA.

70s
Kathryn Davis Johnson ’75 was one of two who were named Outstanding High School Teachers of Fresno City Schools for 2001. Kathryn has taught special education in the Fresno area since graduation from EYC. She teaches at Ballard High School.

Little Leos
Tim Marshall ’82 happily added baby Matthew to the family on November 5, 2001. He owns Emily (7) and Bryan (5). Tim and his wife, Debbie, reside in La Verne. Tim is currently in his 16th year as teacher for communicatively handicapped children in San Dimas, CA.

Allan Stevens ’86 and his spouse, Kimberly ’58 have announced the birth of Matthew Connor Garcia on November 9, 2001.

Monica Romero ’89 and Mark Matthews announced the arrival of Nicholas Mark, born on July 11, 2001. Nicholas joins big brother Joshua (10) and Timothy (7). The Matthews live in Jeddle, MA, but get to California as often as their family allows.

Denise (Matthews) Nelson ’89 is proud to announce the arrival of Alix Renee, born on January 5, 2001. Alix joins big brothers Kyle and Jacob.

Cindy (Wilson) Parks ’89 and her husband, Craig, welcomed the birth of their little girl, Rebekah, born on July 7, 2001. Allyson joins big brothers, Kyle and Jacob.

Beverly (Wilson) Parks ’89 and her husband, Michael, were proud to announce the birth of their son, James, on October 28, 2001. Allyson joins big brothers, Kyle and Jacob.

70s
Kathy Larson ’79 of Texas is proudly adding baby Jennifer to the family. Jennifer was born on September 9, 2001. She joins big brother, Jonathan (12), and little sister, Elizabeth (10), who was born on February 24, 2001.

Leo Lines
80s
Duane DeSefiani ’81 presented a work- shop at the Annual Northern Conference for the National Association of Work Experience Educators in Napa, CA, in November. He is currently employed at Poway High School (in north county San Diego, CA) as a work experience coordinator and psychology teacher.

Dr. Alan Liney ’81, an associate profes- sor of theatre arts at San Francisco State University, was presented with an Exemplary Teaching Award by the Bay Area Theatre Consortium of the San Francisco State University Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Harry Wade ’82 retired from custom home building in the high desert of western California, where he owned H. Wade Development, and moved to Las Vegas seven years ago. Last year he was responsible for being one-half of the Camplin- sfield Golf Classic to Las Vegas. He has also played adult league baseball for 29 years for several championship teams.

Richard E. Dickson ’83 retired from US Army as Chief Warrant Officer Four in 1996 after serving for 30 years, one of only 1 percent of Army warrant officers with an advanced degree. He was awarded the “Legion of merit” medal from USA Army upon retirement. He has lived in Texas since 1993, and has been seeking a challenging, adventurous second career.

Charles W. Little Jr. ’83, as Journalism Professor at Santa Ana College, California, helped his students with a record-setting 10th National Pacemaker Award at this year’s CMA/SND awards in October 2001. No other community college has ever won the award as many times.

Gregory James ’88 is now a deputy pro- secutor in the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office and has been promoted to the rank of E-9, Chief Sergeant.

Leo Harrison-Kwinn ’88 and David Kwinn ’86 have been married for twelve years. While Tamara was proud of her accomplishments at ULV, she is also proud of her three children: Victoria, Rachel, and David Jr. Her teaching experience has been a tool she uses daily as a mother. She is also proud of her husband and the place in the ULV athletic hall of fame, but says, “He should get an equal award for being an outstanding father and husband.”

Mary Lou Walsoguy ’89 has spent the last two decades in college and university health clinics. She has lived in Anaheim, CA since Disneyland was built. She has a son and daughter, and is currently in her 55th year as a nurse.

Randy Tillman ’89 is stationed at Edwards AFB, and has been promoted to the rank of E-9, Chief Sergeant.

90s
Julie (Toerner) Smins ’90 married Michael Smins on September 22, 2001, and became, in that order, Dr. Michael (12), Megan (9), and Nicole (7). They have bought a new home in Tustin, CA and are looking forward to welcoming baby number two.

Damon Fiero ’91 is an Emergency Room doctor in Nashville, TN. He also was married this past July.

Shaun Larsrud ’91 is working for the City of Los Angeles Water Company.

Mark Pedersen ’91 has taken a job with VisiSat, Inc. in Carlsbad, CA after receiving his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN in 2000. His new position is in the corporate head-quarter as Manager of Configuration and Data Management.

Jenny Carrick ’92 started a new position on July 30, 2001, as community relations representative for the American Red Cross, Lane County, Chapter, in Eugene, OR. This position is a change for her since she has worked the past nine years as an account executive for journalist Jenny is excited by the new challenge and proud to work for an organization like the Red Cross.

Teresa Laguna ’92 is currently teaching courses in the Department of Human Development and working part time in the Admissions Office at Pacific College. She is the only member of her class to hold degrees in both psychology and fine arts.

Leo R. Sayles ’92 and Tanya (Eirsch) Sayles ’92 purchased a new home in Illinois last September. They are Pastors of Students for Christ Church and works with junior high through college age and their families. Tanya gave birth to their fifth child, Connor Sayles, on September 16, 2001. Siblings are Benjamin (7), Faith (5), Jonathan (3), and Nathaniel (22 months).


Kayla (Fritzer) Bates ’96 received her Elementary Teaching Credential through the ULV Bakersfield Credentialing Program. She taught in Bakersfield, CA and then in Pasco, WA until summer 2001. She married 7 Bates on February 29, 2000 and lives in Monrovia. Kayla is taking a year off from teaching to stay home with their first baby, Oliver Paul Bates, who was born on September 23, 2001.

Philip Harrison ’99 is the district man-ager for Shasta County Waste Management, Navy Exchange in Washington state. He works at the NEX’s at Everett, WA and is a member of the Navy Exchange in Bangor, WA. Since leaving Naples, Italy in ‘95, he has served in many locations. He moved aboard a 43’ sailboat in Puerto Rico and has been sailing her to his new duty assignments ever since.

Ryan E. S. ’00 and Danielle J. Orr ’00 were married on August 4, 2001, and bought a house in the Village of Heritage, CA. Ryan was promoted to Assistant Manager at Enterprise in Glendora, CA.

Robert D. Campbell ’00 is preparing to start a masters program in education.

Jim Werle ’00 has been working at Sola Tek Systems for Shasta Community College. He is currently attending California State University, Chico, as a Master’s in the Public Administration Program.

Sula Tsevoukas ’01 finished graduate school at La Verne and is now moving back home to Dallas, TX.

Nicholas B. Van der Wende ’01 is a recipient of a $3,000 graduate fellowship sponsored by the Phi Delta Theta Educational Foundation. Fellowship recipients must excel in academics, have a high level of volunteer involvement, and community service. He is currently pursuing an M.B.A. in Information Technology at ULV.
Interterm is So Much More at ULV

Interterm used to be the lull between two busy and intellectually stimulating semesters when college students forgot what they had learned the first few months and prepared to survive their second semester. Not at the University of La Verne. The January Interterm catalog reads like a travel brochure full of exciting adventures. Three trips not only offered new experiences and enjoyable travel, but opportunities for first hand learning. Each is an example of the way the major tenets of the University of La Verne mission are lived out in the lives of faculty and students.

Amazon and Galapagos Islands

Biology Professor Jeff Burkhart, Zoology Professor Dan Merritt and 23 students and former students spent the first week of their Interterm adventure at a research station administered jointly by Boston University and Universidad de San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador. Tiptutini Biodiversity Station is located in the Amazon Basin, 75 miles from any town in the middle of virtually unspoiled Rain Forest, and required 15 hours of travel via bus, truck and boat. The group participated in daily investigations of rainforest biology, which included mist-netting of birds, canopy climbs, ethnobotany walks and night river trips. During these activities, they observed numerous tropical animals including six species of monkeys, an ocelot, several venomous snakes, and huge bizarre insects.

After a week in the Amazon, the group left at 4 a.m. and traveled seven hours by riverboat to Coca, where they flew back to Quito. They left the next day for the Galapagos Islands, located 600 miles east of Ecuador and spent five days on two boats studying the geology and biology of the islands. The group swam with sea lions, penguins and sharks, saw turtles breeding, and studied marine iguanas and Darwin’s finches. According to Burkhart, it was the most memorable of over a dozen trips he’s taken and the students were dedicated, eager and adapted well to their third world experiences. “I had more new experiences than ever before and a congenial, engaged group to go with,” he said.

Guatemala

The trip to Guatemala was led by Professors Jeanne Flora of the Speech Communication Department and Lisa Porter of the Education Department in a cross-discipline class, Core 320: The Human Condition. Guatemala is a country the size of Tennessee with 23 different ethnic groups, hundreds of different languages and dialects, and three major cultures: the Mayan, the Ladinos, and the Garifuna.

The group learned first hand about the people of Guatemala, from inner city life to the Mayan market community of Chichicastenango and the coastal Caribbean communities. They experienced an active volcano, the rain forest, and the Mayan ruins of Copan and Tikal. Along the way, the group of 13 students, primarily those involved in education, visited several public schools. Trips to orphanages and organizations such as Casa Alianza that deal with abandoned street children and the Dump Project that provides school for the many children whose parents live by salvaging from the city dumps, provided further insights into the educational system and issues of intercultural communication in Guatemala.

“This was a life-changing experience for our students,” said Lisa Porter. “Their increased awareness and sensitivity will make them different kinds of teachers.” The professors are proud of this field trip, which they believe epitomized the university’s value of community involvement.

Hawaii: East Meets West

Professors John Jang and Richard Gelm of the Political Science Department led a trip to the East/West Center at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu. Twelve students spent two weeks studying the Hawaiian people, their history, their religious practices, the coming of the missionaries and Captain Cook, and the recent Sovereignty Movement. One astounding fact is that although their history is shorter than that of other cultures, it is one that is vanishing. The Hawaiian population accounts for only 2 percent of the over 1 million people in Hawaii.

In addition to classroom studies, the group took field trips to Pearl Harbor, Bishop Museum, Diamond Head, a plantation, and the State Government House. They enjoyed dinner in a local home and attended a traditional luau. Dr. Jang has taught at La Verne for 35 years and led the first field study trip away from campus to Asia in 1969. Since this year is his last at La Verne, he wanted to lead a trip just one more time. He hopes it is a tradition that will continue when he is gone.

“I’m kind of a missionary,” he said, “and I like students to know about other cultures. I hope the university continues to emphasize the importance of learning field trips so students acquire a better cultural and international understanding. My goal is that they enjoy the trip, and also learn a lot.”

Human Rights Day

In commemoration of Human Rights Day last November, Kerry Kennedy Cuomo presented a lecture that was well attended by the University of La Verne community. Since Kennedy Cuomo started working in the field of human rights in 1981, she has led over 40 human rights delegations to over 30 countries. She is also the author of Speak Truth to Power: Human Rights Defenders Who are Changing Our World, which features interviews with human rights activists.

Kennedy Cuomo served as executive director of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, a nonprofit organization that addresses the problems of social justice in the spirit of her late father. She has worked on diverse human rights issues such as child labor, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, freedom of expression, ethnic violence, the environment, and women’s rights.

Literacy Clinic Provides New Opportunities

Most people would agree that reading is the most important building block of all learning. The new Literacy Clinic on campus at the University of La Verne has provided a giant stride toward ensuring that every child in America learns to read, as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 mandates. In fact, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing’s new standards has put ULV at the front of the pack by spurring the development of the clinic which opened in September.

Part of meeting the criteria of the commission required the rewriting of courses and the provision of a strong fieldwork model. Candidates for the certificate, credential, and M.Ed. in Reading can fulfill all fieldwork requirements right here on campus. Fifty children per week from the Bonita and Claremont schools come after school from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to be tutored in reading by people enrolled in university classes. After the children from grades 1 through 12 leave, ULV students continue in their required classes in reading and education.

Everyone wins at the Literacy Clinic. University students receive excellent preparation through small classes and fieldwork supervised by their own professors. Children referred from local schools receive tutoring in the fun and encouraging atmosphere of the sunny top floor of the bookstore. Parents become more involved in the education of their children. The University of La Verne provides what it has always provided: tools to fulfill dreams so that no one is left behind.
ULV Honors Benefactors

National Philanthropy Day in November is set aside to honor those who give unselfishly to others all year long. The University of La Verne nominated several individuals and organizations for recognition at the annual event because of their generosity.

Tragedy Sparks Establishment of Society for Justice

"For the first 10 years of his short life, my son, Sean, was a gregarious child with an intense zest for life," said Richard McDonald, but "midway through his tenth year he began a downward spiral that included depression, intrusive obsessive thoughts, and an overwhelming desire to end his life."

What his son received at the hands of his HMO, McDonald believes, was a cold, calculating non-treatment and a refusal to pay beyond an inadequate 3-day stay. The child spent four days telling hospital staff how he was going to kill himself. On the fifth day, the hospital discharged him. Four months later, Sean hanged himself.

Following an out-of-court settlement in McDonald’s favor, Michael Bidart, Chair of the College of Law Board of Visitors, and his client established a $25,000 scholarship in memory of Sean McDonald, launching the Society for Justice. They hope that by creating awareness of this case, and through this scholarship, they will inspire ULV law students to take on the Goliaths that seem to care little about the fate of people like Sean.

Through the Society for Justice, individuals together with their attorneys may, upon favorable settlement of a court case, make a contribution out of the settlement in amounts of $25,000 or more to provide scholarships for qualified, deserving students in the University of La Verne College of Law. Support from the Society for Justice will help educate lawyers who believe in the principles of ethics, civility, and community service. Join this band of Davids and slay the giants of injustice.

Breaking News!

The Legal Studies Program at the University of La Verne, which provides paralegal education, has been approved by the American Bar Association during its Midyear meeting February 1-5, 2002. Read more about it in the next ULVoice.

Senior Ross Mathews Sees Stars

“I never thought I’d be here: it blows my mind,” said Ross Mathews, a senior communications major at the University of La Verne. Mathews interned for NBC’s Tonight Show during the fall semester. “Ever since I was little, I’ve wanted to be a talk show host,” he said. “Getting to see how the top-rated late night talk show is put together is invaluable in reaching my own goal.”

Mathews ran errands, gathered mail and went “Jay Walking” with Leno as he selected people to interview for the show. When they learned of his dream of being a talk show host, Leno brought him out on stage following the airing of his interviews with stars attending the premiere of Oceans 11 and Vanilla Sky.

Although the Mt. Vernon, WA native is as excited about interviewing stars as anyone would be, he says that communications professor Mike Laponis once advised him, “Remain calm and wait to freak out when you’re in your car alone.” He appears relaxed when he asks questions that disarm the stars rather than the usual kind they hear from journalists. The studio was so impressed with his performance that even after his internship expired, Mathews was asked to interview at the Golden Globes and again at the Winter Olympics.

Mathews’ education at the University of La Verne has been possible partially because of the generous scholarship from the Coca Cola Company he received all four years. “I can honestly say that if I hadn’t chosen ULV, I wouldn’t have the opportunities I do now,” Ross said. “The impact ULV has left on me will be lifelong.”
President’s Dinner 2002 Gala

Students enjoy helping to raise money for the Scholarship Fund at President’s dinner. From left: Christy DeLapp, Noemi Ortega, Nicole Forrest, Crystal Hino, Lydell Willis, Shetera Patterson, Erica Banks, and Tammie Davis.

Alex & Monica Espinosa. He is President of De Oro Home Loans and a Corporate Associates member.

This year’s honoree and ULV Board Chair, Benjamin Harris with his wife, Barbara.

ULV Board member and President of Lewis Operating Corp., Richard Lewis with his wife, Rebecca.

Jerry and Nancy Laird of Laird Construction Co., Inc. with their daughter.

Ian Lising Named Chair of World Debate Council

Ian Lising, Instructor of speech and debate, returned from the World Debate Championships in Toronto last month, pleased with the young teams’ performances and looking forward to even greater honors next year. One of ULV’s teams ranked 50th out of 232 teams (Princeton ranked 150th). The big news is that Ian was elected to be Chair of the World Debate Council, a worldwide debate organization. This is quite an honor and one of which we are all are proud.

ULV Calendar of Events

April 5, 2002
Alumni Reception for Latino/a Alumni Association
Pomona Valley Mining Company
5:30-8:00 P.M.
Information: ext. 4253 or loerad@ulv.edu

April 12, 2002
Steinway Piano Celebration
Music Faculty Concert
Founders Auditorium 8:00 PM

April 20, 2002
Alumni Reunion Day

April 24, 2002
Corporate Associates Spring Luncheon
Speaker: Assemblyman Tony Cardenas
Sheraton Suites Hotel
Information: ext. 4685 or 4693

April 25-27, May 2-4, 2002
Pericles by William Shakespeare
Directed by guest director Georgij Paro
Dailey Theatre 7:30 PM
Costs: $8/$5/$3

April 26, 2002
The Formosan Duo
Shi-Hwa Wang, violin
Yu-Jane Yang, piano
Founders Auditorium 8:00 PM

May 6-18, 2002
Directing Class Projects
Cabaret/Main stage 7:30 PM
Admission: Free

May 13-May 26, 2002
Senior Show
Opening Reception: May 13
Harris Gallery 5:00-7:00 PM

May 14, 2002
Sacramento Alumni Reception
The Firehouse: 5:30-8:30 PM
1112 Second St. Old Sacramento, CA

May 25-26, 2002
Commencement Weekend

June 3, 2002
Golf Tournament
Glendora Country Club