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Seeds of discovery grow far from home

I magination, the ability to envision and create something better, is one of humanity’s greatest resources. It gives purpose to our lives and encourages us that, with commitment, we can make a difference.

As you will read in this issue of the Voice, thanks to the imagination and resolve of dedicated individuals associated with the University of La Verne, dreams really can come true.

For Robert Neher, chair of the Natural Science Division and respected biology professor, his idea of establishing a research station away from campus now exists in Montana. Thanks to generous land donations by alumnus Richard Base and his family as well as countless hours of volunteer labor and cash donations from others, students, faculty and alumni now can study at the Magpie Ranch/Clark Fork Field Research Station.

For alumnus and ULV Board of Trustees member Paul Moseley, his vision of a place where enthusiasts enjoy the country’s best fly fishing has been achieved at his Ruby Springs Lodge near Alder, Montana. After years of planning and scouting locations, he discovered the perfect setting and – with the support of friends and family – made it happen.

Stephen Phinny, another alumnus, is currently fulfilling his ideal of a community where people exist in harmony with the land. Set amidst the Tortolito Mountains northwest of Tucson, Saguaro Ranch is being developed on over 1,000 acres, with 80 percent to remain undisturbed open space. Once completed, it will show what can be accomplished when care and concern are included in the design.

The university itself recently attained two long-term goals. The Natural Science Division received a $500,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation, a major step in establishing a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility on campus. And a partnership involving ULV and the City of La Verne purchased 27 acres near the main campus, opening the door for future university expansion.

As the 2005-06 academic year starts, we are in the final weeks of the $16 million Abraham Challenge, the ultimate goal of which is to establish a central gathering place on the ULV campus. Part of the most ambitious capital project in school history, it is an opportunity to transform our campus to better meet the needs of our students.

It is my great fortune to be associated with so many remarkable individuals blessed with vision and resolve. Through their efforts, and those of the extended University of La Verne family, this institution remains a place where the imagined becomes reality.
Showcase of excellence? Our cup runneth over

Our mandate for the Voice is to showcase the excellence of the university. Boy, did we hit the jackpot this time around.

First, we sent ULV Public Relations Director Charles Bentley off to Montana to see Magpie Ranch, the university’s natural science field station located about halfway between Missoula and Helena.

There, as you’ll read in Charles’ story that begins on page 7, the University of La Verne owns a plot of one of the country’s most pristine stretches of nature. While the field station was created for scientific research and experiments to be conducted there, this facility can serve as a base camp for students of art, photography, astronomy and geology, as is pointed out by Dr. Robert Neher, ULV’s chair of the Natural Science Division.

Next it was my turn, and I hopped in a plane with ULV president Steve Morgan and ULV Development Director Tim Erwin and headed for the desert southwest. Just north of Tucson, Ariz., we toured a new environmentally friendly luxury community being developed by La Verne alumnus Stephen Phinny. Phinny is building (with a minimum of intrusion on nature) a place to live for those who share his love for the natural beauty of the desert. Read about Phinny and check out the awesome photos that start on page 12.

Leo Lines, perhaps our most popular feature, is full of notes about how other ULV grads are making a difference locally, across the country and around the world.

The Campus Center Project is proceeding at full speed, with a renovation of the Sports Science & Athletics Pavilion (formerly the Super Tents structure) nearing completion and the new Plaza nearby already taking shape. If you’re not familiar with this project, it’s likely you’ll be impressed with the way it’s transforming the campus and enhancing the way the people here meet, socialize, exchange viewpoints and mix as a community. The project recently got a huge boost by a $2 million pledge from Arthur and Sarah Ludwick. You can read about the Ludwicks’ inspiration for such a generous gift on page 24.

No segment of the La Verne community is more committed to excellence than the faculty, and one of the university’s most respected and beloved professors, Dr. Janat Yousof, is profiled on page 25. Her students undergo a demanding business management curriculum, but emerge well-prepared for the real world. And they love her for it.

And, there’s a lot to shout about in the Athletics Department. La Verne sprinter and jumper Lakia Pearson was selected SCIAC Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive spring. Meanwhile, pitcher Scott Lindeen earned SCIAC Player of the Year honors in baseball, leading the Leos to their 18th SCIAC title and to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Lots of good stuff to read about, but hey, why not hear it first-hand? Make your plans to come to Alumni Weekend/Homecoming 2005 October 14-16. Catch up with your old friends and see what’s happening at the new University of La Verne.

I think you’ll be as proud as ever.
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GOVERNOR NAMES ULV FACULTY MEMBER L.A. SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Martha Bellinger, an adjunct faculty member at the ULV College of Law since 1988, was one of seven individuals named by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Los Angeles Superior Court. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Harris.

An adjunct faculty member at the ULV College of Law since 1988, Bellinger has served as a commissioner in the Family Law and Juvenile Departments of the L.A. County Superior Court since 1991.

UNDERDUE MURPH NEW CONSORTIUM PRESIDENT

Yvette Underdue Murph was installed as new President of the Consortium of Southern California Colleges and Universities (CSCCU) at the organization’s June 3 meeting. Underdue Murph currently serves as ULV’s director of articulation and institutional image for the Office of the Registrar.

The CSCCU is a non-profit alliance of more than 70 fully accredited institutions of higher learning. Its primary purpose is to inform working adults and their employers of the many educational opportunities available.

TWO LA VERNE FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED

The California Association of School Counselors (CASC) honored Robert Hansen as its Advocate of the Year during its annual awards ceremony on May 6.
**W. M. KECK FOUNDATION AWARDS $500,000 GRANT TO ULV FOR NEW SCIENCE FACILITY**

While it is exhilarating for students and faculty alike to conduct research in the field, it can sometimes prove a hindrance when the need to use a key piece of equipment forces research away from the main campus.

Ongoing efforts to establish a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) facility at ULV received a major boost this summer when the university’s Natural Science Division received a $500,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation.

The grant will supply more than 60 percent of the estimated $811,000 needed to fund the project, including the purchase price of an NMR Spectrometer. Once completed, the installation will permit students and faculty alike to conduct research on campus. It will also allow ULV to continue collaborative relationships with other universities.

“We are ecstatic about this grant and extremely grateful to the W.M. Keck Foundation. It will give us a much-needed analytical tool and provide research opportunities in chemistry, biology and physics that have been previously unavailable on campus,” said division chair Robert Neher. “This grant is an affirmation of the quality and expertise of our faculty and will enable us to better prepare our students to be leaders in our rapidly changing, highly technical society.”

Based in Los Angeles, the W. M. Keck Foundation was established in 1954 by the late W. M. Keck, founder of the Superior Oil Company. The Foundation’s grant making is focused primarily on pioneering efforts in the areas of medical research, science and engineering. The Foundation also maintains a program to support operational efforts for undergraduate and graduate programs offered through ULV’s regional campus networks and online.

Shabahang comes to La Verne with more than 17 years experience as an academic administrator. Most recently, she served as associate dean for the College of Professional Studies at the University of San Francisco, where she was responsible for four graduate and five undergraduate degree programs, two certificate programs, and all extended education offered at six campuses.

UNIVERSITY SELECTS NEW REGIONAL ASSOCIATE VP

Following an extensive national search, Homa Shabahang was selected as the university’s new associate vice president for regional campuses. Through collaboration with the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business & Public Management and Education & Organizational Leadership, Shabahang will guide the strategic and operational efforts for undergraduate and graduate programs offered through ULV’s regional campus networks and online.

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Hansen, professor of education and ULV faculty member since 1998, was presented the award in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the field of education, exceptional dedication to advancing the school counseling profession and for advocacy efforts on behalf of the children of California.

The CASC ceremony also featured the presentation of the organization’s Donald G. Hays Counselor of the Year Award. Hays, currently involved in the university’s doctor of education (Ed.D.) program, first came to La Verne in 1988 to oversee the Education Department’s school counselor credential program.

**TWO AT ULV GET FUNDS FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Stephanie Dreyer and Rachel Cunningham became the first students from ULV’s Athletic Training Education Program to receive scholarships from the Far West Athletic Trainers’ Association (FWATA) and National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), respectively.

Dreyer was awarded the Nevada Athletic Trainers Association/Alert Services Inc. Scholarship during the FWATA Symposium at Sacramento in April. She was also named an NATA scholarship winner, which was presented to her in June during the association’s national meeting at Indianapolis. Cunningham was awarded the Gail Weldon Memorial Scholarship by the NATA Foundation.

**JOHN ROBINSON SPEAKS AT ULV FOOTBALL EVENT**

A great day of golf was capped with an inspiring talk by coaching legend John Robinson during the Fourth Annual ULV Football Program Golf Tournament June 20 at Sierra Lakes Golf Club in Fontana. Robinson, now retired, praised the values of the Leopards football program and urged continued support.

“Football can be such a wonderful influence on young men’s lives. Not just those who go on to play professionally, but especially those who go on to other things,” Robinson said. “From everything I’ve seen and heard, at La Verne you have a wonderful tradition of doing it right.”

Robinson’s career spanned five decades. He twice served as head coach at USC (1976-82, ’93-97), was head coach of the NFL’s Los Angeles Rams (1983-91) and finished at UNLV (1998-04).
ULV alumnus Richard Base, '61, and his family donated 160 acres of gorgeous Montana hillside acreage, which is accessible only part of the year on an unimproved road. Not far away, Dr. Robert Neher set up ULV’s Magpie Ranch science field station.
Nature is the classroom and wilderness is the laboratory, both open to all ULV students at the Magpie Ranch field station in Montana

Story by Charles Bentley
Photography by Erin Raley

At first glance you'd most likely miss it. Nestled on a hillside looking out across a striking Montana vista, the University of La Verne's Clark Fork Field Station doesn't immediately invite attention. Without directions, you'd breeze right past the nondescript drive on the frontage road that runs alongside Interstate 90.

This is, after all, Montana. You could erect almost any building imaginable anywhere in the state and it would still be overshadowed by the majestic peaks, expansive forests and rolling rivers that make up this picturesque landscape. Even those natural landmarks shrink in comparison to the sky; a massive canvas, at times colored a dazzling blue and in other moments filled with billowing clouds, and always home to a restless breeze and more types of birds than most even know exist.

Yet if you find yourself seven miles west of Drummond – the self-proclaimed bull shipping capital of the world – equipped with good directions, you will locate the white gravel lane just before a row of four mailboxes. Make the turn, drive about 100 yards and turn left at the sign that says Magpie-Neher. That's when you'll notice – probably for the first time – the tan metal building surrounded by cars, RVs, a trailer and plenty of the Montana landscape.

This is Magpie Ranch, the field research station for the University of La Verne. This is where faculty, students, alumni and friends of the university come each summer to conduct research, do projects, learn more about the environment and connect with the natural sciences in a way no textbook or lecture could possibly impart.

“I wanted a place where we could do basic research away from campus that would allow us to live on the premises.”
— Robert Neher
Chair of ULV’s Natural Science Division

For Robert Neher, chair of the university's Natural Science Division and longtime biology professor, the Magpie Ranch is the realization of a personal vision. “I wanted a place where we could do basic research away from campus that would allow us to live on the premises. Someplace we didn't always have to go back to school each day,” said Neher. “I'd love to have some acres in the Angeles or San Bernardino National Forest, but that wasn't practical when we started thinking about it. So we started looking for someone who could donate some land.”

Alumnus Richard Base, '61, and his family generously stepped forward in the early 1990s and, over a period of years, donated 160 acres of timberland on Baldy Mountain, 12 miles west of Drummond. Unfortunately, while the remote location offered a wonderful natural setting, what has become known as the Baldy-Base parcel is accessible only by unimproved road. Bad weather can make it nearly unreachable, and the cost of putting in an improved road is simply too costly.

Realizing the donated land was impractical as a permanent facility site, Neher started looking for additional property. He found five acres along the Clark Fork River, which was purchased from local resident Bob McMahon, whose ranch at one time included a majority of the surrounding valley. But while it was easy to reach and offered direct access to the river, this land was located within the floodplain.
eventually ruling it out as a building site.

Once again Neher went searching. He finally purchased a couple of acres adjacent to the house where McMahon’s daughter, Jean, and husband, Buck Buchannan, live. Being on a hillside, it was away from the river’s floodplain, accessible, and afforded space for a 35-by 55-foot metal building that Neher had previously acquired.

In July of 1996, a throng of volunteers spent an estimated 2,000 hours of labor to put up the building that now serves as laboratory, storage facility, dormitory, kitchen and recreation space at Magpie Ranch.

The two-story facility is both functional and comfortable. There is ample space to accommodate several on-going research projects, a computer to provide Internet access, a series of sleeping rooms, a living room and covered deck that is ideal for conversations, reading and viewing local wildlife (bird watching is a particular passion).

Harvey Good, ULV biology professor and a Montana regular each summer, keeps a journal recording each year’s events.

“We put up the building in 1996. We had alumni, faculty, students, everybody and his brother that might have been passing through came to help,” said Good, who also remembers spending part of a sabbatical working on the facility. “Denny Wheeler and I had done some construction together, so he and I came up in May 1997. I remember I slept in the back of my truck and Denny slept on a stack of drywall, all with temperatures below freezing each night.”

While the faculty members enjoy the annual trek to Montana, the opportunity to provide university students a chance to do field study is the focus of the Clark Fork Research Station. Every summer students spend between one to three weeks learning about the natural and cultural history of the region.

Many spend part of each day doing station projects and the remainder conducting their own research. It’s a

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chance to experience something completely different from classroom study and to link textbook teaching to real world learning.

“I found it invaluable. I thought I was pretty environmentally savvy, but I came here and found there is so much more to know,” said Jennifer Lin Brady, who earned a bachelor’s degree in environmental biology in 2004 and now works for Jorgensen Environmental in Rancho Cucamonga. “It’s a great teaching tool.”

Hesitant the first time she came to Magpie Ranch four years ago, Brady now spends her vacation time assisting with research work. But she still remembers that initial visit.

“We were setting up a testing area up on the (Baldy-Base) acreage. I remember lugging these heavy posts. It probably wasn’t any more than a quarter-mile, but it seemed like an eternity, and then we had to drive them into the ground,” Brady said. “This station is important because a lot of students who come to college have never been out of an urban area. They’ve never been hiking, never seen pristine wilderness. It’s important to show there are still sections of the country like this.”

Bob Neher’s wife, Mary, earned her bachelor’s degree from the CAPA program in 1981. These days a majority of her time at the ranch is spent trying to control the noxious weeds that plague their land (and all of Montana).

She also keeps an eye on the students, who are required to do their own grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning and laundry. “I try to stay out of the kitchen when they’re here,” she said with a smile. “A lot of students have never had to do a lot of this before. A lot of them have never been outside of California before. That’s an eye-opener.

“We really like for them to get the flavor of Montana, to go to the rodeo in Drummond, and to meet our neighbors. We keep a lot of books around that talk about Montana.”

Montana’s vast fields and roaming mountain ranges provide some ULV students with their first exposure to wilderness and first experience of complete solitude.

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The Ruby Springs Lodge is located about 150 miles southeast of the Magpie Ranch, just outside of Alder, Montana. This 3,500-acre property, crossed by sections of both the Ruby River and Clear Creek, is a working ranch that features a world-class fly fishing resort established 10 years ago by Paul Moseley, a 1988 ULV graduate and current Board of Trustees member.

Although he earned his degree in business administration, talking with Moseley it’s quickly apparent the vital role science plays in his daily operation. He speaks of effective land usage, of pulling in game, and of a blue-ribbon fishing river status that requires a count of 1,000 fish per water mile. The Ruby Springs Lodge’s last state census indicated 1,340 fish per-mile along its section of river.

“It’s sort of a big, on-going biology experiment,” said Moseley, who searched hundreds of locations throughout Idaho, Montana and Wyoming before deciding on the current site. “We’re always stocking spring creek ponds and planning birds and planning crops. Some things work, others don’t.”

Last May he contracted to bring in heavy equipment to improve the river corridor on his property. An estimated 50 semi trailer loads of dirt, silt and rock were removed, replaced by boulders and vegetation that allow better water flow and improved habitat.

“It’s a really dynamic piece of water. We cleared one portion out on a Thursday, and when I came back the following Monday, there were already fish in there. It’s amazing what Mother Nature will do if you just give her a nudge in the right direction.”

Moseley asked Neher to put together a research project to test several locations at the lodge. Along with the new river corridor area, there are two ponds that were created a decade ago that have him concerned. The ponds are similar and have been maintained virtually the same. Yet while one is home to a thriving population of fish, the other has shown a drop in activity.

“I don’t know what’s wrong with it. It used to be really good, but it’s fallen off the last few years,” he said. “I need to understand exactly what’s going on with it and try to make it as active and vibrant as before.”

On a bright mid-July morning, Neher, Brady, Harvey Good and his wife, Connie, visited Ruby Springs Lodge to meet with Moseley and inspect the situation. They took water samples, observed the conditions both in and around the ponds, and discussed outside factors that might affect the habitat.

“This is just the preliminary work. We’ll do a bacterial study and see what kind of contamination there is,” said Neher. “At the same time, we’ll take water samples and bring them back to try and determine what minerals are present. Fish are biological magnifiers, so a small amount of toxicity can potentially build up in the fish population.”

While the idea of a year-round operation at Magpie Ranch sounds wonderful, Neher admits it is not practical at this point. Harsh winter weather conditions often make it difficult to reach the station until mid-spring at the earliest.

Still, he loves the country and all the resources it has to offer to science students, faculty and enthusiasts alike. There are countless projects to be done – water quality studies, nutrient enrichment studies on growth rates of second-growth trees, mosquito research and control in the Clark Fork Valley, and soil erosion studies. There are also building and maintenance projects, plenty
and students near Ruby Springs Lodge, a premier fly fishing resort in Montana owned and operated by ULV alumnus and Trustee Paul Moseley.

to keep everyone busy.

He envisions limitless educational opportunities the university could utilize. Not only students of biology, astronomy or geology. Imagine business students studying the economic differences between Montana and Southern California. Art classes would find tremendous inspiration in the vast Montana spaces. Photography students would discover endless subjects.

“There are so many activities not part of the sciences that could very well be incorporated into study here,” said Neher.

“A lot of faculty members I’ve spoken with love the idea. But it’s a challenge to keep staff up here, and if you start putting classes up here, you’ll have to add facilities. That will take more money than the basic budget we have right now.”

Yet for everyone involved with the Magpie Ranch, each summer is about the experience. Connie Good, a 1964 ULV graduate, spends a large part of her time in Montana recording the plant specimens collected. There are two sets: one goes back to the La Verne campus; the second stays on file at the Magpie Ranch.

Having seen scores of students visit over the years, she vividly recalls one who found personal satisfaction in completing a rigorous hike.

“Besides all the collecting and research that took place along the way, he was excited because he had done it. It was the physical accomplishment that made him so happy,” she remembered. “That’s one of the things about life sciences. It has to do with getting out and getting where it is, where it happens.”
not three feet from where millionaire developer Stephen Phinny stands grilling burgers for his construction crews in the searing, midsummer Arizona heat, a wooden post with the words “Dude ’05” stands as a memorial to the recent day when he was nearly flattened by a loaded wheelbarrow.

“I was standing right over there and they had some guy who was new,” said Phinny, a 1972 graduate of La Verne. “I guess I was standing there, working hard at the grill, talking to someone, and the guy came running down the hill with a wheelbarrow full of rocks. He yelled, ’Dude, get out of my way! You’re right where I need to be!’ ”

Dressed in his usual Friday lunch chef attire of white T-shirt, well-worn shorts and sneakers, Phinny laughs about the incident. Donald Trump might have spit out the words, “You’re fired!” long before he was helped to his feet, but Phinny was as quick to forgive as he was to jump out of the way.

“The guys he was working with were kind of like, ’Oh, no, do you realize what you just did?’ ” Phinny said. “It was no big deal. It was just funny. So the guys who built this shelter (carved) it, because they were there to witness it.”

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Those who know Phinny are not surprised by his nonchalance toward the worker who not only didn’t recognize him but almost inflicted serious bodily harm. Midday Friday, other tycoons and captains of industry may already have called it a week and made their way to the yacht club or the golf course.

Not Phinny.

His passion for the people who work for him and with him may be surpassed only by his love for Saguaro Ranch, the ultra-environmentally friendly luxury community he is building just north of Tucson.

“He knows the property better than anybody and I think he prefers to be outside, blazing trails and interacting with customers, rather than being behind the desk,” said Bill Romancho, Saguaro Ranch’s Chief Financial Officer, who is also in shorts and sneakers and is Phinny’s right-hand man at the grill as well as in the board room. “Everything is hands-on, roll-up-your sleeves, everybody participates. We interact with the construction people and they’re not shy about interacting with us.

“Same thing with our customers. We all interface. It’s a nice atmosphere. It always comes from the boss. No matter what industry you’re in, it always comes from the top down and that’s how it is here.”

Phinny literally stumbled onto the land while hiking one day. Up high on the bluffs, in caves bored into rocky facades that are now home to mountain lions, tribal artifacts and petroglyphs date back 4,000 years. Below are natural benches that offer a glorious view of Tucson and the valley floor. In addition, a veritable forest of saguaro cacti, some more than 200 years old, gives the area a lush, vibrant atmosphere. Located in a bowl valley at the base of the Tortolita Mountains, the 1,035 acres he envisioned for Saguaro Ranch was previously owned by 36 different parties. One by one, he persuaded each to sell, then he began to build his dream. But he would build it with care and with great respect for nature. Though Saguaro Ranch is a development, a coexistence might be a more accurate description of the project.

“I always wanted to do something like this, but I thought it would never happen,” said Phinny, 51, who also partnered with lifelong friend William Clay Ford Jr., descendant of Henry Ford, in the Telluride, Colo., development Gray Head, founded in 1996. “It’s a lot of fun. I work with a nice bunch of people. However, I am a perfectionist, and I think the people who work for me are aware of that.”

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Stephen Phinny has instituted building restrictions, such as a maximum height of 15 feet on all structures, at Saguaro Ranch in an effort to intrude on nature as little as possible.
Phinny was born and raised in Fremont, Mich., which is also the birthplace of Gerber Products Company, maker of Gerber Baby Food — both founded by his grandfather, Daniel F. Gerber. Phinny’s father was Robert H. Phinny, who was a U.S. ambassador to South Africa and also a visiting professor at the University of La Verne.

Phinny, whose family vacationed in Palm Springs, remembers his college days fondly.

“I just remember it being a great bunch of people in a small-college environment,” Phinny said. “Frankly, at the time, it was exactly what I was looking for. I came from having attended smaller schools and wasn’t excited about the prospect of going to a big university, although, in hindsight I don’t know that it would have been a bad thing. It’s just that La Verne was the right school at the right time.”

After graduating from La Verne with a degree in business management, Phinny founded Extra Room, Inc., which specializes in the development of and investment in office and self-storage properties. He was also a founding shareholder and is past director of Founders Trust, a financial institution in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1989, Phinny followed a passion — fly fishing — and purchased Scott Fly Rod Company. The company has reportedly grown tenfold under his direction to become one of the largest premium fly rod manufacturers in the world.

Phinny was engaged in another of his passions, sailing, just prior to beginning work on Saguaro Ranch. He toured the world on a boat for two years and said he will one day return to the sea.

“There’s definitely another sailboat in my future,” said Phinny. “I want to circumnavigate, and I will hopefully have an opportunity to do that in the next four or five years.”

Until then, he will devote most of his waking hours to Saguaro Ranch.

Many of the 49 home sites of the first phase have been sold, with lots starting at $1,250,000. Total build-out is planned to stop at 180 home sites. It will be a luxury community, with a very low profile. Phinny is intent on preserving the beauty and the views of the Saguaro Ranch land, so there is a height limit of 15 feet on all structures. There will be no golf course, no greenbelts, nothing to conflict with the desert scenery.

“You can’t plant a big grapefruit tree; it
doesn't belong here," Phinny said. “You can have grass, as long as I can't see it. There will be no outside water features; let Mother Nature take care of it.”

For potential buyers new to this approach, Phinny says it’s an educational process.

“By design and through the review process, people will recognize the importance of it,” Phinny said. “I'm not trying to teach somebody how to do something; these people are already successful in their lives. But a lot of the things we require, they’re not even aware of. They’ll build an environmentally sensitive home and not even know it.”

Phinny practices what he preaches, down to the last detail. Roads at Saguaro Ranch include an eight-inch pavement base made from rocks on the premises. Cutbanks are smoothed and even stained to give it an original appearance. Crews have gently relocated more than 150 desert tortoises and dozens of gila monsters. Every saguaro cactus is numbered and has Global Positioning Satellite coordinates, and a full-time botanist is on the payroll.

“What may not come across to people right off the bat are all of the intricacies, how everything is completely thought out,” Kathy Maas, Phinny’s executive assistant, said of her boss. “It’s like nothing has been missed. He’s thought of every last detail. He has a lot of enthusiasm for the project. He’s very determined and he’s sort of a visionary in this whole thing.”

And the visions keep coming. Phinny says every day when he drives or hikes Saguaro Ranch, he sees something he’s never seen, gets new ideas that may or may not materialize. He’s the artist, staring at a great canvas, a work that will be in progress for years to come.

“I don’t know of any other place like this in the state,” Phinny said with a warm smile, his blue eyes blazing. “Native Tucsonians say they’ve never seen anything like it.”

To build a community here that intrudes on nature as little as possible requires great care. All cables and electrical lines are underground. Junction boxes are hidden by boulders. Other fixtures are camouflaged. The workers take their time and do it right. For their efforts they are rewarded each week with lunch, cooked by their bosses.

“It was my idea to serve them lunch,” Phinny said. “This project needs the support of everyone involved; it’s not just about any one individual. So, at least once a week, we work for them. The staff is not allowed to eat until all the workers have.”

After lunch, Phinny presents small awards to crews for excellence during the week. He shakes hands, thanks them for their hard work. He also makes project announcements and gives sales updates. Mostly, he gets to know his employees and they get to know him.

Even wheelbarrow operators new to the job,

“There’s a couple of guys on that crew that I now refer to as 'Dude',” Phinny says with a laugh. “They get a kick out of it.”
Leo Lines
An update on where ULV alumni are and what they’re up to

1940s
Bruce Reeves, ’41, has been chosen by the Governor of the State of Washington to be a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging. Bruce, an active senior volunteer, has served as President of the Washington Senior Citizen Lobby for a number of years. In 1999 the University of La Verne presented him with the “Distinguished Alumni – Service to Community” award.

1950s
Robert Barnhart, ’50 and his wife, Edna, have moved to a new home in Pahrump, Nevada.

1960s
Dr. David Eller, ’67, has been named chair of the Religious Studies Department at Elizabethtown College in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. David continues to teach and write as Director of the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown.

Merylee Ortmayer, ’68, has joined her husband, Steve Ortmayer, ’66, in Lexington, Kentucky, where he is the assistant head football coach at the University of Kentucky. They are a young, struggling team. (Go Big Blue!) Their oldest son, Beau Ortmayer, is currently at La Verne and their youngest son, Cody, just graduated from high school and is attending Washington University in St. Louis.

1970s
Jim ’72 and Dale ’75 Covington have sold their Redlands Swim and Tennis Club and retired. They sold their Redlands, Calif., home of 30 years and moved to Big Bear Lake, Calif.

Terry Dipple ’77 & ’83 JD – at the groundbreaking ceremony, Terry (second from the left) celebrates a new 6-building office project with Pomona City officials. His company built a 5-acre industrial project in Pomona in 2002.

1980s
Todd Hutcheson, ’81, and Clarissa (Lissa Southern) Hutcheson, ’83, – Todd accepted the award for Major League Athletic Training Staff of the Year from the Professional Baseball Athletic Training Society for 2005. Clarissa accepted the 2005 Distinguished Service Award from Bethel University/Seminary.

Mario Capozzoli, ’85, resides on a northern New Hampshire lake with his wife, Nancy, and son, Schuyler, and is senior partner and principal in a Massachusetts-based management-consulting firm with three New England offices. After earning his master’s degree and attending the Leadership Academy at Stanford University, Mario moved from San Francisco to New England to start his new firm.

Elizabeth Germaine, ’85, wants to send her congratulations to her Niece, Lauren Dillon who is a finishing up her freshman year at ULV. Elizabeth is living in Roseville, California, and is running her own fitness training and education business, Germaine Fitness at the Roseville Health & Wellness Center. She recently opened a second location in Folsom, California.

Raymond Hurst, M.Ed., ’85 and Ed.D. ’00, has been appointed Education & Business Liaison for the Copernicus Project at the Graduate School of Education, University of California, Riverside.

Richard Colligan, ’86 DPA, is the Vice President for Business Development at Com Pro Systems Inc. Laurel, Md.

Judy (Traughber) Fancher, ’86, received her Ed.D. from the University of Southern California in May 2005.

Elizabeth Espinosa-London, ’81 – The National Association of Bilingual Education named Elizabeth, of Rorimer Elementary School the 2005 Teacher of the Year, which came with a $2,500 check. Upon being named California Teacher of the Year by the California Association of Bilingual Education (CABE) Elizabeth received a plaque, a large bouquet of flowers, a four-day vacation to Mexico, $1,000 and the opportunity...
Jan Leong '99 MBA

On a busy street in Rosemead, a small, reddish building on one corner stands out from surrounding businesses. Inside, the array of tile and marble samples displayed in a rainbow of colors and textures seems to go on forever. This is Jan Leong’s empire, one she says is ready to take off, thanks to the MBA she earned at the University of La Verne.

“Now, I don’t have a little mom-and-pop shop,” said Leong, ’99. “It’s a small business with big business potential.”

Though she’s been in business for 12 years, Leong says getting her MBA from ULV gave her and her business, Monterey Ceramic Tile and Marble Inc., a new beginning.

“That’s been my backbone,” Leong said. “I utilize my education on a day-to-day basis. Just having my undergraduate degree, which I got in 1985, really wasn’t enough. Things change over the years, and you only get so much of that from your customers, vendors and seminars.”

Shortly after Leong earned her undergraduate degree from UC Riverside, she was employed as a project manager for Disney’s design group at EuroDisney in France. While there, she took a couple of mosaic classes, which sparked her interest.

Ready to start a business of her own, Leong consulted her stepfather, Phil Ciulla, who recommended she stick to something she knew. Ciulla ran a successful tile business in the San Gabriel Valley for 45 years and was willing to impart the benefit of his experience. Yet despite the head start, after a few years Leong felt she needed more education.

“I really gained some important things from my ULV MBA,” Leong said. “The first was confidence. I now know every aspect of business, which helps in my dealings with architecture, design and resource centers.

“Two others were clout and credentials. I deal with the Ritz-Carlton, L.A. Athletic Club, Jamba Juice – all big companies. In conversation, my education and experience shows. It has given me a way to maximize my education, to stay in this area that I grew up in.”

With her formal business training complete, Leong can focus on meeting her customers’ every need.

“People and business coincide and we work extremely hard to provide customer service,” Leong said. “That’s the easiest part of business, but the hardest part to deliver. It was true in my father’s day and it’s still true today.”

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A Boise Company. His family was relocated to Norman, Oklahoma. He has been employed with Office Max-A Boise Company since October 2000.

Frank Cermak, ’89 & ’05 MS, is a Lead Software Engineer for the Harris Corporation. Frank develops and maintains software for satellite ground station including satellite mission s/w, applications for controlling hardware, change proposals, interface spec’s, and development plans.

1990s

Ron 90 and Esther (Gibson) 92 Pfeifer moved from Illinois to Othello, Wash., with their three children in July, when Ron became the pastor of the Othello First Presbyterian Church.

Mike Edwards, ’91 MBA, recently entered a management-training program with Edward Rose and Sons out of Kalamazoo, Mich. Mike will be a resident manager of a large apartment complex for just more than a year.

Andrew K. Sokol, ’91 – Managing Partner at aTASK Partners, LLC, was recently named Chairman of the Advisory Board at The John Entwistle Foundation. Some members include; Peter Frampton, Doug Flutie, Peter Jacobsen and John Shively, the CEO of Briggs & Stratton. Andrew has developed a program to bring musical education to underprivileged children through the public library systems worldwide.

Julie A. Vitale, ’91 & ’93 MED, graduated with a Ph.D. in Urban Educational Administration from Claremont Graduate University in May 2005 and has just been selected as the principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School that will open in September of 2006 in the Corona Norco Unified School District.

R. Mike Greenlees, ’92 and his wife, Charli, wish to announce the marriage of their son, Jason, to Alicia Helms at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, Ore., on June 25, 2005. The happy couple will be making their home in Beaverton, Ore., following a honeymoon cruise in Alaska.

Dr. Edwin Parks, ’92 DPA, completed a tour with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., as a Strategic Policy Planner, Nuclear Arms Control Division and subsequently promoted to Colonel, USAF and assumed command of the 341st Operations Group, Malmstrom AFB, Montana.

Ema (Kaiwi) Garcia, ’93, and her husband, Brian, celebrated their 10th anniversary in July 2005. Ema received her MBA in June 2005 from UC Santa Barbara.

Sean Pierson ’93 and his wife, Jeannie Kim-Pierson, have been married for eight years now, and are still living in San Francisco, Calif. They have two beautiful daughters, Jasmyne Skye 10, and Kaitlyn Taylor 8. Sean is the Front Office Manager at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, while Jeannie is a parent volunteer at the girls’ school.

Jason Chan, ’94 MBA, has two lovely daughters – Jady Chan, 6, and Juslyn Chan, 3.

Amber M. (Neri) Jantz ’97 was married on New Year’s Eve, 2004 to Darrell J. Jantz in Aspen, Colo. Amber’s research business, Search Link, Inc. recently marked its fifth year of executive search success. Darrell is a deputy sheriff for Riverside County. The couple honeymooned in Aspen and reside in Covina.

Louise Jimenez ’97 MED retired from the Department of Water and Power in 1998.

Garner Sagui, ’97 MED, was awarded the 2005 Classroom Music Teacher of the year for the State of California by the California Music Educator’s Association (CMEA).

Craig A. Hoffmann, ’98 & MPA ’02, has accepted a managerial position with United Airlines in Airport Operations at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Craig is a U.S. Air Force “AMMO” Veteran. He is thankful to United Airlines for seeking his qualifications out on Monster.com, but especially grateful to the awesome instruction he received at ULV. “Experience may jar open the doors of opportunity,” he said, “but two degrees from the University of La Verne opens them much wider and faster!” Craig and his beautiful wife and two daughters live in West Covina.

Richard Reed, ’99, has been hired as University of Northern Colorado head men’s basketball coach. Reed was at Loyola Marymount University, where he spent three seasons as an assistant coach on head coach Steve Argers’ staff. With the Lions he was in charge of strength and conditioning, team travel, equipment, facilities and summer camps. He also helped organize the LMU Basketball Tip-Off Dinner.

Mercede Shamlo, ’99 MHA, is a service Coordinator at the Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center, working with developmentally challenged individuals, especially geriatric clients and patients.

2000

Seth Halverson, ’00, married Allison on June 29, 2004, and is a Senior Recruiter for Town & Country Human Resources.

Danny Craig ’01 has been working for Morgan Marketing and Public Relations in Irvine and has been promoted to Senior Account Executive. Some of his accounts include Snell & Wilmer, LLP; King’s Hawaiian; Wienerschnitzel; Taylor Woodrow Homes; Calabec’s Inc and Dynamic Fabrication Inc.

Mary Dulce ’01 will marry Bobby De la Cruz of Manitoba, Canada in December 2005 in West Covina, Calif.

Kyle Killam ’01 has completed his Masters Degree at USC in Civil Engineering/Construction Management in 2004 as a three-time academic all-American. He is now working in Utah as project engineer, dismantling the largest steel mill in the U.S. and shipping it to China to be rebuilt. Kyle is now engaged to Amy Dixon, the girl next door growing up, who also plays volleyball at CSUEF. They plan to be married next summer.

Genevieve Lao, ’01, is currently enrolled full-time in grad school majoring in Industrial-Organizational Psychology at Alliant International University in San Diego. She will be joining an internship program in Human Resources for a non-profit organization this summer. Genevieve’s goal is to finish her Ph.D. by 2007.

2002

Dr. Melissa Bied, ’02 DPA, is joining the Health Research and Educational Trust as Community Health Evaluation Specialist.

Melissa Eikenberry, ’02, is pleased to announce her engagement to Michael L. Horvath II of Carrabelle, Fla. A June 2006 wedding is planned. The couple will make their home in Calif. Melissa is currently an insurance agent for E.J.S. Insurance Services, Inc. Mike is a duty officer for the Florida Highway Patrol.

Jeremy Ashton Houska, ’02, is now pursuing his Ph.D. in Applied Experimental Psychology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Houska’s research interests remain based in social psychology, but he looks forward to focusing his doctoral study in the attitude change and compliance area. After serving as a laboratory instructor for “Experimental Psychology” the last two years at California State University, San Bernardino, Houska welcomes
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a change in his teaching duties. He will now be teaching two sections of “Introduction to Psychology” at UNLV.

2003
Tori R. Bailey, ’03 MS & ’04 MHA, has been hired as the new Faculty Chair, Health Information Technology Programs for all DeVry University Southern California campuses.

2005 will begin the masters program in Clinical Psychology at Cal State Fullerton. She is working with autistic children and is also a case worker for the Inland Valley Council of Churches in Pomona and works with low income and homeless families to regain stability in their lives, as well as help them access resources in their community.

Sarah Negrete, ’03, has completed her teaching credential and Masters in Education at ULV spring 2005. She will begin her career in education teaching kindergarten at Lytle Creek Elementary School for the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

2004
Dorothy Enriquez, ’04, is currently in graduate school at Cal State Fullerton majoring in Human Communication. Her emphasis is organizational and interpersonal communication. She is also an instructor at the university teaching college freshman Human Communication 100.

Danielle Rosaria Cummins, ’04, a current Claremont Graduate University student has been named the recipient of the 2005 Rudolph Polk Memorial Award in Music, graduate division, for violin performance. Winners were selected in recognition of technical and musically impressive performance of works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Wieniawski and Ysaye.

2005
Nadia De Leon, ’05, completed a multiple subject teaching credential at the University of La Verne in December 2004 and also just completed a Master of Education in Special Emphasis at ULV. She recently was offered a teaching position with Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nev. Nadia

Kevin Sayles, ’92, is vice president and sales manager for LandSafe Title in Los Angeles. Kevin Sayles says that, as a graduating high school senior, he wasn’t sure where he would go to college. Looking back now, it’s pretty clear the only choice was right in his own neighborhood.

When I finished high school, I thought, ‘Well, I’ll just go wherever. I don’t know where I’m going to go,’ said Sayles, who is vice president and sales manager for LandSafe Title in Los Angeles. “My family said, ‘Go to La Verne. You can play football there.’ So that kind of swayed my decision, because that’s where my brothers went. Both my mother and father completed their undergraduate degrees later in life through the Continuing Education program.

The Sayles Family lived in La Verne and Kevin followed his father, Joseph, his mother, Josephine, and his brothers, Joe and Leo, down the street. He says the University of La Verne gave him opportunities he might not have gotten elsewhere.

“I was really glad that I was able to play football during college,” said Sayles, who graduated with a degree in business administration. “That’s something I didn’t think I was going to do after high school and I loved it. I played four years, two for Ort (Roland Ortmayer) and two for Rex (Hugens). I had a very good college experience.

“They had very small class sizes, which is really nice. I knew all of my professors. My wife, Darla, went to Michigan State, so she talks about seeing a professor and having to introduce herself, whereas, if I saw one of my professors, they’d probably say, ‘Kevin, how are you doing?’ They’d remember. So, that was really nice.”

Even with the small classes, Sayles worked hard for his degree. Now it’s working for him.

“The people at La Verne are very real, very down-to-earth,” Sayles said. “They’re good people, but you’re not missing out on any skill level or business savvy. It’s kind of the best of both worlds.

“Now, I run half of L.A. County for LandSafe Title, in sales. Having my degree from La Verne – and I have my master’s from Redlands – definitely helps with my career. And college is definitely the foundation. I know you couldn’t get the job I have without a degree. Six years ago, all of the jobs I was looking for; you had to have a degree. So, you can’t even get your foot in the door unless you have the right initials after your name.”

Sayles was the fifth family member to earn a degree from ULV, but he might not be the last. His son, Cory, is also considering becoming a Leo.

“He’s made a visit here already,” Sayles said. “He’s 16. I don’t know if he’s going to come here, but he wanted to visit. He likes La Verne.”

It’s a family tradition.

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) where she will enroll for a second masters degree program in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Literacy Education.

J.D.s


Kathleen M. (Smith) Kathman ’97 J.D. has successfully passed the February 2005 California Bar Exam.

Little Leos

Craig Sipple, ’93, and his wife, Karen, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Cameron Brady, born February 26, 2005. Their daughter Camille, 4, loves her baby brother.


Dr. Lisa Marie Gonzales, ’02 Ed.D., and her husband, Erik Schoemauer are pleased to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Kennedy Leigh and Landry Walsh, born on April 30, 2005. Dr. Gonzales is an elementary principal in the San Jose Unified School District.

In Memoriam

Dr. Albert G. Gnagy, ’32, passed away March 16, 2005, in Glendale. He spent many years as an elementary school teacher in Azusa. During his days at La Verne, Albert played sports and was a member of the Apollo Quartet, one of the fixture singing groups at the college in the 1930s.

Elizabeth Lehman Brownsberger, ’34, passed away on December 4, 2003. She was an avid musician, studying under Ralph Travis at La Verne. Daughter of Lorenzo Lehman ’16, mother of Sue (Brownsberger-Heiser) Linder ’63, grandmother of Erick Heiser ’90 and wife of Kenneth Brownsberger ’35. Kenneth is now living in Redding.

Dr. George P. Barganier, ’76, passed away May 10, 2005, at Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta. Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Barganier joined the U.S. Marine Corps after high school graduation and served until 1966. He eventually relocated west and worked 26 years for Southern California Edison, during which time he advanced from lineman to regional manager and also earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from La Verne. After retiring from SCE, George founded Energy Education Program Influencing Change, a nonprofit organization designed to help young people become successful in life.


Louise Frisbee Fisk Thomas, ’36, passed away on March 5, 2005, at Woods Health Services, La Verne, Calif. Louise was an educator in Coachella and Pomona.

Dr. Laurence (Larry) Melvin Stutsman, ’38, died on January 6, 2005. He was a Chief Deputy Director for the California State Departments of Corrections under two different directors and three governors, Pat Brown, Ronald Reagan and Jerry Brown during the corrections’ most turbulent time.


Paul Beard, ’49, passed away on March 21, 2005.

William M. Molina, Jr., ’51, passed away in May of 2003.

Thurman “Thurm” Arthur Belcher, ’56, passed away July 6, 2005. Born in Shawnee, Okla., he and his twin brother, Herman, were one of three sets of twins in a family of eight children. His family moved to Empire, Calif., in 1941, and Thurman graduated from Modesto High School in 1949. After serving in the Army during the Korean War, he attended La Verne College, where he played football and served as team co-captain along side his brother Herman. He was a great admiring of coach Roland Ortmyer and credited him for serving as “a wonderful example of how a man should live.” Following graduation, Thurman taught history and physical education for 11 years in Southern California. He then moved his family to Tehachapi where he taught 11 more years and later worked in real estate and contracting, and remained active in community affairs. Thurman was an avid supporter of Leopard athletics, attending countless football and volleyball games, and spent 20 years taking part in the annual ULV float gatherings in Montana. He also served on the university’s Alumni Board and as a Class Representative.

James Willis, ’58, passed away on November 1, 2004 at his home in Port Angeles, Wash., after a long battle with Lou Gehrig’s Disease.


Dr. Richard D. Bailey, ’66, passed away at his home in Vancouver, Wash., on June 24, 2005, at the age of 60. His greatest joy in life was his close
In Memoriam

Herbert W. Hogan, a Leo for more than 50 years

Herbert Ward Hogan, ’43, longtime educator and administrator whose 50-year association with the school began as an undergraduate student, passed away July 2, 2005, at the Hillcrest Nursing Center in La Verne.

Born in China in 1921 to Presbyterian missionary parents, Hogan was three years old when he came to the United States. He initially attended San Diego State College for two years before transferring to what was then La Verne College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history in 1943. Not long after that, he joined the La Verne faculty as a teacher of history, and spent the next half-century as an integral part of the campus community.

During his tenure Hogan served the university in many capacities, including professor, dean, department head, division head, counselor, committee chair and vice president. He earned both a master’s degree (1948) and Ph.D. (1956) in history from Claremont Graduate School. Well recognized for his scholarship, he was acclaimed as both an author and lecturer. He was a Fulbright Lecturer in Göttingen, Germany, in 1965, and served an active role on numerous committees, programs and accreditation visits to other institutions.

“Herb Hogan was part of a troika of influential individuals at La Verne following World War II. He, former President Harold Fasnacht and longtime administrator Virgil Wilkinson combined their talents to help La Verne evolve into a fully accredited, well-respected institution,” said ULV President Steve Morgan. “The loss of Herb Hogan is one that affects not only his immediate family but also all of us who knew him and whose lives were touched by his wisdom, enthusiasm and commitment.”

Besides teaching and making history at La Verne, Hogan also played a pivotal role in helping document and disseminate the history of the institution. After speaking on the school’s history during 1982 spring commencement, he was asked by then-President Armen Sarafian to update Gladdys Muir’s book, “La Verne College: Seventy-Five Years of Service” for the university’s centennial. His edition, “The University of La Verne: A Centennial History 1891-1991,” was followed in 2001 by “Years of Renewal and Growth, University of La Verne 1985-2000: The First Fifteen Years of the Presidency of Stephen C. Morgan.”

In the preface to his book on the university’s centennial, Hogan offered these thoughts about his long association with La Verne: “I have known personally most of those associated with the university during the past 50 years, am inspired by the development and growth of the university during those years, and am deeply impressed by the caliber and dedication of those who have invested their lives in service to the university and through it to higher education in California.”

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and loving family, his wife of 40 years, Sandra, sons Chris and Tom and daughter Robby Matsushima, their spouses and six grandchildren. Richard is survived by his mother Bonnie and brothers Ray and Tim ’69.

Benjamin Shelton ’72 has passed away.

Cy Compton ’74 has passed away.

Craig Alan Miles, ’83, passed away April 14, 2005, in Sedro-Woolley, Wash. The son of Jerry Miles and the late Elaine Fasnacht Miles ’61 and the grandson of former La Verne president Harold Fasnacht, Craig was born in Pomona. After moving with his family to Kansas during his high school years, he returned to attend ULV and later lived in Claremont. He excelled at a number of positions throughout his career, including as an award-winning Web designer and information technology strategist for Highpoint, Inc. An avid cyclist and writer, Craig shared his thoughts and struggle with cancer through Web publications.

Faculty/Administration

Clark Fullerton Lewis, former professor of education and assistant dean of graduate studies, passed away April 17, 2005, in Upland. A longtime educator and administrator in the Ontario-Montclair School District, he initially taught part-time at La Verne. Upon retiring from OMSD in 1972, Clark joined the faculty fulltime and five years later was appointed assistant dean. Even after retiring in 1980, he remained on staff as a part-time instructor until 1999.

Friends of the University

Dr. Orval A. Bosshardt, longtime Board of Trustees member and supporter of La Verne, passed away May 8, 2005, in Upland. A native of Sauk Center, Minn., after serving in the Naval Medical Corps during World War II, Dr. Bosshardt opened his own office in Upland. He served a term as Chief of Staff at San Antonio Community Hospital and retired from practice at age 79. Nominated to the La Verne College Board of Trustees in 1956, Dr. Bosshardt served as an active Board member until 1983, when he was voted into emeritus status. He continued to attend board meetings, serve on committees and contribute financially to the university into the 1990s.

Emily Kampmeier, wife of late ULV faculty Paul Kampmeier passed away in February 2005.

Pam O’Dwyer passed away in June 2005.

Winston L. Sarafian, educator and noted scholar of Russian-American history, passed away on Jan. 8, 2005. The eldest son of former University of La Verne President Armen Sarafian, Winston is credited with establishing and cataloging a collection of more than 12,500 Armenian books and periodicals for the American Armenian International College at ULV.
While renovation work proceeds on the ULV Sports Science & Athletics Pavilion, ground has been broken in the construction of the new Frank and Nadine Johnson Family Plaza.

By Rusty Evans

Ground has been broken and the construction has begun on the University of La Verne’s new three-tiered Frank and Nadine Johnson Family Plaza, which will link the renovated Sports Science & Athletics Pavilion to the brand-new Sara and Michael Abraham Campus Center building.

As mid-July heat soared and the renovation and construction work continued inside the Pavilion, heavy equipment began shaping the Plaza area. Workers were careful not to disturb the majestic oak tree that will serve as anchor for the new gathering area.

At the same time, a separate project closely related to construction of the Plaza and Pavilion renovation also got under way: The creation of a new chilled water plant for the main campus. Once complete, the plant will service buildings on campus, including the Pavilion, providing chilled water to reliably and efficiently cool all connected structures.

When constructed, the chiller plant will significantly reduce energy consumption and decrease noise pollution throughout campus.

The Plaza, designed by Mark von Wodtke of Claremont Environmental Design Group, will feature three levels of circular pads and will be the university’s newest outdoor meeting place. The design allows for individual study or relaxation, meetings of small groups or classes, or the staging of larger performances or rallies.

The Plaza, which has been described as ULV’s new “town square,” is part of the Campus Center Project, for which nearly $13 million in gifts and pledges has been raised through private donations. Completion of the Campus Center Project will enrich campus life for ULV students and strengthen the university’s recruitment and retention position. It will also serve to inspire further campus improvements.

For more information on the progress of the Campus Center Project, visit www.ulv.edu/campuscenter.

Artist renderings on the opposite page give a glimpse into the future of the University of La Verne’s central campus, for which the hub will be a new multi-level Plaza with areas for meeting, dining, socializing and performing.
The Plaza
at University of La Verne

Dailey Theatre

Plaza

Sports Science & Athletics Pavilion
When Arthur and Sarah Ludwick made their recent $2 million pledge to the University of La Verne’s Campus Center Project, it was a gift from the heart.

Mainly, the Ludwicks love education. They wanted to do something that would help build a future for ULV students and also inspire others to do the same.

Arthur Ludwick is a longtime community leader in education, service clubs, and numerous organizations. He is recently retired from Glendora-based Rain Bird Corporation, one of the world’s leading sprinkler manufacturers, where he was Senior Vice President.

Sarah Ludwick, who received a master’s degree in Child Development from La Verne in 1994, was a 2002 recipient of a Distinguished Educator Award, presented by the ULV School of Education. She has served as Auction Chair of the Fairplex Child Development Center since its inception in 1992. Her mother, Mary La Fetra, was a member of the university’s Board of Trustees from 1966-1982, serving as President of the Board of Trustees from 1971-1980. La Fetra Auditorium on ULV’s main campus is named for Mary La Fetra.

While the magnitude of the Ludwicks’ gift mark it as one of the largest in university history, those who know them say it is typical of their generosity.

“Sarah and Art Ludwick want to provide young people with every opportunity possible to be successful, productive and engaged citizens,” said University of La Verne President Steve Morgan, to whom Mary La Fetra was a friend and mentor when he was student body president in 1968. “Their magnificent gift to our Campus Center Project is a clear indication of their commitment to support the endeavors of our students for generations to come. We are grateful for the Ludwicks’ generosity and appreciate the confidence they have in this university and its students.”

The Ludwicks have been staunch supporters of the university for more than 18 years, and in the past have given to ULV’s Child Development Center, Wilson Library/Landis Academic Center, Armen Sarafian Endowment, and the Scholarship Fund.

“What impresses me is that, though they have great resources, their success in life has not affected their humanness or genuineness,” said Robert Earhart, ULV’s Associate Vice President of University Relations. “They’re just down-to-earth, gracious, friendly people. They always go the extra mile to do things for other people.”

In the coming months and years, Art and Sarah Ludwick will stand together with others who have invested in ULV’s future with a generous gift and watch the Campus Center Project progress. Throughout their extensive fundraising experiences, they say they’ve never encountered anything to surpass the special feeling found at the University of La Verne.

“I really love the school,” Sarah Ludwick said. “Things mean more here than they might somewhere else.”

Arthur and Sarah Ludwick, who have supported the University of La Verne at such functions as the President’s Dinner Gala, have made a historic $2 million pledge to the Campus Center Project.
Quality Time

Dr. Janat Yousof is tough on her students and they love her for it

By Rusty Evans

It’s 1 in the morning, and while most of her colleagues and students are deep in the throes of slumber, Dr. Janat Yousof answers e-mail. “After my classes sometimes, I can’t sleep, because I get so much energy from the students,” said Yousof, professor of business management and leadership at the University of La Verne. “So I’m up late.

“I really get energy from my students, and I really love the atmosphere around La Verne. I know every single one of my students, and I don’t think there are many people at large institutions who can say that.”

Yousof speaks softly and with an ever-present smile. The warmth and caring for her students is typical of professors at La Verne. But make no mistake: It’s a tough love when those students step into her classroom.

“Better have your homework done,” said Heather Nishioka, who took four of Yousof’s classes. “She’s tough.”

“She’s an excellent professor, but she’s not easy,” said Maria Duran, another veteran of multiple Yousof classes.

Former students speak of Yousof’s rigorous classes with reverence. And they gush with adoration for her. She’s tough, but fair, they say. She listens. She understands. She pushes students to excellence. She cares. Most of all, she prepares them well.

“If you want to learn and do it the right way, she’s the person you want to have teaching you,” said Duran. “I took four classes with her because I knew I would walk out with the knowledge of the subject matter and not have any doubts.”

Shortly after completing those classes, Duran got the promotion to division manager with Robinson’s-May she had sought.

Nishioka also took four classes with Yousof, and upon graduation was promoted to Manager of Grant and Foundation Support in ULV’s University Relations office.

“The class that was toughest for me was Financial Management,” Nishioka said. “When I walked into the class I thought, ‘There is no way on God’s green earth that I am ever going to understand anything.’ I had looked at the textbook and it was completely Greek to me. It was a long semester, and it was tough. But when I was done with the class, I felt like I could go and speak about the material.”

Yousof, of course, makes no apologies for her grueling classes. A native of Malaysia, she has worked hard to build a distinguished resume. After graduating from University of Malaysia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, Yousof continued her education at USC, where she earned certificates in Public Financial Management and International Public Management, as well as a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and a Doctorate in Philosophy.

Now that she’s teaching, she expects no less from her students. “I like to raise the expectations of my students and I find that overall, they will meet those expectations,” Yousof said. “I had very rigorous training coming out of USC, so my expectations are also to bring that kind of rigor to the undergraduate programs.”

Any professor can assemble a staggering curriculum. What sets Yousof apart is the connection she makes with her students. They understand that it’s for their own good.

“I think having been in administration I bring the best of both worlds,” Yousof said. “I’m able to give them real life experiences because of what I’ve been through, which they understand, because they’re in that environment.”

Yousof’s experience includes public administration and finance management for the City of Los Angeles and Malaysia’s Ministry of Finance, as well as high-level positions in Japan and Hong Kong. When she lays it all out for her students, having been there and done that commands immediate respect.

Nonetheless, this international scholar and worldly financial whiz thrives on interaction with her students. Her knowledge and experience is completely authoritative, yet she seeks to learn from those she teaches.

“As instructors, I think that we have to acknowledge that we learn a lot from our students,” Yousof said. “As much as we hope that we give them a lot of theories, they bring a lot of practice of management and administration to class, which I love extremely. I always tell students that I like to hear their voice, and integrate the literature.

“They come and talk with me, not just about the program, but about their family, their relationships, et cetera. I can’t help them with that, but I can share, just through listening. These people are balancing everything, although when they come to class I tell them, ‘Give up your social life — you’re done with it for the next two years!’”

Dr. Janat Yousof is a strict taskmaster when it comes to business education, but she goes out of her way to connect with students.
COMMENCEMENT

2005 Spring Grads

Photography by Jeanine Hill
Leaders and leadership were the focus of attention this year during the University of La Verne’s 113th Spring Commencement Ceremonies. Both the undergraduate and graduate events took place Saturday, May 28, in La Verne. High spirits and a capacity crowd filled Ortmayer Stadium for the morning’s undergraduate ceremony, which featured 648 individuals receiving bachelor’s degrees.

Dr. Leon Ngoma M. Kintaudi, medical director of three nonprofit health-care organizations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), provided a poignant commencement address. He first came to La Verne in 1970 and graduated in 1974 with a double major in Biology and Chemistry. For the past 10 years he has guided the Health Services Program of the Protestant Council of Churches of Congo in collaborative work with the Programme de Santé Rurale and Interchurch Medical Assistance. He also trains medical residents, conducts research and takes part in projects affecting public health in rural Africa.

In his speech, Dr. Kintaudi talked of how his time at La Verne had influenced his life. He encouraged the graduates to use what they’d learned to help improve the world, and advised them to ignore the skepticism of others and firmly believe that the efforts of one individual can make a difference.

During the ceremony, both Kintaudi and ULV Board of Trustees member Michael Abraham were presented with honorary doctorates from the university.

The afternoon’s graduate ceremony at Ortmayer Stadium saw 424 receiving graduate degrees and 70 earning doctorates. Distinguished author, educator and former White House advisor Dr. Jean Lipman-Blumen served as commencement speaker. After being awarded an honorary doctorate from ULV, she spoke about the responsibilities and expectations of leadership in today’s society.

“Your incredible education empowers you to make that crucial choice,” Lipman-Blumen said. “You have the opportunity to take an ennobling path, to finish some small part of the world, at least temporarily, and to create true meaning in your life and in the lives of others.”

Two other ceremonies took place away from the main campus. On Sunday, May 22, the ULV College of Law’s 2005 Commencement Ceremony saw 37 graduates receive their Juris Doctor degree. California Supreme Court Justice Carlos R. Moreno provided the commencement address.

The Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) program ceremony was held on Sunday, May 29, at the Sheraton Suites Fairplex in Pomona. With 53 individuals on hand to be awarded their degrees, distinguished author, educator and administrator Terrence Deal—who in 1961 earned a bachelor’s degree from La Verne—gave the keynote address.

— Charles Bentley
By Will Darity
ULV Sports Information Director

The ULV baseball team repeated as SCIAC Conference champions clinching the title in the regular-season finale against Cal Lutheran with a 9-7 come-from-behind win.

The conference title was La Verne’s 18th overall in school history. The Leopards finished 31-13 overall and 18-6 in league play en route to its second consecutive SCIAC crown to earn a second straight trip to the NCAA West Regionals.

SPRING ATHLETICS 2005 RECAP

The Leopards were paced by senior pitcher Scott Lindeen, who compiled a 10-2 overall record with a 2.00 earned run average with 93 strikeouts in 99.2 innings pitched on his way to earning SCIAC Player of the Year honors. In the final performance of his ULV career against Chapman in the West Regionals, Lindeen tossed a complete game giving up just three hits while striking out 10 batters with no walks in a 6-1 win. Leopard catcher B.J. DuBarry, third baseman

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It was an eventful and memorable summer for La Verne pitcher Scott Lindeen. After graduating in May with a degree in Business Administration, the All-American pitcher and SCIAC Conference Player of the Year was selected in the 26th round of the Major League Baseball free agent draft by the Florida Marlins in June and was quickly thrust into the world of professional baseball, toiling for the Gulf Coast (Fla.) Marlins in the Rookie League.

Despite his small school background, Lindeen proved his worth in his first month of action with a win and a save in 18 innings of relief work.

"It's definitely been an experience," Lindeen said. "Everyone out here is talented, but I'm holding my own and enjoying every moment of it."

Lindeen was named ABCA/Rawlings Second Team All-America in 2005, compiling a 10-2 overall record with a 2.00 earned run average with 93 strikeouts while also earning SCIAC Player of the Year honors. In addition, the 6-foot-3 product of Serra Mesa held opponents to a .218 batting average. In Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference games this season, Lindeen was 8-0, as he helped guide the Leopards to their second consecutive league title and 18th in school history.

Few would have envisioned this result a year earlier, when Lindeen was sidelined by tendinitis in his elbow, forcing him to miss the 2004 season as a medical redshirt.

"One of my favorite quotes is, 'Start believing in yourself and others will start to believe in you. Prove those that believe in you right and those who doubt you wrong,'" Lindeen said. "Those are words I used during the rehabilitation process and I never lost focus."

But that doesn't mean there were no doubts in his mind.

"Early on in 2004 he was starting to get lots of attention, along with several calls from scouts," ULV head coach Scott Winterburn said. "But when he got injured, the phone stopped ringing, and that was tough for him. We just reminded Scott that he was a good pitcher because of his talent and work ethic, and not because the scouts said he was."

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During his five years at the University of La Verne, Lindeen matured physically, mentally and emotionally to become one of the nation's top hurlers at the Division III level. His fastball velocity improved from the mid-80s as a freshman to a high of 92-93 mph. While he also developed better command of his curve and slider, it was his hard work, attention to detail and his willingness to learn that catapulted his game to a new level.

"I gained so much more of an understanding of pitching," Lindeen said. "I have also learned the value in accountability and responsibility along with intangibles that are needed to succeed. The lessons I learned from Coach Winterburn at La Verne helped me succeed and helped me make the transition from collegiate to professional baseball."

While La Verne had several talented players to repeat as conference champions, it was Lindeen who undoubtedly was the focal point of the pitching staff and a driving force behind the 2005 Leopards.

"Without Scott, we'd be nowhere near a SCIAC Championship," Winterburn said. Lindeen's last two outings, against Cal Lutheran and Chapman, showcased his considerable talents.

With the SCIAC title on the line against Cal Lutheran, Lindeen went the distance for the Leopards, surrendering 12 hits while striking out seven Kingsmen and walking two in the conference title-clinching victory.

"By the time he pitched against Cal Lutheran he was running on fumes," Winterburn said. "It was one of the gutsiest, grittiest performances I've seen. He was tired and fatigued and gave us everything he had that day."

But he saved what was arguably his best performance of the season for a week later, in what would be the final outing of his collegiate career. In the NCAA Division III West Regionals against top-seeded Chapman, he was in total command, tossing a complete game and giving up just three hits while striking out 10 Panthers and walking none in a 6-1 Leopard triumph.

"The Chapman game was a microcosm of all that Scott had gone through at La Verne," Winterburn said. "He carried the weight of the team that night. He started strong, faced some adversity, rejuvenated and sprinted to the finish."

Two months after distinguishing himself at the collegiate level, Lindeen is working to establish himself in the professional ranks with the same approach he has used in the past. All the while, he feels privileged to realize a dream he's had since he started playing baseball.

"Looking back, I feel honored to have been drafted," Lindeen said. "There are thousands of players in baseball who go undrafted. I'll continue to work hard and make improvements."

Those sentiments were not lost on his coach, to whom Lindeen continues to talk with on a regular basis.

"Whether or not it works out in baseball, it'll work for him in life," Winterburn said. "He's always had confidence in himself and he has put himself into a position to be successful in whatever path he takes."

"At a small college like La Verne, Scott's legacy and impact will be felt for a while. He's an example of what you can accomplish with some talent and lots of heart and desire. He had fun, learned a lot, worked hard, had success and earned his degree. You can't ask for anything more."

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Jason Jarvis, pitcher Mark Simmons and outfielder Kyle Johnson were named First Team All-SCIAC.

The ULV women's track and field team captured its second SCIAC Conference title in three seasons. Senior Lakia Pearson and sophomore Chelsea Sherier established SCIAC records. Pearson, who was named SCIAC Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive season, leaped 39 feet, 4 inches in the triple jump to break a seven-year-old conference record. Sherier finished second at the NCAA Championships in the vault with an all-time SCIAC best of 12 feet, 2 inches. Pearson teamed with Krystle Luckey, Lauren Johnson and Deonne McLean to place fifth in the 4 x 100 meter relay at the NCAAAs to earn All-America honors. Conference champions included two wins apiece from Ellen Soakai (shot put, discus) and Veronica Andrews (high jump, javelin). Pearson became the first woman in SCIAC history to win three SCIAC triple jump titles as she took that event with a leap of 38-0. Johnson (100), Katrina McCoy (pole vault) and Erica Pemberton (hammer) were also conference champions. In men's track and field, senior Donte Witherspoon captured SCIAC titles in both the long jump and triple jump, establishing personal bests in each.

The La Verne softball squad concluded the season 27-13 overall and 14-4 in SCIAC play to finish second in the league standings under second-year coach Robin Haaker. The Leopards defeated No. 1 ranked Chapman 4-3 on April 2 to end the 18-game win streak of the Panthers. First Team All-SCIAC selections included sophomore pitcher Mary Olson, sophomore second baseman Suzy Riker, shortshop Jessica DeGiacomo and sophomore outfielder Morgan Dobis.

The ULV golf team claimed third place overall in the conference standing with 32 points while sustaining a national Top 20 throughout the season. Chris Davis was announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America as the West Region Freshman of the Year along with a spot on the GCAA All-Freshman Team. In addition, senior Andrew Garcia was the Jess Clark Sportsmanship Award recipient.

In women's water polo, the Leopards placed fourth in the competitive SCIAC race while also earning a fifth-place finish in the Collegiate III Tournament in April, upsetting top-seeded Pomona-Pitzer 9-8 along the way. Goalie Jessica Figgins was named First Team All-America while Jessica Egbert and Kristin McKown were honorable mention selections.
Leslie Flores admits that she came to the University of La Verne for the volleyball. A setter who led her high school team to a CIF Southern Section championship, Flores could have stepped into the starting lineup for many other college volleyball teams. Nonetheless, she liked the idea of winning a championship at the collegiate level and came to La Verne knowing that all-American setter Amanda Thomas was ahead of her and that she probably wouldn’t play much her first two seasons.

“You know, a lot of times, today’s athletes want to play right now,” ULV volleyball coach Don Flora said. “But Leslie saw the process here that would make her a leader and a top player in her junior and senior seasons.”

Though she was used to playing all the time, Flores didn’t as a freshman. But for someone who once was the only girl in her Little League and then made the all-star team, this was just another opportunity.

“The commissioner of that league wouldn’t let me play (all-stars) because I was a girl,” Flores said. “It’s been things like that throughout my life that have pushed me so much more. I have been pushed down most of the time, mostly because I was a girl.

“But I’m not a person who’s intimidated by someone who’s ahead of me. I take on the challenge and either make them better or get the spot myself.”

While she continued to work hard and learn the college game, the all-star setter discovered she enjoyed the classroom as much as being on the court.

“I got my first A in both math and English while here, and I was so proud of myself,” said Flores, who is a social science major. “I’ve had such a great experience here. The small classes here are actually what have helped me most. The teachers are always there for you.

“I got a few scholarship offers back east and a few down south toward San Diego and there were a few colleges that I liked. But my parents and I came here and we fell in love with La Verne.”

The feeling has been mutual.

“Leslie is characteristic of all of the good things about the University of La Verne,” said Eric Bishop, ULV Associate Dean, Academic Support and Retention-Matriculation Services. “She always has a pleasant and positive attitude and is a leader through her actions. She embodies the mission of the university in her desire to serve and continually learn.”

Flores says she’d like to be a history teacher and then, someday, a dean. She has obviously been inspired by her college experience.

“I love the classes,” she said. “I love sitting there and listening to lectures. Not many students would say that. Maybe not taking the notes so much, but rather listening, so I can’t wait to see the classes I can take next semester and the following semester.”

Flores is also ready to step into a starting role for the Leopards, and now that she’s a junior, Flora is ready to give her the reins.

“She’s a winner, and setters need to know how to win,” Flora said. “She trains hard, she works hard and she’s always looking for an edge. She’s like an assistant coach.

“And she’s a great ambassador for recruits. I should pay her.”

Leslie Flores’ positive attitude and strong work ethic have served her well in the transition from her high school days to the college life.
Please join the ULV Community in recognition of these special individuals at the All Alumni Dinner Dance on Friday evening, October 14.

**Distinguished Alumni**

**Service to Alma Mater**

Dr. Marlin L. Heckman '58

“The epitome of a librarian par excellence,” is the perfect description of Dr. Marlin Heckman provided by Akilah Nyeren in the Summer 2001 issue of the La Verne Magazine. Marlin served the university as Head Librarian for 32 years and many ULV students and alumni know him as the person who can find the answer to any question.

His love of history and ULV are factors in other wonderful contributions he has made to the university, including his pictorial history of ULV and “The Gem of Lordsburg: The Lordsburg Hotel/College Building 1887-1972.” Marlin has been relentless in archiving the history of ULV and since his retirement as Head Librarian he continues to serve as University Archivist and University Librarian Emeritus.

**Distinguished Alumni**

**Service to Community**

Jeannette Vagnozzi ’91 & MSLM ’99

Jeannette has forged a successful professional career in public service as Administrative Superintendent, Public Works Department, City of La Verne, where she has been employed since 1991. Jeannette takes a leadership role in her profession, serving as Director on the Board of the Southern California Water Utilities Association, with responsibility for Programs. She is also active with the Society for Public Administration. For the greater La Verne community, Ms. Vagnozzi worked with others to create and deliver a Leadership Academy to develop the skills of community leaders, future candidates for election to public office and potential appointed commission members. This work is only one way she has encouraged volunteerism and civic engagement.

**Distinguished Alumni**

**Service to Profession**

Dr. Wayne Butterbaugh ’43

Throughout his career, Dr. Butterbaugh’s first concern, no matter what the mission, was to always do what is best for both children and young adults.

Wayne received his undergraduate degree, elementary school and junior high school credentials from La Verne College. He earned his secondary teaching and administration credential at Claremont Graduate School and his Doctor of Education from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Butterbaugh taught at Palomares School in La Verne, then Emerson Junior High in Pomona before becoming an elementary principal in Buena Park. He assumed the position of superintendent of the Savanna School District, then the Simi Valley Unified School District. He then became the first and organizing superintendent of Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, the Regional Occupational Center and the Conejo Valley Unified School District. The organization of three new unified school districts exhibits exemplary professional leadership accomplished by a few.

**Early Achievement**

Anthony Granillo ’02

The early achievement award is presented to Anthony in recognition of his character as much as for his early career achievements. His involvement as a student provides insight into his wonderful character. He was a member of the Model United Nations, wrote for La Vernacula, Lambda, was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity member and a member of Toast Masters. His fellow students recognized his outstanding nature by honoring him as Homecoming King.

While Anthony is building a thriving real estate business as owner of South Bay Real Estate and Lending, he has not forgotten ULV. He serves as a member of ULV’s Alumni Governing Board, participates annually in the President’s Dinner Gala and is a Corporate Associates Member at the President’s Circle level.

**Distinguished Professor**

Dr. Robert T. Neher

Beloved by students and alumni everywhere, Dr. Neher is the type of professor who both inspires and challenges students. Dr. Neher came to ULV in 1958, and during a distinguished career has served as professor of biology, acting academic dean, chair of the Natural Science Division and interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. He has held an NSF Faculty Fellowship and a Danforth Fellowship. He has been honored with the Outstanding Teacher of the Year and the ULV Community Service awards.

Dr. Neher holds a Ph.D in Botany and an M.A.T. in Biology from Indiana University, an M.R.E. in Counseling & Religious Education from Bethany Theological Seminary and a B.A. in Science from Manchester College (Indiana).

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