



Life at the AAIC/ULV campus is always full of activity. La Verne is a small town, but the university has many way programs to attract student involvement.

Being part of the optics program is like an optical internship. Many of the faculty are currently working in high tech. industries. This brings state-of-the-art knowledge to the classroom. Many of the classes are small, thus allowing a better student-teacher relationship. The classes are very relaxed and conveniently scheduled around working hours. This allows many working students to attend classes, where-by student input frequently enhances the classroom subject material.

The university tries to simulate an industrial atmosphere. Students are given many experiments that require hands-on experience, such as building lab experiments from the ground up. The program offers CODE V software, which is the “Cadillac” program for optical design, in the optical industry today.

Being one of the few institutes to offer the B.S. degree in Optical Engineering, it is the only one that is centrally located in Southern California. The city of La Verne is thus a prime location centered in a major North American high tech. area.

The school also has many social clubs such as fraternities and sororities. These groups participate in many different activities such as Greek week, an Olympic style event between the different organizations. The ASF (associated students forum) brings together many other clubs such as ski clubs, computer club, behavior science, chess club, Greek federation, intermural sports and many more. The SPIE club is involved with the optics program.

SPIE is a worldwide Optics/Photonics organization and the University has a student chapter on the campus. The student chapter is fairly new and is already getting known in the optical industry. Club members have been able to tour many companies in the local area. Newport Thin Films, Graham Optical Systems, Advanced Opto-Electronics, and Omnichrome are some of the companies that the student members have visited. The student chapter has participated in many banquets, open house function, and conferences.

In January each year, SPIE holds the OE/LASE convention at the Los Angeles Marriott, & Hilton. Since 1985, the La Verne student SPIE chapter has participated in these conferences, with some of the students working for SPIE during these convention period. Many companies are represented at these convention, thus providing excellent input for comer direction and possible job placement. The AAIC/ULV Optical program has been involved over the past three years with the CESAC (Chinese-American Engineering and Scientist Association of Southern California) conferences. This conference held at the Boneventure Hotel in Los Angeles.

At the end of school year there is a Photonics Awards Banquet held in Monrovia Holiday Inn. The Award Banquet future an honorary guest speaker from a local company. The speaker talks about the future of Optics and their role as a company of the future. Then there are awards to individuals and groups for outstanding contribution to the optical program at both PCC and AAIC/ULV.

In summary, there are many activities to participate in; it is all up to the student to get involved with his or her program and make the best of it. With the May 1991 graduates, we will have over 60 Optical Engineers out ther representing the quality of our Engineering program to our local optics industry. The growing net-work of job information and industry trends from our graduated, coupled with their participation with OSLA, SPIE, and CESAC, means that each new graduate, or those seeking a job change, have a wealth of oppertunity to find their rewording niche in their exciting field of Laser-Optics Engineering.