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Parking structure will open in 2016

Construction to begin in summer

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The building of a multi-leveled multi-million dollar parking structure was recently bumped to the top of the list for the Campus Master Plan.

Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2015.

"This opens the ability for the Campus Plan to be approved by the city," said Erin Gratz, president of the faculty senate, Web and instructional technology librarian and associate professor.

The city of La Verne is requiring the University to increase parking capacity before it approves the rest of the Master Plan, which also calls for the construction of an academic building and dorm.

The Board of Trustees and the Board's Finance Committee approved the construction of the structure in October.

The new structure is expected to be five or six stories tall and will add 500 to 600 spaces to alleviate the parking problem.

It will be in the place of Parking Lot D, located behind the Campus Center and next to Vista La Verne dormitory.

Some faculty members are opposed to the construction, claiming that it is not as necessary as other pressing issues.

"Our solution is very superficial, putting up a parking structure will delay the academic building for seven years," Jay Jones, professor of biology and biochemistry, said.

"The laboratories have been delayed year after year after year."

There is currently a request for proposal – a document that allows architects and construction companies to contact the University to vie for the project – available online.

"The parking committee and those actively involved with the process will help select a vendor who we would work with to design the parking garage," said Chip West, assistant vice president of capital planning, facilities and space management.

"Currently in the RFP there are 1,000 spaces meaning the garage plus adjacent spaces would equal 1,000 spaces. It is a net gain of 500-600 spaces in Lot D."

West said the structure is anticipated to open by the start of fall semester of 2016.

University officials hope is to choose an architect by January.

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With the expense of the parking structure estimated to be between $12 million and $16 million, according to Chief Financial Officer Avo Kechichian, permit rates are expected to increase to defray some of the construction costs.

"They will go up, but we have not determined the amount yet," Clive Houston-Brown, vice president of facilities and technology, said.

"There are two pieces to it, an increase of some kind and parking permits will become mandatory for all students, faculty and staff who come to the main campus."

Houston-Brown said the campus parking committee composed of faculty, staff and students is in the process of forming a subcommittee that will include current ASULV

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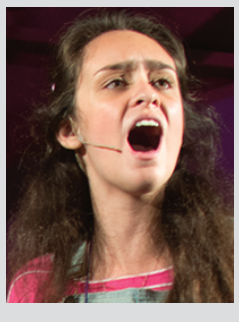

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Mean Boys



Mariela Patron

Elias Maldonado, sophomore computer science major; Mark Coromac, sophomore accounting major; Tyler Bertao, junior communications major; and Sebastian Ayala, freshman psychology major, reenact the "Jingle Bell Rock" scene from the 2004 movie "Mean Girls." The group was one of 22 performances at the Phi Sigma Sigma Talent Show Tuesday night.

Leos reach NCAA tourney

Hal Hargrave
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team's season came to an abrupt end Friday with a loss to No. 21 Trinity Tigers, 3-0, in the first round of the NCAA West Regional Tournament at Gilbert Sports Arena.

A matchup between two nationally recognized teams was a lopsided win for the Tigers that ended La Verne's season and put the Leopards to 20-7 overall on the season.

The Leopards kept a positive attitude, even after losing its final three regular season games, when they got the regional bid Nov. 10.

"I saw a lot of power from our girls tonight both mentally and physically," head coach Jenna Panatier said. "I think moving forward into next year one of the things that will benefit us most will be continuing to develop that power with our veteran leadership."

In the first set, the Leopards matched the Tigers point for point, proving they could play with the No. 21 nationally ranked team up until it was 8-7.

The Tigers then went on a four-point run to take a three-point lead, 11-8, behind the dominant hitting of senior outside hitter Maggie Emodi.

Emodi led the way for the Tigers with 16 kills.

The Leopards put up a tough fight in the middle of the first set coming within one point, 15-14, but the Tigers took control from there and were up by as many as five points on five different occasions.

Trinity went on to win the set, 25-20.

Leopards junior outside hitter Brittany Yaxley helped keep the set close with five kills in the frame and finished the match with a team high of 16 kills and nine digs.

"It's the little things that we work on that make the big things better, those of the things that we work on in practice and the things that we will continue to work on into next year," Yaxley said.

An aspect of the game that the La Verne has preached upon down the stretch in the second half of the season is to focus on the first five points of each set.

The Leopards did that in the second set coming out to a 6-1 lead, four of those points coming from the strong hitting of Yaxley.

Sophomore setter Tiffany Mancuso ended with 26 assists.

The Tigers fought back into the second set behind the power hitting of Emodi and senior middle blocker Erin Cusenbary.

The Leopards could not find an offensive rhythm and fell short, losing the set, 25-20.

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Day gives glimpse of La Verne life

Melissa Gasia
Staff Writer



Amanda Duvall

Freshman music major Andrew Medina leads a group of parents and potential Leopards to Morgan Auditorium for the academic information portion of Preview Day Saturday. In addition to academics, parents also had the opportunity to attend seminars on housing and financial aid, speak with faculty and staff and take tours of the campus.

Students got a look at college life as a Leo on Saturday at La Verne's annual Preview Day.

"Preview Day allows students to get to know all the aspects of La Verne before applying," Bradlee Johnson, admissions student ambassador, said. "Our early decision is Dec. 1 so it gives them more than enough time to meet and see the student leaders that can give their opinion."

The day started with a welcome from the Dean of Admission Chris Krzak and President Devorah Lieberman at the Athletics Pavilion. It included a short video shown about current students who shared their experience and daily routine at the university.

"It was very insightful because I wasn't familiar with the campus," grandparent Debra Williams said. "I really liked the fact that for the freshmen, you have that small group so that they can get adjusted because there are a lot of things to be as a freshman. Not only going to college, but being away from home and making a lot of decisions on your own."

Forty-two student leaders volunteered to help out for the event and were around to answer questions from students and parents.

"I really like the scenery and how everything is so small," Highland High School senior Kendal Williams said. "I go to a big school and I have big classes. I like that the class ratio in La Verne is around 1 to 15. Professors will really get to know their students."

Students and parents attended sessions of their choice: academic success, financial aid, life as a Leo, information in Spanish, housing and residential life and Leo 2 Leo.

These sessions included informational power points and question and answer portions with the panel.

"Mostly I enjoyed Leo 2 Leo because you feel like you are really close to the students so you know the University that you are going to attend," said Shahed Sbeta, high school graduate from Tripoli, Libya.

The Leo 2 Leo session was more interactional. It divided the students into groups with about 10 members each with two La Verne student leaders. Each member introduced themselves to the group.

Student leaders shared some personal stories and their involvement in the University. Prospective students asked several questions about dorms, sports, choosing majors and sorority or fraternity life.

"I'm an international student because I just moved here so I don't really know about the environment, so it's really good that I communicated with students who are here," Sbeta said.

After lunch, club fairs, campus tours and housing tours were held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

"I mostly enjoy small communities," Sbeta said.

"It's more fun. You can communicate with your professors, you're more closer to them and just the feeling that you're in a homey campus. That is mostly what I like about La Verne."

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Los Angeles studied as a complex web

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Jack Meek, professor of public administration, discussed the issues of complex systems in cities and analyzed his recent research on the topic in the faculty lecture "Metropolitan Systems and Networks as Complex Adaptive Systems" Monday in the President's Dining Room.

Meek began by stating why it is important to understand systems.

Systems connect parts together to create functional value. For example, in a food system, food is connected from farmers to ultimately the final consumers of the products.

Networks are formed for different purposes and metropolitan systems have network solutions to bring together information and people.

Los Angeles is an "enormous complex web," according to Meek, and he studied the Los Angeles Metropolitan System for the past several years.

There are currently 18 million people, 188 cities and five counties in the Los Angeles region. The population growth rate in the next 25 years in Los Angeles is estimated to be 40 percent.

There are enormous challenges in housing, transportation congestion, environmental quality and public safety, Meek said.

Other significant issues in Los Angeles and other metropolitan systems are the tragedy of the commons.

This includes issues on watershed management, urban evolution and also the "zone of death," which causes many people to die from premature lung problems each year.

These issues are all the consequences of dysfunction and system failure. Poverty in the society is also caused by a sys-

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Panelists discuss Ferguson

Support community protests

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University of La Verne faculty, staff and students discussed police reformation, civilians' right to protest and effectiveness of voting during the panel "Community Justice: Community-Based Alternatives to Traditional Law Enforcement," Tuesday in the Chapel.

The panelists were Jim Bueermann, former chief of the Redlands Police Department; Adrienna Wong, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California; and Katina Parker, social media expert who began the #spotlightonferguson movement.

Marisol Morales, director of civic and community engagement, and Isaac Carter, director of student affairs at the College of Law, hosted the discussion.

The panel was the fourth part of the College of Law's five-part series, "Ferguson: A Call for Understanding and Action."

Carter began the discussion by playing Parker's video clips of protests that occurred in Ferguson. The people in the video were protesting the death of Vonderrit Myers Jr., who was shot by an off-duty police officer less than two months after Michael Brown.

"Ferguson is the epicenter for activism," Parker said. "What's going on in Ferguson can be used as inspiration and help other communities find the right fit for protesting."

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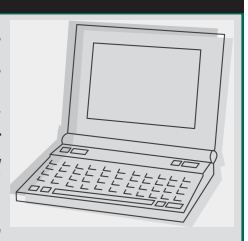

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Fall festival shares pilgrim spirit

Funds go to senior community



Helen Arase

Walter Davis and Joanna Harrington play draughts at the 66th Annual Pilgrim Place Festival Saturday. Georgia Davis, Davis' wife, gives game tips, as today's game of checkers emerged from draughts. Most of the residents, who call themselves pilgrims, wore pilgrim costumes. The proceeds of the festival benefit financially struggling seniors at Pilgrim Place in Claremont.

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Staff Writer

More than 10,000 people explored homemade crafts and enjoyed festivities as they celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Place senior community Friday and Saturday at the 66th annual Pilgrim Place Festival in Claremont.

The two-day celebration featured activities that targeted attendees of all ages. From face painting to free blood pressure tests, both children and adults were assisted by residents who dressed up in handmade traditional pilgrim outfits for the occasion.

"This is an opportunity for Pilgrim Place to greet our neighbors and to tell them about Pilgrim Place and let people know who we are and what we're doing," Janet Evans, moderator of residents, said.

Pilgrim Place was founded in 1915 by members of the Claremont Congregational Church and Pomona College as a home for missionaries and their children. It is currently the home to more than 340 residents who have served in religious or charitable non-profit organization. Many residents continue their services and this forms a strong bond within the community.

The roads in Pilgrim Place were lined with booths and signs that directed visitors to their destinations. Multiple shuttles decorated as trains and ships transported people from one side of the community to the other.

Most of the booths were run by vendors selling various trinkets that were either donated or handmade by the residents. Buyers had an array of items to choose from including furniture, kitchenware, art and even Christmas decorations.

Children were entertained by different crafts and interactive activities. Tickets bought from stations called "Kiddie Kashiers" could be redeemed for face paintings and cotton candy. Children also enjoyed free events including a sing-a-long and Wampanoag storytelling.

Volunteers worked alongside the residents and assisted them with managing the booths. Linda Cammack, who has been volunteering at Pilgrim Place for over 30 years, was working at a booth that sold handmade knitted and crocheted accessories.

"(The festival) is open to people of all ages, so even though there are a lot of years, the festival stays the same." Cammack said.

"The community comes out to support the festival because it goes towards the residents here."

David and Judy Carrington, both volunteers and long-time residents of Claremont, were at one of the entrances handing out brochures and had interacted with many of the visitors as they entered.

"I think it's great that everybody draws from such a big variety of people and everybody seems to be having a good time and enjoying the festival," Judy Carrington said.

All proceeds from the festival are given to Pilgrim Place and help buy supplements needed to meet the daily expenses and attend to the residents, most importantly medical care and financial stability.

"All of the people who live here have either worked in churches or they've worked in non-profits and many of them have very limited income," Evans said. "And so this is a fund that goes towards those people who have lived longer than the money they have in the banks."

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Helen Arase

Nine-year-old Claremont resident Priscilla Kang takes part in children's activities from Plymouth Colony Saturday at the 66th Annual Pilgrim Place Festival. The activities included calligraphy practice, soap making and butter churning by hand. In order to make butter, each jar is filled with a small amount of chilled heavy cream and shaken until the butterfat is separated from the skim milk. The finished batches of butter were tasted on saltine crackers.



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Drought not drying up LV nursery

Alyssa Navarro
Staff Writer



Sonora Hernandez

Sally Coiner reminisces about working at Coiner Nursery. As a young girl she earned 2 cents an hour to water plants. Coiner remembers her father potting plants using a can opener to poke holes in old tin cans. Sally Coiner is the daughter of James Coiner who established the nursery in 1960. The nursery is one of many local businesses that have been affected by the California drought.

The drought has forced Californians to conserve water, which has affected local businesses, especially the Coiner Nursery in La Verne, which is surviving by selling more succulents.

California's state of emergency has taken a toll on the nursery, which has been forced to conserve more water and pay higher prices for it.

"With the water shortage and drought people don't want to plant anything to add to their water bill," the store's bookkeeper Annette Conzo said.

To compensate, the nursery has been selling more drought tolerant plants and fruit bearing trees.

James W. Coiner is the founder and owner of Coiner Nursery, which is an independent grower and wholesale distributor.

Coiner started the nursery in 1960 after he was fired from a previous nursery job.

Instead of giving up and finding a new career path, he followed his passion for growing and selling plants and started his own company.

He initially opened the nursery in Covina, buying bare roses and packaging and selling them to different buyers.

What started off as a small business for growing and selling flowers to individuals turned into a premier full service wholesale nursery.

Meeting the needs of the independent garden center as well as the largest retailers, Coiner fulfills orders for various nursery operations.

"We are a very broad based nursery in that we grow a lot of different products," Coiner said.

Their growing fields span 500 acres of land, with growing grounds in La Verne, La Puente and Wasco, California.

They specialize in bare root, bush, patio and tree roses, bare root fruit and shade trees, as well as roses, fruit trees and shade trees in containers.

"It's family owned and operated and we grow all our own plants right here in California," Conzo said.

Coiner Nursery prides itself on its knowledgeable and family friendly staff along with its high level of service. The nursery prides itself on its commitment to fulfill orders and distribute quality California-grown plants.

Sally Coiner works under her father as an office assistant for the nursery.

She has seen the business in its high and low points.

"Right now in this economy, other companies going bankrupt has affected our business quite a bit," Sally Coiner said.

"It's the smaller businesses that we deal with that go bankrupt and owe us a lot of money that put a real strain on our business."

However, the company remains optimistic about the business' future.

"We just pray a lot and hope it gets better," she said.

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Area becoming brewery hot spot

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Local breweries are delivering big flavors to La Verne, San Dimas and Claremont residents, enticing community members to come back for more of their favorite ales.

The La Verne Brewing Company, located on Wright Avenue, has six brews: pineapple blonde, holiday amber, India pale ale, oatmeal stout, polomares and Lordsburg.

A small brewery, it's got quite a community clientele.

Recently customers lined the bar to taste flights including the B Street Pineapple Blonde Ale.

This fruity beer has a tangy edge and leaves a refreshing taste setting the tone for a fun night out on the town.

"Our demographic of La Verne is ages 21 to 70 and everyone in between," company brewer Michael Kress said.

The La Verne Brewing Company brews 800 to 1,000 gallons of beer per month.

Each batch takes seven-to - nine hours to complete. Timing for the brewery's fermentation takes 10 days to five weeks.

This small brewery has a smiling staff quick to welcome newcomers as part of the family. The brewery will release a new honey bourbon beer in the next few weeks for customers.

Two other local brewers can be found within five miles of the first, including the Clayton Brewing Company in San Dimas and Claremont Craft Ales.

Clayton Brewing Company, on Arrow Highway in San Dimas, gives micro brew enthusiasts another option.

The four-year old company has friendly bartenders and staff, offing five beers on tap made by the company: blonde, wheat, pale, amber and Indian pale ale. The beers give an essence of bold flavor.

This location is a quiet place to bring the family for a nice dinner. With plasma flat screens and games, Clayton Brewing Company offers food and entertainment.

"I look for something that

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Cheap apps ensure safety

Des Delgadillo
Online Editor

With smartphone security dominating the week's news in tech, personal security also comes into play.

Although various apps exist to safeguard personal information like credit card details, just as many apps have surfaced in the marketplace to help guarantee one's own personal welfare.

With the proliferation of smartphones, we have reached a point in time where we carry small internet-enabled, GPS tracking devices in our pockets.

Thanks to a few cunning, powerful apps on the market, our phones can be used for more than just Angry Birds.

Whether due to clever disguises or ingenious GPS integration, here are three of the niftiest apps on the market right now with personal security in mind.

All of these apps are available on both Apple's App Store and Android's Google Play store.

1 - Aspire News

On the surface, Aspire News looks like any other news aggregator, with stories and news groups running on the front page.

But nestled in the app's "help" section is a multitude of domestic violence resources, as well as a way to discretely request immediate help if in a domestic abuse situation.

The app's clever disguise makes it a must for anyone who finds themselves in a frightfully overbearing relationship, giving them an easy out any time things start to get a little heavy.

2 - Watch Over Me

Simple yet robust, Watch Over Me puts its users at ease with GPS, SMS and camera integration.

Users can choose from a few everyday activities, like "Watch over me while I walk to my car," or create their own activity.

After that users can set a time limit, and should the time limit expire before users tap the "Confirm safety" button, the app automatically notifies a list of predetermined contacts with a text message containing the user's exact GPS location.

If users run into a dangerous situation before the countdown runs out, an "instant emergency" button is there to facilitate the same SMS process.

Although the app charges a premium fee of $4 per month, it allows users to add more predetermined contacts to their emergency contact list. React Mobile does not allow users to add more contacts.

3 - React Mobile

Thanks to this GPS-heavy safety app, gone are the obligatory "Text me when you get home" conversations.

What sets React Mobile apart from its App Store and Google Play contemporaries is its "Follow me" feature.

"Follow me" is a relatively straightforward way for predetermined contacts to keep an eye on the user's GPS location for a preset amount of time.

Users need only tap the "I'm safe" button to kill the geotracking.

The free app also packs the ability to send SMS, Facebook updates and tweets containing the user's GPS coordinates, as well as the ability to automatically take a 10-second video should any emergency situation ever arise.

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Some performances too vile to be art

There is no justification for using racism, sexism or other offensive language, symbols and behavior in music, comedy or other "art" – for the sake of getting people talking.

(We're looking at you, Nicki Minaj.)

For her newest single, "Only," Minaj settles for a cartoon music video and embellishes the Young Money logo to eerily parallel swastikas and places them on flags, billboards and soldiers' red armbands, resembling SS-officers' uniforms.

In addition to the morphed Nazi symbolism as accessories, Minaj sits on a throne at the end of several rows of tanks looking like a dictator while Chris Brown is dressed as an SS-officer.

Although the other artists affiliated with the song (Drake, Lil Wayne and Chris Brown) have kept hush about the controversial video, a weekend after the video's release, Minaj issued an apology via Twitter and stated the inspiration behind the video came from Sin City and Cartoon Network's show Metalocalypse, which neither have displayed Nazi symbolism.

"Both the producer, & person in charge of over seeing the lyric video (one of my best friends & videographer: A. Loucas) happen to be Jewish," Minaj said.

"I didn't come up w/the concept, but I'm very sorry & take full responsibility if it has offended anyone. I'd never condone Nazism in my art," she said.

Really? Are you really sorry? The video is still posted on YouTube with over eight million views and the weak apology did not have any mention of taking the "Only" video down.

Not only did Minaj feel her apology would be taken seriously by reassuring her fans that she has Jewish friends, but director Jeff Osborne showed no remorse for his use of repulsive material.

Osborne took to MySpace to claim his defense where he admitted there was Nazi symbolism but that the video was meant to be treated as a reminder of the tragedy that was the Holocaust.

"As far as an explanation, I think its actually important to remind younger generations of atrocities that occurred in the past as a way to prevent them from happening in the future," Osborne said.

"And the most effective way of connecting with people today is through social media and pop culture. So if my work is misinterpreted because it's not a sappy tear-jerker, sorry I'm not sorry," he said.

Adding to the list of performances that are problematic, rapper Eminem recently released a freestyle video in which he gruesomely claims he would physically assault singer Lana Del Rey and then compares it to the Ray Rice scandal which involved Rice physically assaulting his wife.

"Bitch, I'll punch Lana Del Rey right in the face twice, like Ray Rice in broad daylight in the plain sight of the elevator surveillance 'til her head is banging on the railing, then celebrate with the Ravens," Eminem rapped in his freestyle.

Disgustingly, this is not the first time Slim Shady has used domestic abuse in his music as a lighthearted addition to some mediocre verse.

Back in his 2000 album "The Real Slim Shady," the rapper dedicated a verse to mock actress Pamela Anderson's abuse at the hands of then-husband Tommy Lee.

"Jaws all on the floor, like Pam, like Tommy just burst in the door and started whoopin' her ass worse than before they were first divorced, throwin' her over furniture."

The rapper, known to be misogynistic in his music, has targeted other female celebrities in the past such as Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera and Kim Kardashian, as a means to further his career and has not apologized or shown any regret for his words involving any of the said celebrities.

Offensive, vile language and behavior in pop culture benefits no one and makes light of serious matters that just shouldn't be diminished or joked about, but should be treated with empathy.

The idea that there is no such thing as bad publicity is no excuse for such outrageous and offensive material.

Parking is city's priority

The University's recent Master Plan has come under much scrutiny, deservedly so. It is a plan that will rely heavily on essential resources and should not be taken lightly.

But critics of the plan should realize that the idea of a new five to six story parking structure is not an example of the University going astray, but the city prioritizing parking over the University's academic plans — a move that is shortsighted and counterproductive.

Granted, a new parking structure has its supporters. Many commuters see the move as a gift from above, and if one has ever tried to find parking on-campus after 9 a.m., this point of view is completely understandable and agreeable.

On the other hand, other students and faculty have expressed great resentment and discontent with the parking structure plan, citing everything from poor aesthetics to the more urgent need for a new academic building instead of a colossal place to park.

Ultimately, the conflict is moot.

The parking structure — albeit unwieldy, unappealing and perhaps even unnecessary — was a verdict handed down from the city, not University administration.

It almost feels like the city strong-armed the University into putting plans in motion for the parking structure, refusing to approve any other University construction for new buildings until parking plans were put into motion.

La Verne residents are apparently fed up with college kids parking in front of their homes, despite many properties having plenty of space in their driveways.

The fact that they willingly moved into said homes with the prior knowledge of their close proximity to a commuter university is neither here nor there.

As has been the common theme in La Verne: Dollars are not king here, but parking spots. Perhaps college is preparing us for the real world more than we had assumed. Prior to the city's intervention, the University planned to include the academic building with offices wayward adjuncts so desperately need. But because of the city's priorities, a parking structure is the reality — the cold, hard, solar-powered reality.

Cosby allegations no revelation

Sexual assault accusations against Bill Cosby have suddenly come to the forefront of public discussion. However, the allegations against him are nothing new.

In the past several years, five women have come forward publicly to share their stories of how Bill Cosby raped or molested them, while another six victims have accused the beloved comic anonymously.

According to The Atlantic, all the way back in 2006, 13 women were ready to testify against Cosby in a civil suit.

For years Cosby's victims were silenced, ignored and even laughed at by lawyers who did not believe them.

Even now, with mounting accusations against him, there are people still defending Cosby, saying that the women simply want to ruin his reputation.

While false accusations against celebrities certainly do happen, this case is different.

The sheer number of allegations and the lack of ulterior motives – no criminal charges have been filed – make it more than likely that several of these assaults happened.

This only became a big deal recently after a video of comedian Hannibal Buress calling Cosby a rapist during a stand up set went viral.

Although we appreciate the fact that Buress boldly called Cosby out, we also believe it should not have taken a man to say something to make people finally listen.

The media and society need to listen to victims when they come forward. This outrage should have been happening years ago.

Cosby has made a career out of telling people, particularly black men, how they need to act.

Well, Mr. Cosby, where along the way did you think that raping people fell under the lifestyle of being a good person?

The media needs to stop protecting predators. Cosby has found himself in the protected fraternity that Woody Allen and R. Kelly have been hiding in for years and we cannot stand for that.

Dr. Huxtable, we are disgusted with you and feel no justice has been served for the women you've violated. Own up to your devious past and give your victims the closure they so deserve.

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Festival showcases world cultures

ISO serves universal treats

Gabriella Chikhani
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More than 300 students enjoyed food from all over the world, played games and learned about different cultures at the 24th annual International Education Festival from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 18 in Sneaky Park.

The International Students Organization held the event as part of international education wee–a nationally celebrated holiday.

"We host this event every year in honor of the international education week and we try to promote different cultures especially here at La Verne," Stephanie Lira, senior English major and International Students Organization president, said.

"We try to promote the diversity that is here on campus and share each one of our student's cultures with everyone."

Twenty countries had booths lined up as a pathway for students to visit.

The booths were mainly lead by members of the ISO and they each showcased their culture, traditions and food.

Students could get henna from India, play backgammon in Greece, grab a fortune from China or sip on Arabic coffee in Saudi Arabia.

"I saw many different cultures ranging from the western hemisphere to the eastern hemisphere," Jonathan Baca, junior kinesiology major, said.

"There were many Asian countries, Middle Eastern countries and Latin American countries so I thought there was a great variety shown."

Booths such as Jamaica, Vietnam, Mexico and the United States had balloons in the colors of their countries' flag tied to their table to help students find the country they were interested in.

"Mexico was my favorite booth because they were serving aguas frescas and that's just a favorite treat of mine," Baca said.

There were flags from around the world hanging from the balcony of the library and waving in the wind as the students put on performances consisting of singing and dancing.

"I didn't want the show to end, I really liked it," Diana German, senior international studies major, said.

Some of the acts included the barbershop quartet who began the show with their version of the 1967 hit song, "Happy Together."

There were also Spanish and Tongan singers as well as Polynesian and Greek dancers.

"I think it's so important to be culturally competent and to have the capacity to work with people different than you in the real world," Lira said.

Lira says that during her time with the ISO she has made lifelong friendships with people from South America, Japan and Saudi Arabia.



Megan Peralez

The China booth at the International Education Festival gives students Jiayi He, Evan Zhang and Ke Han the chance to use a Chinese yo-yo. The festival Tuesday was made up of booths representing 20 different countries to share world cultures with students. Each booth featured a type of cultural activity or food, which gave students a look inside of global cultures.

"We do have a very large international student community and we try to make it as easy as possible for them to assimilate into the American culture," Lira said.

"It's a great way for people to learn about other cultures and the world.

The Associated Students of the University of La Verne collaborated with ISO to put the event together.

They began planning for the event a month ago and arranged for Davenport to serve Italian food.

There are more than 20 active members in the International Students Organization.

"I feel like they stepped it up a notch this year because there were a lot more booths, they had dancing and musical events and it was advertised better," Baca said.

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First Person Experience

Pumpkin products do not satisfy

Taking food trends to the extreme

Kristina Bugante
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As we near toward fall's end and the holiday season, we see a huge rise in food trends. It gets a little ridiculous in October and November, when all of a sudden you feel as if you see everything under the sun could be pumpkin flavored.

I was never really one to fall victim to the pumpkin craze, except for the occasional Pumpkin Spice Latte from Starbucks.

However because of curiosity and slight peer pressure, I decided to partake in a pumpkin product diet.

The rules of the diet were simple: every bite of food I took for the next five days (which later scaled down to 72 hours) had to have some sort of pumpkin, pumpkin flavor or pumpkin spice in it.

I started the first day of my diet with reluctance, but mostly hope.

The pumpkin spice coffee I brewed at home was a little too strong, like someone had dumped the entire spice bottle into my mug.

I tried to neutralize the flavor with some cream. The pumpkin bagel and pumpkin cream cheese were delicious and went beautifully with the coffee. That's when I thought, "You know, maybe this isn't going to be so bad."

Fast forward to lunchtime. I was getting a little antsy. I wasn't really looking forward to the pumpkin bisque soup and salad I packed for that day. I wanted something with more substance.

'As soon as the greens hit my orange-coated tongue, I was hit with relief. I never thought a salad would satisfy my appetite.'

I ended up stuffing myself with two pumpkin muffins, sans the pumpkin butter (something I gave up on for the rest of the diet because I didn't like the taste at all), before my lunch. Maybe carbs will curb my non-pumpkin urges.

As soon as I tasted that disgusting pumpkin sludge disguised as "soup," I spiraled to full regret and admitted out loud to my peers: "Why am I doing this? I don't even like the taste of pumpkin that much."

After reevaluating my decisions for some time, I brought out the baby kale salad with pumpkin seeds, dried fruit, pumpkin cornbread croutons and pumpkin vinaigrette, fully anticipating more disappointment.

As soon as the greens hit my orange-coated tongue, I was hit with relief. I never thought a salad would satisfy my appetite. This salad was my savior, a gift from the gods and the best part

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Club unites secular points of view

Provides open community



Julian Mininsohn

Junior sociology major Cameron Mendez posts student questions during the Secular Student Alliance's Ask-An-Atheist Day Nov. 12 in front of the Campus Center. The new university club allows non-religious students to promote ethical secular philosophies.

Yaya Pineda
Staff Writer

The La Verne Secular Student Alliance held its informational Ask-An-Atheist booth Wednesday, which informed curious students about the new club.

The club formed at the start of this semester and is a chapter of a national alliance that was founded in 2001.

"I had thought to myself I wanted to start a club like this," said junior sociology major Cameron Mendez.

"That's when I went to the club roundtable and found out others where trying to do the same thing," he said.

Their mission is to organize, unite, educate and serve students that promote the ideals of scientific thought, critical inquiry and human based ethics.

Students of all religions and beliefs are invited to come in and simply talk about a variety of topics revolving around religions in an open safe space.

"We are open to everything," said sophomore political science major Mariela Martinez. "We talk about religions, human rights and furthering ourselves as humans."

Martinez, president and founder is excited for the future of the club which include going to conferences and putting on events with the intent of increasing their number of members.

Additionally she is helping Bonita High School with their newly formed chapter.

Bonita High's chapter got off to a rough start when students from the school's Christian club tore down posters promoting the Secular Student Alliance.

"There is a very negative bias in the media about atheists, so we want to raise some awareness," Mendez said. "We're not bad people."

"I've never believed in God, I was always an atheist," said senior business administration major Sandy Mass. "I found out about the club a few weeks ago and just joined."

However, not all members of the club are atheists.

The vice president, Tahil Sharma, is very dedicated to his faith and brings his knowledge to the table. He provides first hand insight on the Sikh religion without trying to convert anyone. This demonstrates the diversity and tolerance offered by the club and its members.

"It has given me a feeling of camaraderie," said sophomore philosophy major Steven Moles. "It can be hard to connect with people when you don't have a faith."

The Secular Student Alliance provides a haven for secular students to find companionship and belonging. One of their many objectives is to help its members connect with and be affirmed by a community of like-minded individuals.

"We want to show the campus we are present and promote a positive image," Moles said. "It's nice to meet people with a similar viewpoint."

The club meets from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. every other Friday in the basement of the Chapel. Their meetings consist of discussions on various topics.

For more information on the club, contact the president, Mariela Martinez, at **mariela.martinez@laverne.edu** or visit the club's Facebook page at ULV Secular Student Alliance Chapter for updates on events.

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Pumpkin...

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of the entire diet — and that's because I could barely taste the pumpkin. Even though it was delicious, I wondered how I was going to survive the next two days of this pumpkin diet when the most delicious item on the menu was kale.

Day two was a little easier, simply because I was beginning to accept the consequences of my three day bout of insanity.

As I spread the pumpkin cream cheese onto my toasted pumpkin bagel and listened to the pumpkin spice coffee trickle into the pitcher once again, I wondered if my insides have turned orange yet.

I went to school with a slightly heavier heart, knowing that I couldn't even refill my coffee cup unless I filled it with pumpkin spice coffee.

I dreaded going home because that meant I had to face the pumpkin ravioli.

It looked like my worst nightmare — the pasta was tinted bright yellow and orange and the filling was that too familiar brown-orange.

I doused it with marinara sauce to add some tartness to the mildly sweet flavor. Thankfully the ravioli tasted mostly like ricotta cheese. I cleared the entire plate.

I ended up satisfying most of my snack cravings with more pumpkin muffins and cream cheese.

It wasn't the healthiest way to go, but it was all I had.

I approached the third and final day excited and optimistic, even though I felt a little light headed and was seeing orange everywhere.

At lunchtime I stuffed my face with too much salad and ravioli, thinking that eating a lot now would last me through my three hour night class.

Of course I was wrong. After almost 72 hours of this godforsaken diet, I surrendered and bought a gingerbread latte — which is, ironically, part of another holiday food trend.

The main thing I learned from doing a pumpkin diet is to never participate in something like this again.

This tiresome diet truly was not worth the $45 I spent at Trader Joe's and Fresh and Easy.

Really the only pumpkin item worth the money was the Pumpkin Delight bowl from Bowl of Heaven, made from a pumpkin puree and açai blend, crushed graham crackers, coconut whipped cream and pumpkin spice. It tasted just like deconstructed pumpkin pie, only less sweet and more mild.

I enjoy consistencies in my life, but eating a not-so-diverse diet really wasn't the way to go. It's safe to say that this Thanksgiving, I will be skipping the pumpkin pie.

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On the Calendar

Casino Night

Sigma Kappa Sorority will hold its annual Casino Night from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Nov. 22 in the Campus Center Ballroom. The event will raise money for their Ultra Violet campaign to fight against Alzheimer's disease. There is a $20 donation to play.

Holiday Extravaganza

The Campus Activities Board will hold a holiday celebration to celebrate cultural diversity 10 p.m. Monday in Davenport Dining Hall. There will be free food, a photo booth and a raffle for LaVernapalooza and Winter Formal tickets.

Sigma Kappa Pop-In

Sigma Kappa will hold a holiday-themed pop-in event from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Campus Center. Students are invited to decorate ugly holiday sweaters.

Campus Closed

Campus will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Outlet Sale

Iota Delta will sponsor a Stussy Outlet Sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday in Sneaky Park. Stussy has wholesale prices on men's and women's clothing

Yo Quiero Taco Tuesday

The Campus Activities Board will give out free tacos from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the South Quad.

Xband Booth

Xband will sell its pedometers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Campus Center. All proceeds go to the American Diabetes Association.

–Kristina Bugante, Kellie Galentine

Arts, etc...

Happenings

Student Recital

The music department will host a student recital at noon Friday in Morgan Auditorium.

Admission is free.

'We Sold a Winner'

The Carlson Gallery exhibit "We Sold a Winner: On Resilient American Dreams" by Edie Bresler runs through Dec. 12.

Admission is free.

Barbershop Show

The Holiday Barbershop Show will take place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in Morgan Auditorium.

Admission is free for students with a $20 suggested donation for other guests.

'Radius Abstractus'

"Radius Abstractus," a solo exhibit by Augusto Sandroni runs through May 30 at the Tall Wall Space in the Art and Communications Building.

Admission is free.

'Fortune my Foe'

Pomona College presents "Fortune my Foe: Ballads, Songs and Dances from Elizabethan England" 8 p.m. Saturday at the Bridges Hall of Music.

This concert features music about the Renaissance period by Piffaro, the Renaissance Band and John Kimball & Bob Wiemken.

Admission is free and open to the public.

'Racial Imaginary'

Pitzer College is featuring "Racial Imaginary," an interdisciplinary exhibition that looks at the intersection of poetry, prose and contemporary art.

Art is featured by a variety of artists and is displayed in the Nichols Gallery.

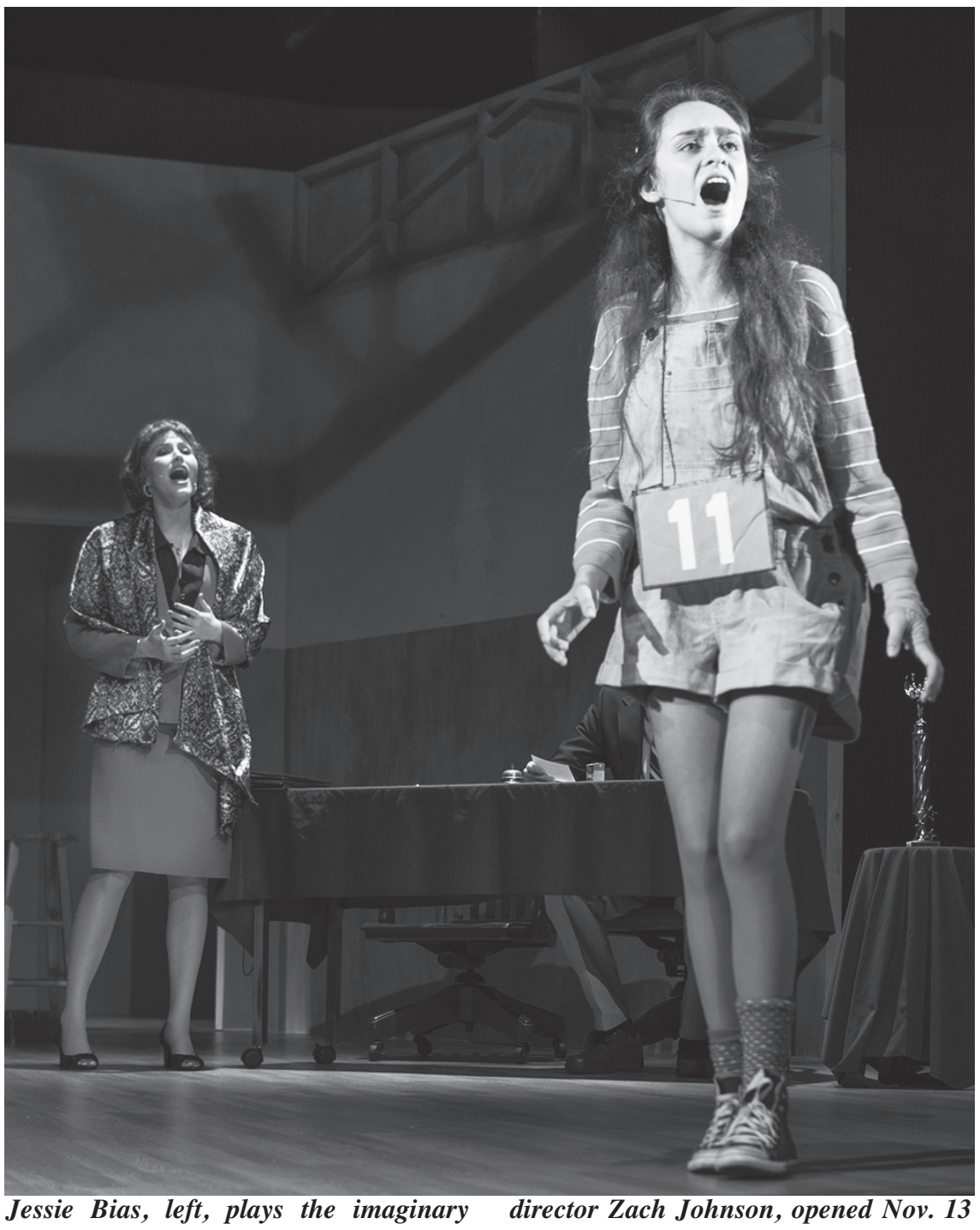
This exhibit runs through Dec. 5. Admission is free.

—Erum Jaffrey

'Spelling Bee' comes to life With audience

by Erum Jaffrey

photography by Daniel Torres



Jessie Bias, left, plays the imaginary mother of shy Olive (Katie Ochoa) in the duet "The I Love You Song." "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," a musical directed and choreographed by La Verne alumnus and professional director Zach Johnson, opened Nov. 13 in Dailey Theatre and continues through this weekend. The musical touched on the rigors of competition, with each participant of the bee coming to terms with winning and losing.

Emotional breakdowns, laugh fests and an overlay of lisps are just some of the exhilarating aspects of the theater department's musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Featuring a cast of nine ULV students and alumni, "Spelling Bee" entertained the audience of about 80 in a frenzy of laughs Saturday night.

This audience-interactive musical sings the story of six unique junior high students who have each come a long way to enter the spelling bee and are competing to win a first place trophy.

They are all expert spellers, and their stories are portrayed through a series of flashback and musical numbers, which include "My Friend, the Dictionary," "Magic Foot" and "I Speak Six Languages."

Four audience members are invited to participate in the spelling bee, one of which was Felicia Beardsley, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

This element of surprise invites the audience to act as if they are actually watching a spelling bee, rather than watching a show, and incorporates the fundamental element of improvisation. In this case, no two shows are alike.

"Spelling Bee" contains hilariously entertaining content that transforms an adolescent idea into a long one-act adult-suitable show.

The show begins with a welcome from an exuberant Rona Lisa Peretti (Jessie Bias), a local real estate agent who won the third annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. She is accompanied by Assistant Principal Douglas Panch (Alex Freitas) and Mitch Mahoney (Ernie Reyes), a man on parole who has been assigned as the Bee's comfort counselor.

These three adult characters, though seen as authority figures, are just as unstable as the awkward, prepubescent contestants. The words that each participant has to spell ranges from simple words such as "cow," to tricky terms such as "kinnikinnick."

As each character is introduced to the audience, we get a better sense of their past through solos.

William Barfée (Timothy May) is a young bowtie-wearing boy who spells with his magic foot, and develops a crush on Olive Ostrovsky (Katie Ochoa), an effervescent, quirky girl whose overalls are a size too large for her.

Ochoa stole the show with her solo in "The I Love You Song," fantasizing about her neglectful parents, accompanied by Reyes and Bias. This song is much less chaotic and more heartfelt than some of the other outrageously active songs, like "Pandemonium," where set pieces are rolled around the stage as the cast dances in a melee.

Each character has a strange, distinct personality of their own.

Leaf Coneybear (Wayne Keller) is a sweet, imaginative young boy who makes his own clothes and wears a cape out of a shower curtain. He doesn't believe he's smart enough, as expressed in "I'm Not That Smart," and needs to prove himself to his parents.

Since the cast is small, multiple characters are played by each cast member for short moments, used mainly for extra family members in flashbacks.

Logainne Schwartzandgrubenniere (Mona Lutfi) has a lisp and two dads who are extremely proud of her. Flashbacks of her life at home are portrayed by Reyes and Keller, who play her two dads.

Directed and choreographed by ULV alumnus Zach Johnson, clever allusions were made to current events, such as the outbreak of ebola disease and Kim Kardashian's recent nude photoshoot. These instances are what keep this musical fresh and relatable.

One of the best aspects of the musical is the music itself, which was directed by ULV Instructor of Music Carol Stephenson. Not only are the cast members talented in terms of acting, but the harmonies they create are heavenly, especially in "Finale."

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Lecture...

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tem dysfunction.

"Guess who is in charge of poverty?" Meek said. "No one. One in four children live in poverty in our country."

However, metropolitan systems are dynamic and consist of networks that show evidence of innovation. For social issues such as poverty, networks can be beneficial and perhaps the only way to connect people.

"(It is) a network of people that otherwise won't work together to solve problems," Meek said.

Meek also analyzed networks by showing graphs on network information and funding to the audience.

"We have to teach people how to behave in these network," Meek said.

The implementation of public policies is also carried out in complex setting, and in order to find solutions, people need to articulate the information first, Meek said.

"Are we going to survive through governance networks to find solutions? That is the question," Meek said.

One of Meek's former students built and proposed a model on mortgages to the city council. Meek encouraged the students in the audience to interact with the council and the mayor as well.

"It was pretty interesting how society had put (complex systems) into our needs as they are changing," Kelby Scharmann, senior history major, said. "They're things that are behind the scenes that we take granted for sometimes and it's important that we learn how they affect our daily lives."



Emily Bieker

Jack Meek, professor of public administration, presents his lecture "Metropolitan Systems and Networks as Complex Adaptive Systems" Monday in the President's Dining Room for the faculty lecture series. Following Meek's lecture, Kevin Marshall, professor of law; Marcia Godwin, associate professor of public administration; and David Chappell, associate professor of physics, contributed to the topic by explaining rules for innovation, innovative cities and complex patterns.

Currently, there are 20 projects for the city of Los Angeles. Many councils and departments work together for each area, with some being building safety measures.

The projects are mostly unknown and invisible to the citizens. Fifteen projects are completed already.

"They're staying within the budget," Meek said. "They're moving in a deliberately way. I'm so hopeful this jurisdiction is moving."

Ultimately, people should approach complex systems open-mindedly and be willing to experiment, Meek said.

Professor of Law Kevin Marshall, Associate Professor of Public Administration Marcia Godwin and Associate Professor of Physics David Chappell also spoke briefly about complex systems after Meek's presentation.

"It was very interesting and a lot to take in," said Brigette Barradas, junior kinesiology major. "I had no idea about this before. We don't think about the little details to your life and how it relates to your life. It was interesting because it was a new perspective to take in."

Meek recently published a book on his studies. He was also involved with the La Verne Conference 2013 where topics of complex systems were discussed heavily. Meek is now studying and researching water systems.

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Volleyball...

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In the third set, the Tigers came out to a 13-6 lead.

Errors continued to hurt the Leopards and prevented them from mounting a comeback in the third set.

The Tigers led by as many as nine points on two different occasions during the middle of the third set.

La Verne could not find the momentum they were looking for and Trinity went on to win the set, 25-15.

Sophomore middle blocker Kelsi Robinson finished with six kills and six digs.

"I feel so thankful to be a part of a team that bounced back from the season that we had last year," Yaxley said. "We were here at regionals my freshman year and it feels good to already be back just two years later. Moving forward we can use our experience to minimize our errors and we can use this emotional feeling a loss to drive us to be better and fire us up for next year because we want to go even farther next year."

Yaxley was named as American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III Third Team All-American and Robinson was an Honorable Mention Wednesday.

Junior outside hitter Ashlyn Cross tied a game-high with senior libero Anna Suarez with 15 digs on the match.

Suarez ended a prolific four year career as a Leopard with over 1,250 digs and two NCAA West Regional appearances.

"I am so blessed that I chose La Verne and that I was here for four years and was recruited by Jenna," Suarez said. "It was a blessing to be here and I couldn't of asked to be on the better team or around a better group of girls coming from 8-23 last year to being what we were this year was an absolute honor to be a part of."

Experience will be the key to the Leopard's success met share with many underclassmen returning.

"The best part about the whole growing process from year to year is the girls that I coach," Panatier said. "None of this has anything to do with me. I sit on the sidelines and call timeouts, I sub and players, but they are the ones who do all the work and that everybody should be proud of."

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All jokes aside, this tuneful musical manages to delve deep into the childhood psyche while simultaneously demonstrating uninhibited extensions of juvenile frustration.

The pressures each contestant faces are ones we all face in our lives, no matter what age. The pressure of being judged, being expected to win and wanting a shoulder to cry on are all universal feelings.

The agelessness of this theme is what makes it suitable for all ages and is reinforced by the idea of children being played by adults.

There is still a chance to see "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which is playing 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday in Dailey Theatre.

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Breweries...

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gives me a reason to keep returning for more, and all the breweries around here are good because they have quality," said Fontana resident Daniel Quinintar said.

Quintinar and some friends were on a brewery bike ride, and biked to the local suppliers. They ended their trip at the Claremont Craft Ales.

"(Claremont Craft Ales) gives a wide variety of beers I can choose from," Quintinar said.

One flight of beers cost about $12 after tax and includes six four-once beers.

With more than 12 beers on tap, Claremont Craft Ales' Double Dude IPA is semi-sweet with a citrus and airy taste, and contains an 8.5 alcohol body volume percent.

"I love finding a beer with overall body and quality that leaves a nice after taste," said Upland bistro manger Henrey Arenas.

The Claremont brewery sometimes has food trucks parked outside.

The garage doors open to connect outside food vendors with the brewery giving a metro vibe to the place.

"I like how this place has beers that are crisp with drinkability," Pomona resident Ranay Gajai said.

He recommended Willow, which is a light beer with a smooth taste.

For more information on these local breweries, visit **lavernebrewingco.com**, **claytonbrewingco.com** and **claremontcraftales.com**.

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Leopards dribble into new season

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It is the best time of the year for the La Verne women's basketball as the team dribbles its way into a new season.

With high hopes, the Leopards are looking forward to taking this season to a whole new level.

The team hopes to make it to playoffs this season and dominate the SCIAC.

"Our goal is to make it to SCIAC tournament and I think we have a good chance," junior guard Shannon Irwin said.

"We have our newbies to help us a lot and our returners are back and we know what we are facing." she said.

The team unofficially began its season with an exhibition game Nov. 1 at Frantz Athletic Court.

The Leopards dominated NAIA Cal State San Marcos, 72-51.

The Cougars took a 17-14 lead, but the Leopards responded back quickly.

La Verne went on a 15-0 run and the Cougars were unable to get back.

The Leopards had a 10-point lead, 41-31, heading into the second half of the game.

La Verne led Cal State San Marcos by as many as 24 points.

Irwin led the game with 25 points, three rebounds, two assists and three steals.

"I think going off of that win, the team is feeling good," Irwin said.

"We were playing together and we held our expectations of taking each opponent seriously." she said.

Junior center Emily Myers followed Irwin with 11 points, four rebounds and two assists.

Sophomore forward Gaby Moura-Hayes finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

After taking a two week break, the team went back into basketball mode, as they were off to play once more, with the drive to win.

The Leopards traveled to Newberg, Oregon last weekend.

The team competed in the George Fox Tip-Off Classic, where they officially started its season against two Northwestern Conference powerhouse teams.

Fighting point for point in the first half, the team fell short against the Linfield Wildcats, 97-68, Saturday at Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

The team totaled 32 personal fouls, giving their opponent more free throw opportunities.

La Verne was limited to 36.5 percent shots.

Linfield managed to shoot 58 percent and had 44.4 percent three-point shots.

This was double of La Verne's shots with only 20 percent.

The Leopards were able to get within one before heading into halftime with a three-pointer made by Irwin.

Irwin finished the game with 10 points.

Coming into the second half, Linfield made a 12-0 run, which the Leopards were unable to come back from.

The team fell out of the game as they shot 0-11 from the three-point line and only made 12 of 41 shots.

Freshman forward Kayla Chism and junior guard Kayla Valentine led La Verne's scoring with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

"It feels good to contribute and help my team try to win," Chism said.

"One of my goals is to come in and make an impact right away. It's just the start of the season and it can only get better from here so we can't let anything stop us or get in the way." she said.

The Leopards had a chance to come back from the loss Sunday, facing George Fox.

The team had 29 turnovers and were not connected offensively, shooting .260 overall, resulting in a 74-47 loss to George Fox.

"We knew what we were getting into, and it was tough getting used to the new foul rules," Myers said.

"We're focused on these preseason games and taking what we learn from them whether it's our defense or our shooting and hoping to apply them in our next games as we begin regular season play." she said.

Just like the previous game, the Leopards fell apart coming into the second half of the game.

The Bruins went on a 16-6 run to begin the second half and continued to dominate as La Verne was unable to get back in the game.

Myers scored 12 points and 11 rebounds.

This was her first double-double of the season.

She was also named to the All-Tournament team,

Senior guard Riki Murakami finished with eight points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals.

"Coming into this game, I knew that they were both top division teams and I just disregarded that and just saw them as a regular team," Valentine said.

"I took confidence in my team like I always do and confidence in myself and did the best for the team and tried to push them along also to try and get that win." she said.

The team is now 0-2 overall on the season.

The Leopards will use these games as a motivation, as they head closer to beginning conference play.

La Verne ended the 2013 season with an overall record of 13-12 and 8-8 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference and placed fifth in standings.



Michael Saakyan

Head coach Julie Shaw attempts to block freshman guard Brianna Bishop, as the women's basketball team practices at Frantz Athletic Court Nov. 13, before traveling to Newburg, Oregon, to play Linfield. The Leopards were clawed by the Wildcats, 97-68, at Ted Wilson Gymnasium.

The team finished its season with a loss against the Chapman Panthers, 59-41, Feb. 22, ending the teams run for a spot in the postseason tournament.

Before halftime, the Leopards managed to tie the game at 18.

Chapman broke out in the second half, as they went on a 13-0 run.

La Verne tried to catch up but fell just short, resulting in the loss.

The Panthers finished their season second in the SCIAC with a record of 14-2.

The team will face Bethesda at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frantz Athletic Court.

The Leopards will face the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas in its first SCIAC game and home opener Dec. 2.

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Soccer speed dials in to next season

High hopes for 2015

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Though the men's soccer team stayed dialed in to all of its games, it was unable to reach its goal of making it into the SCIAC postseason tournament.

This did not change the fact that the team came out this year under a new coaching staff and played their hearts out for one another.

"For it being my first year, us getting 11 wins was historically a good number," head coach Trevor Persson said. "Obviously I'd like to win a lot more, but we're after the student athlete experience, making sure we were as competitive as possible and I think we were able to do that this year at 11-8-1."

The team wasn't just building the program from the bottom up, they were also building their relationships with one another.

"What I took out of the season is us just coming together and eventually going through the hard times," sophomore forward Nathan Gonzalez said.

The team always came together as a group to pray before games.

"We would ask God to not only keep us safe, but the opposition as well," sophomore defender Ferdinand Estrada said."I think little things like that actually play a big role in the belief in the players and just coming together as a team."

The team also grew closer through other rituals such as hugging each and every person on the team before they went out to play every single game.

"I think it just shows that every single one of your teammates has confidence in you and they believe in you, so I think that it just helped overall as a team because we just knew we had the support," sophomore midfielder Mario Interiano said.

"Even if we didn't have the most fans or anything, we knew we had each other."

This season, the team and coaching staff grew and made new connections, something that is critical for such a young team working with a new coaching staff.

"I think throughout the course of the year we just bonded more and the team just feels more like a family now more rather than a bunch of guys playing for a certain cause," Interiano said.

Three players – Estrada, sophomore midfielder Saul Uribe and Gonzalez – were selected for All SCIAC team at the end of the season.

All SCIAC teams are composed of 24 of the best players in the SCIAC league.

Gonzalez earned a spot on the first team while Uribe and Estrada were selected for the second team.

"I think I owe a lot of my success on the field to the 10 other people around me," Estrada said.

"It's not just me against the other team, I think it's a team effort and it is because of them that I am able to be in this position."

Gonzalez lead the team in scoring last season and had previously been selected for the second team.

This season he earned his first team spot after scoring 12 goals in SCIAC play, putting him second, only three goals behind the scoring leader senior Redlands forward Chris Izydorek.

"I really wanted to improve on what I had from last year because if you didn't improve its kind of like a step back," Gonzalez said.

Uribe was out on an injury for about half the season this year, but still managed to make an All SCIAC team as well.

"Honestly I was a little surprised after being injured for a couple games, but I guess my hard work really did pay off even though I started out with an injury," Uribe said.

The men's soccer team has high hopes for the next season and is expecting to clinch a spot in the SCIAC postseason tournament in the future.

"I think we could have been more dialed in this season, but this was the first year with a new coach, it's like the transition year, next year I'm pretty sure we'll be speed dialed in," Interiano said.

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Ferguson...

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The video triggered a discussion about how each panelists would advise the people of Ferguson to respond to the civil unrest.

Bueermann, Parker and Wong agreed that the people of Ferguson should protest and let their voices be heard.

"Here's what I think the people ought to do. They shouldn't be quiet. They should protest if that's how they want to express their opinion, but they need to make sure they get involved somehow," Bueermann said.

The panel then moved on to discuss the low voter turn out that Ferguson had during the recent elections. Morales asked the panel if they believed the low number of voters meant that the people of Ferguson do not care.

The panelists said they believed that the people might have lost hope in the political and judicial systems. However, Wong said the people of Ferguson need to realize voting has a huge impact, especially at the local level.

"Sheriffs are locally elected. You vote for your sheriff and I think that has a huge impact on what goes on in law enforcement," Wong said.

The final question asked panelists what actions they believe need to be taken in order to restore peace between the Ferguson Police Department and civilians.

Bueermann said that he is not sure if a reconciliation process is possible at this point, but Wong and Parker believe it is.

"The police have to address the underlying issues of racism and patriarchy before they can gain back trust," Parker said.

The panel ended with a question and answer session that expanded on the effectiveness of protesting and voting, and the police reformation process.

The fifth and final panel discussion, "Voting Power: How the Community Can Make its Voice Heard" will be held Feb. 17 at the College of Law.

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Mariela Patron

Jim Bueermann, president of the Police Foundation, a non-profit organization aimed at improving policing, discusses the mistakes the police department in Ferguson, Missouri, made after the death of Michael Brown. Buerrmann said the police department should have apologized to the community. The panel, which included Adrienna Wong, staff attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Katrina Parker, activist and filmmaker, was the fourth part of the Ferguson discussion series Tuesday in the Chapel.

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Parking...

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president David Asbra and a student from the Residence Hall Association to help the process move forward.

"Our mission is supposed to be education and service and we have almost become a hotel,"Jones said. "Now it's all about recruiting students and growth, and education is kind of an after thought."

The University has also wanted to incorporate and utilize solar energy on campus for many years. They are currently planning to put solar panels on the roof of the parking structure.

"We have been working on solar panels for about five years now, trying to find a location to make it work," West said.

"One of the things in the RFP is having us look at the feasibility of adding solar panels on top so it's covered parking."

"Solar has been a big part of something we have tried to do a couple times we have just never had the resources to be able to do it; every time we get proposals either the economy changes or technology changes," West said.

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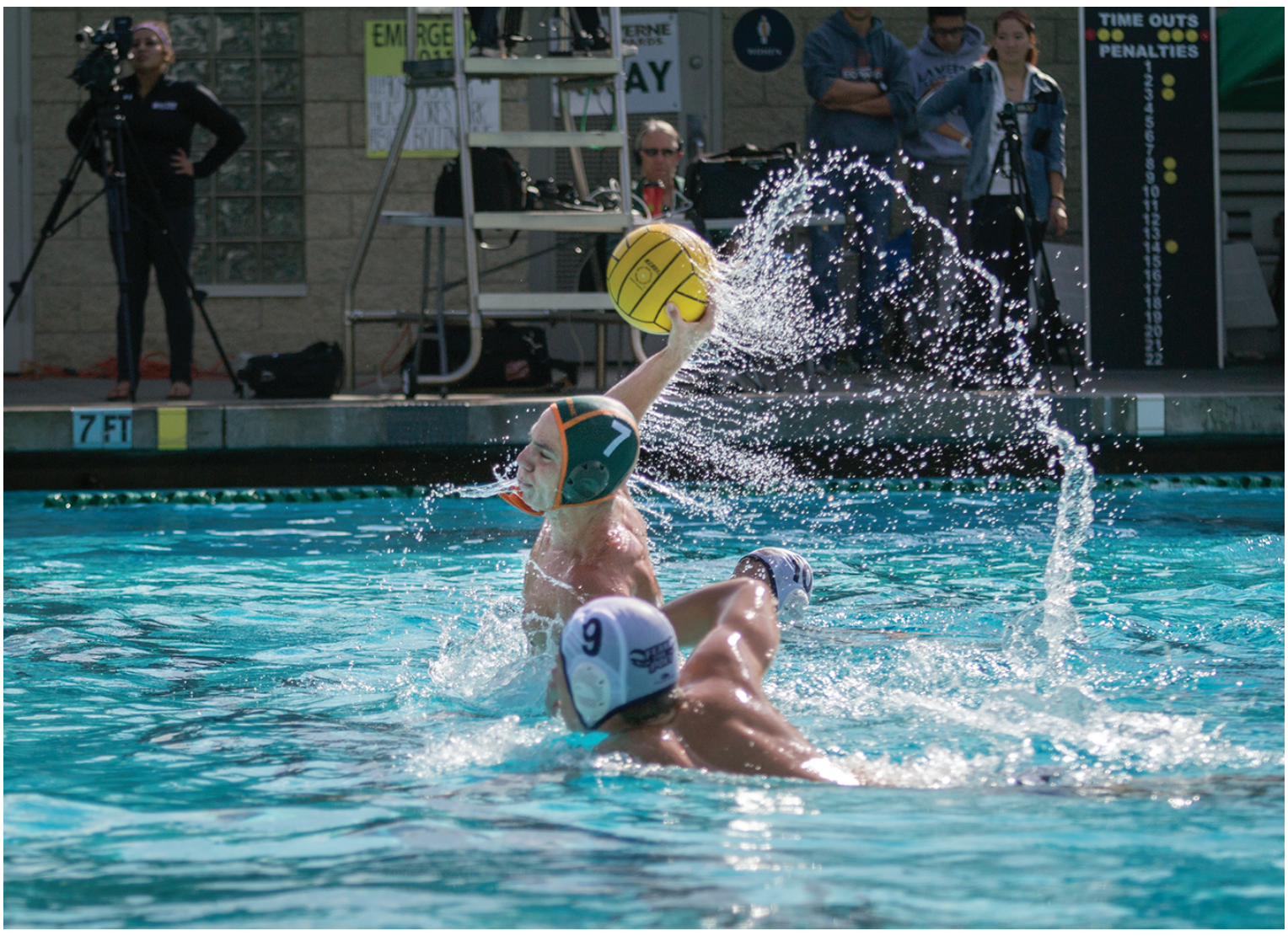
Water polo submerged by Whittier

Vega brothers score two



Sonora Hernandez

Junior driver Matthew Vega makes a goal in the second quarter of the men's water polo game Saturday. Vega scored two of the 10 goals made by La Verne. The Leopards were swamped by the Whittier Poets, 14-10, at the La Verne Aquatics Center.

Jolene Nacapuy
Sports Editor

The men's water polo team faced a tough loss to the Whittier Poets, 14-10, in its last home game of the 2014 season and senior day at La Verne Aquatics Center Saturday.

The team finished 2-6 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play and 8-16 overall on the season.

"I felt good about the game on Saturday because Whittier is the top team in our conference and No. 20 in the nation," junior defender Viken Huening said. "It just really came down to one or two plays and the scoreboard."

The Poets finish their season undefeated in SCIAC at 8-0.

"I think that this season has been good overall. We were able to change a lot with the program not only in plays but mentally," Huening said. "We're more accountable and we've not only grown as players, but as people too in a professional sense."

Whittier started the first quarter with a 2-0 lead.

La Verne got on the board with 4:43 left in the first, with a penalty shot made by junior driver Matthew Vega.

The Leopards made it within one, 3-2, with 30 seconds left with goals made by Vega and junior utility Nick Estevez.

Estevez finished the game with two goals.

"We definitely played better than the last time," junior defender Troy Williams said. "We were more disciplined and the defense stepped up but we still have a lot to improve on."

In the second quarter of the game, La Verne managed to tie the game at five.

Freshman driver Josh Vega went past two Whittier defenders to score a goal with 5:38 left on the clock.

This was the only goal made by the Leopards in the second quarter.

"We played heart out there, no doubt about that, but we can't let the little things break us down," head coach William Rodriguez said.

Whittier broke the tie to take the lead, 7-5, heading into halftime, with goals made by freshman attacker Massimiliano Mirarchi and senior utility Filip Delic.

La Verne kept the momentum strong as it headed into the third quarter of the game.

Junior driver Bryan Jimenez scored the first goal of the third.

The Poets answered back with goals made by senior attacker Kyle Catino and Mirarchi.

Two more goals came from La Verne freshman defender Tyler Bennet and freshman utility Makai DeNeve-Arnam.

La Verne was still down, 11-8, heading into the fourth.

"We went on a good rally in the fourth quarter of the game and we had a break away opportunity but we just missed it," Huening said.

The Leopards managed to score twice in the fourth quarter.

Junior defender Andrew Phillips and Josh Vega scored for La Verne, but the Poets answered back strongly, holding onto the lead.

"We have key improvements but by this weekend, we'll get back out there and show them what we got," Rodriguez said.

The Vega brothers finished with two goals each.

"This season has been good but it has been hard," Williams said. "We haven't gotten the outcome we wanted from the games but hopefully we step it up this weekend."

The Leopards are looking hopeful to finish their season on a strong note as they face Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"I feel good about playing them because it is kind of the same situation since we did play them first last year and lost by two," Huening said. "We're better than last year and I'm very confident in the team and I believe we could win."

The team will face the Stags in the SCIAC Championships at 1:45 p.m. Saturday at Redlands.

"No matter what happens this weekend we still have a lot to look forward to next season," Huening said. "We have built such a strong foundation this year and I'm happy with it."

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Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer

Football, Nov. 15
La Verne – 21
Cal Lutheran – 50

Women's Basketball, Nov. 15
La Verne – 68
Linfield – 97

Women's Basketball, Nov. 16
La Verne – 47
George Fox – 74

Schedule

Friday
Swimming and Diving @ East Los Angeles College, all day
Men's Water Polo vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps @ Redlands, 1:45 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Willamette, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Swimming and Diving @ East Los Angeles College, all day
Cross Country, NCAA National Championships @ Mason, Ohio, TBA
Women's Basketball vs. Bethesda, 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball @ Pacific (Oregon), 6 p.m.

Men's Water Polo Standings

	SCIAC	Overall
Whittier	8-0	20-12
CMS	7-11	11-13
Chapman	6-2	15-9
Cal Lutheran	4-4	8-13
Pomona-Pitzer	4-4	8-16
Redlands	4-4	8-19
La Verne	**2-6**	**8-16**
Occidental	1-7	6-23
Caltech	0-8	7-19