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Jiu-Jitsu tourney helps challenged athletes



Jerri White

In the last minutes of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu No-Gi tournament, Jose Rugama of Smash Squad MMA from Ontario Martial Arts Center and senior Jahi Gains compete in a non-placement battle. The event was hosted by public relations major Candice Nunez to benefit the Challenged Athletes Foundation Saturday in the Athletic Pavilion. See story on page 6.

Market opens to fanfare

Brooke Grasso
Staff Writer

Old Town La Verne hosted more than 1,000 people for the grand opening of the "La Verne Fresh" Old Town Certified Farmers Market on D Street Saturday morning.

The market, which will run year-round, featured fresh fruit, vegetables, bread, cheese and more from 25 local farmers hoping to provide residents with all the fresh food they need.

"We want to bring the freshest, most nutritious and delicious food grown locally to La Verne and surrounding residents," said Leslie Baer Dinkel, executive director of Xela AID, the group that sponsors La Verne Fresh.

According to a survey conducted at the market by Xela AID, 80 percent of the attendees were from La Verne and the remaining 20 percent were from areas such as San Dimas, Anaheim and Chino.

Dinkel and the vendors did not anticipate such a large turnout.

"We were overwhelmed at the community support," Dinkel said.

Crust Tart Bakery owner Javbriel Jacobo has been in the bakery business in Upland for 30 years and brought his tarts, bread, cinnamon rolls and coffee cakes to the market.

Jacobo ran out of products in the beginning hours of the event.

"I'll have to bring more next week," he said.

The new market is designed to bring new customers to Old Town La Verne, which not only benefits the farmers but also the shops on D Street.

Farmers are only permitted to have a booth at the market if their product is made or grown locally.

"I try to buy locally to help small businesses and the economy," junior business major

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Community gathers in remembrance

Speakers share stories of genocides

Lauren Crumbaker
Staff Writer

The La Verne community gathered to honor Holocaust Remembrance Day, and to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide Tuesday in the Interfaith Chapel.

More than 1.5 million Armenians were killed in the Armenian Genocide between 1915 and 1918; and approximately 6 million Jews as well as other persecuted people were killed by the Nazis during World War II.

Among the speakers were Aghop Der-Karabetian and Rabbi Binyomin Lisbon, whose family members were survivors of these genocides .

Lisbon, a rabbi for 34 years whose parents are both Holocaust survivors, was the first to tell his story.

His parents are both Holocaust survivors, who immigrated to the United States in 1949.

"They didn't give up," Lisbon said.

"They went through such a difficult life that is beyond words, and yet they still decided to start over again," he said.

Both of his parents were previously married before the Holocaust began, and they lost everything including their spouses.

They were both taken to a concentration camp in Germany where they met each other, married and had their first son while living in the camp.

Lisbon told a story of officers going to his father's home and killing his whole family. His father was a strong man, so they decided to use him for work instead of killing him.

Lisbon believes that these stories should be told, because genocide could happen again.

"They don't have a voice anymore, and today there are deniers everywhere," Lisbon said. "I feel like it is important for the world to know that it could happen again, so when people talk about it at least there are first-hand stories."

Der-Karabetian spoke next about the history of Armenian

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Gold Line connects counties

Brooke Grasso
Staff Writer

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, a new 23-mile extension to Metro's light rail system, will soon connect areas such as La Verne, Pomona and Claremont to the existing Gold Line stations that expands from Downtown Los Angeles to Pasadena.

La Verne students and residents can expect a station on the corner of E Street and Arrow Highway that will have the ability to transport them past Chinatown and as far as the East Los Angeles Civic Center.

"The biggest benefits are cost and convenience," said Albert Ho, media relation expert of Foothill Gold Line.

The extension project consists of two phrases, with the first phrase traveling from Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena to Azusa, with new stations at Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte/ City of Hope, Irwindale, Downtown Azusa and Azusa Pacific University/ Citrus College. The Pasadena to Azusa segment is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in late September. It is projected to be opening in 2016.

Once phrase one is completed, the second extension phrase will begin construction and extend the Gold Line from Azusa to Montclair, adding new stations at Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

The rail will allow transportation without having to use gas money and experience the usual traffic of driving on the freeway.

Students are notorious for being in debt and having little spending money, the Gold Line offers a less expensive source of travel.

"We can spend more money on doing things in L.A. rather than spending it on the gas to get

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LEC hosts higher education debate

Celene Vargas
Staff Writer

Three University of La Verne students debated the pros and cons of having free higher education Tuesday in the Johnson Family Plaza.

The debate team joined forces with the Learning Enhancement Center to discuss different views on education and to promote the LEC's services. The discussion allowed all students to participate and share their opinions alongside the debaters.

Senior gender, law and policy and speech communication double major Melanie Nadon spoke about how higher education should be free because it is a public good and a human right.

"We want a society where money doesn't dictate politics and right now it dictates that through our Supreme Court decisions," Nadon said.

She said governments have recognized free education is a public good considering people get free education up until 18 and that is it.

She said governments should have a vested interest in making higher education free because with a higher education people have more ideas, more innovations and more inventions to move society forward.

"A society that does not fund an education, a society that does not give free college education, is a society that restricts democracy," Nadon said. "Your ability to be educated is vital to your ability to actively contribute to democracy."

Nadon explained that while there is certain access to education now, it is not enough. Some people only get their bachelor's degree because they cannot afford the extra debt to further their education. Other people do not attend university at all.

It is difficult to participate in democracy if you do not have access to all the information to understand what impact your decisions may make, she said

Junior political science, philosophy and speech communication triple major Gia Karpouzis rebutted Nadon's arguments by saying that free things are usually inefficient.

"When you have the pressure of a student debt or tuition, you kind of think, 'Oh, maybe I should do this a little more quickly because maybe it actually matters what my time is because there is such a thing as time currency,'" Karpouzis said.

She said German universities made higher education free for everyone. As a result, a valuable education is decreased because professors have less time to focus on individuals because of greater class sizes to accommodate more students.

Karpouzis gave the statistic that over half the university graduates in the United Kingdom are working jobs they are overqualified for because there are too many people with college degrees flooding the job market.

"When things are free, people kind of freeload," Karpouzis said.

She said that in Germany there is a term for the "eternal student" and that the average age for graduation is 28 years old.

"The United States is already leaning toward what we call the five year degree and that's with universities being paid," Karpouzis said.

She said even if everyone wanted education to be free, it can never actually be free.

Germany has the second highest income tax bracket in all of Europe to allow free higher education, resulting in an 11 percent increase of emigration rates to outside of Germany in 2013 as opposed to 2012, Karpouzis said.



Daniel Torres

Gia Karpouzis, junior political science, philosophy and speech communications major, debates with fellow team members in the Johnson Family Plaza Tuesday. Karpouzis and her teammates argued about the cost of education, the public's right to access lectures and information taught in universities and other controversial topics regarding higher education.

Senior public affairs and speech communication major Natalie Holland questioned Nadon and Karpouzis about why people make higher education a right when higher education is something an individual decides for herself to either opt into or not.

She said that is why other countries have things like vocational training.

The debate also discussed other topics such as making learning material free for everyone and forgiving student loans after 10 years.

"They had good points like how important it is to be involved and the loan structure, like when you started here you didn't know anything about it but the longer you're here, the more you know about it…so you can speak up about it," said Ebony Williams, assistant director of the LEC.

The debaters did not choose their own topics or stances and used 15 minutes to prepare for their arguments.

"The countries that I know (give free college education) have had pretty successful outcomes so I don't think I would have any complaints if I could go to this school for free," said Emma Saturday, sophomore English major and writing tutor for the LEC.

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ULV journalists win major regional awards

Emily Lau
Metro Editor

Eight University of La Verne communications students and recent alumnae were recognized as winners and finalists in the Society of Professional Journalists 2014 Mark of Excellence Awards Saturday at the Region 11 spring conference in San Francisco.

Senior journalism major Helen Arase's photographs "Obama declares part of San Gabriel Mountains a national monument" and "Leopards lose third straight game" won first place in General News Photography and Sports Photography categories, respectively.

She photographed the U.S. president as he signed an executive order designating part of the San Gabriel Mountains a national monument and captured the moment when an opponent tackled a La Verne football player in the end zone.

"I was just doing this pretty much for the experience, and if you get recognition, that's great, and if you don't, just keep doing it," Arase said. "It was really nice to have people excited for you when you do well."

Alumna Katie Madden's 2014 senior project, "The Courage to Heal," published in the Campus Times, won first place in the In-Depth Reporting category.

Madden's articles explore the lives of survivors of sexual assault on college campuses and how their universities handled these cases.

"It made me really happy and excited to know that my piece had an impact on someone," Madden said. "I felt that all the work I put into my stories finally paid off."

Alumna Mariela Patron's 2014 senior project "Demystifying Disabilities" won first place in the Feature Writing category.

Her three-part series focuses on ULV students with disabilities and how the University has adapted to meet the needs of these students.

"I wanted to do a senior project that would challenge me as a reporter and my investigative skills and writing skills," Patron said. "Honestly, winning anything was not really ever on my mind. I just wanted to challenge myself and do the best work possible that I've ever done in my career as a journalist."

Alumna Jetske Wauran's documentary "Depression: The Hidden Struggle" covered the effects depression has on college students and was a finalist in the Television In-Depth Reporting category and the winner of the Television News and Feature Photography category.

Junior journalism major Kristina Bugante and Patron's coverage of ULV adjunct faculty's attempt to unionize in 2013 and 2014 was a finalist in the General News Reporting category.

Sophomore broadcast television major Scott Feuerhelm,

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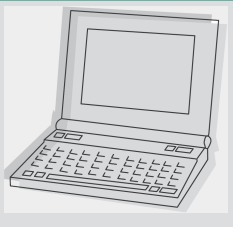

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Fraternity spreads love for music



Sara Flores

Ernie Reyes of ULV's Zeta Delta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon helps Leya Baroudi make a tambourine at the Build Your Own Instrument event in the La Verne Public Library Saturday. Children used stickers, markers, glitter glue and other craft supplies to decorate and personalize their instruments.

Children decorate maracas

Kayla Hockman
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's professional music fraternity Mu Phi Epsilon brought local children music and allowed them to create their own tambourines and maracas at its Build Your Own Instrument event Saturday at the La Verne Library.

The instruments were created from stapled plates and empty water bottles filled with beans.

"My kids love crafting, so anything they can do with their hands, they love," La Verne resident Heba Baroudi said. "They're going to give me a hard time now with these tambourines."

Stickers, markers, sequins and other craft supplies were available for children to use to decorate their tambourines and maracas.

Eight children and four parents attended the event and made instruments with Mu Phi Epsilon.

The musical event was free to the public and crafting occurred in the multipurpose room of the library.

Four Mu Phi Epsilon members attended the event and assisted with the instrument building.

Mu Phi Epsilon service chairwoman and sophomore psychology major Jennifer Thai; vice president and junior music major Caelin Eager; chaplain Ernie Reyes; and junior kinesiology major Christian Garay were present at the event and helped introduce children to musical experiences through free musical crafts.

They helped children construct, decorate and craft their tambourines and maracas.

"It's really fun to get to work with the kids and get to see them having fun making music and being creative," Eager said.

Members also interacted with attendees while helping children create their instruments.

The music event was organized by Thai as part of her duties as service chairwoman.

"I believe in service and giving back to the community and we wanted to give back to the kids," Thai said.

Thai organized the event to correlate with the library's reading program.

The program currently focuses on the rhythm of music.

"We wanted to plan a music making event for (the children) so that they could get more exposed to music and help them influence music in their life," Thai said.

Mu Phi Epsilon occasionally holds similar music events at the library.

The fraternity hosted an event April 4, where children made maracas out of empty water bottles with Skittles for Easter.

The Skittles were an added touch for a sweet Easter treat, Thai said. However, only a few parents and children attended due to Easter weekend.

Eight Mu Phi Epsilon members helped the children and parents at that event.

Mu Phi Epsilon frequently hosts an array of music events to promote musical education at the University and throughout the community.

"Part of our purpose is to bring music to the community," Eager said.

The Zeta Delta chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon was installed at La Verne in 2007.

The co-educational, professional music fraternity strives to advance music in the community, nation and throughout the world.

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Farmers market...

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my," junior business major Anissa Melendez said.

Melendez went to the market to purchase flowers and fruit, both of which she found in multitudes.

"It is family oriented, cool and laid back," Melendez said.

Dinkel hopes that residents will make going to the market a habit and it will bring the community together.

"It is fun to run into friends and people from church or school in the community," La Verne resident Shelley Nobbs said.

For a small city like La Verne the market brings together a large group and variety of food. Customers are invited to sign up at the info booth to receive a weekly list of coupons for items from various vendors through email.The market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Live performances and fresh food are guaranteed week to week as long as the residents of La Verne continue to support and attend Saturday mornings.

"People will enjoy art, music and Old Town La Verne," Dinkel said. "We can make this a community gathering place."

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Jerri White

Jay Jones, professor of biology, and Tom Yost, owner of Carol Gardens, an organic growing business, discuss the aromas of rosemary Saturday at the La Verne Farmers Market. They tasted the rosemary after a lively conversation over the asexual reproduction of a circular cup structure, which develops new individuals when splashed out by rain or flowing water. Yost started growing vegetables and herbs at the age of 12 and has been running Carol Gardens in Riverside for seven years.

Software choice is focus of lecture

Cody Luk
LV Life Editor

Todd Britton, assistant vice president of information technology business relations, discussed how to choose software during his lecture Monday in the President's Dining Room.

Budget cuts at universities are causing technology leaders to look for alternate software and many education institutions are now choosing open-source software instead of commercially available off the shelf software, Britton said.

Open-source software is any computer software with its source code available for users to develop and test, resulting in a work of community collaboration. Most open-source software programs are free to obtain but the costs of implementing them and providing support are not free, Britton said.

Britton undertook the research because he wants to lower software costs for the University. He said his goal is to be sure the U the cutting edge with the software used at the ULV while spending as little money as possible.

"(The study was on) how as professional leaders, how can we understand the million choices of software out there and what we can do to get the right software to satisfy our needs," Britton said.

Britton's study is to examine the community, scalability, supportability, security and functionality of software in universities in California, focusing on private, nonprofit institutions only, so that his study is on a constrained area of interest.

Initially, 23 participants signed up for Britton's study but only ten contributors were used at the end because many did not complete the study fully. The participants are experienced in software, with some having over 20 years of experience. A few participants work in smaller schools where there are no information technology departments, but the participants are all similar in that they all work at private nonprofit universities in California.

The data collection process involved a Web-based wiki page, an application that allows users to edit its content in a collaborative effort. Britton told the participants to post responses to questions on the wiki and they were allowed to include additional information as time passed. The posts were anonymous but Britton was able to follow through the responses by assigning different numbers to the participants.

"This can give a more crystallized information gathering mechanism," Britton said.

The participants were able to read each other's posts and many were in response to other posts.

"The narrative keeps getting more and more rich because the information is growing," Britton said.

Through the wiki, participants wrote responses on the importance of community, scalability, supportability, security and functionality in software. And Britton learned that 100 percent of the study group agreed it is important to have the ability to collaborate. All the participants also agreed that security is a predominant concern.

Although open-source software may be beneficial in that a

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Celine Debhan

Todd Britton, assistant vice president in the Office of Information Technology, presents the findings of his dissertation "Key Considerations of Community, Scalability, Supportability, Security, and Functionality in Selecting Open-Source Software in California Universities" Monday in the President's Dining Room. Britton used a Web-based wiki to have participants from private, non-profit California universities answer what factors were most important in each of these consideration categories. Britton's tak was part of the weekly Faculty Lecture Series.

ASULV recycles books to reduce illiteracy



Bailey Maguire

Sophomore business administration major Alexis Coria creates her own pledge to take shorter showers for water conservation during the ASULV Better World Books Book Drive on Tuesday. Students were asked to recycle old textbooks and make a pledge to do their part to help the environment. In return for their participation, students received an ASULV reusable bag.

Sierra Dasher
Staff Writer

As part of the week-long celebration of Earth Day the Associated Students of the University of La Verne held a book drive for students and faculty to donate used and new books Tuesday in Sneaky Park.

Danielle Cooper, ASULV vice president of public relations, teamed up with the organization Better World Books, a for-profit organization that collects books and funds for literacy initiatives worldwide, to host a book drive for her senior project at the University of La Verne.

"There are actually 781 million adults around the world who are illiterate, and I just wanted to bring attention to that fact, and show how the University of La Verne students can help change that," Cooper, senior public relation major, said.

The book drive was successful receiving 615 books from the students and faculty of the university, Cooper said.

All donations from the book drive will go towards funding literacy programs through their partnership with Better World Books.

Each book that is sold will help fund libraries, schools, scholarships, tutoring, nonprofit literacy programs and more, Cooper said. Books that cannot be sold will be recycled or donated, keeping thousands of books out of landfills.

This comes as the second day in the week long Earth Day celebration that ASULV has planned for the university community.

"I really like the whole entire initiative that they are doing for the week," Wesly Tan, junior business administration major, said. "Out of all the different events they're doing, I really do feel like they are making a difference and changing the environment."

Students and faculty gath-

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Adjunct pay is not sustainable

According to a study released by the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education in January 2015, more than half of all welfare recipients rely on government assistance because their job does not pay enough, not because they are unemployed. While most may assume that percentage is made up of fast-food workers and other minimum wage jobs, we do not realize that the people we learn from, the people with master's and doctoral degrees that teach us every day, are included in that number as well.

More than 50 percent of fast-food workers do rely on welfare to get by, according to the Berkeley study, but one of the more surprising statistics is that 25 percent of part-time or adjunct college faculty must rely on some sort of government assistance as well.

The study also found that one in five families of part-time faculty receive Earned Income Tax Credit payments, 7 percent of families of part-time faculty members receive food stamp benefits, 7 percent of adjuncts and 6 percent of their children receive Medicaid and families of close to 100,000 part-time faculty members are enrolled in public assistance programs.

A lot of universities and colleges' faculty consist of part time, adjunct professors because they are cheaper to hire. Adjuncts have virtually little to no benefits and absolutely no job security.

These low wages do not provide a comfortable living situation for them, so many have to resort to getting other part time jobs — usually some adjuncts take multiple part time teaching jobs at other universities.

Because of the lack of job security, adjuncts do not even know if they have a job until the school period begins. This lack of assurance can affect a professor's way of teaching — they might not have enough time to prepare a syllabus, and they cannot provide students with as much attention as they should.

For universities to adopt a business model to run an educational institution is completely inappropriate. A university is supposed to provide a beneficial and educational experience for students to build themselves into model citizens.

Completely disregarding its professors, who are the forces of education, will ultimately harm the students' higher educational experience. Making a quick profit is not worth hurting hardworking professors and students who want to learn.

It is absolutely disheartening to see that a percentage of higher educators are under some sort of government aid, because they should be able to comfortably support themselves with the salary and benefits that they deserve.

The University of La Verne itself has a high number of adjuncts that make up the faculty. Adjuncts, considering that they have made up to less than minimum wage at La Verne, have tried to unionize with the hopes that unionization would improve their salaries and benefits.

The adjunct faculty situation is an issue that faces not only the University of La Verne, but other colleges worldwide. We only hope that soon, adjunct professors get the compensation that they deserve.

Tickets should be more accessible

Many University of La Verne students waited in line April 15 for a chance to obtain limited tickets to see rapper 2 Chainz in this year's LaVernapalooza concert. Ticket distribution started at 10 a.m. that day, and the line spanned from Fanascht Court all the way around the Campus Center.

Pit tickets were given to students on a first-come, first-served basis, and regular tickets were given after the pit tickets are all distributed. However, regular tickets were limited as well.

Ticket distribution usually falls on an inconvenient time where most students are in class. LaVernapalooza is a fun event that all students should have the opportunity to partake in, so why not schedule ticket distribution during a time when a majority of the campus community can participate?

Tickets could be distributed through an online lottery allowing anyone with a smartphone or internet access to have the opportunity to receive a ticket.

This would not only solve the problem of students skipping out of class early or ditching class completely, but it would also afford an equal chance for anyone to obtain a ticket.

If more students are able to obtain the tickets easily, LaVernapalooza could become a grander event than it already is, to not only increase marketing and promotion, but to generate school spirit and excitement for one of the school's biggest events of the year.

Bringing convenience to the ticket distribution would not cause students to miss class while ensuring they would be able to attend the concert. It is a win-win situation that should be considered.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing a response to Anthony Reyes' letter to the editor published last week (April 17), as this is not the first time a reader accuses a Campus Times editorial of being biased. On the record, I want to explain that an editorial is an opinion piece written by the editorial board, hence its anonymity. If an editorial sounds opinionated then it is doing its job.

In his letter, Reyes also wrote that if the Campus Times wants ASULV presidential elections to be open to all students, then it should follow by example and open editor positions to all. He writes: "It's not like one needs to have a semester experience as a staff writer to even apply for an Editor position – right?" Actually, you do. The Campus Times is not a club – it is a class open to anybody pursuing a major/minor in the field of communications. In the application process you actually have to show journalism experience. As a former editor in chief, I find his request insulting to the hard work editors put forward to prove they are capable to edit and guide new reporters.

Although I have no formal opinion on the new ASULV bylaw regarding presidential candidates, I would like to point out that in America, voters have the option to write in a candidate for presidential elections. This right enables voters' voice to be heard regardless of how powerful or popular their candidate is. The write-ins do not necessarily have experience in government or politics.

My hope is that students have a write-in option for elections instead of being forced to only vote for students on the ballot. The thought of running unopposed for anything is ridiculous to me. Reyes wrote that he would want the Campus Times to "take their role on campus more seriously and actually contribute to the election and democratic process." This cannot be done without the support from ASULV advisers willing to extend the running period and give the Campus Times an opportunity to host debates and have enough time to make the political polls that Reyes suggests. In the "real world," as he puts it, gathering similar type of data takes weeks. At the end, one week is not enough for any democratic process.

Mariela Patron
Class of 2015

Dear Editor,

I heard that on Friday, April 24, the University of La Verne will show its support of the Centennial commemoration of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 by painting the Rock to honor the remembrance of the 1.5 million Armenians who were persecuted in the hands of the Ottoman Turkish government. Although I am unable to be present to participate in this wonderful gesture of solidarity with the Armenians due to prior commitments, I commend the University for taking such a step.

Nearly 40 years ago, under the presidency of Dr. Armen Sarafian, I and 25 other young students of Armenian descent were admitted to the University of La Verne (La Verne College) to further our education while our homes in the Middle East were in turmoil (some probably still are!). During the late '70s through mid-'80s, ULV continued to see an even larger influx of students of Armenian ethnicity. We have all graduated from ULV and moved on in our lives, and I know I speak for the majority when I say that our experiences at ULV and the education we received were extremely valuable to the development of our lives in California and wherever else we might have scattered in the U.S.

On a personal note, I always enjoyed reading the messages on that iconic boulder/rock. Many times a message was painted that gave me a chuckle. Other times it was great pride when a victory was announced. In a way, the tradition of painting the rock brought pride to the group responsible and stirred curious competition in others. The University has evolved, but what makes it unique is the respect for small traditions that become landmarks.

Silva Barsoum Katchiguian
Class of 1978, 1982
President of the Armenian International Women's Association

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Students take part in a soul journey

Temple visit educates guests



Celene Vargas

University Chaplain Zandra Wagoner leads the campus interfaith organization Common Ground on a Souljourn trip to the Jain Center of Southern California in Buena Park Sunday. A wooden temple sits in the middle of the main entrance. The guide leading the group explained the structure is a replica of the Jain Temple of Palitana Mountain in Gujarat, India. It was displayed in the former Castaways Casino in Las Vegas before it was donated to the Jain Center. Rachael McCrary, Jacky Castaneda, Jenny Quach, Valerie Martinez, Kelly Herrman, Wagoner and Vanessa Oceguera observe designs during the temple tour.

Erum Jaffrey
Arts Editor

Surrounded by ancient Indian style architecture, intricate marble carvings of celestial beings and meditating worshippers, ULV students and faculty learned about Jain philosophy and religion at their visit to the Jain Center of Southern California in Buena Park Sunday.

University Chaplain and Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion Zandra Wagoner and Senior Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion Dane Sawyer took the students on a souljourn trip, or soul journey, to expand their knowledge about Jainism.

"The purpose (of souljourn) is to help broaden our perspective and have a larger understanding of people who are different from us," Wagoner said.

Jainism is a pacifist religion developed in India that regards the soul as eternal and prescribes a path of nonviolence to achieve liberation.

"We do not believe in God as a creator, but rather when a soul becomes completely pure, it has become God," said Premal Doshi, youth coordinator for the Jain Center of Southern California.

Tours were given by Doshi and Nitin Shah, external affairs liaison for the center. They handed out two pamphlets and a book from the International School for Jain Studies to the students as a guide to learn more about Jainism.

Students were asked to remove shoes prior to entering the temple out of respect and cleanliness.

In the lobby of the center stood St. Louis Jain Temple, a 1,010-year-old massive wooden temple that was a part of the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The temple was originally an art piece in the former Castaways Casino in Las Vegas.

Tacked against the wall of the lobby were the "great vows" of Jainism, which included "right faith, non-violence, right knowledge, tolerance, truth, right conduct" and more. Jains live strictly in accordance with these vows, to help them attain the path to liberation.

"Our motto is to 'live and let live,'" Doshi said. "We aim to reduce violence with compassion and ecology."

Up the stairs was a Jain library and classrooms, which are used to educate people of all ages.

"Every alternate Sunday we hold study groups based on different ages and levels in

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Jiu-Jitsu sheds light on physically impaired

Jolene Nacapuy
Sports Editor

Sports enthusiasts took on the challenge of a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu No-Gi tournament Saturday in the Sports Science and Athletics Pavilion, hosted by Candice Nunez, for her senior project that benefited the Challenged Athletes Foundation.

Nunez, public relations major, played sports her entire life and found a passion in sports public relations. After ending her 17-year softball career, she picked up the sport of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

"For my senior project, I wanted to find a way to incorporate my love for sports. After attending and competing in a few BJJ tournaments and getting to see the inner workings of the fight world, I decided to organize and plan a tournament of my own," Nunez said. "Since my senior project encourages working with a non-profit, I came across the Challenged Athletes Foundation and fell in love with the cause and their mission."

The tournament benefited the CAF, an organization that provides the opportunities and support to people with physical challenges so they can pursue a healthy lifestyle through physical fitness.

"Personally knowing people with physical disabilities who still have a passion for sports and competition, I felt it was only naturally for myself to work with this foundation and give back to those athletes who still had the same competition that I did," Nunez said.

ULV students, Smash Squad MMA, Cortinas Training Association and non-affiliates participated in the event.

Pre-registration for the tournament was open all month and most of the competitors signed up the day of. Each of the competitors gave their name, age, gender, weight class and amount of experience.

The cost to participate for pre-register was $25 and $30 the day of the event and you had to be over 18-years-old.

The brackets were broken down like basketball brackets, where each participant would move on to the next round if they won.

Senior psychology major Jahi Gains was one of the winners in the brackets, who really enjoyed his first Jiu-Jitsu event.

"It was a good experience and I did mostly good until I got caught and lost in the final," Gains said.

Gains said the wave of intensity during the tournament was very realistic and if there was another event like this he would do it again.

"It was kind of cool to see something different going on like a Jiu-Jitsu competition because it's not like it happens all the time," junior chemistry major Bryan Okereke said. "I wish we did more events like this and it's nice for Candice to do this for a good cause."

Nunez has planned this event for two months on her own, from the amount of paper work and organizing, to getting everything approved by the University.

Though with much stress, Nunez had a good support system to help her along the process like Adjunct Kickboxing Jiu-Jitsu Professor Liron Wilson, Adjunct Professor of Journalism Randy Director of Risk Management Alexander Soto and Professor of Movement and Sports Science Paul Alvarez.

Nunez hoped to raise awareness with this event and felt that through the hard work she put into it, it came out successful.

"For my event, I hoped to raise awareness on behalf of all of the physically impaired athletes and shine a line on their accomplishments and their drive to keep going, even after facing hard times," Nunez said.

If you would like to donate and support the CAF, go to **challengedathletes.org.**

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Community cultivates sustainability

Julian Mininsohn
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Michelle Leon

Juniors Clo Hidalgo, Dalia Flores, Ruby Montero and David Martinez stopped by the Sustainable Campus Consortium booth Wednesday to sign contracts to go green and different ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. The University of La Verne celebrated Earth Day with different booths sharing effective ways to go green and various events on campus throughout the day.

Students, faculty and administrators – including President Devorah Lieberman and Vice President for Facilities and Technology Clive Houston-Brown – gathered behind the Health Center for the grand opening ceremony of the University garden during the Earth Day festivities Wednesday.

"It's a community effort," said Jay Jones, professor of biology.

As the symbolic green ribbon was cut to open the garden, everyone applauded. It signified a new beginning to the University's efforts in promoting sustainability.

"Gardening is for not only the environment but also the economy," said Cassidy Furnari, president of the Botany and Gardening Club.

"It helps save water because a lot of mainstream agriculture uses a lot of water to produce their food as well as transport it," she said.

As for other Earth Day events, various clubs and organizations congregated at Sneaky Park to promote on-campus sustainability.

A variety of student groups participated, including Students Engage in Environmental Discussion and Service, or SEEDS, the Sustainable Campus Consortium and the ULV Dance Team and sororities.

LeoFM also offered over-the-air Earth Day tips.

Bón Appetite catering provided reusable eco-friendly lunch trays.

Many clubs had Earth Day activities to celebrate the day. Some clubs gave environmentally friendly tips to students.

"Use less plastics. It's a big thing that's going around recently and it's really wasting the environment," said Tyler Dacey, vice president of SEEDS. "You can buy one water bottle and keep refilling it. We have refill stations all over campus."

The University is working on making the campus a greener and more sustainable one.

"We have members who are part of facilities and technology and they've been (removing) turf and replacing it with drought-tolerant plants," said Christine Broussard, professor of biology and co-chairwoman of the SCC.

"They've been replacing fixtures with low-flow water fixtures, replacing lights with LED lights that are more environmentally friendly," Broussard said.

The University only builds on-campus structures that follow environmentally efficient standards, she added.

Vista La Verne and Campus Center are environmentally friendly buildings. Both are Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, certified, which means they meet certain standards for reduced water and energy consumption, indoor air quality and more.

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'Cry Me a River'



Jolene Nacapuy

Senior music major Stephenson Holder performs "Cry Me a River" by Arthur Hamilton during his senior recital Saturday in Morgan Auditorium. Holder was accompanied by pianist and artist-in residence Grace Xia Zhao, Music Department Manager Steve Biondo on drums and senior Ernie Reyes on guitar. Holder's favorite from his set of classical, jazz and pop Broadway numbers were "All I Need" by Jonathan Reid Gealt and "King of the World" by Jason Robert Brown.

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Genocide, also pointing out the significance of this day.

"Today is about justice," Der-Karabetian said. "As much as it is about remembering those whose lives were taken in so many cruel ways."

Der-Karabetian's grandfather was a survivor, as well as his wife's grandfather.

Though his grandfather did not die in the genocide, he witnessed many who suffered and lost their lives.

Der-Karabetian also said that many children were left orphaned and with nothing, and the Church of the Brethren offered their help and relief to those children.

Both of Der-Karabetian's family members wrote memoirs on their experience.

The memoir "Vahan's Triumph" written by his wife's grandfather, Vahan Hamamdjian, was translated by Der-Karabetian translated just a few years ago.

The room was filled with emotion, and students were able to feel a quiet moment.

Many students left the event knowing how important it is to be informed and to let others know of the past.

"I think it is important for students to know what is going on in the world," senior political science major Anthony Reyes said.

"It is important that we don't forget the past, because when no one pays attention it is easy for people to just do the same thing," he said.

Der-Karabetian said he wants the world to recognize that genocide is real.

It is important for every generation to learn and pass on these moments of sacrifice, and let these stories be told.

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Helen Arase

Rabbi Binymon Lisbon, kashrus administrator of the Kosher Supervision of America, and Aghop Der-Karabetian, professor of psychology, have a conversation before speaking in the Chapel on Tuesday for Holocaust Remembrance Day and the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Book drive...

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ered in Sneaky Park to donate books and to claim one of the free totes ASULV offered in exchange for a donation.

They were also encouraged to make a pledge of how they will personally try to be more environmentally friendly.

Pledges such as "I pledge to not use plastic bags" and "I pledge to recycle more" were written all over the posters provided.

"It was really nice seeing people come out and make their pledges, and it was nice for us to say what we do ourselves and it makes kind of a domino effect," Selyna Ybarra, ASULV senator at large and sophomore business administration major, said.

"It's really cool seeing the power of what one person can do," she said.

"We got a huge donation from the political science and history department which really helped us out, and a couple of outside donations and a lot from teachers and students, so we collected more than we expected and we are very happy," Cooper said.

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senior broadcast journalism major Christian Reina and senior broadcast journalism major Armando Tapia collaborated on their documentary recognizing the life and achievements of ceramic artist Harrison McIntosh.

They were finalists in the Television Feature Reporting category.

The finalists were selected for exemplifying strong journalism practices in their region, which includes chapters in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam and Mariana Islands.

Arase, Bugante and Madden attended the conference as representatives from the University.

"Hearing our name being called among big-name schools was pretty exciting," Madden said.

"It feels really great to be recognized by an important national organization like SPJ," she said.

ULV media entered the small school division of the competition.

SPJ is one of the nation's oldest and largest journalism organizations founded in 1909 to encourages the free practice of journalism, high standards of ethical practice.

Every year, professional journalists and journalism students in the United States submit their best published and broadcasted works, and SPJ awards the Mark of Excellence to those who display the highest journalistic standards.

There are 12 regions, and each region selects and judges finalists based on their stories, photographs and videos.

First-place winners from each region will move on to the national competition.

National winners will be recognized Sept. 18 to 20 at the Excellence in Journalism conference in Orlando, Florida.

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Kaminsky recites poetry



Alexandra Arkley

Ilya Kaminsky, a poet and translator of poetry, recites and explains multiple Russian poems at the Poetry and Translation event April 17 in the Campus Center Ballroom. Kamisky, originally from Odessa, Ukraine, currently lives in San Diego and teaches English and comparative literature at San Diego State University. The Poetry and Translation event was April 15 to 17 in the Campus Center Ballroom.

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English and our native language, Gujarati," Doshi said.

"About 1,000 people have attended today, many of them divided up in the classes," he said.

The main temple of worship, built out of white marble, is home to 24 Jain idols, known as Tirthankaras. They are great omniscient teachers that accomplished the ultimate spiritual goal of existence and have shown the path to liberation to others over time.

The statues of the idols are all built to look the same because all souls are considered equal, Doshi said.

According to Doshi, Jains bow to the idols to pay their respect, but also because bowing down is what removes one's ego.

Upon entrance to the temple, students witnessed Jains meditating, praying puja and reciting hymns.

Hymns are passed down from generation to generation which praise attributes of five supreme beings: Arihanta (enlightened human beings), Siddha (liberated souls), Ächärya (head of the Jain congregation), Upädhyäy (ascetic teachers) and all Sädhus (ascetic monks and nuns).

"We chant to obtain the attributes they have to progress on our own spiritual journey," Doshi said.

After the tours, a free lunch, which consisted of traditional vegetarian Jain food (originating from the Gujarat region of India) was provided.

Jains are strictly vegetarian and vegan from an ethical and moral standpoint because they do not wish to harm animals, one's own body or soul.

They believe each living organism has five senses and rank them on a scale of the multiplicity of senses.

"Living beings, such as humans, have five senses, and plants have one sense," Shah said.

The Jain Center of Southern California also has an auditorium and ballroom, which holds social community events, such as weddings and plays. It was built in 2009 and is the largest Jain center in North America.

At the end of the visit, Wagoner, Sawyer and students had a discussion about their site visit.

"What you take from each souljourn trip is inspiring, and it maintains the souljourn active to work with interfaith cooperation," said Roxana Bautista, president of Common Ground and junior psychology major.

Others thought the trip gave them a hands on experience.

"All the souljourn trips give you an experience that you wouldn't normally get inside a college classroom," said Vanessa Oceguera, sophomore public affairs major and religion minor.

"Jainism forces our eyes to see if we're living our life to the fullest and being happy with the concept of eternal recurrence because karma could affect you in your next life," she said.

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Carlson Gallery turns 25



Helen Arase

Stacey McCarroll Cutshaw, visiting professor of photography, and Kevin Bowman, photography department manager, rearrange thumbnails before installation of photographs for the "In the Mood: Photography and the Everyday" exhibit in the Carlson Gallery. This group exhibition marks the 25th anniversary of the gallery. Cutshaw will speak at 4:30 p.m. in the gallery on the ground floor of Miller Hall, before the opening reception at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Cutshaw has created an Instagram hashtag for her show, #ulveveryday, encouraging viewers to participate in the relationship between photography and the everyday.

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there," said freshman business major Jimmy Lim.

The rail will also open up opportunities for those who do not have their license or cars to transport them to and from work, internships or fun activities.

Being able to get out of town for the weekend is also very difficult for those who do not drive.

"Students appreciate the freedom that a light rail line can provide," said Lisa Levy Buch, director of public affairs for Gold Line.

Environmental issues were also taken into account for the design of the rail.

The Gold Line runs on electric power and according to the Federal Transit Administration, light rail trains produce 62 percent fewer carbon emissions per passenger.

Each rail station also has a station artist, who is responsible for reflecting the individuality of each city.

Blue McRight is the station artist for La Verne and she has focused on La Verne's citrus background to represent the city.

The design is based on the form of a citrus ladder and a zig zag pattern, which is an ancient symbol for water.

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension project is estimated to cost $1.18 billion.

A new tax measure, or an extension of an existing measure for transportation improvements may be the source of funding.

The project has received widespread support.

"No one is trying to stop it," Ho said. "The community is excited and anxious."

University students were a large part of the concept for the rail.

Once completed, the Gold Line will connect schools such as Azusa Pacific, University of La Verne, the Claremont Colleges and Chaffey College.

"It has been nicknamed 'the brain train' because it is connecting some of the brightest minds in Southern California," Ho said.

Open houses are held in the various cities of future stations to inform the community on the latest advancements. The station artist for each specific station will be at open house to discuss his or her ideas.

The next open house will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Alexander Hughes Community Center in Claremont.

For updates and information on how to get involved, visit **iwillride.org**.

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Leos sweep Whittier in doubleheader



Daniel Torres

La Verne sophomore first baseman Alexis Schiff catches a ball fielded by senior shortstop Rebecca Ireland early in the first game of a doubleheader against Whittier Friday at Campus West. Schiff went on to homer in the bottom of the sixth, adding the last three runs to seal the win for La Verne, 8-1. In game two, Schiff singled to right field for an RBI and the only run of the game. Junior center fielder Raeleen Tellez made the catch of the season, after robbing Whittier freshman shortstop Marialena Ahrne of a potential grand slam to center field. The incredible catch helped ice La Verne's win, 1-0. Even with the sweep, the Poets remain in first place of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and La Verne is in third. The Leopards will face the Bulldogs in a doubleheader Friday at Redlands followed by their last home game of the regular season against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Saturday.

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Baseball tied for 1st place in SCIAC



Michelle Leon

La Verne senior left fielder Mark Jebbia takes off for third base on a hit in the second inning from sophomore third baseman Andrew Douglas Saturday at Ben Hines Field against Chapman. Jebbia was able to reach home, scoring the first run in game two of the doubleheader. The Leopards defeated the Panthers, 11-1.

Leos top Panthers in seven

Kat Simonelli
Editor in Chief

The La Verne baseball team defeated Chapman in seven innings, 11-1, in the second game of its doubleheader Saturday at Ben Hines Field. The Leopards dropped the first game, 7-5.

The team also defeated Caltech, 3-1, Wednesday at North Field in their first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pool play game.

The team is currently tied for first place in SCIAC with Cal Lutheran and Pomona-Pitzer with a record of 18-7 in conference and 21-14 overall.

"We played very well offensively all day," head coach Scott Winterburn said. "Obviously defensively we had a bad game in the first game and we almost came back and won it, so to have one of the facets of the game go so bad and then still be in it, we were actually like, 'All right we still got within one swing away in the last inning.' We swung the bats in this game to really take the series so I was really happy about that."

La Verne opened up the scoring in the second inning after sophomore third baseman Andrew Douglas singled up the right side, bringing senior left fielder Mark Jebbia home to score.

The Leopards then capitalized on a pair of errors by Chapman junior shortstop John Wiehe. First he dropped a throw that would have completed a double play at second base, after junior shortstop Woody Reyes grounded out to first allowing junior center fielder Nolan Henley and Douglas to score.

He later let a ball get through his legs after junior second baseman Aaron Orona grounded a ball right up the middle, bringing sophomore catcher Nikko Williams home.

Chapman freshman left fielder Gavin Blodgett homered to left field in the top of the third, scoring Chapman's only run.

Junior first baseman Daniel McDonnell stepped up to the plate and helped the Leopards secure the lead in the bottom of the third.

He singled up the right field line allowing Jebbia to score, making it 5-1.

In the bottom of the fifth he delivered once again after he hit a single up the left side bringing sophomore designated hitter Jakob Thomas home to score.

"He was a terror at the plate and he was also a terror for them on the bases. He did a great job," Winterburn said. "He drove in some big runs for us and was catalystic today for us."

Junior center fielder Matt Caselli then tripled down the right field line, bringing McDonnell home. Williams stepped up to the plate with two outs and singled to center field bringing Caselli home to score.

Reyes then tripled to right center bringing home Williams and senior right fielder Tyler Watkins singled to right field allowing Reyes to score, 10-1.

Finally in the bottom of the sixth, Jebbia doubled to left field and McDonnell singled to left center, driving Jebbia in and completing the game by mercy rule, 11-1.

"I know I'm not Ben (White, injured first baseman) so I was just trying to be myself and help the team win," McDonnell said. "I just put a couple good at bats together and I drove the ball and scored some runs for us, which helped our team to win."

Junior pitcher Brett Early picked up his sixth win of the season, striking out six and allowing for only one run on four hits in seven innings.

The Leopards will face Redlands next at 3 p.m. Saturday at The Yard in Redlands and Occidental and Whittier in a doubleheader at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday at Ben Hines Field for their final games in SCIAC pool play.

Sunday's games will mark the last regular season games of the season and for the seniors' La Verne careers.

"It's a little bittersweet," Jebbia said. "It's really fun because we're in a really good spot right now and I'm looking forward to what's ahead of us. But at the same time senior day snuck up really fast. It seems like just yesterday I was just a freshman."

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that security is a dominant concern and the software should be fitted for purpose.

Though open-source software may be beneficial in a community of users regularly checking on the code, there is a still a chance for security issues.

However, one participant still found open-source software, or OSS, safer than commercially available off the shelf software. They wrote on the wiki page, "Rather than relying upon the vendor's word on how secure a system is, through OSS, my team, provided they have the expertise, can open and look."

"I hope (the study) adds to the OSS and I think it can be used as a guide and a lens to look at open-source software – what does it mean and what does it represent," Britton said.

Britton will continue to do more research on open-source software.

After the lecture, faculty members and students had questions, as many were not familiar with open-source software prior to the lecture.

"I like how (Britton) broke it down and he really defined how he did the study and the five elements to define the software," Miranda Ramirez, junior kinesiology major said.

"The five elements was really interesting," Brittney Britt, junior creative writing major

Water polo splashed out by Poets

Six seniors honored



Sara Flores

La Verne freshman goalkeeper Hailey Westwood fails to stop a goal scored by Whittier, ending the first quarter with the Leopards down, 5-2. With many turnovers and no offensive rhythm throughout the game, the Leopards fell short in their last home game of the season, losing 14-8 to the Poets Saturday at the La Verne Aquatics Center.

Jolene Nacapuy
Sports Editor

The women's water polo team finished its regular season with a 14-8 loss to the Whittier Poets Saturday at the La Verne Aquatics Center.

With the loss, the Leopards extend their losing streak to three, and fall to 5-13 overall and 3-5 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"It's disappointing when we get an L on the score sheet. We lost to a really good team, but I think we did better in the second half of the game," head coach William Rodriguez said.

The Poets were able to get on the board first with a shot by junior utility Cynthia Castillo with the assist of sophomore attacker Isabella Gorrocino, 1-0.

They managed to take a 2-0 lead, after a Leopard turnover, as freshman defender Angelica Hernandez found an opening past La Verne freshman goalkeeper Hailey Westwood.

"Performance wise we needed more urgency. Our 6-on-5 plays and penalty shots were better, but we had a lot of turnovers on regular 6-on-6 offense," senior utility Jacqueline Rojas said.

"I contributed to a lot of those turn overs which was disappointing, but hopefully this upcoming SCIAC weekend we can clean things up as a team."

The Leopards answered back five minutes into the quarter.

Senior defender Maddie Lovrensky assisted junior center Catie Tuning, as she had an open shot when the Poets' goalkeeper left the goal wide open.

Whittier answered right back with two back-to-back-goals midway through the quarter to extend the lead, 4-1.

With 2:08 on the clock, sophomore center Megan Little cut the deficit in half with the assist of Tuning, 4-2.

Before the quarter ended, the Poets were able to get another shot up and headed into the second with a 5-2 lead over the Leopards.

The Poets got to a quick start in the second quarter and scored three more goals.

With a penalty call, Whittier got a free shot by Gorrocino, making the score 8-2.

"We did not come out with the intensity that we needed," Rojas said. "By the time we started playing better it was much too late. We dug ourselves a deep hole and could not get out."

Midway through the second, the Leopards finally found a shot, as junior utility Emily Randall scored, 8-3.

Though with three seconds left in the half, sophomore attacker Hannah Ellett scored a goal for Whittier, as they took at 9-3 lead heading into the half.

"I don't know if it's warm ups, bad passes, but their counter attacks are fantastic, so in the first half that's pretty much what happened," Rodriguez said.

La Verne kicked it up defensively, but at the same time struggled offensively, as both teams could not score.

A rough first half allowed the Leopards to fall early.

With 3:28 on the clock, sophomore attacker Arlin De La Mora was able to get past Westwood, as the Poets continued to lead, 10-3.

Westwood had a total of six saves in the game.

Whittier was able to score one more time, while on the other hand, La Verne could not get a shot in the third and trailed, 11-3, heading into the final quarter.

"I think as a team we have our best games when we are all on the same page and communicate in the water," junior attacker Lora Marquez-Salgado said.

The Leopards scored early in the fourth, as senior utility Amber Tardif found an opening in the goal, 11-4.

Then with constant turnovers by the Poets, Tardif was able to score once again with the assist of Marquez-Salgado, 11-5.

Tardif and Tuning finished with two goals, leading the Leopards.

Midway through the fourth, the sophomore defender Jenel Rivera managed to put in back-to-back shots for the Poets, leading the Leopards, 13-5.

With 2:56 left in regulation, senior attacker Kimberly Lopez scored with the assist of Tuning, but was quickly answered back by the Poets, as they still led, 14-6.

The Leopards answered back two more times in the last two minutes.

Freshman defender Susie Curiel and Marquez-Salgado scored the last two goals, but it was not enough, as La Verne fell, 14-8.

"Our communication wasn't there in the beginning and it was a tough couple of quarters," Marquez-Salgado said.

This season, the team has accomplished more than they thought, despite not winning all their games.

"Overall, this season was much better than the last in a number of ways. As a team, we got along a lot better and were much more organized in the water. We beat teams we hadn't beaten in years, which shows the other teams in conference that the La Verne Leopards are a team to be reckoned with," Rojas said.

"On a personal level, I buckled down more this season and it was a good learning experience to end my athletic career," she said. "Coach Willo and Erika were probably my favorite duo for coaches in my eight years of playing water polo. Sometimes I wish I had one more year, but I've had my fun and I hope the underclass players appreciate the opportunities to come."

Rojas, Lopez, Lovrensky, Sarah Jefferis and Carly Ashen were honored in a brief ceremony before the game.

"I will miss being a part of that type of family. Suffering from swimming in T-shirts with the same group of girls for 4-5 hours a day in the chlorine that leaves our toasted skin oh-so-dry is an unforgettable experience," Rojas said.

"Seeing this water polo family grow as individuals and players is a rewarding one. We're also probably in the best shape of our lives and I'm not sure who wouldn't miss that. The beautiful thing about being a part of this family is that I can apply what I've learned with them to my future families and more."

With the postseason coming up, there are a few things that the team needs to work on, including possession power plays and putting pressure on their opponents.

"For the postseason, we need to improve on our 6-on-5 opportunities because we still struggle to put them away and it hurts us in the end," Marquez-Salgado said. "We also need to become more aware of the other teams counter attacks and driving offense. We get stuck guarding one player and don't focus on what's going on behind us."

The Leopards will play the Whittier Poets 4 p.m. Friday at Haldeman Pool in the SCIAC Championship tournament.

"When you look at the bigger picture, we got a couple of wins and nobody expected us," Rodriguez said.

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