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Applying safe sex principles



Celine Dehban

Juan Mejia Simental, senior criminology and psychology major, and Amy Escamilla, junior psychology major, compete in the Condom Olympics at the Safe Sex Health Fair April 23 in the Johnson Family Plaza. Sex educator Claudia Pinedo from Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project gave the students tips to ensure the safest sex practice. **See story on page 5.**

Lieberman named President of Year

Emily Lau
Metro Editor

University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman was named President of the Year by the Association of College Unions International for her efforts and dedication to build and maintain positive campus community, the association announced last month.

"The most important thing for me is that this recognition is really not about me at all – it was about the University of La Verne," Lieberman said. "It gave me a wonderful opportunity to talk about the University."

A group of faculty and administrators who wrote letters of recommendation to nominate her included Richard Simpson, professor of strategic management, Peggy Redman, emeritus professor of education, Veronica Ashcroft, associate director of the Campus Center; Jim Brooks, associate director of the Campus Center; Clive Houston-Brown, vice president of facilities and technology; Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs, and Chip West, assistant vice president of capital planning, facilities and space management.

Lieberman was recognized for her leadership, engagement with students, strong utilization of the Campus Center for community activities, accessibility to students and more.

"I have been involved in ACUI for more than 20 years," West said.

"When the award was created by ACUI four years ago – based on the amazing work that the president has done for the University – I immediately thought that she was deserving of the award."

Lieberman was praised for her Pajama Jams, where she meets and discusses with students, and The La Verne Experience, the program beginning with the freshman FLEX classes, designed to make students feel connected to the University, faculty and peers.

Lieberman attended ACUI's annual national conference April 9 in San Antonio, Texas, where she accepted her award.

She is the fourth recipient of the award, with previous winners from the University of Massachusetts–Lowell, the University of Houston and Lake Forest College.

"I was so honored," Lieberman said.

"It was one of those things where you are doing what you do on a daily basis and you get a recognition out of the blue. It was just unexpected and really lovely."

Lieberman did not have prior knowledge about being nominated and received a phone call from the ACUI committee, she said.

ACUI is a nonprofit educational organization that aims to connect college union and student activities professionals whose mission is to develop a campus community.

Any student, faculty or professional who is a member of ACUI can nominate his or her university president for the President of the Year award.

"President Lieberman has made an incredible impact on our university as well as our students," Ashcroft said.

"She represents the definition of the President of the Year award by putting students first and reaching out in innovating ways to build campus community."

The ACUI common awards committee reads and ranks the nominations before selecting one president who demonstrates strong community involvement as the award recipient.

According to ACUI, nominees are judged using a certain criteria including their involvement with student activities and promotion and support of college union.

"(The award) really reflects the ethos of this University, where everybody cares about everybody else," Lieberman said.

"This recognition represented that to me."

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Softball clinches 2nd seed

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After clinching a playoff berth with a sweep against the Redlands Bulldogs, the La Verne softball team came out swinging for its final home game of the season, with a 7-1 win over the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas in game one of the doubleheader Saturday at Campus West.

The team completed the sweep, 3-2, Sunday and extended their win streak to five.

The Leopards are now 18-10 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play and 23-17 overall.

"I thought our ladies came out ready to play and they did that yesterday against Redlands and they carried it over in today's game," head coach Julie Smith said.

"Our offense has been really hot lately and we're continuing to stay hot," she said.

The Athenas got on the scoreboard first in the top of the first inning.

Sophomore center fielder Alexa Heydenberk singled up the middle and she was able to score junior shortstop Tara Robinson on a catching error, 1-0.

This would be the only time CMS would score, as the Leopards took control of the game.

"I think we started out strong," senior shortstop Dani Vela said.

"Especially coming into the season and going into our last conference game of the season, I think we've been playing as a whole," she said.

In the bottom of the first, sophomore first baseman Alexis Schiff doubled to right field and scored designated hitter

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2015 Alpha Chi Induction List

The following students have been inducted into the University of La Verne chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society for 2015. Membership in Alpha Chi is open to the top 10 percent to 20 percent of undergraduate students and the top 10 percent of graduate students nationwide. Students from the University in the top 10 percent of the undergraduate junior and senior classes and the top 10 percent of the master's program were formally inducted into Alpha Chi in a ceremony April 20 in the Campus Center.

Marcey Nicole Abrons
Centers for Educators (M.S.)
Alma Isabel Ayala
Main Campus (B.S.)
Erica Lynn Beller
Main Campus (M.Ed.)
Alisa Blake
San Fernando Valley Campus (M.S.)
Monica C. Broderick
Centers for Educators (M.Ed.)
Michelle Lee Brown
Main Campus (M.S.)
Ashley Bublitz
Vandenberg Campus (B.A.)
Michaela Bulkley
Main Campus (B.A.)
Jean A. Campbell
High Desert Campus (B.A.)
Kianie Casas
Main Campus (B.S.)
Jorge Chacon
Inland Empire Campus (M.B.A.)
Teresa Marie Crum
Main Campus (B.S.)
John W. Curry IV
Point Mugu Campus (B.S.)
Lorraine Hope Daniels
La Verne Online (M.B.A.)
Breanna David
Main Campus (B.A.)
Jacqueline V. De Arcos
Centers for Educators (M.Ed.)
Morgan Rose Delaney
Main Campus (B.A.)
Chrystal Fennel Denning
Orange County Campus (B.A.)
Andrej Dojcinovic
Main Campus (B.A.)
Caelin Eva Linnea Eager
Main Campus (B.A.)
Janelle Ehlinger
Main Campus (B.S.)
Tori Sy'Mone Floyd
Main Campus (B.A.)
Warren J. Garnett
Point Mugu Campus (B.S.)
Dawn Garrido
Main Campus (M.S.)
Kathlin Shea Gonzalez
Centers for Educators (M.S.)
Lauren Michelle Gregory
Main Campus (B.S.)
Meredith West Hauge
Centers for Educators (M.Ed.)
Juan Herrera Olea
Centers for Educators (M.Ed.)
Megan Hodgson
Main Campus (B.S.)
Ashley Hoffman
Main Campus (B.S.)
Eric B. Holmes
Point Mugu Campus (B.A.)
Sadia Imran
Orange County Campus (M.H.A.)
Natalie Jimenez
Main Campus (B.A.)
Electra Samaras Klomp
Main Campus (M.Ed.)
Jordan Klomp B
Main Campus (B.A.)
Bonnie Landau Weed
Centers for Educators (M.S.)
Stephanie Ann LaRue
San Fernando Valley Campus (M.S.)
Emily Elizabeth Lau
Main Campus (B.A.)
David Matthew Luster
Main Campus (B.S.)
Michael J. Mace
Point Mugu Campus (B.S.)
Michael Martin
La Verne Online (B.S.)
Wendy M. Melleby
Main Campus (M.S.)
Alice Elizabeth Miller
Main Campus (B.S.)
Marlena Roza Mlynarska
Main Campus (B.A.)
Laura L. Montalbano
San Fernando Valley Campus (M.B.A.)
Adriana Cecilia Nevarez Enriquez
Main Campus (M.S.)
Andrew Shoei Okimura
Main Campus (B.S.)
Faye Osburn
Main Campus(B.S.)
Barry E. Osharow
CAPA (B.A.)
Adam Robertson
San Fernando Valley Campus (B.A.)
Fiorella K. Saldonid
Main Campus (B.S.)
Gene Simons
Main Campus (M.Ed.)
Krista Marie Smith
Point Mugu Campus (B.S.)
Brian William Suttle
Orange County Campus (B.A.)
Lauren Van Lul
Main Campus (B.A.)
Eden Elizabeth Vasquez
Main Campus (B.A.)
Gloria Vazquez Fanning
San Fernando Valley Campus (M.S.)
Gregory L. Waldroup
Point Mugu Campus (B.S.)
Robert F. Walker
Centers for Educators (M.Ed.)
Allison Wehner
Main Campus (B.S.)
Carolyn M. Wertheim
Main Campus (M.S.)
Keola Ynigues
CAPA (B.S.)
Stephanie Elyse Zamora
Main Campus (M.S.)
Sarah Marie Zepeda
Vandenberg Campus (M.B.A.)

Health fair offers safe sex information

Project highlights protection

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Matthew Duran, senior public affairs major, hosted a safe sex health fair April 23 in the Johnson Family Plaza.

Duran had tables set out with candy, water, educational brochures, pens and condoms.

"What inspired me to throw a health fair on campus was the fact that a lot of people have sex," Duran said. "We aren't preaching about not having sex, we are talking about having safe sex."

Representatives from G-Spot and the Strong Women series were on hand to provide additional information, as well as the on-campus health services.

G-Spot is a social network for young gay and bi-sexual men.

"G-Spot stands for the gay spot," Ramon Pacheco, facilitator of G-Spot, said.

"Because HIV numbers are high in the gay and bi community, it's kind of an intervention. Being gay, bringing awareness is something I find passionate."

Pacheco explained that his program is one of many within the Whittier Rio Hondo AIDS Project.

G-Spot offers weekly social meetings that allow people to learn more about safe sex practices.

The G-Spot also provides a safe place to talk about various topics in relations to safe sex.

The Strong Women Series, also a part of WRHAP, provides five different empowerment workshops for women.

These classes are gender pride, HIV and STDs 101, personality, condom negotiation skills and coping skills.

"We go to a lot of drug recovery homes and also do outreach to get women in the community to come to these classes," Claudia Pinedo, main coordinator and health educator for the Strong Women Series said.

"Ever since I was in high school I always thought women have the right to take care of themselves, we don't have to essentially give that power to someone else," she said.

The goal of these classes is to educate women on HIV transmission and prevention and empower them to be able to have a conversation with their partner about using protection.

"We go to college campuses to bring awareness about the condom," Pinedo said.

"What I do for the outreach is show students how to put on a condom. There's little things we forget, like not having an air pocket or putting it on the right way or in the dark."

Duran spent three months organizing the health fair, which included press releases and getting approval to have the outside organizations come on campus.

"It's a campus of college students so I would assume people would want to practice safe sex more than anything," Duran said.

Students passing by the fair could stop by the tables to spin a wheel and win a variety of prizes.

Prizes included buttons, lube, cock rings, flavored condoms, and inserters.

"I thought it was very educational but also humorous at the same time," Ryan Gray, freshman international business and language major, said.

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ULV partners with Mexico

University of La Verne officials recently signed a collaboration agreement with Mexican consulate leaders to increase in academic exchanges between Mexican colleges and the University of La Verne.

One goal in this is to stimulate economic development and strengthen the relationships between the University and some of its Mexican counterparts.

University President Devorah Lieberman and the Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles, Carlos Manuel Sada Solana, signed the memorandum of understanding in March to formally join forces with the hope of boosting student and faculty exchanges.

"Our borders touch one another," Lieberman said. "We are sitting next to an enormous country with culture and history that we need to know more about and be part of."

The memorandum was associated with the Bilateral Forum on Higher Education, Innovation and Research, also known as FOBESII, an acronym for its Spanish name.

FOBESII's creation was announced in 2013 by the presidents of Mexico and the United States.

The program's objective is to promote economic development between the two countries.

Besides academic collaborations, FOBESII hopes to strengthen relationships between the two countries' governments and their private sectors.

"Having more opportunities for the University of La Verne to (engage with) people from Mexico and vice versa will only make Mexico stronger and us stronger," Lieberman said.

"The MOU (creates) an option and an opportunity here to really grow this," said Daniel Loera, ULV multicultural affairs director.

The collaboration agreement also supports the Mexican program, "Proyecta 100,000."

This program's objective is to admit 100,000 Mexican students in American colleges and 50,000 American students in Latin America by 2018. The program's goal is to promote academic exchanges.

–Melissa Gasia

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Photographer Celine Dehban's name was misspelled in the credits for "Baseball sweeps to first in SCIAC" (Feb. 27) and "Software choice is focus of lecture" (April 24).

A word in the story "'Palestine' lecture sparks debate" (April 17) was misspelled. Khazar is the correct spelling.

The Campus Times regrets the errors.

Shoppers find unwanted treasures



Celene Vargas

Former Bonita High School student Bradley Diamond asks for her family's opinion of a romper at Bonita High School's sixth annual Community Yard Sale Saturday. Diamond currently lives in Oakland, but returned to La Verne to visit her family. Diamond said her mother loves yard sales so she decided to accompany her to the sale.

Brooke Grasso
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Community members gathered to sell and buy old possession at La Verne's sixth annual community yard sale Saturday morning at Bonita High School.

More than 1,000 residents shopped through over 100 vendor booths in search of their next purchase.

The parking lots were immediately filled and cars were forced to park along D Street and residential streets.

Vendors were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and shoppers were glad to see such a wide variety of things for sale.

"There are so many great things (available) that I have already had to go back to my car three times," said Margie Quam, a Santa Clarita resident.

Antiques, plants, clothing, furniture, toys and tools were only a few of the items being sold by community members.

Quam came to explore the yard sale after hearing about it from her girlfriend who lives in La Verne.

She came looking specifically for antiques and found more than she had expected.

Quam was also surprised by the mood and atmosphere she felt as she browsed the aisles of vendors.

She said she enjoyed how kind all of the vendors were and she was able to have personal conversations with many of the other residents.

Many vendors participated in the yard sale to fundraise for charities of their choice.

"All of our money will go toward the Autism Speaks Foundation," La Verne resident Christina Saldana said.

"But it is more about promoting autism awareness."

Saldana has an son with autism and goes to numerous events throughout the Inland Empire to help spread awareness.

"Sometimes I'll only make $1, but I get to talk to people about our cause," she said.

In the past, Saldana said her group has raised more than $7,000, all of which has been donated to the Autism Speaks Foundation.

Another booth fundraised for a group of adult art students at Mount San Antonio College by selling artwork that they created during their classes.

Yolanda Singleton, a resident of Diamond Bar and a student in the art class, brought her creations including paintings, cards and decorated canvas bags to the yard sale.

Singleton and her classmates enjoyed being able to put their

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Program puts 'brakes' on unsafe teen driving

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The nonprofit teen advanced driving school Be Responsible and Keep Everyone Safe, or BRAKES, raised awareness about safe driving and provided teenage drivers with advanced training at a controlled environment Saturday and Sunday at the Fairplex.

BRAKES provides a four-hour hands-on defensive driving course for new teenage drivers ages 15 to 19.

"I came to get better practice and scenarios that I wouldn't be able to quite understand until it happened and if you don't know what you're doing, it's too late," Santa Barbara City College freshman Regan Cattoi said.

Teenage drivers had to show their license or learner's permit with at least 30 hours of driving experience behind the wheel upon registration. One hundred twenty six teenage drivers and 145 parents attended the event.

The program's mission is to teach teenagers about safe driving and prevent accidents because according to the National Safety Council, teens are 400 percent more likely to die in a car crash compared to 25 to 34 year-old drivers.

"What we try to do is raise awareness about safe driving and we teach them the things that they don't get taught normally in a driver's ed program," said Matt Reilly, BRAKES director of operations.

"We teach them how to deal with wet weather driving, ice and snow, slick road conditions and how to control a car and keep it from spinning out."

The five driving courses – wet ski pad, panic stop, distraction, drop wheel recovery and accident avoidance/slalom– were set in a controlled environment with orange cones and cardboard cutouts of humans. They also sprayed water on the wet ski pad to show what they can do at raining scenarios.

"It gives you so much more insight to what happens in an emergency and on a regular course; you can't learn what happens when you don't know what to do," Cattoi said.

"I learned to use my eyes more and not be afraid of the brake unless you don't need it at that time because sometimes it can hurt you, but overall I enjoyed it a lot, and it definitely gave me more prepared feeling about my driving."

While the students were practicing, parents also took a few routes and rode a truck to gain insight on how trucks can take much longer to brake and turn compared to a normal car.

"This is a type of construction that you're not going to get at a driving school," parent resident of Huntington Beach Steven Blokdyk said.

"I think it is important for them to react in certain situations."

The program started with an introduction to the organization.

They gave safety procedures when driving, such as basic vehicle dynamics and proper seat positions.

This was followed by the Los Angeles County Fire Department demonstrating its usual day, how it get a person out from a car crash and how airbags deploy and emphasized how it can bruise or even burn drivers.

The California Highway Patrol was also present to answer any questions from teens and parents about ticketing or traffic laws.

BRAKES will return to the Fairplex for another training on July 11 and 12.

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Ziners share creations



Daniel Torres

Eleanor Hodgson, Dante Matero, Gracia Amos and Ariel Kusby, all members of the Nothing New Publications staff and undergraduates at UCLA, talk with Sierra McCormick and Isabelle Beausang about their zines at Claremont Zinefest Saturday at the Claremont Packing House. Zines, a shortened version of magazine, are booklets containing writing, art or photography that are self-published by the authors. Along with Nothing New Publications, more than 35 other organizations tabled the event, selling their art, books, souvenirs and zines.

Werner reflects on teaching career

Celene Vargas
Staff Writer

English professor David Werner spoke about the real function of the prison system, humility and the hero journey in his final faculty lecture "I Have a Map to a Treasure" Monday in the President's Dining Room.

Werner is set to retire at the end of this academic year after teaching for almost 40 years.

In his last lecture, he drew lessons he learned from three parts of his teaching career: the La Verne prison program, his college writing class and his mythology in literature class.

In January 1976 Werner began teaching a creative writing class at a youth training school for people ages 18 to 25 as part of the former La Verne prison program.

"What would you do if you found out every person you failed in your class was going to die?" Werner said.

Near the end of the semester Werner decided to compile all of his students' best works into a booklet.

Not too long after, one of his students was released from prison. Two days later he was shot and killed by the Santa Monica police.

Werner realized education was not handing out facts or giving assignments, but instead a life or death situation. He stressed this does not just apply to the students from the prison program.

"La Verne is a marvelous place…we make a difference in the lives of the students (but) we sometimes forget about how marginal some of those students are," Werner said.

He explained how every prison system in the United States measures its success rate through recidivism, a person's relapse into criminal activity. He also said every prison in the country advertises a recidivism rate of 70 percent.

Werner said this figure is misleading because it seems like the remaining 30 percent of people are OK.

"One of the ironies of the way every prison system in the country teaches statistics is that if you get out of prison and you die, you are a success," Werner said.

He said going to prison in another state or being admitted into a mental institution is not counted in the recidivism rate.

Werner referenced French philosopher Michel Foucault who said the function of the prison system is to create a class of delinquents.

They are the people who will go to prison, get released from prison, get arrested again and will continue on this cycle for the rest of their lives, Werner said.

"In a lot of ways, that class changed my life," Werner said of his creative writing class of 1978.

Werner also spoke about how teaching his college writing class taught him humility.

"He basically reinforced why I want to be a teacher," said Courtney Britt, junior English major.

Werner said there is a mantra he repeats to his students that goes, "Everything I write makes sense to me, and it doesn't matter because the only thing that matters is if it makes sense to you."

Werner uses that mantra to teach his students they need to be clearer with their writing. He used the example of giving directions.

He said that if someone does not know how to get to someone else's house even after she received a set of directions, it is not her fault. It is the fault of the person who gave the directions because he was not clear.

"It all has to do with where the responsibility of communication lies," Werner said.

He applies that mantra to his teaching methods as well.

"If a student fails my class, it's my fault … and I think we need to remember that as teachers or as communicators ... because (we're) the only (ones) who (know) that information," Werner said.

Werner then spoke about the "Star Wars" movies and how they are about the battle between nature and the industrialized world, but are also about the hero journey.



Michelle Leon

Longtime ULV English Professor David Werner presented "I Have a Map to a Treasure" Monday in the President's Dining Room. Werner, who will retire this year, talked about the creative writing class he taught in the prison education program, and the college writing and mythology classes he has taught for years at the University. He also shared his love for "Star Wars," Joseph Campbell and the "Wizard of Oz," during his last faculty lecture.

"He is a really inspiring teacher," said Miranda Ramirez, junior kinesiology major. "You always walk away from a lecture with something that will stick in your mind for a while."

He posed a hypothetical situation. He said he had a map to a treasure and wants the audience to join a group he is assembling because he thinks they have a valuable skill.

He said it will take two years to find it and that the likelihood of finding it is high, but there is no guarantee. There is also no guarantee everyone will make it out alive.

However, he explained if the group members finds the treasure they will have enough money to do whatever they want for the rest of their lives.

Werner posed the question, who is joining him?

"I thought it was a very intriguing summary and thoughtful reflection upon his 40 years at the University," humanities professor Al Clark said. "(I'm going to miss) his wry sense of humor."

According to Werner, everyone is already on his or her own hero journey.

He said a student starts her journey when she starts school, a president starts her journey when she starts her job, or maybe it is someone's relationship with his kids or the relationship with his significant other.

"I guess I hope you get to the treasure," Werner said. "I don't that it's the one you're looking for. I hope it's the unexpected one, the one you find along the way."

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Agreement opens the door for health careers

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Students pursuing a career in the health professions can gain early admission for graduate programs offered at Western University in Pomona through an agreement signed by University of La Verne President Devorah Lieberman and Western President Philip Pumerantz in early April.

"This felt like a very easy, geographically close way for our students, who are interested in health professions and want to stay in the region, to matriculate into Western in a way that they can see their dream of a health profession becoming a reality," Lieberman said. "It started many years ago, but we were able to make it a reality now."

Provost Jonathan Reed said that the agreement creates the opportunity for students to stay and serve in the region within the medical field.

The agreement guarantees space for La Verne students in a variety of Western's health programs including dental medicine, pharmacy and nursing.

"Our students can apply to the program in their sophomore year," Reed said. "If accepted, they will receive mentoring in their junior year and if they meet the qualifications in terms of taking the right classes and GPA, then they can go straight into one of the medical programs at Western."

Reed said the agreement will go into effect next academic year.

"I like the agreement because it isn't just an agreement on paper," Lieberman said. "There will be brochures so students applying to ULV will know if you come here and are interested in health professions, this is an option."

Faculty in the science department expressed excitement over the agreement.

"We have sent a lot of students to Western," Jerome Garcia, associate professor of biology, said. "Students say it feels like La Verne because they have access to the professors. It is that La Verne feeling that attracts them to their campus."

Garcia said he is looking forward to collaboration with faculty members.

"I think with this linkage agreement it gives more access and visibility to these other programs that students don't know about that have respected and viable career paths," Garcia said.

Opportunities for ULV students will include working in Western's labs with advisers to get familiar with the various programs as well as mentoring as they look toward their future.

"Our advisers are going to be working with students and they will know when they come in as freshmen about the opportunities. And the Western advisers will be working with our students, so it's seamless between the University of La Verne and Western U," Lieberman said.

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Honorees embody 'Spirit of LV'

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Michelle Leon

The University of La Verne hosted its second annual Spirit of La Verne Awards Tuesday, at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. Presented by President Devorah Lieberman, the Spirit of La Verne Award went to Sharon Cruz-McKinney, community relations and outreach director in the admissions office. Cruz-McKinney was awarded for her exceptional work on behalf of the University exemplified by her leadership and participation in work toward the core mission of the institution.

Sharon Cruz-McKinney, director of community relations and outreach in the office of admissions, took home the Spirit of La Verne Award Tuesday at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

The award is given to a person that embodies each of the five Spirit of La Verne Awards' categories, which include community engagement, diversity and inclusivity, interfaith cooperation and the Newman Civic Fellow Award.

President Devorah Lieberman presented the award to Cruz-McKinney and a video played with students and colleagues expressing their love and appreciation for her leadership and commitment.

"It is really great to have this recognition by my colleagues and everyone at the University," Cruz-McKinney said.

Upon accepting her award, she expressed how her love of the University of La Verne has grown over her 17-year career at ULV.

"I love you more than bacon," Cruz-McKinney said.

Along with Cruz-McKinney, the second annual Spirit of La Verne Awards honored other exemplary members of the University community.

"There are many people around this campus that are doing amazing work," said Marisol Morales, director of the office of civic and community engagement.

"This gives us the opportunity to recognize these people in relation to those values that we hold so dearly here at the University of La Verne."

Abril Camarena, junior criminology major, left with the Newman Civic Fellow Award for her dedication to the community.

Camarena organized a student rally to raise awareness for the 43 missing students in Mexico. She is also involved in different organizations, including the Dolores Huerta Foundation.

The Community Engagement Award was given to those who aim to participate in service endeavors.

Community Engagement Award recipients included ULV student Xue Wong, ULV alumnus Michael Vestino, Assistant Dean for Regional and Online Campuses Carrie Lewis Hasse, Regional Campus Director for the Kern County Campus Nora Dominguez and Associate Professor of Biology Kat Weaver.

The Tri-City Mental Health Center also received this award for its constant contributions to the University.

Tri-City provides mental health training to students, faculty and staff.

Tri-City also works to write grants with the University to strengthen mental health services.

Diversity and Inclusivity Award recipients included psychology major Roxana Bautistia, alumnus Paul Larson, Vice President of Facilities and Technology Clive Houston-Brown, and Professor of Public Administration Matthew Witt.

"I feel very grateful to receive this award," Houston-Brown said.

"I am humbled, and think this is a very important award," he said.

The Secular Student Alliance, Professor of Management Issam Ghazzawi, Cantor Paul Buch from Temple Beth Israel in Pomona, and the City of Knowledge Islamic School in Pomona all received Interfaith Cooperation Awards at the ceremony.

The process of choosing award recipients began last semester.

The award selection committee consisted of students, faculty and staff members, who went through each candidate application.

"Everyone was very deserving of these awards," said Jacqueline Perez Valencia, junior sociology major and award selection committee member.

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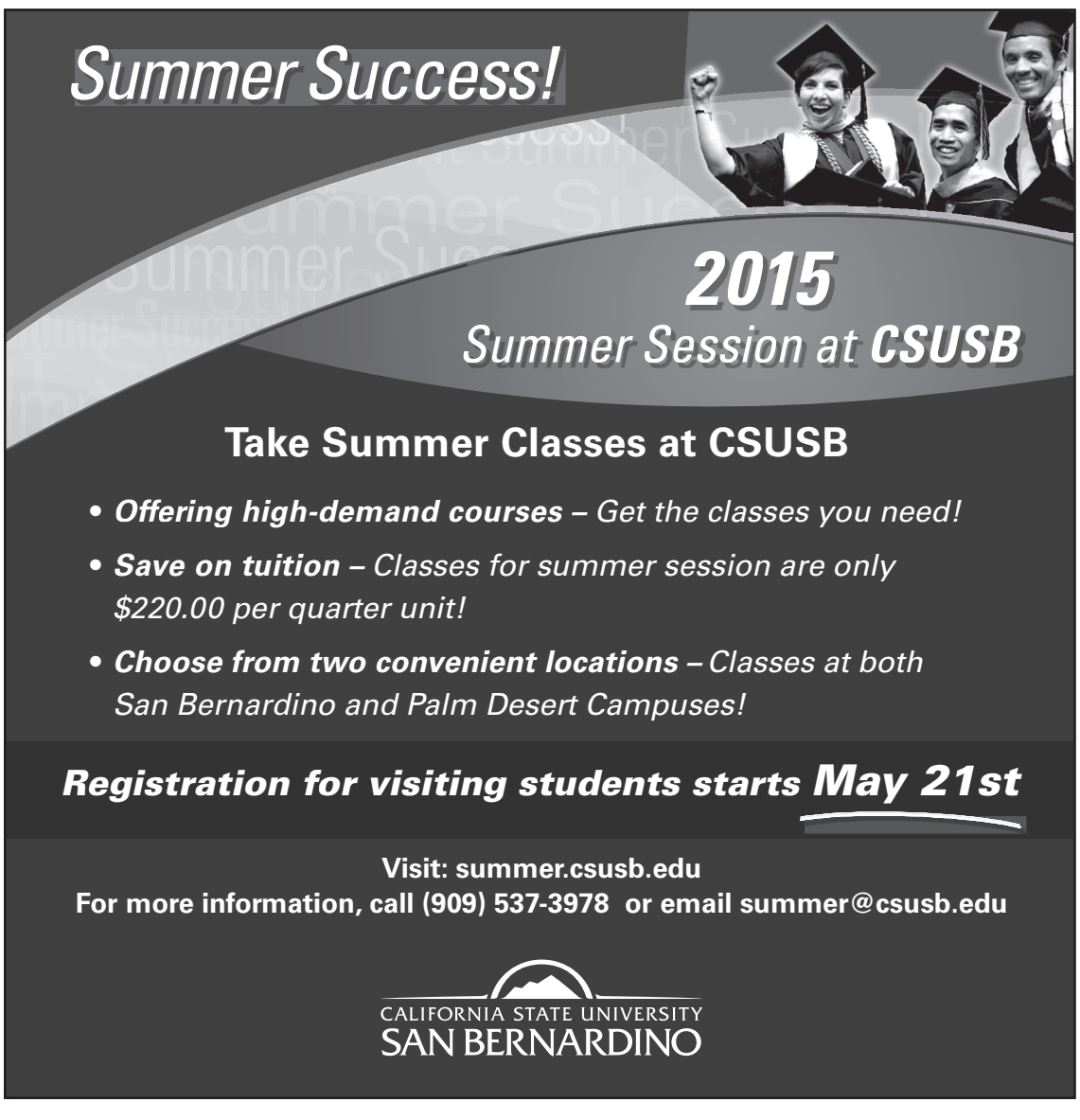

NEWS BRIEFS

Faculty Lecture

Kathy Lamkin will present "My Last Lecture" at noon Monday in the President's Dining Room for the Faculty Lecture Series.

This will be Lamkin's last faculty lecture before she retires at the end of this year.

Multicultural Celebrations

Various multicultural graduation celebrations held in honor of upcoming graduates May 12-16. Multicultural students are invited to celebrate their accomplishments within a cultural and linguistic context.

Dates and times can be found at **sites.laverne.edu/multicultural/cultural-graduation-celebrations**.

Faculty and Staff Awards

University of La Verne faculty and staff members will be honored at the Faculty and Staff Recognition Ceremony Friday in the Athletic Pavillion.

Among the recognitions will be those for time served, promotion, tenure and sabbatical.

Faculty Research Day

The Faculty Research Committee will host Faculty Research Day from 10:45 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. May 8 in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Faculty members are invited to display, share and discuss their current research and creative projects.

–Kat Simonelli

Studio offers personalized programs



Jolene Nacapuy

Kaycie Meza, owner and manager of Kinetik Performance in Upland, demonstrates how to lift 15-pound weights, one of the pieces of workout equipment. Meza opened her studio at the beginning of February. The small fitness space has one treadmill, bars, kettlebells, ropes, yoga mats and weights for people to use during their scheduled workout sessions. Kinetik Performance specializes in creating personalized workout plans for its clients.

Meza motivates clients

Deonah Cendejas
Staff Writer

Kinetik Performance is a new fitness studio in Upland that not only focuses on physical exercise but also specializes in personal nutritional guidance.

Kaycie Meza, a personal trainer, owns and facilitates the studio, which opened in the beginning of February and held a grand opening event April 18.

After working at Bally Total Fitness as a personal trainer, Meza decided to open and manage her own studio.

"I want to help as many people as I can to reach their own health and fitness goals," Meza said. "It's a small, private space, and it makes you comfortable to use it since its one-on-one personal training."

Kinetik Performance held a grand opening event to promote the business and inform residents about its fitness services. During the event, there was a raffle and promotional games such as a spin-the-wheel game. Raffle prizes consisted of free group and personal training sessions.

Initially, Meza conducts an individual assessment to recognize her clients' goals and reach a compromise on how to attain them.

She works with her clients by first completing a fitness assessment, which measures their body mass index and weight.

She mainly focuses on BMI, since weight can increase due to muscle gain and is not always an accurate portrayal of your health.

Meza also helps her clients through nutritional guidance. She uses MyFitnessPal, a smartphone app that scans food items in the market and online to see how many calories they contain and helps users create an appropriate diet plan.

Additionally, she makes her clients maintain a daily food log. After looking over her clients' food consumption, she then helps them find healthier alternatives.

"She's very understanding, and she tries to help you in a way where she spends the time with you," said Alexandra Johnston, a senior communications major and Kinetik Performance employee. "It's nice to have someone as a personal trainer but also as a friend. She's going to kick my butt, but it's going to be fun and worth it after the hour."

Meza provides multiple personal training sessions as well as boot camps on Mondays and Wednesdays, where her motivation and enthusiasm radiates through her sessions, Johnston said.

"You're never doing the same workout ever," Johnston said. "There's always something different and it's never boring, which I love because I hate working out just by walking on a treadmill."

Meza creates a personal fitness program for her clients, which is comprised of sessions they should take, how many, and how to monitor their nutrition in order to reach their fitness goals.

"People's biggest complaint to get fit is that they don't have the time," said junior kinesiology major Jasmine Bush. "Since she's so individualized, she can work around people's time schedule."

Because the sessions are personal, they go at her clients' own pace.

There is no feeling of competition against the people at the gym because Meza consistently pushes and motivates her clients to continue forward.

However, Meza said her clients' comfort comes first.

"Do what you're capable of doing, and don't try to go with the latest fad," Meza said. "Everyone is different and unique and you need to do what helps you reach and attain your goals."

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Cell phones become a pain in students' necks

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Text neck, a new phenomenon, occurs when there is an excessive strain on the head, neck and spine, which usually results from looking downward.

More than 60 percent of Americans own a smartphone, which puts a large population at risk of experiencing text neck.

According to an informal survey of students at the University of La Verne, 18 out of 20 students said they are looking down at their phone most, if not all, of the day.

"It's not just texting," said Janelle Meza, an employee at the Healing Arts Center. "It's the Internet, social media, everything. It causes continuous stiffness and headaches, and I noticed the pain about two years ago since I was constantly looking down at my phone."

Students claimed to use their phone for approximately half the day. The results are similar to Baylor University's study, which found that students spend an average of 10 hours per day on their phone.

The informal survey also revealed that all 20 students were unaware of the widespreading injury known as text neck.

Students began to realize the impact that has already occurred on their own bodies after learning the causes and effects of text neck.

This strain on the neck and spine that students felt is due to looking down for long periods of time with one's head, which weighs an average of 10 to 12 pounds, according to a study published in Surgical Technology International.

When looking down, a person's head begins to weigh more, depending on the angle because of gravity, and texting can add up to 50 pounds of pressure on the neck and spine, according to the study.

Meza said a solution to text neck is maintaining good posture and bringing the devices to eye-level rather than looking down and causing strain.

"I generally don't look down too much," said junior psychology major Reem Aranki, who has experienced little to no strain in her neck or spine. "I will generally bring my phone up to my face rather than look down."

There is now even a phone app developed by the Text Neck Institute that notifies the user when an angle they are using puts them at risk of strain.

The "Text Neck Indicator," is available for Android phones and costs $2.99.

"I have back problems, so I would definitely change the way I look at my phone," said sophomore speech communications major Blasina Hernandez. "I look down at my phone a lot so why not just hold it up?"

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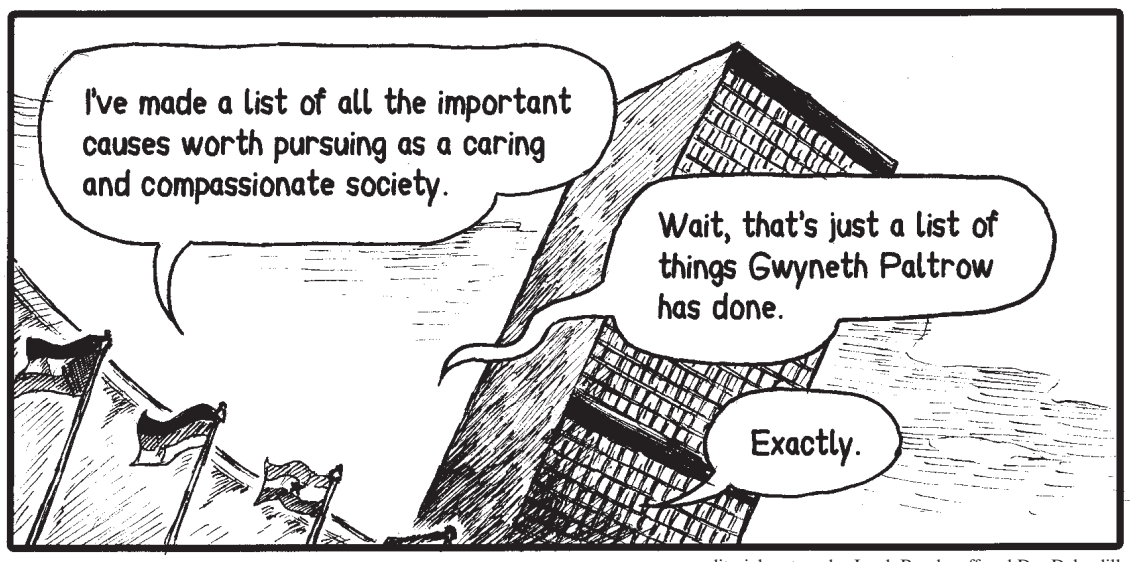
Struggles aren't social experiments



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Gwyneth Paltrow recently took a food stamp challenge and although she aimed to raise awareness about the $29 weekly food stamp budget, she unintentionally minimized the challenge 47 million Americans face every week.

Mario Batali, Paltrow's friend and Food Bank activist, encouraged Paltrow to abide by the Food Bank's regulations and write about her experience on her weekly online publication Goop. Paltrow accepted the challenge and attempted to live on food stamps for a week, while trying to buy only nutritious meals.

Although the concept means well, Paltrow failed the challenge after four days when she bought a box of black licorice. During the week, she also attended a dinner for Victoria Beckham.

First of all, she did not fully accept the challenge. She could not possibly sympathize with the millions of Americans who are dependent on food stamps because she did break the parameters of the challenge. Those who are dependent on food stamps cannot afford to buy luxury food items and they definitely cannot afford to treat their family to a five-star dinner when they get tired of their $29 weekly budget.

In her article about the experience, Paltrow does address her concerns about the difficulty of living on food stamps and even adds that she is upset there is a lack of equal pay in the workplace, but she also gives herself a grade for the challenge, saying she feels she deserves a C-.

Living on food stamps is not an academic course, it is a real challenge for low-income families, which should not be treated like an academic assignment for a grade.

Instead of accepting social experiment challenges, celebrities should actually donate funds to help those in need, or dedicate time to really discover the underlying problems that are associated with poverty, hunger and other social issues.

Making ends meet is a real problem faced daily by low-income Americans, and making a social experiment out of someone's daily struggle should not be confused with caring.

The only real way to advocate for change is to physically do something about the problem.

Support our LGBTQ youth

The White House and other organizations, as well as state governments, have condemned the practice of LGBTQ conversion treatments April 8.

The proposed law, titled Leelah's Law, came after Leelah Alcorn, a 17-year-old transgender youth from Ohio, committed suicide after being forced into conversion therapy by her parents.

Alcorn wrote a suicide note on her Tumblr blog which explained that her parents had forced her to attend conversion therapy, pulled her out of school and isolated her in an attempt to change her gender identity. Alcorn decided enough was enough, and she walked in front of a semi-truck and died.

The Transgender Human Rights Institute and other organizations were devastated and touched by Alcorn's message. Petitions were created and signed in hopes of banning conversion therapies.

Currently there are 120,958 signatures for the **whitehouse.gov** petition titled "Enact Leelah's Law to ban all LGBTQ+ Conversion Therapy," and 351,403 signatures for the **change.org** petition "Enact Leelah's Law to Ban Transgender Conversion Therapy."

The Obama administration showing its support for Leelah's Law is monumental. It is an immense step toward more acceptance for LGBTQ individuals who are ridiculed for their gender identity and sexuality and are discouraged from coming out.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, negative views toward LGBTQ youth lead to an increased rate of violent behaviors, such as bullying, harrassment, assault and suicide and suicidal thoughts.

Leelah's Law can save a lot of lives. But it is unfortunate that Alcorn herself, and many other LGBTQ youth, did not live to reap the benefits of this law.

What goes on during conversion therapies is unethical and very damaging to the growth of LGBTQ youth. These therapists brainwash children into thinking that the way they feel about themselves is wrong.

If a child feels they are born a certain way and choose to identify with it, then we should empower that, not erase it. Morally, no one should be telling anyone how to live their lives.

Family support is also very crucial to a child's well-being and growth, especially among LGBTQ youth. Supporting a child who feels different allows them to not be afraid to grow up in a world that is intent on bringing them down. Family support enables them to feel accepted and to grow positively. We should support our LGBTQ youth because it could decrease the risk of possible suicide, depression and substance abuse among them. Contributing to such support can make a big difference in a LGBTQ child's life.

Conversion therapy is not the answer. For a parent to put their child through conversion therapy is damaging to their growth and well-being and contributes to an already toxic society that does not empower and accept the LGBTQ community. A parent should not want their child to live in fear.

Jenner's courage is admirable

After months of speculation and scrutiny by the public, Bruce Jenner officially came out and announced his intent to transition into a woman last week in an ABC "20/20" interview with Diane Sawyer. In the two-hour interview, the 65-year-old former Olympian and now reality television star talked about his decades-long struggle with gender identity. The interview shed light on the world that an estimated 700,000 transgender Americans inhabit.

"For all intents and purposes, I am a woman," he told Sawyer. "I was not genetically born that way, and as of now I have all the male parts...but I still identify as female."

Instead of sensationalizing Jenner's struggle and sensitive transition, the special was educational and carefully addressed all the aspects of the topic, such as the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity. Sexual orientation is defined as whom you go to bed with, while gender identity is whom you go to bed as.

Jenner will have his own reality television show on the E! Network highlighting his transition and new life as a woman. While much of reality television, such as his family's "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" and "Kourtney and Khloe Take the Hamptons" display some of celebrity's vapid vanity, Jenner's new show could be different. If handled sensitively – as the Diane Sawyer special was – it could be a needed window into the trans experience.

Hopefully the E! show — and viewers — will not undermine Jenner's transition and upcoming life as a transgender woman because of his currently-known status as a reality television star. It was brave of Jenner to come out, and it is brave of him to publicly air such a sensitive time in his life. He may have inspired a lot of closeted transgender individuals to come out, and he may have saved a lot of lives.

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Event promotes healthy lifestyles



Sara Flores

Guadalupe Galvan and Hunter Hill visit the Student Health Services table at Kinesiology Society's event "Health Sense" on the South Quad Tuesday. There were free pens, condoms, condom cases and informational pamphlets regarding well-being and health. The event offered free Bowl of Heaven açaí bowls. And Crunch Fitness held a raffle.

Students learn health tips

Sierra Dasher
Staff Writer

The Kinesiology Society presented its event "Health Sense" for students to learn the importance of living a healthy lifestyle Tuesday in the South Quad.

"Our mission is to raise health awareness, promote a healthy and active lifestyle and give back through community service," Kinesiology Society President Kaitlin Wilson said in the "Health Sense" event press release.

Students were able to play volleyball and soccer and visit informational booths that promoted healthy lifestyles.

Representatives from the University health center also attended the event to speak to students and advise them to utilize the local student health center more often.

"I think that more students should take advantage of what we offer in the health services," said Cindy Denne, director of Student Health Services. "Even if you're just beginning with some symptoms, it's always good to just call and get some advice," she said.

The Health Center offers many free services, including birth control and flu shots.

"We have the health center here, because it's important to not only take care of your body, but also make sure you stay healthy," said Jessica Rivera, senior communications major, who coordinated "Health Sense" as part of her senior project.

Denne also encourages students to live a healthy life.

"Just make sure that you're eating a healthy diet, you're getting lots of exercise and lots of sleep, which is totally unheard of for college students," Denne said.

"Students should be more aware of how important living a healthy lifestyle is," she said.

Bowl of Heaven, the smoothie and juice bar on Foothill Blvd. at D Street, also gave out free acai bowls – whipped superfood smoothies topped granola and other toppings – to 75 students who visited its booth.

"They have really healthy acai bowls, so you can get your fruits and veggies in," Rivera said.

Crunch Gym also had a booth for students to learn about the workout facility where it offers free trial passes.

Rivera said she took on the project because she is concerned about La Verne students' well-being.

"Students need to be more aware of their health," Rivera said. "We are always drinking soda and eating junk food... it is going to take a toll. We aren't always going to be like, 'Oh, I can just eat whatever I want and hit the gym.'"

Rivera chose to work with the Kinesiology Society because of the close ties she has with the organization and because of the contributions it makes to the campus.

"We just love to go to conferences and are a big part of Relay for Life," said Susie Curiel, freshman kinesiology major and Kinesiology Society member. "We are (also) big supporters of cancer awareness."

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Denim Day event shines light on sex assault

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The Greek organizations at the University of La Verne came together to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and rape for Denim Day Wednesday in Fasnacht Court.

Denim Day became an internationally recognized event 16 years ago after the Italian Supreme Court overturned the rape conviction of a man who claimed that his victim's jeans were so tight, he needed help to take them off – which he argued implied consent.

After this ruling in the late 1990s, women in the Italian Parliament wore denim jeans to stand in solidarity with the victim.

The La Verne Greek community partnered with Project Sister Family service, a rape crisis center in Pomona.

"Denim Day is ... to raise awareness of sexual assault and the myths and misconceptions of rape," said Sophia Lopez, outreach services coordinator for Project Sister. "Clothes can never equal consent. They never can and never will."

Project Sister provides crisis intervention, community outreach programs, presentations against sexual assault, and self-defense workshops.

Buttons and stickers with sayings such as "jeans that are tight, don't make it right" and denim ribbons were passed around during the event.

Students were made pledges, writing notes such as "no means no" and "stop victim blaming."

"So many people are affected by sexual assault, and it's crazy how we don't really talk about it," said senior biology major Evelyn Bobbitt.

Lopez said she belies talking about rape makes people uncomfortable. The victims are blamed for their choice of drinking, attending a party or in this case, their choice of clothing.

"No one should ever be judged on what they're wearing, especially (related to) sexual assault," said Jose Serra, president of Sigma Alpha Epsion and one of the event coordinators.

"(These events are) important, because they help unify students and fight against domestic violence, assault and rape," said senior English major Jessica Loomer. "It helps bring awareness to other people who haven't experienced this in their daily life."

Lopez emphasized that women are not the only victims of sexual violence.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, men make up about 10 percent of sexual assault victims.

"It's really important that we become supportive as a culture and put the blame where it belongs — on the rapists," Lopez said.

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Guild connects gamers on campus

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The Gamers Guild club is on a mission this year to get gamers at the University of La Verne to come together to build a gaming community. The executive board includes freshman vice president Sean Gribbin, sophomore secretary Neema Badihian, freshman president Jack Bowman and freshman treasurer Maddie Neely. The e-board plays various video games, such as Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers, often two times a week from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Leo's Den at the Campus Center. In their quest as a first-year created club, the Gamers Guild hopes to reach a larger audience and connect with everyone on campus.

The Gamers Guild members compete against one another in "fight nights" every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the Campus Center in Leo's Den.

The club is dedicated to building a common passion for videogamers on at the University of La Verne.

"Basically, they're a bunch of students who love to play video games," said Hervey Malone II, assistant director of admission and advisor of the club.

"That's their passion and they wanted to provide a community to connect with other students."

President of the club and freshman history major Jack Bowman and vice president of the club and freshman computer science major Sean Gribbin founded Gamers Guild in 2014.

"We want to bring the students together on campus since we have a club for everything but not for video gamers," Bowman said.

"It brings all of the different groups on campus together and you make friends where you didn't have them before," he said.

The club is devoted to establishing a group in which students feel they belong. They participated in the club fair at Spotlight Weekend, an event for admitted students. Through this, Gamers Guild was able to show a fun side of La Verne.

"We are looking to enrich people's lives in a way," Bowman said.

"A lot of clubs on campus are high maintenance and really stressful and we are looking to help students relieve that stress."

So far, the club has more than 60 members.

"We had about 25 to 30 students in the club when we weren't even a club yet," Gribbin said. "And just within a week we had 10 to 15 members."

"I feel this club has the ability to grow to 100 students," Malone said.

"Once they get out there and hold more tournaments and events, they can really get the community more involved," he said.

The members enjoy playing video games such as Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart on the Wii together.

"We also competed in a tournament this last month called 'Heroes of the Dorms,'" Bowman said.

"The winners were a team of five who received free tuition for the rest of their college career," he said.

This national competition shows video game clubs and gamers are a society within themselves, not just local to La Verne.

Gamers Guild has a partnership with The eSports Association, which provides goodies, giveaways, and free games so the students can build their status on campus.

"They have a vision," Malone said. "I feel this club will be around for years to come."

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On the Calendar

Literacy & Math Conference

The 10th annual Family Literacy and Math Conference is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at various locations on campus.

Eleven authors will make presentations and talk with students at workshops. More than 800 students are expected to attend.

The free event includes free lunch and a laser show.

Etiquette Dinner

The Office of Career Services will present the Spring 2015 Etiquette and Networking Dinner 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Students can practice their dining etiquette and networking skills with employers at the event.

For more information, call 909-448-4054 or email **careerservices@laverne.edu.**

Intramural Dodgeball

There will be intramural dodgeball games 10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Athletics Pavillion. The event is organized by CAB and ASULV.

Students interested can sign up in the Office of Student Life by noon Monday. There will be a captains' meeting at 1 p.m. that same day.

Veterans Club

Senior honors students and the ULV Veterans Club are bringing awareness to veterans' difficulties and collecting donations for veterans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at a booth in front of the Campus Center.

Students and faculty members are encouraged to donate gently used clothing, blankets, books and magazines.

All donations will go to veterans at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

For more information, email **nicole.miller@laverne.edu.**

Caps and Gowns Sale

The last chance to purchase academic regalia, including caps, hoods, gowns and tassels, for spring commencement is from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Campus Center.

The Bachelor Unit Set is $55 and the Master Unit Set is $60, excluding tax. Only cash and checks will be accepted.

For more information, call 909-448-4757 or email **commserv@laverne.edu.**

–Cody Luk

Arts, etc...

Happenings

'The Dog's Will'

The theater department presents "The Dog's Will" by Brazilian playwright Ariano Sassuna at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in Dailey Theatre.

The play is directed by guest director Alma Martinez.

LaVernapalooza

ASULV and CAB present the 6th annual LaVernapalooza concert featuring 2Chainz as this year's headliner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fox Theater in Pomona.

Tickets are $35 at the door for guests.

Music Summer Session

The music department is offering summer session classes for the first time at La Verne.

Students looking to complete their fine arts elective can now take Guitar Workshop MUS 180 and Intro To Digital Audio Production I (Pro Tools) MUS 345 this summer.

'Icons of Music'

The Claremont Colleges Ballroom Dance Company's annual spring concert introduces "Icons of Music: Legends, Divas & Superstars" at 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday at Pomona College in Bridges Auditorium.

The event features 100 dancers and solos performing iconic hit songs

Jazz concert

The Harvey Mudd College Concert series presents a jazz music concert "The Music of Billy Strayhorn" at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Harvey Mudd College in Shanahan Center.

Live Music

The Friday Nights Live concert series begins again this week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday in the Claremont Village.

This year's performers are scheduled to include Fab 8, Jackson Family Band and Vinyl Number.

—Melissa Gasia

Photo exhibit celebrates Everyday beauty

by Cody Luk

photography by Helen Arase



Stacey McCarroll Cutshaw, visiting professor of photography, speaks before the opening reception of "In the Mood: Photography and the Everyday" in the Carlson Gallery on Tuesday. This is the 25th anniversary and the 100th exhibition since the inception of the gallery. The photographers' work reflects the way photography depicts and describes the daily conditions of life. Cutshaw chose the series behind her, by Goseong Choi, to represent the grief people experience in everyday lives. The Instagram hashtag for the show, #ulveveryday, is up for everyone to create a visual dialogue about their everyday experiences.

Students and faculty members lined up at the Carlson Gallery Tuesday as Visiting Professor of Photography Stacey McCarroll Cutshaw had a gallery talk for the "In the Mood: Photography and the Everyday" exhibit she curated.

The exhibit includes four series of photographs by photographers Simona Bonanno, Goseong Choi, Noah Kalina and Joann Pai.

When curating the exhibit, Cutshaw was interested in photography that renders everyday life and activities such as eating, sleeping and crying.

"I picked a series of work that I thought worked well along with the other photographers' works," Cutshaw said. "I came up with some things I do everyday and I sent a list to all my photography colleagues and many of them sent back photographers I should look at."

Cutshaw curated the exhibit virtually by communicating with photographers and receiving the photographs through the Internet.

"As I think more on what I want to do, those experiences and activities become more abstract," Cutshaw said.

Bonanno, from Messina, Italy, displayed a series of photographs from 2014 called "Ordinary World."

The photographs are abstract, close-up photographs in which the viewer may not be able to distinguish what the subjects are.

"She's turning visual materials we look at every day and turning them into something strange and something odd," Cutshaw said. "She doesn't tell you necessary what you're looking at – I like that."

Jessica Fang, senior business administration major, said "Ordinary World #1," a close-up photograph of cat fur, as her favorite from the exhibit.

The car fur is in shades of white and gray, with strands of fur sticking up against a soothing, light blue and green background.

"I know it's really hard to zoom in on the details (when taking the photo), so it's more like art to me," Fang said. "I like abstract art."

The series of photographs by Choi from Brooklyn are part of his thesis for his master of fine arts in photography at Pratt Institute. While Choi was working on his thesis, his grandmother died in South Korea. He ended up doing his thesis on his grandmother, including the process from her illness, her death to her burial.

"This project is about grief on many levels," Cutshaw said. "Grief is a part of our lives – he has created a sophisticated representation of something we all go through."

Cutshaw said people usually only have birthday parties and celebrations in family albums, so she appreciated Choi's different approach to his family situation.

"It's really realistic to know the culture behind the photos," Fang said. "The story behind that is enlightening."

The photos are emotional, such as the first photo in the exhibit, where Choi's mother looks worried and distressed. The photo is dark except for Choi's mother, who is the focus of the photo as she is brightly lit.

Kalina, from New York City, is famous for his 2006 viral video, "Everyday," where he documents his

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Theater Review

‘The Dog’s Will’ exposes hypocrisy

Play reveals corruption

Erum Jaffrey
Arts Editor

Samba, Brazilian culture and comedy hit the stage in the theater department’s latest production, “The Dog’s Will” by Brazilian playwright Ariano Suassuna.

Directed by actress and artist-in-residence Alma Martinez, this play, originally called “Auto da Compadecida,” presents a satire of society and class structure of the northeastern Brazilian state of Bahia, one of the poorest regions of Brazil.

The plot is narrated by the Clown (Alex Freitas) and follows two penniless rogues, Juan Cricket, played by ULV alumnus Alvaro Renteria and Chico (Aaron Avalos). They formulate a devious plan to attain wealth and expose hypocrisy in the Catholic Church along the way.

Cricket and Chico’s boisterous characters are paired with slapstick comedy, including over-the-top facial expressions and animated body movements—an embodiment of their almost “Punch and Judy” puppet relationship.

Along the way, they encounter equally outrageous characters, such as the greedy Baker (Audie Munoz), his promiscuous wife (Mona Lutfi) and their dog on wheels (disclaimer: no real animals were harmed in the making of this play).

The dog’s unfortunate death is a cataclysmic event that plummets the plot forward into a melee of judgment calls with the gold-clad Bishop (Wayne Keller), the clumsy Priest (Jordan Klomp) and the foul Sacristan (Jessie Bias).

All the church leaders are discovered to be equally as deceitful and greedy as the townspeople, depicting corruption in the Catholic Church.

Everyone in the town chases after money and tries to achieve wealth through means of secrecy, but no one succeeds as much as Severina (Destiny Guillory), the town bandit.

With coercion, she attains the money at the end of act one, but her actions eventually lead to a community mass trial with Satan (Steven Forns), Jesus (Myron Woods) and Mary (Vicky Campos).

In the second act, all town members are put forth in the eyes of God and are judged for their actions.

With the addition of proper lighting, sound effects, a fog machine and a trap door, Satan’s entrance is a standout in the second act, as he dangles above the stage by a single rope.

Next to his trusty Devil (Jackie Pimental), he engages in a showdown with Cricket, who acts as a defense attorney to the immoral townspeople and church members.

The placement of these religious figures is representative of a miracle play, which focuses on representations of Bible stories.

This play combines multiple stage techniques to create a masterful work of art.

The flamboyant acting style used is Commedia dell'arte, which has a set of stock characters and archetypes such as foolish old men and devious servants.

Live sound effects such as the “ba dum tss” of a drum are incorporated in the performance and compliment the character’s actions, while adding to the slapstick comedy.

The stage is structured as theatre-in-the-round, or arena theatre style, which allows the characters to directly interact with the audience because the audience is surrounding the stage, rather than sitting across from it.

During the performance, the characters would often sit next to an audience member, acting as if he or she were in on the conflict going on. This engagement of the audience proved to be well entertaining and brought forth many laughs.

“The Dog’s Will” is a highly amusing play that features action, comedy and satire all in one.

There is still a chance to see the play on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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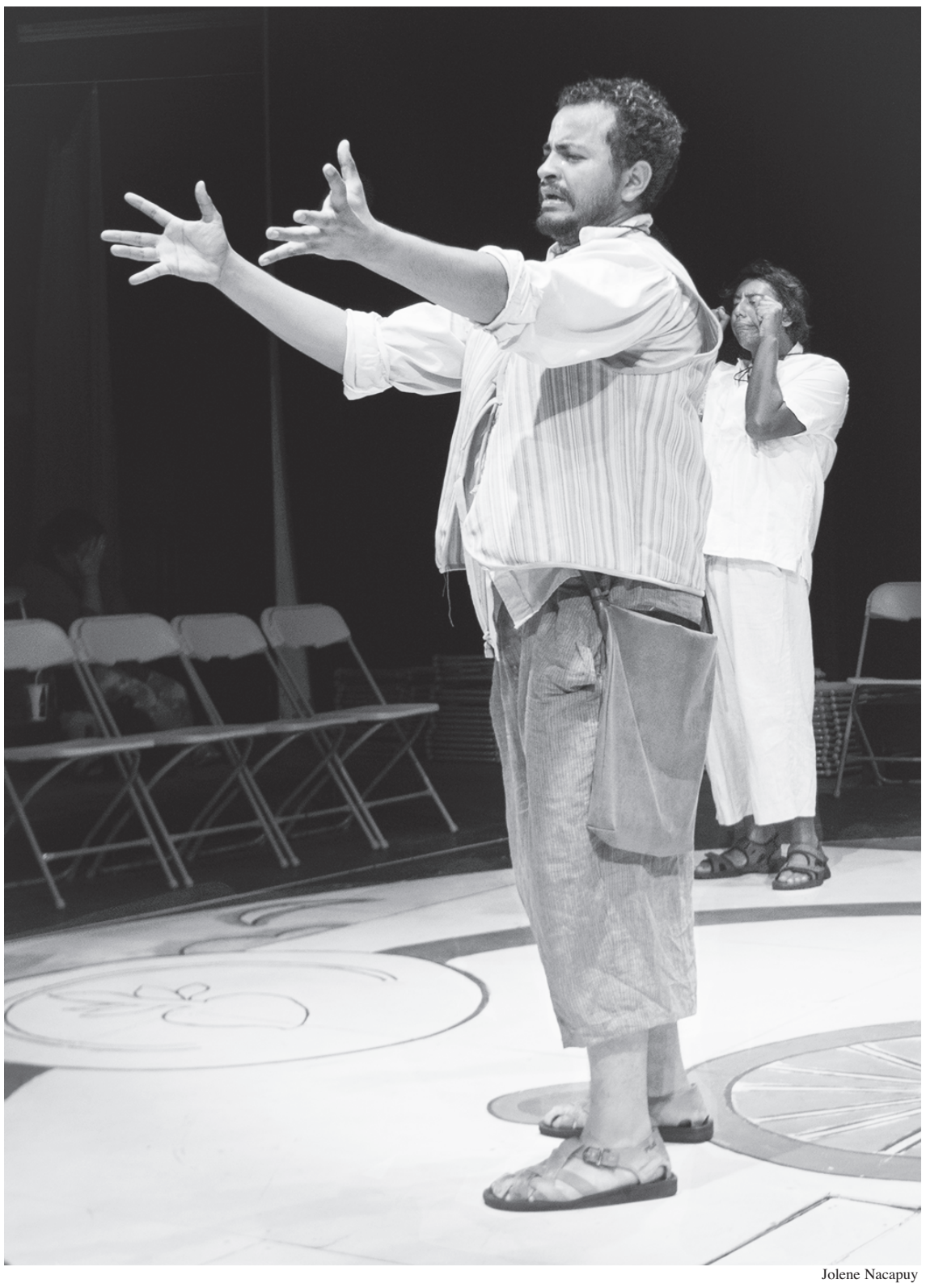

Jolene Nacapuy

ULV alumnus Alvaro Renteria, who plays Juan Cricket in “The Dog’s Will,” complains about not being paid enough for the work he does in the bakery shop, while Chico, junior history major Aaron Avalos mimics him. “The Dog’s Will” is a satire of society and class structure by Brazilian playwright Ariano Sassuna, directed by actor and artist-in-residence Alma Martinez. The play brings together a community with strange circumstances through comedy.

Spirit...

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“We just saw some people stand out more than others,” she said.

The Spirit of La Verne Awards bring together administrators, students, faculty, staff and community members to celebrate the characteristics and values that the institution considers to be in line with the University mission.

“Having this award ceremony really makes a statement for the University,” said Lili Gradilla, coordinator of the co-curricular community engagement program.

“It puts us out there in the sense of we ‘walk the walk’ and ‘talk the talk,’ and this is a great platform to showcase that,” she said.

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Concert unites musical ensembles

Kayla Hockman
Staff Writer



Daniel Torres

The New Orford String Quartet was joined on stage by members of Street Symphony for a performance of Felix Mendelssohn's Octet at Morgan Auditorium, Monday evening. The Canada-native New Orford String Quartet picked up where the historic original Orford String Quartet left off, performing Canadian works old and new, along with obscure pieces from the last century. The New Orford String Quartet has performed for over 26 years on six continents. Street Symphony is making their mark in the music world by dedicating their time to performing for the incarcerated, homeless and mentally ill in downtown Los Angeles.

The New Orford String Quartet, a Canadian award winning ensemble, accompanied by Street Symphony a nonprofit musical ensemble, performed at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Morgan Auditorium for a special evening of music.

"Music is a form of communication that goes far deeper than words," said Vijay Gupta, founder and artistic director of Street Symphony. "Music can heal."

The New Orford String Quartet began with "Op. 76 No.1" by Austrian composer Joseph Haydn.

The melodious tones of the violins and cello filled the auditorium with grace.

The ensemble also played the continuous piece "Journal: String Quartet No. 2" by Canadian composer and electric guitarist, Tim Brady.

There were no breaks in between each portion of the piece.

"You can think of each (section) as one day of a week," said New Orford String Quartet cello player Brian Manker.

"Each one has a particular flavor, a particular color; but when they are all combined and when you hear the entire thing as one, you can view it as a small snapshot of a week."

The ballad began with quiet and intense melodies from the violins, similar to a horror movie soundtrack.

The piece highlighted the musical conversation between the violins and cello.

One of the sections of the piece utilized guitar picks for a portion of the song, dedicated to Brady.

The rhythm and driving energy of the piece was fascinating due to the peculiar use of guitar picks.

"The guitar picks produce a more projecting sound and add an interesting quality," Manker said.

The piece also utilized flanging, an audio effect in which two identical auditory signals are played simultaneously, but one signal is slightly delayed.

The use of flanging in the performance created a mesmerizing sound and pitch that echoed throughout the auditorium. This added to the horror sounding piece.

After intermission, Street Symphony accompanied New Orford String Quartet to perform "Octet" by German composer Felix Mendelssohn.

The piece incorporated both quartets to converse with one another musically. Both quartets blended violin and cello effortlessly, raising the authenticity of classical music to another level.

"There's a story that apparently (Mendelssohn) was possessed because the music was so brilliant and so bright and beautiful," Gupta said.

"But I think saying that he was possessed actually doesn't give him the full acknowledgement of his genius."

Street Symphony members dedicate their time performing at numerous Los Angeles County jails and homeless shelters in downtown Los Angeles.

They have performed over 63 times at Los Angeles County jails. New Orford String Quartet is one of Canada's best-known musical ensembles, performing for over 26 years and more than 2,000 concerts on six continents.

"It was my first time ever going to something like this," liberal studies senior Danielle Ongpin said. "It was beautiful how well it all came together."

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Everyday beauty...

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daily self-portraits chronologically. He has photographed himself everyday for 15 years since 2000.

Kalina's photographs on display are a series called "Bedmound," which originated from his Instagram account. The photographs portray unmade beds in different bedrooms in cities around the world.

"Whenever he sees a bed, he will 'mound' it," Cutshaw said. "His work is a little conceptual and a little ironic."

Kalina also encourages people to show their unmade beds on social media using the hashtag #bedmounds.

Part of Kalina's exhibit is arranged with three columns of three photos for a total of nine "Bedmound" photos. The photographs are purposely organized to resemble an Instagram feed.

This is the first time the "Bedmound" photos are exhibited.

Pai, from Vancouver, British Columbia, is a food and travel photographer, and her photographs are of food from around the world.

Cutshaw became aware of Pai's work through Instagram.

"It's fascinating how because of social media and Instagram, there's a whole new generation of photographers emerging," Cutshaw said. "Now there's this phenomenon of photographing what we're doing and what we're eating. These photos, because I'm following (Pai), are a part of my visual environment and her other followers' visual environment."

"I like that she's bringing back the idea of sharing food," Cutshaw said.

Some photographs focus on only one food item, while other photographs include human interactions, such as the 2013 photograph "Basque Gathering," which depicts a table full of food and two hands reaching across the table preparing the food, while one pair of hands at the lower right corner is using dining utensils.

Gallery viewers had mixed reviews about the exhibit.

"I love it," said Margarita Petrosian, sophomore chemistry major. " I see my friends post pictures of food and I've unfollowed a lot of people because of it, then I come here and 'it's art.' So is it the element of putting it in a gallery that makes it art?"

Cutshaw encourages ULV students to share their everyday life on social media using the hashtag #ulveveryday.

"I think because of the prevalence of social media and photography, these photographs are not the representations of experiences, but they are the experiences," Cutshaw said.

After the gallery talk, the exhibit reception started. The students and faculty members who presented at the event also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Carlson Gallery and Professor of Photography Gary Colby's dedication to the gallery by mounting 100 photography exhibits over the years.

The Carlson Gallery was the first art gallery at the ULV campus. There is now a new student-led photography exhibit next to the Carlson Gallery. The new gallery space is planned to be an ongoing student gallery.

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Unwanted treasures...

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pieces on display in front of the community.

"We wanted to do some art and get it out there," Singleton said.

"Our careers are over and this is for fun."

Other residents participated in the community yard sale so that they could make money to help with any of their personal expenses.

Judy Avilla, a resident of Upland, sold jewelry as a way to offset some of the costs for her daughter's cheer team.

"She just made the cheer team at her high school and it is very expensive," Avilla said.

Avilla sells jewelry for her business Rings, Bings and Things at a variety of house parties and local events.

She particularly enjoyed La Verne's community yard sale because of the type of people she was surrounded by.

"People are so down to earth here," she said.

"I have already made a friend."

The yard sale was sponsored by the city of La Verne, La Verne Chamber of Commerce and Bonita High School.

At the end of the day, the city also offers ways for vendors to donate and recycle any of their unsold items.

The annual community yard sale helps the city keep old items that are usually thrown out away of local landfills and meet the state's waste diversion requirements.

It is also beneficial and makes it easier for community members to sell any of their unwanted items.

Residents in surrounding areas have found it difficult to get a good turnout when they hold personal yard sales from their homes.

Darlene Avitia, a Pomona resident, enjoyed the community yard sale and said that Pomona only allows yard sales on the first Saturday of every other month.

Even then, the outcome is less than satisfactory.

"This is such a good turnout compared to our garage sales at home," she said.

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Movie Review

‘Avengers’ sequel will satisfy Marvel enthusiasts

Film surpasses predictions

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“Avengers: Age of Ultron” pairs action-packed scenes with witty remarks from the world’s mightiest super heroes, making it a tremendously satisfying sequel.

The film, written and directed by Joss Whedon, is perfectly pieced together to highlight the Avengers’ reassembling to save the planet from destruction by villainous Ultron.

Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) creates a peacekeeping program which in turn fails miserably, causing Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and the rest of the team to reunite.

The Avengers combat technological ruffian robot Ultron (James Spader) to save Earth from extinction, encountering two peculiar siblings, super fast Pietro (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) and the mesmerizing Wanda Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen).

The sequel faultlessly pairs intense battles with sharp comments from Stark and other Avengers, keeping the humor alive.

The witty remarks from Iron Man and Captain America kept moviegoers on their toes, filling the theater with laughter even during the darkest scenes.

A light-hearted “Language!” remark from Captain America is a recurring joke after the dialect becomes mature, reminding his teammates to keep it clean.

These comments only remind us that the movie is rated PG-13 due to intense action sequences, violence and destruction and for some suggestive comments.

The enthralling film also spotlights the brewing love story between Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) and the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo).

“Age of Ultron” is an effortless package of romance, comedy and action and fun for the entire family.

The cinematography perfectly showcases the powerful fight scenes between the Avengers and Ultron, leaving moviegoers in awe.

The chemistry between actors only elevated the sequel and bettered the plot and entertaining experience.

Overall, “Avengers: Age of Ultron” will satisfy Marvel enthusiasts, only preparing them for what is to come.

The film opens Friday in theaters and is expected to top the $204.7 million opening weekend box office success of the first movie. “Avengers” went on to become one of highest-grossing films of all time, grossing over $1.5 billion worldwide.

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Koncept raps for Hip-Hop Night



Bailey Maguire

The Brooklyn-based rapper Koncept performs in the Campus Center Ballroom Monday for Hip-Hop Night. Koncept performed all of his own work and collaborated with his partner and DJ, J57. He has also worked with rappers Macklemore, Ty Dolla $ign and Pharoahe. Koncept’s charismatic stage presence evoked enthusiastic audience participation.

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Tennis swats big in Ojai Tourney

Madrigal reaches quarters

Chris McMahan
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team participated in the 115th annual Ojai Tennis Tournament in Ojai April 23.

Along with La Verne, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Pomona-Pitzer, Hope International, Abliene Christian, Westmont, Caltech, Biola, Whittier, Grand Canyon, Chapman and Cal Lutheran all participated in the tournament.

The Leopards advanced to the semifinals in doubles play and junior Andrea Madrigal reached the quarterfinals in singles.

"We just need to keep improving our singles game strategies and work on our emotional toughness," head coach Yolanda Duron said.

After the first round, sophomore Bridget Etchegaray and senior Laina Matsuda made quick work of the team from Whitter, sophomore Ruthie Kaplan and senior Benay Weintraub, in two sets, 6-0 and 6-1.

They then went on to defeat sophomore's Mari Deleval and Lana Rinaldi from Grand Canyon in three-sets, 6-4, 6-3 and 10-8, in the quarterfinals.

This marked the second straight year that a La Verne pair made the semifinals.

Matsuda's and Etchegaray's dominance came to a halt in the semifinals when they lost to the eventual champions, freshman Lucile Pothier and sophomore Erin Walker, from Abliene Christian, Texas in two sets, 6-3 and 6-0.

"Ojai was fun and a great experience for us. It gave all of us the confidence and experience we needed to go into SCIAC's this weekend," Matsuda said.

> 'We just need to keep improving our singles game strategies and work on our emotional toughness,'
> *—Yolanda Duron, head coach*

The other doubles team of freshman Janae Chinn and junior Andrea Madrigal did not fare as well, though the duo was able to defeat Cal Lutheran's freshman Mallory C.

Kenny and sophomore Shelby Kubota in two sets, 6-0 and 7-5.

Chinn and Madrigal then lost to the team of freshman Ines Costamagna and junior Lauren Stratman from Westmont in the round of 16.

Chinn, Madrigal, Matsuda and Etchegaray then were the only players for La Verne to participate in the singles tournament.

Madrigal was the only La Verne player to make it past the third round and into the quarterfinals.

She was seeded fifth and earned a first round bye in the singles tournament.

In the round of 32, she defeated freshman Annette Sousa from Cal Lutheran in two sets, 6-1 and 6-0.

Madrigal then defeated sophomore Alexandra Petrzalkova from Grand Canyon in two sets, 6-4 and 6-2.

Madrigal was finally defeated by in the quarterfinals to the No. 1 seeded Stratman in two sets, 6-1 and 6-1.

Matsuda, seeded at No. 12, defeated senior Jax Mota from Biola in the first round in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0.

Matsuda fought hard in the round of 32 against freshman Bria Smith from CMS, winning in three sets, 6-4, 6-2 and 6-4.

She then lost to senior Brittney Reed from Abilene Christian in the round of 16 in two sets, 6-4 and 6-2.

Both Etchegaray and Chinn lost in the first round of their respective matches.

Chinn lost to Pothier in two sets, 6-0 and 6-0. Etchegaray was defeated by Rinaldi in two sets, 6-2 and 6-0.

"Although we did not win, as a team we got a lot out of the tournament," Etchegaray said.

Next up for the Leopards' tennis team is the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Friday and Saturday at the Biszantz Family Tennis Center and at Pauley Tennis Complex at Pomona-Pitzer, both hosted by CMS.

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Golf victorious in tournament

Lauren Crumbaker
Staff Writer

The La Verne golf team won the 2015 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship Tournament, marking its first win of the season on Tuesday at Oak Valley Golf Course.

The team is ranked second overall in SCIAC behind No. 1 Redlands.

Senior Kelby Scharmann shot a 208 putting him first place in the tournament.

Scharmann is the first conference medalist since Derek Zachman in 2012.

He was able to defeat Redlands national champion senior Bobby Holden by six shots.

"It was really good for him to get a win like that," sophomore Alec Spencer said.

"I think he should be conference champion of the year," he said.

The tournament started off strong with the Leopards ending day one of the three day tournament in second place.

Scharmann, senior Trent Twamley and senior Justin Smith led the team with a tied score of 73, one over par.

Spencer trailed behind them with three over par.

Senior Michael Bonicatto finished out the day with five over par and sophomore Austin Matzaganian with seven over par.

The Leopards tried to stay positive and not let the pressure get to them.

"To be one of the teams playing means that we did our job," freshman Andrew Cooper said.

"It validates the work we did this season," he said.

In the second round of the tournament, the Leopards seemed to find their groove ending the day with a score of 286.

Spencer led the team with seven under par and Scharmann behind him with three under.

Twamley and Matzaganian both finished four over par.

Bonicatto with five over par and Smith with 10 over par.

The team went into the third day of the tournament with a total score of 580, hoping to win the tournament.

Scharmann started out the round with three birdies in the first nine holes.

He then pulled out another four on the back nine finishing out the tournament with a score of 66 six under par.

Scharmann had a grand total of 208 eight under par putting him in first place.

Spencer finished behind him three under par and with total score of 219.

Twamley ended the tournament with a total score of 227, Bonicatto with 233.

Matzaganian finished with 239 and Smith with 243 allowing the team to take a one stroke win against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"It is an honor and privilege to be able to play in the conference championship and in a conference so competitive as ours," Bonicatto said.

The Leopards now play the waiting game as they hope for a possible bid to the NCAA Division III Championship May 12-15 at Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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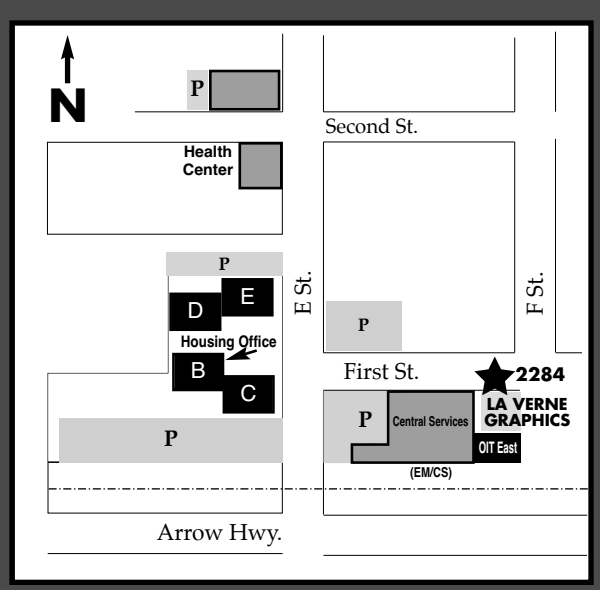

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Softball...

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Mackenzie Dutton to tie the game at one.

Junior pitcher Katy Kibbe followed with a single to right field.

Kibbe was able to score Dutton and the Leopards took a 2-1 lead.

Then in the bottom of the third, Kibbe hit a two-run home run to left field and scored Dutton, 4-1.

The Leopards continued to score runs, as CMS could not keep up.

Dutton grounded out to second and scored junior center fielder Raeleen Tellez, allowing La Verne to take a 5-1 lead.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, the Leopards kept racking up runs on the board and took advantage of the Athenas mistakes.

Tellez singled to left field, and with a catching error by junior first baseman Katie Savard, it moved sophomore third baseman Amanda Chavez to third and junior second baseman Victoria Baltazar to score.

On a fielder's choice by Vela, Chavez was able to score.

CMS was unable to rally and score, as the Leopards sealed a 7-1 win.

"I'm just really excited and really happy," senior right fielder De La Rosa said.

"Claremont's a big rival of ours, so I'm really happy we kind of just finished them off," she said.

Game two of the doubleheader was postponed to Sunday due to the rain, but that did not stop the Leopards' momentum.

"The energy of the senior day I think has probably helped them for this game too," Smith said.

"I do believe for the seniors that there's just a little extra specialness to the game," she said.

The score was picked up from the top of the fourth inning, with CMS leading, 1-0.

Both teams remained scoreless, until the Athenas managed to score.

In the top of the sixth, CMS freshman designated hitter Briana Halle singled to left field and scored Savard, 2-0.

La Verne answered back in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game, as Schiff doubled to left field for two RBIs.

She was able to score Ireland and senior left fielder Katie Cunningham.

The Leopards managed to score once more and take the lead.

Kibbe singled down right field to score Schiff, 3-2.

Schiff and Kibbe finished 1-for-3.

La Verne was able to hold off the Athenas until the end of the game to complete the sweep.



Alexandra Arkley

In the bottom of the first inning, La Verne senior shortstop Danielle Vela grounds the ball toward left field, but is thrown out at first base with a throw to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps junior first baseman Katie Savard. The Leopards beat the Athenas in game one, 7-1, Saturday at Campus West. Game two was postponed to Sunday due to rain and the Leopards won, 3-2.

"We really came out of the door attacking and we came with a purpose to win and that's what we did," Ireland said.

With the win, the team earned the second seed in the 2015 SCIAC postseason tournament, while CMS is in third place.

Five seniors were honored before the game, De La Rosa, Vela, Cunningham, Ireland and Rachel Hong.

"It hasn't really hit me yet. I feel like I'm going to be more sad, maybe, at the tournament, but for right now, I just know that we're going on, so I'm not to worried about it," De La Rosa said.

"The girls are probably part of the reason why I definitely play here. If they weren't like my family, like my sisters, I definitely wouldn't continue playing," she said.

With postseason coming up for the Leopards, the team is confident in executing a game plan to come out with the victory.

"I think we have a good chance if we all come out together and attack like we are now," Ireland said.

The Leopards will face the Athenas once again for the first game of the postseason tournament 11:30 a.m. Friday, hosted by top-seed Whittier at Charles and Marie Palmer Softball Field.

"We're starting on a clean slate right now, so it's winner-take-all," Vela said.

"Just knowing that whatever happens, my teammates have my back. Knowing that, we will pick each other up during hard times," she said.

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Leopard Scoreboard

At the Buzzer

Women's Water Polo, April 26
La Verne - 11
Occidental - 6

Softball, April 26
La Verne - 3
CMS - 2

Golf, April 26
La Verne - 294

Schedule

Friday
Track and field, SCIAC Championships @ Occidental, 10 a.m.
Women's tennis vs. Cal Lutheran @ Pomona-Pitzer, 9:30 a.m.
Softball vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps @ Whittier, 11:30 a.m.
Baseball @ Cal Lutheran, 3 p.m.

Saturday
Track and field, SCIAC Championships @ Occidental, 10 a.m.

Baseball Standings

	SCIAC	Overall
Cal Lutheran	21-7	29-10
Pomona-Pitzer	20-8	28-11
Redlands	20-8	27-12
La Verne	**18-10**	**21-17**
Occidental	17-11	22-17
Chapman	16-12	23-16
Whittier	9-19	11-28
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	5-23	7-32
Caltech	0-28	2-35

Poets hand Leos 3rd straight loss



Daniel Torres

La Verne sophomore third baseman Jakob Thomas misses the connection with sophomore pitcher Alex Bernstein, after a strategic bunt by Whitter Poets senior left fielder Ben Cerami in game two Sunday at Ben Hines Field. On the next batter, the Leopards were able to make a double play to end the top of the fifth inning. La Verne struggled with a powerful Poets offense and errors throughout the game, as it went into extra innings. La Verne was unable to silence the Poets, losing their final game of Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Pool Play, 10 – 9. This loss extends their losing streak to three.

Baseball makes it to postseason

Jolene Nacapuy
Sports Editor

The baseball team came out of a tough loss, as they dropped their third straight game in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Pool Play, losing 10-9 in 10 innings, against the Whittier Poets Sunday at Ben Hines Field.

The Leopards are now 21-17 overall on the season and 18-10 in SCIAC play.

"All of us are terribly disappointed at the way we played the whole week. We had a chance to win the conference championship, so it's terribly disappointing. I'm proud of all of our guys, I'm never not proud of them, so I'm always proud of their efforts, but we just came out flat this whole week," head coach Scott Winterburn said.

"This time of the year, the team's that play the best win the games. It's not easy, but it's a simple formula," he said.

Despite dropping their last three games, the Leopards managed to earn a spot in the SCIAC Postseason Tournament.

La Verne got to a hot start, as they got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Sophomore second baseman Andrew Douglas tripled to right field to score senior left fielder Tyler Watkins.

Then sophomore third baseman Jakob Thomas tripled to right center and scored Douglas, 2-0.

The Poets answered right back in the top of the second, taking a 3-2 lead.

Freshman shortstop Andrew Lamar tripled to right center to bring in two runs, senior right fielder Chris Sekiguchi and senior first baseman Cody Martinez.

Junior third baseman Dylan DeBrouwer followed with a single to center field and scored Lamar.

In the bottom of the third, the Leopards managed to tie the game.

Junior center fielder Nolan Henley singled through left field and scored Thomas.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, the Leopards took a two run lead, after a sacrifice fly by Thomas, which allowed junior shortstop Woody Reyes to score.

A throwing error by the Poets in center field, allowed Douglas to score from third, 5-2.

Whittier managed to answer right back in the top of the fifth inning.

Bases were loaded and Byrd walked senior catcher Stephen Zavala to first, 5-3, which scored DeBrouwer.

Then junior center fielder Jonathan Whipple was able to score on an error and the Poets only trailed by one, 5-4.

Freshman designated hitter Matthew Macey then grounded out and sophomore second baseman Graham Pimm scored to tie the game at five.

Before ending the top of the fifth, Martinez singled to left field and Zavala scored, 6-5.

The Poets extended the lead, 9-5, in the top of the sixth, as Pimm singled up the middle, bringing in Whipple and Lamar.

The Leopards answered back in the bottom of the sixth to cut the deficit to two, scoring two runs, 9-7.

"We definitely didn't get down, we just kept punching back after the fifth and the sixth inning and our offense just found a way to kick it up," freshman pitcher Nick Byrd said.

Thomas hit a sacrifice fly to left field and scored Watkins, then on an error from the outfield, Douglas stole home.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Thomas was able to single through left field and scored Douglas.

With the pressure to tie the game and go to extra innings, the Leopards picked up some momentum.

Watkins singled up the middle to score freshman pinch runner Nick Michaels and tied the game at nine.

"It felt really good to tie it, in that situation especially, it felt good to come up big for my team there and hopefully let us win the ball game, it just didn't work out, but it gave us a nice adrenaline rush going and it felt good," Watkins said.

La Verne was unable to finish the game with a win, as the team headed into extra innings.

"I thought we were going to win," Douglas said.

"We had it right there and stuff is gonna happen that you can't control and though we thought we had it and win, but didn't," he said.

In the top of the tenth, the Poets were able to score on a wild pitch, 10-9, and the Leopards could not answer back, resulting in a tough loss in extra innings.

"I felt like we were in a good position being the home team in a tie ball game and we made a mistake in the tenth inning and they forced the action, tried to squeeze and we didn't handle it very well," Winterburn said.

"Now if you're in a deficit and don't get hits you don't win, so we felt good going into the extra innings, but it just didn't work out," he said.

In game one of the doubleheader, the team could not hold Occidental back, as they were shut out, 4-0.

The Beavers were able to get on the board early in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead, as sophomore right fielder Devon DeRaad singled to center field and scored senior designated hitter Jonathan Brooks.

A sacrifice fly to left field by junior first baseman Brady Fuller scored senior center fielder Jonathan Wong in the top of the fourth.

In the top of the seventh, Brooks hit a two-run homer to right field, 4-0.

The Leopards managed to get runners on base, but were not able to send any home, as Occidental took the win.

"They were tough games, Oxy wasn't going to let us off the hook and they played tougher than we did," Watkins said.

"Whittier gave us everything they had and we battled all day long, battled and battled and it just didn't work out in our favor," he said.

Watkins and White both went 2-for-3.

The Leopards will face the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen in the SCIAC Postseason Tournament 3 p.m. at Sparky Anderson Field.

"We just have to be tougher and in baseball you send nine guys to the plate in a row and if you're tough for nine guys in a row, then you got a really good chance of every inning that you play and that's what we try to do and hopefully we get another chance to do that," Winterburn said.

"It comes down to our at bats."

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