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Labor leaders



Natasha Brennan

Ganesha High School senior Omar Mendez, Pomona High School senior Brenda Gomez and Garey High School seniors Melanie Andreo and Josue Garcia – recipients of the Latino and Latina Roundtable of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valley's social justice scholarship – lead the 16th annual Cesar Chavez Pilgrimage Saturday morning. Demonstrators marched down Garey Avenue, from the Pomona Unified School District Center to Garey High School, carrying posters of American labor leaders Chavez and Dolores Huerta. Members of the Danza Azteca Toyaacan troupe and more than 100 community members attended.

Refugee crisis analyzed

Catalina Diaz
LV Life Editor

Alexander Betts, director of the Refugee Studies Centre, highlighted the approximately 5 million Syrian refugees that have been forcefully displaced within their own country's borders Wednesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Betts, a professor at Green-Templeton College at the University of Oxford, was the speaker for the annual Benazir Bhutto and Ahmed Ispahani International Lectureship.

He discussed the political and social effects of forced migration, proposed an improved agenda to rethink the system and provided a segment called "What Can You Do," that suggested localized changes that spotlight the examined issues.

Although many Syrian refugees hold degrees, their skills are disregarded in many of the countries they've fled to.

"Talented people are unable to contribute," Betts said.

During the beginning of Betts' lecture, he introduced current systems in place for Syrian refugees and the living options they are given after displacement.

Betts said there are more than 65 million refugees worldwide. He described three "choices" refugees are forced to make in order to survive, based on their host country and that country's economic status.

Betts said that the first choice, called encampment, is the idea that refugee camps provide basic assistance for food and shelter but are a disadvantage because they don't have access to jobs. Encamped refugees give up their basic right to move and work freely.

Choice two, or urban destitution, is when refugees live in areas where economic opportunities are offered, but have less access to basic assistance.

The last choice is the dangerous journey option, which he displayed with a map of coun-

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PA program receives accreditation

1st cohort set to begin in fall

Christian Shepherd
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's physician assistant program has received provisional accreditation through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant.

"The ARC-PA is one of the most difficult accreditations for universities to receive," Provost Jonathan Reed said. "It is an extremely difficult and thorough process, and the evaluation is very strict."

The first cohort of the graduate level program will include 22 students and is set to begin studies Aug. 27.

After a three-year period, there will be an evaluation by ARC-PA, who will then determine the status of the program's accreditation moving forward.

"Our graduates will be equipped to work in hospitals, private practice, and community clinics, and they will be trained in a range of specialties such as women's health, pediatrics, behavioral and mental health, and emergency and family medicine," President Devorah Lieberman said in an announcement sent to the ULV community. "They will also have a focus on cultural competence and community engagement."

The efforts to begin a physician assistant program began in 2014, when the University hired Michael Estrada as director of the physician assistant program and associate professor of health.

The physician assistant program was developed in line with the University's 2020 Strategic Vision, which looks to focus on health science educational programs.

"In 2014, the faculty, administration and the board of trustees did a survey to try to really identify – if we were going to go in the health sciences direction – what made sense for the University of La Verne," said Lawrence Potter, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Given that

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New ASULV leaders elected

Junior political science major Jackie Ku was elected Associated Students of the University of La Verne president and sophomore kinesiology major Justin Parnell as ASULV executive vice president in election results announced Wednesday afternoon. The two ran unopposed.

"We anticipate with the style of leadership Justin and I are going after for more student representation and student activity," Ku said.

Senators for each college were also elected. Junior educational studies and Spanish major Lesley Hernandez was elected for the LaFetra College of Education, senior economics and Spanish major Lesly Fuentes-Soriano and junior business administration major Christopher Marquez were elected senators for the College of Business and Public Management, and sophomore political science major Madeline Ruiz and freshman psychology major Alice Ochoa for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Seven senators at large were also elected. They are junior communications major Rudy Amaya, junior environmental ethics major Erik Bahnson, freshman kinesiology major Madalyn Carrasco, sophomore political science major Daisy Fuentes-Soriano, freshman business administration major Aina Inguito, freshman business administration major Roy Requena and junior political science major Jessica Santos.

—Brooke Grasso

Plastic 'smog' spreads in the ocean

Lecturer sailed on plastic raft

Aryn Plax
Editor in Chief

Marcus Eriksen, co-founder of 5 Gyres Institute, sailed from Long Beach to Hawaii on a raft kept afloat with plastic bottles to raise awareness about plastic pollution in marine environments.

Eriksen shared his story, the organization's discoveries about plastic pollution, and its effect on marine life with an audience of 40 people Friday in LaFetra Lecture Hall as part of the annual Robert and Mary Neher Global Sustainability Lecture.

Before Eriksen became an environmentalist, he served in the Gulf War in 1991 and witnessed the burning of oil wells in Kuwait.

"I remember sitting in a fox hole, covered with oil, seeing these burning oil wells around me," Eriksen said.

"I was in the Marines, sitting between them. I was actually sitting in a hole in the ground, laughing and talking to a guy next to me, saying 'If we survive this mess, let's build a raft like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.'"

Eriksen first became an environmentalist when he rode a raft down the Mississippi River only to find trash throughout. He said his trip along the river reignited his connection to nature.

"I fell in love with the river, and I fell in love with the goodness of people," Eriksen said. "I lost that during the Gulf War. You come back with an experience that makes it hard to connect in this real world. That reality shifts based on your experience. But when I was on that river, my relationship to nature was so powerful, I fell in love with the river. I saw all of this trash, and it struck me as deeply wrong."

To raise awareness about plastic pollution, Eriksen designed a raft with pontoons made from 15,000 plastic bottles, and he sailed on it from Long Beach to Hawaii for a 13-week trip in 2009.

When Eriksen and his crew started to run low on food, they tried to fish in the middle of the ocean. At the time, they were on international waters, outside of any country's exclusive economic zone.

"I got hungry, I got a fish out of the ocean, and I open the stomach, and plastic particles popped out," Eriksen said. "I'm in the middle of what should be beautiful, sublime nature, and our trash is there. Our trash is inside the stomachs of marine life."

Eriksen said that there are more than 1,200 species identified with plastics in or around their bodies.

Larger pieces of plastic in the ocean can degrade due to exposure to the sun, causing them to disintegrate into smaller fragments. Small fragments of plastic in the ocean absorb chemicals such as pesticides and industrial chemicals and become highly toxic.

"Some scientists call plastics at sea a hazardous substance," Eriksen said.

Eriksen said that after the Second World War, plastic was increasingly mass produced, and by the 1970s, plastic production boomed, with the arrival of plastic bottles, bags, and straws.

"The 'throw-away' culture went ballistic," Eriksen said.

While the Great Pacific garbage patch did much to raise awareness about plastic pollution, plastic "patches" do not constitute the whole story, Eriksen said. While sailing in the subtropical gyres, he discovered that plastic garbage patches were dissolving into small microplastics, which he later found in the remote waters of the Arctic. He called the spreading of microplastics "plastic smog."

"This confirmed our suspicion that plastics migrate from land, go out to sea, fragments, disintegrates, and then goes deeper, where deeper currents take it worldwide," Eriksen said.

Eriksen's organization discovered that plastic microbeads were polluting the Great Lakes. Those same microbeads were present in facial products made by Johnson and Johnson, Lush, Proctor and Gamble, and Unilever. While some companies stopped using microbeads, Proctor and Gamble and Johnson and Johnson "put up a fight."

Eriksen's organization drafted legislation to stop organizations from using microbeads. In 2015, then-President Barack Obama signed the Microbead-Free Waters Act as a result of the collaboration of 50 organizations.

Eriksen also praised student environmental protection efforts at the University of La Verne, singling out Kevin Ledyard, junior math major and member of Students Engaged in Environmental Discussion and Service.

"People in this generation want change, and when I go to campuses, that's when I get the most inspired," Eriksen said. "We need young people like Kevin that are making it happen, saying 'here's the right thing to do! Here's the right fight!'"

Ledyard reached out to Huerta del Valle, a community garden in Ontario that takes waste from universities like Pitzer College and composts it. Ledyard arranged with Huerta del Valle to pick up ULV's waste and compost it for the garden's use.

"We got a pre-consumer compost program, so anything they cut up in Davenport, whatever waste they have, that gets composted," Ledyard said. "I want us to get into a zero waste program and make sure that we don't contribute to landfills and plastic pollution."



Sara Flores

Marcus Eriksen, co-founder and director of research for the 5 Gyres Institute, shows the knotted mass of plastic he once found in the stomach of a camel corpse in the Sahara Desert. Eriksen collected the plastic and placed it in a bag to bring along to lectures to show the impact of plastic pollution around the world. He discussed his book "Junk Raft: An Ocean Voyage and a Rising Tide of Activism to Fight Plastic Pollution" Friday in LaFetra Lecture Hall.

Jay Jones, professor of biology and biochemistry, said he and Matthew Witt, professor of public administration, met Eriksen at a retreat in Utah hosted by a think tank called Pando Populus.

At the conference, Jones and Witt decided to invite Eriksen to speak at the University.

"He took less than his normal honorarium," Jones said. "He's a very committed man. He exhibits that ultimate state of intellectual development, which is that state of commitment to a cause."

SEEDS president Erik Bahnson, junior environmental ethics major, helped advertise the event through the club.

"I didn't know about Marcus' history with the military and how that impacted his view of humanity, which was important because, in telling his story, he gets into how reconnecting with nature, where he grew up was instrumental in regaining respect for humanity," Bahnson said.

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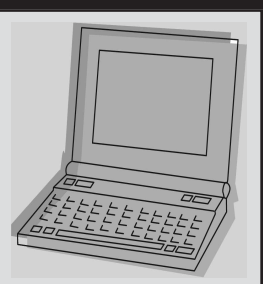

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Panel examines LGBT health issues

Panelist encourages safe sex

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Ashlyn Hulin

James Garcia, assistant professor of psychology, discusses how people in the LGBT community are susceptible to medical conditions other than HIV April 12 in the Hanawalt House. Garcia, along with another panelist, Megan Rush, program coordinator at University of California Riverside's LGBT Resource Center, were brought in by the Office of Diversity and Inclusivity to present a variety of topics at the Gaypril Health Education Panel. Topics included mental health, physical health, safe sex practices, communicating in a relationship, available resources and stepping outside of heterosexual norms in relationships.

A group of about 20 students and faculty members gathered April 12 in the Hanawalt House for the Gaypril Health Education Panel event to learn more about health and safe sex practices within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

The panel was part of the University's Gaypril events, which consist of LGBT educational programming during the month of April.

The two panelists who shared insight were James Garcia, assistant professor of psychology, and Megan Rush, program coordinator for the LGBT Resource Center at the University of California Riverside.

Garcia discussed the research that has gone into cardiovascular disease and mental health in the LGBT community.

"We're seeing the emergence of particular health profiles related to heart disease among the LGBT community," Garcia said.

The health profile Garcia discussed included health problems like hypertension, diabetes and cholesterol as well as greater tobacco use, greater alcohol consumption and greater pyscho-social stress.

Garcia said that while there has been research conducted for the LGB community as it relates to cardiovascular health, research for transgender cardiovascular health is severely lacking.

Garcia further discussed the effects of societal pressures on mental health within the LGBT community.

"Folks who identity as LGBT are forced to live in a world that sees them as socially deviant," Garcia said.

As a result, many people who identify as LGBT are one to four times more likely to develop an alcohol dependence and two to three times more likely to develop a drug dependence.

Those who identify as LGBT are also at two to six times higher risk of suicidal thoughts and attempts than their heterosexual peers.

In fact, an alarming 50 percent of the transgender community has tried to commit suicide due to the stress of living with societal oppression and medical obstacles during the transition process. The lack of diverse medical competency training means less access to medical procedures or therapies.

"The diagnosis needed for cross-sex hormone therapy for trans folks, gender dysphoria, is listed as a disorder; in order for trans folks to have access to those hormones, they have to accept being 'disordered,'" Garcia said.

Garcia recommends prioritizing mental health by getting involved in activism, meditating or finding supportive outlets in order to decrease stress.

He pointed out that students have access to 10 free sessions of counseling from Counseling and Psychological Services, or CAPS, at ULV.

Additionally, the Trevor Project, a toll-free confidential suicide hotline for LGBT youth, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Rush followed Garcia's health presentation with her own presentation called "Beyond Safer Sex: How to Put More 'Queer' into Your Relationship."

The two key points that Rush made were the importance of communication in relationships and how critical it is to get tested regularly.

Above all, Rush emphasized being honest with yourself and your boundaries.

"The process of accepting differences and improving on communication isn't linear," Rush said.

Rush said that in this day and age, there are socially constructed ideas of what sex looks like; namely, many people perceive sex to be exclusively between one man and one woman.

"In order to dismantle this heterocentric environment, we need to defy it by engaging with politics and social media," Susanna Bratzler, organizer of Gaypril Health Education and the parent of a gay teenager, said.

Aracely Torres, assistant director of diversity and inclusivity, who helped organize and finance the event, agreed that there should be more conversation about these issues.

"Systemically, what can we do to change things? We want change and our voices are valuable," Torres said.

Rush said that defiance is productive, but so is communication.

"We do not communicate with each other half as much as we should," Rush said.

"We're already bogged down by societal pressures, so if we're not engaging with each other, then how are we helping our partner or partners to navigate their feelings?"

Rush also stressed the importance of being proactive about sex health.

She said the best way to keep yourself safe is to get tested every month.

"If you're not being nice to yourself, you're not being nice to anyone," Rush said.

Getting tested should not be a chore, said Rush. Rather, she encourages making a fun day out of it and inviting friends or your partner or partners to come along with you.

"Go get tested, go to the movies, go get pho afterwards," Rush said.

Garcia and Rush both emphasized the importance of drawing strength and support from one another, both inside and outside of the LGBTQ community, in order to improve mental health and practice safe sex.

"If you are an ally, the most you can give them is hope," Garcia said.

The next event to commemorate Gaypril is the "Spill the Tea - Sex and Sexuality" lecture from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

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Discussing immigration



Katie Pyne

Panelists Jessica Valenzuela and Andrés López-Delgado answer questions addressing birthright citizenship and how citizenship is protected by the law during the Office of Diversity and Inclusivity's Diversity Town Hall Monday. Valenzuela works as a Department of Justice accredited representative at the Immigration Center for Women and Children in downtown Los Angeles where she helps survivors of domestic violence with their visa and citizenship applications. López-Delgado is a third-year student at Yale Law School where he works on issues of fair housing law and community development law. Valenzuela stressed the importance of the contribution of citizens by voting to make an impact rather than being silent.

Lecture analyzes grocery spending

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An Tran, assistant professor of marketing, lectured on how consumers overspend on goods related to budgeting categories Tuesday in the President's Dining Room.

Her talk, "Consequences and Causes of Use of Broad or Narrow Categories in Budgeting and Planning," was sponsored by the La Verne Academy Faculty Lecture Series.

Tran showed two studies in which she predicted that customers would overspend on groceries if they were given a narrow category to shop within.

She said that when she says narrower or broader categories, she means that these concepts are relative to something else.

"In my research I tried to limit the kind of product that people deal with to very mundane and ordinary products," Tran said.

Tran used groceries in her study so she could limit the emotional factor people may have as much as possible.

"One example of a relatively broad category within grocery is beverage," Tran said. "While a more narrow subcategory of beverage is alcoholic beverages."

She related her hypothesis to other marketing research related to helping various types of victims.

"If you mention victims that need help in large quantity like 'hundreds of children are dying because of starvation' and things like that it is less effective in making people donate, compared to if you just describe one child that is dying of starvation," Tran said.

Tran conducted two experiments to test her hypotheses using 350 participants from Amazon Mechanical Turk, a platform where one can post tasks for large groups of people to complete in exchange for small payments.

"This experiment is a simulated online shopping experience, so in this experiment, people budget and shop online for grocery product for enough consumption for one week," Tran said.

Tran manipulated the category sizes for food and beverages across three "conditions": broader categories, narrow categories, and very narrow categories.

She said participants in the broader categories split their budgeting into two categories within another, food and beverage.

"Participants in the narrow condition made up a budget that had 10 narrow categories," Tran said. "Same thing for the very narrow conditions, participants broke their total budget into 20 subcategories."

Tran concluded that there is a big difference in overspending and underspending.

"I found that participants spend significantly less than what they budgeted, meaning that they underspend in the broad condition and spend significantly more than they budgeted in the narrow condition," Tran said.

Tran compared her experiment to one with Starbucks and Visa gift cards. People were more inclined to spend a $50 Visa gift card than a $50 Starbucks gift card.

Professor of Humanities Al Clark asked how budget constraints and category types correspond with each other.

The example of the Starbucks gift card, which is a narrow category, would give people budget constraints and, according to Tran's research, make them spend more.

"So you've got these two things in my mind seen to be countervailing and yet in your experiment they tend to spend more and in the gift card experiment they tend to spend less," Clark said.

Tran said during her experiment, she measured overspending using two different components, the spending and the budget.

"So what we observe on these overspendings is how these different factors affect spending and budget," Tran said. "We are seeing that they affect spending and budget differently."

Professor of Management and Leadership Louise Kelly said the way the presentation relates to strategy interested her.

"I'm thinking about applying it to organizations from a strategic point of view and it is interesting, the idea that a broader category leads to less overspending because strategy is ultimately translated into a budget," Kelly said.

Kelly said the concreteness was another thing that stuck with her from the presentation.

"When you talk about strategy to employees or stakeholders it tends to be quite abstract," Kelly said. "So, making that effort to making it more concrete would probably get people more engaged."

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An Tran, assistant professor of marketing, explains consumer budgeting in her lecture, "Consequences of Broad or Narrow Product Categories on Budgeting," during her faculty lecture Tuesday in the President's Dining Room. Tran studies consumer behavior, economics and psychology, and has been published in the Journal of Marketing Research.



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It's time to 'unfriend' Facebook

Facebook and its recent data breach concerns are making users rethink the amount of information they share and whether or not they should keep their accounts active.

Many apps, either free or for purchase, ask to be logged in through Facebook, allowing them access to information we've shared on a completely different platform.

With these recent concerns about privacy on Facebook, it is bothersome that the social media accounts' information is needed for other, non-related accounts.

A data-harvesting app called thisisyourdigitallife, developed by an academic researcher at Cambridge University, was said to have been created for Facebook users who were under the impression that the data captured was to be used for academic use. Under this false pretense, users were unknowingly releasing their personal information through the idea that they were simply taking a personality test.

With over 270,000 users taking the test, they also agreed to release information of their fellow Facebook friends. The information taken from their friends' accounts were only as much as their account settings would allow. Although only 270,000 agreed to use the app, 50 million users' data was captured.

The TL;DR (too long; didn't read) generation does not have the time or inclination to read the term and conditions portion of signing up for social media accounts, which companies and developers are certain to take advantage of.

An article from the New York Times, "How to Protect Yourself (and Your Friends) on Facebook," gives tips like auditing Facebook apps and installing a tracker blocker to protect your data.



editorial cartoon by Sarah Borer

Auditing is discontinuing consent for your apps to access personal information from connections to the social media source. For example, apps like Spotify ask for Facebook login information if the user does not wish to use their email address.

Personal data is at the forefront of concern, but businesses are also seeing potentially damaging problems. Employers are afraid of their brands' reputations being ruined or scrutinized, and their employees are just as fearful of losing their positions.

A Forbes article, "When Facebook And Politics Don't Mix: Three Ways To Protect Your Online Reputation," from 2016, gives three important tips: Be wary of commenting on public pages, avoid controversial topics and look at how you post.

Another tip is to not install the Facebook app on one's phone. If you do install it, do not give the app access to your contacts, which would allow Facebook to harvest data on your friends and family who may not even have Facebook accounts. The site can also use this data to build a database of one's personal connections, finding out who knows who and how.

If you "check in" or share location data on Facebook, you allow it to also build a database of your whereabouts.

All information collected by Facebook can be sold or shared to not just advertisers, but anyone including law enforcement and stalkers.

Lastly, remember not to rely on Facebook as your only source of news. Studies have shown that the site feeds more misinformation and propaganda than other social media platforms.

And remember that Facebook owns Instagram, so the same precautions apply to both platforms.

Health care is future for ULV

The University of La Verne's physician assistant program has earned preliminary accreditation from Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. The first cohort of 22 students is set to begin classes Aug. 27.

Adding this program to the catalog is a big step and the school should continue its push for full accreditation. With a cohort of 10 coming into session in the newly accredited master's of athletic training program this August as well, La Verne realizes the importance of cultivating leaders in the health care industry.

The search for physician assistants and nurse practitioners increased by 320 percent within three years, according to Merrit Hawkins' 2014 Review of Physician and Advanced Practitioner Recruiting Incentives.

In a constantly evolving field, more health care professionals are needed, especially in the expanding Southern California region, making health sciences one of the most important fields to integrate students into such professions.

Under the Trump administration, it is especially important to incorporate cultural and social competencies in this program at a Hispanic Serving Institution so that more health care providers will understand their patients inside and out.

University President Devorah Lieberman said that this program aligns perfectly with La Verne's mission. The program is part of the 2020 Strategic Vision's broader commitment to expanding health sciences educational programs. Lawrence Potter, dean of College of Arts and Sciences, said that once the program receives full accreditation, graduates will be prepared to apply for California's State Medical Board as well as medical boards in other states for a license to practice.

The University should continue to be proactive in cultivating well prepared and equipped healthcare professionals. Pushing to fully accredit the physician assistant program is vital as La Verne competes with professional programs at institutions like Western University of Health Sciences.

South border control hits a wall

President Donald Trump released a memo on April 4 ordering National Guard troops to be sent to the southern borders of California, Arizona and New Mexico on the grounds that the border is seeing an increase in illegal actions such as drug smuggling, gang activity and increased undocumented immigration.

Trump's attempt to "secure" the border is asinine and counterproductive.

Trump's memo states that the Secretary of Defense will support the Department of Homeland Security in securing the southern border and "request use of National Guard personnel to assist in fulfilling this mission."

Facts do not back up his claims of a so-called crisis. According to a September 2017 report by the Department of Homeland Security, estimated successful illegal entries per year went from 1.8 million in 2000 to less than 200,000 in 2016, and the percentage of deportees deterred from reentry went from approximately 30 percent in 2010 to more than 75 percent in 2016.

The situation is already under control without Trump's fear-mongering and demonization of immigrants.

There are also budgetary concerns as well.

Similar previous measures were costly to taxpayers. Former President George W. Bush deployed 6,000 National Guard troops to the southwestern border in 2006, costing taxpayers $1.2 billion, according to an April 2018 article in USA Today. Former President Barack Obama had 1,200 National Guard troops deployed in 2010, costing $110 million in its first year.

Both operations were mistakes that should not be repeated again.

President Trump's ordering of troops will only exacerbate the problem. It is better that this country devote its resources elsewhere.

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Future Leos get a turn in Spotlight

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The University of La Verne hosted its annual Spotlight Weekend on Friday and Saturday to welcome admitted freshmen and transfer students.

Spotlight Weekend gave 158 prospective students and their families the opportunity to visit and learn about what the University has to offer, even allowing students to stay overnight in the residence halls.

"My absolute favorite part of Spotlight is seeing prospective students make friends with other prospective students. Then, when they do attend ULV, seeing those friendships grow," junior communications major and Spotlight co-chairwoman Kassandra Dominguez said.

She said she hopes prospective students were able to experience the community and see how ULV helps students not only academically, but with leadership skills, friendships and personal growth.

Alexa Jones, junior math major, was also a Spotlight Weekend co-chairwoman and worked with a team of current students to plan a day full of activities for the admitted students.

"I hope prospective students can see what La Verne is really about and get a sense of the environment that they would be living in for the next four years," Jones said.

The admitted students were put in groups with a current student as their leader for the day. They explored on-campus clubs and learned about life at ULV while their parents attended informational sessions with housing, financial aid and faculty members.

Kate Correnti, a senior at Gabrielino High School, was among the admitted students who attended the event.

"I was looking at La Verne and wanted to get to know more about student life here, and to see if I can picture myself in this community. I feel like I really can, after staying here with the honors retreat," Correnti said.

Honors students were invited to stay an additional night to learn about the program and take mock classes.

Correnti said the Spotlight leaders made the point to let the students know that La Verne is a close-knit community, which further influenced her interest in the University.

Dean of Admissions Todd Eckel said that when making a decision on a student's application, they consider more than just academic achievements.

"We hold the educational future of potential students in our hands, so we have to make sure they receive a full review," Eckel said. "We look for academic quality, their statement of purpose to give us an idea of how they think and write, their extracurricular activity, and letters of recommendation. It is as much an art as a science for us."

Eckel said they are always looking for students that will contribute both academically and to the culture of La Verne.

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Sara Flores

Admitted student Danittza Castro is escorted down the green carpet by Henry Jimenez, senior business administration major, outside the Campus Center during Spotlight Weekend. After their trip down the green carpet, Castro took a photo with La Verne mascots, Leo and Lea.

Airing the dirty laundry



Celeste Drake

Alumna Alex Weirsma, sophomore business administration major Caroline Zanteson and senior biology major Janine Blackmur, raise awareness about domestic violence at Iota Delta's Clothesline Project event in Sneaky Park Tuesday. The Clothesline Project began in 1990 when a member of the Cape Cod's Women's Defense Agenda learned that around 51,000 American women were killed by their partners in domestic violence acts during the Vietnam war.

On the Calendar

TEDx Talk

ULV will host a TEDx talk on "Financial Investment, Culture and Communication" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday in Morgan Auditorium.

For more information, visit **tedxuniversityoflaverne.com**.

La Verne Wine Walk

The sixth annual Sip of La Verne will turn downtown La Verne into a wine lovers' paradise from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 28, offering wine tastings, live music and special foods from the community's local restaurants.

For more information, visit **oldtownwinewalk.com.**

CicLAvia

A nonprofit organization that transforms streets into safe and car-free spaces, will take over the La Verne, San Dimas, Pomona and Claremont areas from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Hubs around these cities will feature food trucks and plenty of activities for riders. All ages are welcomed.

For more information, visit **ciclavia.org**.

Claremont Earth Day

Explore worlds of energy, water, transportation and landscapes at the Claremont Village on Sunday from 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

Food Truck Thursdays

The Fairplex hosts a weekly event where food trucks cater to all taste-buds. The next event will be Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Gate 1 on McKinley Avenue.

—Catalina Diaz

Students flock to Tpump Tuesdays

Tea shop offers over 37 flavors

Paulina Wartman
Staff Writer

Though it is located in Upland, students of the University of La Verne find themselves longing for one of the many flavored tea options from the trendy boba cafe Tpumps.

Tyra Farouq, store manager, said the shop is so popular because of their barista promise.

"If you are not satisfied with the sweetness level or flavor of your Tpumps drink, we will be more than happy to fix it or make another drink for you to enjoy," Farouq said.

Farouq also said Tpumps is a popular choice among its customers because of the long list of flavors.

Tpumps features black, green tea and decaffeinated teas, as well as premium teas like Oolong for an added charge.

They also offer four types of milk, including lactose-free options and more than 37 different flavors.

When picking up drinks from the counter, baristas ask if customers like their drink and will offer to remake it if they are unsatisfied.

"It's like Pieology for boba," said Tpumps employee, Marvhic Guinto. "You can customize any flavor to create whatever you want. My favorite is caramel peppermint hazelnut milk tea."

Tpumps has a catering service called Tpumps Pop Up Shop, which has become a regular presence at La Verne.

Sigma Kappa hosted a Tpumps fundraiser on campus, Monday.

"Our Tpumps fundraiser sold out so fast," said Katie Scully, Sigma Kappa public relations officer and sophomore biology major.

Scully said Tpumps' youthful atmosphere allows for a fun experience, calling for its popularity.

"We chose Tpumps because it's really popular and everyone loves it. All of the proceeds go towards our Maine Man Expo this week," Scully said.

Tpumps offers a discount on Tuesdays which gives customers a large drink for the price of a small one.

Farouq said that the Tuesday discount attracts a large number of customers, with lines usually stretching outside the door.

"I always go to Tpumps on Tuesdays," junior math major Alexa Jones said. "It's like a social ritual for me and my friends."

Tpumps is a relatively small shop. Accompanied with couches and tables, it is a relaxed setting that is filled with students from the neighboring Upland High School from 3 p.m. to well past 4 p.m.

"The busiest day of the week is Tuesday," Farouq said. "The most crowded times during the week are 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. because that's when most students get out of school. On the weekends noon to 2 p.m. is usually the rush."

Tpumps is located at 657 W. Foothill Blvd. in Upland.

The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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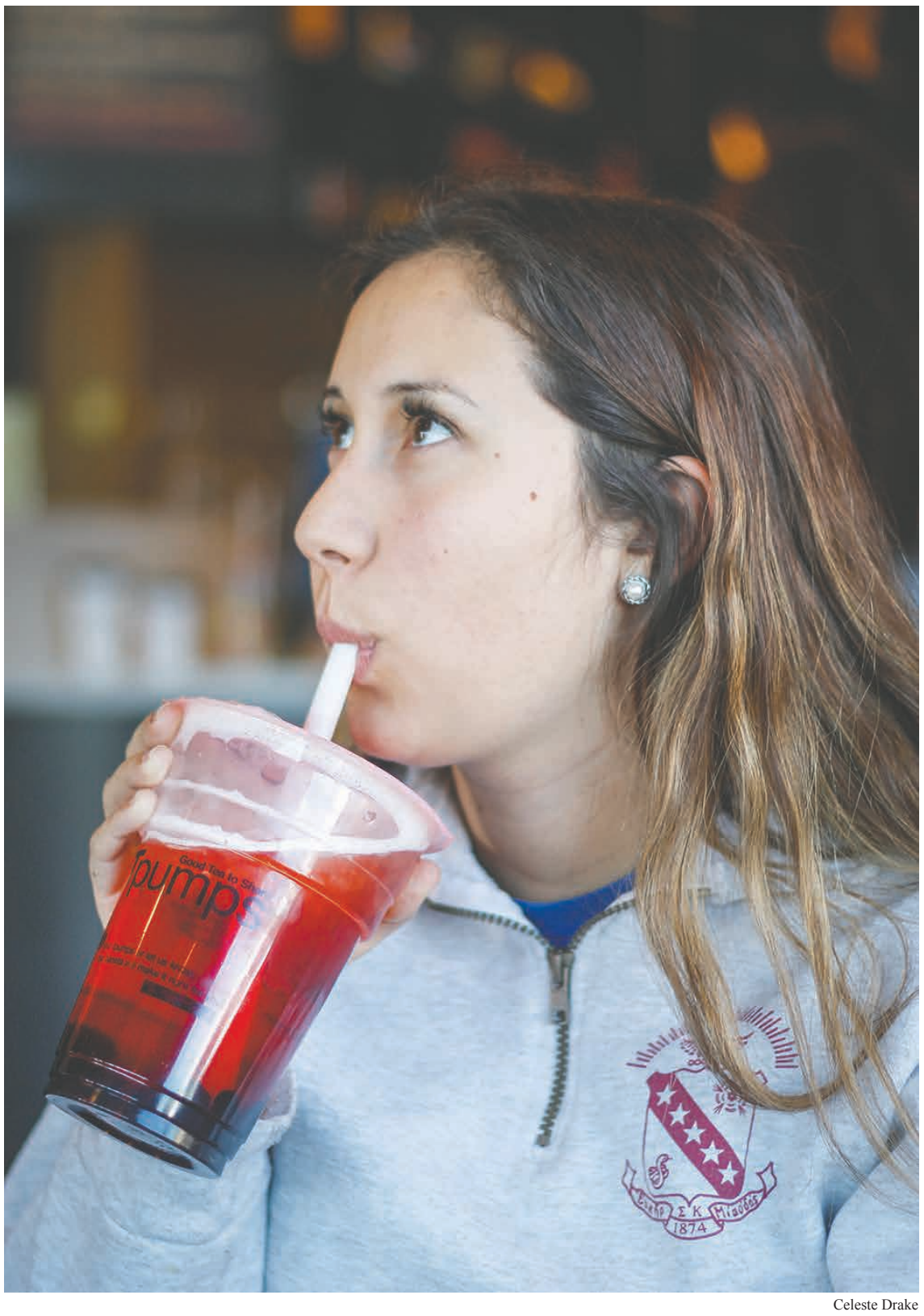

Celeste Drake

Sarah Osuna, junior speech communications and political science major, enjoys a blackberry peach black tea at Tpumps in Upland. Osuna said she likes the environment, and of course, the tasty drinks. She added that she likes to try a new drink each time she visits the popular cafe.

Commentary

Orange is the new bike



Arturo Gomez Molina

The University of La Verne has introduced a new bikeshare program, Spin, to the main campus to support healthy living and exploration of the city. It is one of the best things to come to campus in a long time.

The fleet of 150 bright orange beach cruiser-esque bikes arrived on campus April 5. They can be found near bike racks throughout campus, ready for students to ride.

La Verne's campus perimeter is smaller than most other universities, but with the ability to ride around campus on a bike, it adds to an authentic Southern California college atmosphere.

The San Francisco based bike company was introduced by Transportation Services Manager Lisa Grater as a great way for students to get around the city easier and exercise while they are at it.

The program has landed in 18 cities, including 30 other campuses around the U.S. and has more than 30,000 bikes available to ride.

It takes less than a minute to download and access the app to pay for the bike ride, which costs just 50 cents per half hour.

The app to unlock the bikes can easily be downloaded by scanning a QR code that is printed on a plaque on the back of each bike.

Although the app has a suggested perimeter where students are allowed to ride the bikes, they are able to go farther than that as long as they return to campus.

Downtown La Verne only has so much to offer.

Students often need to travel to Claremont, Montclair or even Upland to find something a bit more fun to do.

Recent riders may be charged a fine if the bike is not returned and locked on one of the designated bike posts around campus within 24 hours.

I've tried the bikes myself, and after a quick ride to Bowl of Heaven and back to the Arts and Communications Building, my mood had significantly changed.

I felt more energized, productive and focused on the work that I had for the rest of the day.

A 2015 study conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction found that students who were more active throughout the day had an easier time retaining material in classrooms and a better attitude throughout the day.

This program is a great way for students let their minds breathe some fresh air and relieve some stress.

The only downside I see about the bikes is the shallow baskets. There is not much room to carry anything in there but maybe a few notebooks or a textbook.

On my way back from Bowl of Heaven, the bag that carried my food nearly fell out of the basket after hitting the slightest bumps on the road back to campus.

If the bike were equipped with baskets big enough to carry a full sized bag, I believe they would be an all around perfect asset to campus life.

Since the arrival of the bicycles on campus, students have been seen riding around downtown La Verne and as far as Target on Foothill Blvd.

This is a great step forward for the University in showing initiative and support to students and their academic success.

Students will now also have a greater opportunity to get out and participate in the CicLAvia event that will run through San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona and Claremont on Sunday.

The event invites people to walk, run, skate, rollerblade or bike their way through the foothills of the Inland Empire and students who otherwise would not have an opportunity to do so, can now explore the neighboring cities thanks to these new orange bikes.

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HAPPENINGS

'Articulation'

"Articulation: New Wall Works," an exhibit of Keith Lord's wood sculptures, will kick off with a reception and artist talk hosted by professor of mathematics Michael Frantz, at noon Wednesday in the West Gallery in the Campus Center.

'Cabaret'

The theater department will present "Cabaret," a musical set in 1931 Berlin before the Nazis' rise to power.

Show times are 7:30 p.m. April 26, 27, 28, May 3, 4, 5 and 2 p.m. May 6 in Dailey Theatre.

Suggested donation is $15 for general admission, $12 for staff and seniors and $8 for students.

Leo Lineup

The Campus Center introduces the Leo Lineup, a new series that hosts live music and DJs at 10 p.m. Wednesdays in the Campus Center. DJ ErickM will perform April 25.

Fridays at Noon

Faculty, staff and students of the music department present a short recital representing many genres at noon Friday in Morgan Auditorium.

'Best of La Verne'

"Best of La Verne," features students and faculty of the Music Department sharing the Morgan Auditorium stage at 6 p.m. May 6 to wrap up the year's Sunday at the Morgan concert series.

There is a suggested donation of $20 and free admission for students.

Carlson Gallery

Photography department faculty members display their various approaches, styles, equipment and procedures in a new exhibit called, "Capture and the Seamless Stream: The Seductive Illusion of the Decisive Moment."

The exhibit runs through May 25 in the Carlson Gallery in Miller Hall.

—Layla Abbas

Zhao's recital strikes Personal notes

by Jocelyn Arceo

photography by Maydeen Merino



Grace Xia Zhao, assistant professor of music and artist-in-residence, performs Sunday in Morgan Auditorium. Her concert, "All the Things You Are," included pieces by George Gershwin, Ludwig van Beethoven and William Grant Still. Zhao began her music career in Sichuan, China.

Grace Xia Zhao, assistant professor of music and artist-in-residence, chose highly personal pieces for her piano recital, "All Things You Are," Sunday in Morgan Auditorium.

The performance was part of the music department's Sundays at the Morgan concert series.

"I really feel this particular concert is very personal to me. The soul of the program was the Beethoven," Zhao said of her choice to play Piano Sonata No. 21. "It is one of the most profound, most difficult piano sonatas he's ever written."

Zhao explained that the French call this specific Beethoven piece "Aurora," which she translated as meaning, to her, a kind of darkness turning to light.

She said she felt that a lot of the pieces chosen have a surge of lightness and darkness within them.

Zhao also performed several other pieces, including those composed by George Gershwin and William Grant Still.

She said she was especially excited to perform a brand-new piece, "Sonata for Piano," written in 2017 by California composer Daniel Highman.

"I was very excited to do a world premiere of a brand-new sonata," Zhao said. "I felt I was true to myself, and I let myself be honest and real. I'm happy."

Zhao said she felt many of the pieces she chose to play involved a lot of introspection on the performer's part.

"They're very emotional, so you always have to find that place; to let yourself be barren and let yourself come out and really examine what this music means to yourself," Zhao said.

> 'I loved the audience. They were listening and I was communicating; to me that is the ultimate stage. It's letting yourself be out there in hopes that someone sees you.'
> *—Grace Xia Zhao, artist-in-residence*

Caelin Eager, a La Verne alumna and past student of Zhao's, was on stage along with Zhao for a few pieces – not performing, but page-turning.

"She's an amazing person, an amazing teacher. I've been page-turning for her for a while," Eager said. "Often times people have these memorized, but if they don't... It basically just makes it easier to keep going, because you need to use both hands."

Eager took lessons and worked under Zhao for about six years and has been page-turning for her since she was an undergraduate student.

"It's good collaboration work," Eager said. "We kind of just get each other because our styles are so similar."

The audience was almost full, with only a few scattered empty seats here and there.

Members of the audience were responsive, giving heart-felt applauses after each piece and staying quiet and attentive while Zhao played.

"It was really amazing. It was so cool to watch and see how the tempos changed between each song," Carson Cole, an audience member from Providence, Rhode Island, said. "There were some really slow ones, but then there were really energetic and lively ones."

Reed Gratz, professor of music, had nothing but praise for Zhao and her talent.

"She is an outstanding person and teacher, as well as a brilliant pianist," Gratz said.

Zhao said she thoroughly enjoyed her performance and felt that the audience was truly attentive to what it was that she was trying to present.

"I loved the audience. They were listening and I was communicating; to me that is the ultimate stage," Zhao said. "It's letting yourself be out there in hopes that someone sees you."

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Dynamite Dawson rocks Leo Lineup

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Staff Writer

About 10 students and members of the La Verne community popped in and out of the first floor of the Campus Center Wednesday night for the Leo Lineup to enjoy music from the band Dynamite Dawson.

The local group consists of guitarists and vocalists Hai Muradian, Patrick Naish and Martie Echito, who specialize in performing acoustic music from 1950s through the 1980s.

The three were originally in a rock band called the Ravelers before forming their own group 30 years ago.

They formed their band to focus on what they were passionate about as a group.

"We're still doing some great stuff by the Beatles and Crosby, Stills and Nash," Muradian said. "These are all bands that we loved to listen to growing up and now we get to emulate them."

Although the three musicians have performed on campus before as part of other acts, this was the first time they have done so as Dynamite Dawson.

They said they had high hopes that students would enjoy their set.

"We really want some of the college kids to see what we're doing," Muradian said.

Muradian discussed his love for the ULV community and how he used to hang out on the campus in the 1960s because he had friends who attended.

He said he has performed solo in Morgan Auditorium before it even got its current name.

"This has been just a real treat for me to come back here and even though I never went to school here, it's nice to come back and be able to perform," Muradian said.

The Leo Lineup is free and open to all students at La Verne, and some have attended multiple performances since its debut this year.

"I emcee most of them, so I'll introduce the band that's going to be playing and then I'll stick around and just enjoy the music," junior biology major and member of Information Services at the Campus Center, Alliyah Garcia said.

"There's been many different genres and it is always a good time."

Garcia said it is a great way to relax and it has the potential to become a new tradition to attend in the performances in the Campus Center.

Students who have never been to the Leo Lineup attended with high expectations due to the positive reviews about previous performances.

"I've never been to Leo Lineup but I've heard really good things about it, so I'm really excited to hear the music since I really like it," sophomore child development major Kat Fischmann, said.

This weekly events is organized by the Campus Center staff with a goal to bring together not only students, but everyone in the La Verne community.

"We wanted to have Leo Lineup just so we can help the University engage with the community," junior business administration major and Campus Center Information and Services lead Sabrina Carrera, said.

"So some of the bands that we've used are local bands from La Verne area or just the surrounding cities."

The Campus Center staff is fond of the positive vibes between the La Verne community during Leo Lineup and enjoy witnessing people of all kinds come together.

"It's just nice because they can also bring in their own crowd too," Carrera said.

"So those community people get to interact with our university students and that's pretty cool."

Carrera said she would encourage students to come to Leo Lineup because it's a great way of interacting with our community and getting to know other people.

"It could potentially be a good networking opportunity because you never know who you're going to meet," Carrera said.

The events has continued to grow in popularity every week.

"Even though I came to the Campus Center for a different event, I'm glad I decided to stop by," freshman kinesiology major Emily Nagengast said.

"Since I am commuter, I appreciate events like this because it gives me a chance to be involved and spend time with my friends."

Dynamite Dawson ended their set with covers of songs by the Eagles and Stevie Wonder, receiving cheers from the audience.

"I like that this band is playing live instruments," Garcia said. "I really appreciate live instruments like that and I like the oldies and they're touching on the oldies, which is really nice."

The next Leo Lineup performer will be DJ ErickM at 10 p.m. Wednesday

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PA program...

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we are where we are, we have Western University of Health Sciences, we have USC, UCLA; we were not going to start a medical school here. In order to be a player in that field, physician assistant made the most sense for the University of La Verne."

The provisional accreditation comes just one year after La Verne initially withdrew its application in 2017. The University made the decision to withdraw after they had received notice from ARC-PA that eight of the 115 accreditation standards had received citations.

The citations mainly involved areas of student learning outcomes and competencies during the second year of the program, which serves as a clinical year for students.

According to Reed, over 1,000 applications were received for the program the year that the university withdrew its application, and many of the students who will be part of the initial cohort are previously accepted students who have deferred their enrollment until provisional accreditation was received.

As of now, the program currently has over 100 medical sites that students will be rotating through during their clinical year.

Typically, an institution is required to wait two years after an unsuccessful attempt before it is allowed to reapply for accreditation, but ARC-PA allowed ULV to reapply one year following its withdrawal.

According to the health care search firm Merritt Hawkins, the demand for physician assistants increased by more than 300 percent from 2011 to 2013.

As of 2016, there were more than 106,000 physician assistants nationwide.

As with all new academic programs, the physician assistant program was required to go through a substantial process of faculty approval, including a college-level curricular committee and a university-wide Undergraduate Academic Policies committee, as well the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Assembly. As a graduate program, an additional approval from a Graduate Council was also required.

"The PA program went through the correct faculty governance process during the 2015-2016 academic year and was approved at all levels," said Sean Bernard, president of the faculty senate and creative writing professor, in an emailed interview. "By all accounts, it's well-situated to be successful, and, via future graduates, it should make a positive impact on the populations surrounding La Verne."

The University is considering undertaking additional graduate level programs that require accreditation.

Reed believes that there have been many lessons from past accreditation attempts, such as the College of Law American Bar Association accreditation process, which will help the University in gaining full accreditation for the PA program.

"The lesson of the College of Law is: we shouldn't focus on chasing national reputation and trying to be like other more elite schools, but rather we need to focus on student success, we need to focus on faculty mentoring students, and the more we focus on that, the better chances our graduates have," Reed said.

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Refugee...

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tries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea.

Throughout the map were small black and red dots that formed large clusters.

Red dots represented drownings that occurred during forced migrations, and the black dots represented missing refugees.

Betts proposed a solution to the refugee crisis, called a "positive vision."

Betts said that there needs to be three different systems put in place: rescue, where safe havens are established; autonomy, making jobs and education available for everyone; and a route out of limbo, where he described reimagined resettlement and also an updated Visa system.

He described a moment where he experienced a "deep sense of inspiration," while helping children in the Netherlands.

"Man doesn't live on food and water alone," Betts said. "He lives on hope."

It was during experiences like this that Betts said he understands the will to succeed and that ambition comes from within.

"I thought it was incredibly compelling and insightful, and shed a glimmer of hope," said senior political science major Hagop Housbian.

He added that the biggest antagonistic element in society's understanding of the Syrian refugee crisis is ignorance.

"I would say it's not a matter of when these people go back home, it's a question of if they go back home. It creates a sense of urgency to help them find not just their homes, but themselves again, because the burden that is on them is personally is unimaginable," Housbian said.

"Everyone has their own exclusive story - and so too is the case when it comes to immigrants. These people don't choose to leave their home country, but they are forced to leave their country."

During his proposal, Betts called for the economic integration of immigrants and refugees until they returned to their countries.

Housbian agreed with Betts' ideas, but finds that with the cruel realities of the world, his optimism is funneled.

The understanding of the human factor was a theme in many attendees' takeaways from Betts' lecture.

"Living in a refugee camp, there is a need for basic necessities, but there is also a will to want to do something with your life," said junior political science major Jackie Ku.

"It's reasonable why it gets overlooked, but it's not excusable," Ku said.

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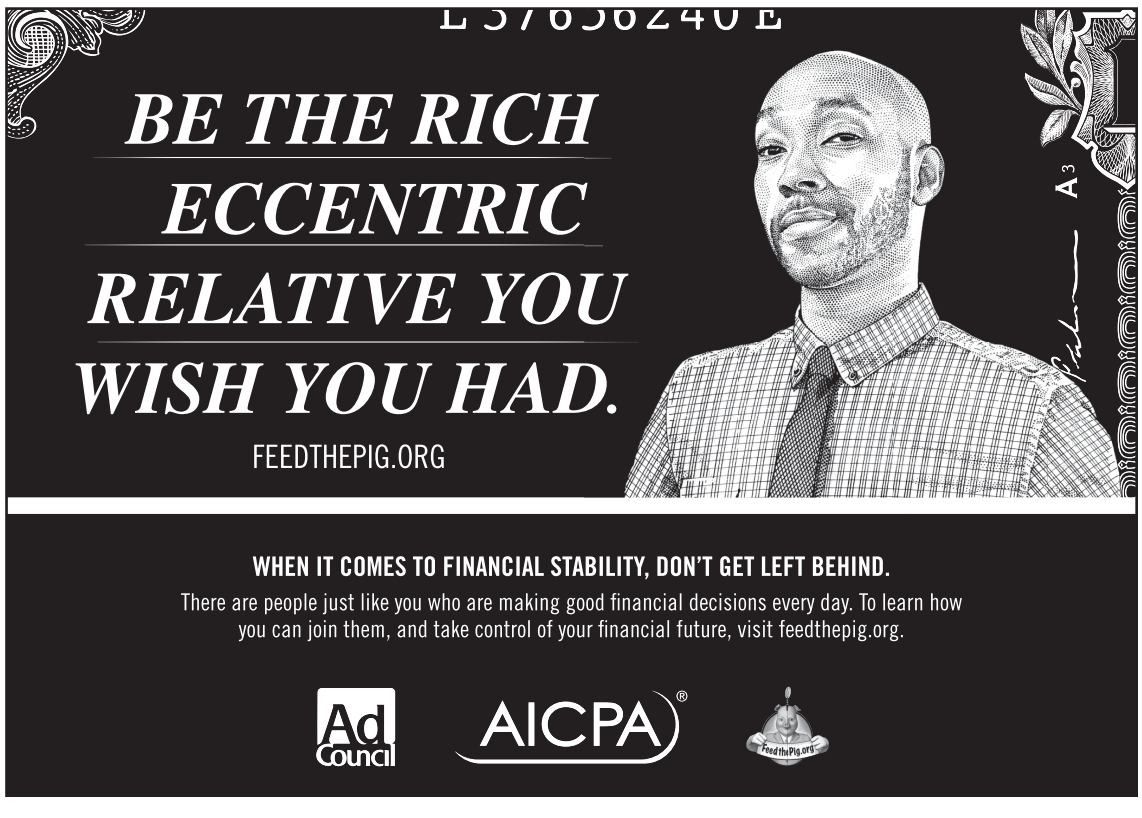

Leos sweep Pomona-Pitzer series

La Verne moves into 2nd place

Mark Acosta
Sports Editor

Sophomore pitcher Cody Norman and the Leopards' offense carried La Verne to a 8-0 win against Pomona-Pitzer in game one of Saturday's doubleheader at Ben Hines Field.

La Verne dominated Pomona-Pitzer over the weekend, sweeping the three-game series and taking sole possession of second place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Leopards moved to 23-11 overall and 14-4 in conference play. The Leopards have yet to lose a conference series, and trail Redlands by two games, having played one less series than the Bulldogs.

"If our pitching is staying healthy and doing their job, our offense picks us up," assistant coach Sean Fasig said. "Every game is a tough game and important from here on out."

Norman was big for the Leopards, throwing eight innings while only giving up three hits. In his last two games, Norman has not allowed a run and struck out 18 batters.

"The game plan was to get ahead and attack," Norman said. "Not let them determine what was going to happen and make sure I throw strikes."

Norman said he did not have his best stuff, but he battled through and gave the La Verne eight solid innings.

La Verne's offense got an early run for Norman in the bottom of the first inning.

With two outs, senior first baseman Nick Michaels doubled to right center field to get into scoring position.

Junior right fielder Chris Peres came up and singled through the right side of the infield to score Michaels and give the Leopards a 1-0 lead.

Norman kept plugging along, in the early innings he was efficient with his pitches and mixed them up to keep the Sagehens' hitter off-balance.

"He did not have his best stuff but what helped him was the location of his pitches," sophomore catcher Adam Santa Cruz said. "That's great to have a pitcher that can battle when he doesn't have his best."

The offense kept producing for Norman. In the third inning they were able to get two more runs across with two outs.

Michaels drew a walk and advanced to second off a wild pitch, and Peres brought him in with a double down the right field line. Junior center fielder Brandon Vogel singled to third base to bring in Peres and give the Leopards a 3-0 lead.

"When we can score runs and get quality innings from our pitchers, that's how La Verne baseball is played," senior designated hitter Jakob Thomas said.

La Verne added another run in the sixth, and four in the seventh to take a commanding 8-0 lead over Pomona-Pitzer.

In a scary moment in the bottom of the seventh inning, Thomas was hit in his helmet with a pitch on a full count.



Tyler Evains

Christopher Ligot, La Verne junior left fielder, slides into an out at second base during a double play started by Pomona-Pitzer freshman second baseman Hunter Hennigh in the bottom of the first inning of game one Saturday at Ben Hines Field. The Leopards took the first game, 8-0, and the second, 14-4. La Verne is now 23-11 overall and 14-4 in SCIAC play.

Thomas immediately went to the ground, but after about a minute was able to walk to the dugout under his own power.

"It was 3-2, probably could have gotten out of the way but I picked it up a little late," Thomas said.

Thomas was replaced by junior Ryan Aguilar. Michaels got Aguilar to second with a sacrifice bunt and Peres brought in another run with a single to left, making it 5-0.

Vogel came up and singled. Peres scored off a fielding error and Vogel took second on the error. Santa Cruz scored Vogel on a single to left field, and the Leopards busted the game wide open.

Senior second baseman Mauricio Guadarrama plated Ryan Galan, pinch runner for Santa Cruz, with a single through the right side and after seven innings, La Verne had a comfortable eight-run advantage.

Sophomore pitcher Travis Moffatt came in and got the final three outs of the game and sealed the win for the Leopards.

La Verne will continue SCIAC play against Chapman at 3 p.m. Friday at home before going on the road at 11 a.m. Saturday at Chapman for a doubleheader.

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Women's water polo blasted by Sagehens, 15-5

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Staff Writer

The women's water polo lost to the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens 15-5, Saturday at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

The first five minutes Pomona-Pitzer scored three goals, leaving the Leopards behind.

Soon after an exclusion from Pomona-Pitzer, La Verne junior driver Victoria Mezack scored a goal, assisted by junior attacker Yuri Ujifusa, to bring the score to 3-1.

"We expected them to play aggressive and we were prepared for it," senior center Jasmine Bustamante said.

The Leopards went into halftime trailing, 9-3.

"As a team we need to come together," freshman attacker Jassmine Kezman said. "We need to connect as team and find our team chemistry."

In the beginning of the second half, Leopards had several opportunities to make a goal but could not break through.

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Sara Flores

La Verne freshman attacker Jassmine Kezman is fouled by Pomona-Pitzer freshman attacker Colleen Woo during the second period of Saturday's game at the La Verne Aquatic Center. Kezman scored twice during the game but the Leopards lost to the Sagehens, 15-5.

New defense coach comes to ULV

Anthony Carter
Staff Writer

University of La Verne football hopes to repeat as the No.1 defense in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with the hire of the new defensive coordinator from Chaffey College, James Stewart.

"We as a staff are excited to bring him to La Verne as our defensive coordinator. With his past accomplishments we were very pleased with what he has done," head coach Chris Krich said.

The humble defensive specialist is happy to get the ball rolling at La Verne with his first week into spring ball.

Stewart grew up in Rancho Cucamonga before moving to San Diego for a graduate assistant job at San Diego State University in 2008. SDSU was Stewart's first coaching job at the collegiate level.

Stewart, who was assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Chaffey College, has been coaching football for over a decade and is excited to bring a new look to La Verne's football team.

"It's all a work in progress. We are still learning if we should run a 4-3 or a 3-4. Right now we are just teaching the fundamentals of defense, getting guys lined up," Stewart said.

He innovated the safety position of having a defensive back play in the box similar to how Seattle Seahawks safety Kam Chancellor plays, the hybrid defensive player who can bring the big hits and drop back into coverage as well.

Before heading to La Verne, Stewart coached at San Diego State and Victor Valley College, where he was a linebackers coach.

In 2012, his first year as a defensive coordinator, he led Victor Valley's defense to a No. 7 spot among run defenses in the Southern California Football Association.

In 2013 at Chaffey College, he led the Panthers to a No. 1 spot in the SFCA in takeaways, fourth in run defense and fifth in total defense.

With the second week of installments, players and staff like the new defense. Knowing nothing about his personnel, Stewart is being patient learning all the abilities of his athletes.

"We are focusing on the fundamentals right now, teaching stuff they have learned all the way through Pop Warner. There is an investment with the guys who are working here. They are showing promise," Stewart said.

Players are ready to get into the grind after the first week of installments learning the new defensive plays.

"So far I kind of like the new defense that we have. He lets me play more comfortably and lets me come down into the box as a linebacker," junior defensive back Derrin Hooks said.

Similar to former defensive coordinator Oscar Rodriguez's defense where he ran cover two, Stewart plans to run a 4-3 defense with a change of stacking the box, dropping three defensive backs into coverage and giving more help over the top.

"For our technique as a defensive back, he is not so technical. He is more of a free range guy, trusting in our abilities and as a player I really enjoy that," Hooks said.

Hooks, a four year starter, said he is pleased with the new schemes Stewart has introduced.

Stewart has several goals that he wants to accomplish for the 2018 season.

"First off for any coach, including myself, I want to win. I want our guys to have confidence in themselves every time they step out on the football field. Communicating throughout the game is key to success and just showing a lot of effort on the field," Stewart said.

Junior DaeJohn Logan who switched from wide receiver to defensive back this year is ready to hop into the opposing side this upcoming season.

"I am ecstatic about this season ahead and the players believing in La Verne," Logan said. "As a new defensive player, I look forward to all my brothers grinding everyday in practice. Coach Stewart is my new coach and we welcome him with open arms."

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Dorothy Gartsman

James Stewart, the new defensive coordinator for the football team, comes to La Verne with over a decade of college coaching experience. He most recently served as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Chaffey College and has also coached at San Diego State and Victor Valley College. Stewart earned his associate's degree from Chaffey, his bachelor's degree in philosophy from Cal State Fullerton and his master's in physical education from Azusa Pacific University.

Water polo...

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With only 50 seconds left in the third period, junior attacker Emily Mena caught the ball and shot for the goalie, but the ball hit the post and the Leopards missed the shot.

The Sagehens tried another shot but sophomore goalie Shelby Garcia made the save and the Leopards fought back.

"I think it's really important for the goalies to concentrate on repeating different types of shots," Garcia said.

With no goals from the Leopards in the third quarter, the Sagehens were able to increase their lead to 12-3.

In the first two minutes of the fourth quarter, the Leopards fought back and junior utility Kate Bradley found the back of the net to make it 12-4.

After another goal by Sagehens the Leopards received a penalty from an exclusion and Kezman grabbed the ball to score, making it 13-5.

"We need to work on movement mobility during the game and communicating more with each other," said Garcia.

La Verne took advantage of several exclusions but could not score. The Sagehens finished the game with two more goals and ending the game, 15-5.

Head coach Pat Beemer said that Bustamante played a tough battle against Sagehens.

"We put her in a position where she's getting tackled by the defense and she goes right back in and goes for more," Beemer said.

"We want to go out on a positive note. We knew this season was going to be based on re-building. Already, everyone has performed at everyone's expectations and we would like to finish the season strong."

The Leopards wrapped up the season with a loss to Cal Lutheran, 11-6, Wednesday at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

They finished 8-16 overall and 5-9 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

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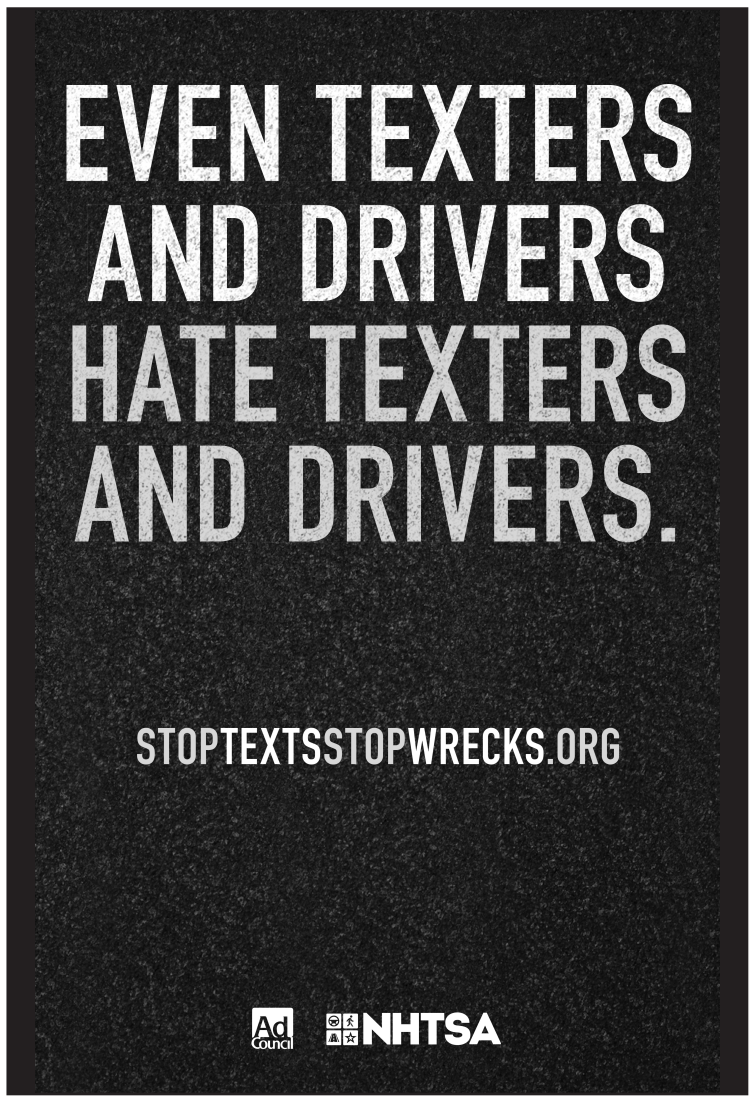





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La Verne junior left fielder Rachael Ogata steals second base under the tag of Pomona-Pitzer sophomore shortstop Izzy Deatherage in the second inning of the first game of Saturday's doubleheader at Campus West. The Leopards won the first game, 3-2, but fell short in the second game, 7-5.

Leos take weekend series from Hens

La Verne falls to 2nd place

Arturo Gomez Molina
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The La Verne softball team broke its three-game winning streak Saturday after losing the second game of a doubleheader to Pomona-Pitzer, 7-5, at Campus West.

The loss capped off a blowout weekend; the Leopards swept Cal Lutheran, 3-2 and 7-6, Friday in Thousand Oaks and beat Pomona-Pitzer, 3-2, in the first game Saturday.

"We had a huge weekend going three-of-four, but just could not get the sweep both days," head coach Julie Smith said. "We were not running on all three cylinders and we are going to work on that for the next one."

The loss knocked the Leopards into second place in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with a 15-5 record.

La Verne trails Pomona-Pitzer by one game for the top spot in conference.

Senior pitcher Elisa Ponce kept the Sagehens at bay in game two, only allowing a walk in the first inning and striking out two batters.

The game paused in the bottom of the first when senior catcher Angelica DeAngelo took a foul ball into the collar bone.

"I have been through a lot worse," DeAngelo said. "It did hurt but we always have to think about how the team needs you, so I just sucked it up."

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> *—Julie Smith, head coach*

The Leopards put pressure on the Sagehens in the bottom of the first inning. Junior center fielder Carly Condon walked and stole second to get into scoring position.

Condon advanced to third off of a fielder's choice from junior right fielder Sienna Kendricks. With two outs, sophomore first baseman Katheryn Navarro drew a walk and stole second to put runners on second and third for junior designated hitter Melissa Garcia.

Garcia was able to reach safely on a fielder's choice and that scored Condon to give La Verne an early 1-0 lead.

Ponce kept pitching strong through the second and did not allow a hit while striking out two of the three batters she faced. She was able to keep Pomona-Pitzer at bay by mixing her pitches and locations.

With two outs in the bottom of the second, junior left fielder Rachel Ogata singled and stole second.

Condon earned another walk after Ogata and they executed a double steal to both get into scoring position for sophomore shortstop Shelby Tevis.

Tevis brought home Ogata and Condon with an RBI single and advanced to second on the throw home to give the Leopards a 3-0 lead.

"I do not focus on going for the fences," Tevis said. "I really want to focus on seeing as many pitches as I can and just getting on base."

Kendricks extended La Verne's lead with an RBI single to being in Tevis and make it 4-0.

Leading by four runs, the Leopards had control of the game, but that would change in the fourth inning.

Ponce gave up a single and a double, followed by a home run from Pomona-Pitzer junior first baseman Liz Rodarte, allowing the Sagehens to get right back into the game, 4-3.

Senior pitcher Ashley Caro replaced Ponce in the top of the fifth inning and could not stop the bleeding.

After an error, a walk and a single, sophomore shortstop Izzy Deatherage hit a three-run homerun to give the Sagehens their first lead of the game, 7-4.

Caro ended up taking the loss after only a third of an inning of work. She was replaced by Ponce, who finished the game for the Leopards.

A home run by Navarro in the bottom of the fifth made the score 7-5, but that would be it for the Leopards' offense as they could not produce any more runs.

"We'll be working on a lot of defense for the next one," Smith said. "We need to be a well oiled machine and make sure all three cylinders are able to put pressure on a situation when needed."

The Leopards are now 15-5 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and 20-12 overall with eight conference games left before the SCIAC tournament.

La Verne will face the Occidental Tigers for a doubleheader at 3 p.m. Friday at Campus West.

Then, the Leopards travel to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps for another doubleheader starting at noon Saturday.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Women's Water Polo, March 14
La Verne-4
Pomona-Pitzer-15

Softball, March 14
La Verne-3
Pomona-Pitzer-2

La Verne-5
Pomona-Pitzer-7

Baseball, March 14
La Verne-8
Pomona-Pitzer-0

La Verne-14
Pomona-Pizter-4

SCHEDULE

Friday
Softball vs. Occidental, 3 p.m.
Baseball vs. Chapman, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Occidental, 5 p.m.

Saturday
Baseball @ Chapman, 11 a.m.
Softball @ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, noon
Baseball @ Chapman, 2:30 p.m.
Softball@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 2 p.m.

Sunday
Men's and women's golf @ SCIAC Championships, Los Serranos Golf Club, Chino Hills, 8 a.m.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

	SCIAC	Overall
Redlands	16-5	28-9
La Verne	**14-4**	**23-11**
Chapman	11-7	26-8
Pomona-Pitzer	11-7	21-12
Whittier	9-9	22-12
Occidental	9-9	17-16
Cal Lutheran	7-11	18-16
Claremont-M-S	6-12	15-19
Caltech	1-20	4-27