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Title IX rolled back

State law still protects victims

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Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced her intention to roll back Title IX guidelines for addressing sexual assault on college campuses, on Sept. 7, during an address at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia.

The rollback, she said, would address concerns about a lack of due process for alleged perpetrators of sexual assault. The initially vague plan was taken a step further last Friday, when DeVos put interim guidelines in place via a Q&A format.

"It's very much a wait-and-see game," said Megan Jackson, University of La Verne Title IX Manager. "We just have no understanding as to what is going to be changed, what those changes could look like."

Title IX applies to institutions that receive federal funds and works to prevent students from being discriminated against on the basis of sex – from athletic participation to sexual assault.

The recently revoked instructions were a combination of the 1972 Title IX law and the Obama-era 2011 'dear colleague' letter, which reinforced schools' obligation to take reports of sexual assault more seriously and to readily notify the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights of sexual misconduct.

According to the Q&A statement, DeVos revoked the recommendation for schools to come to a decision when adjudicating sexual assault within 60 days and allows more freedom for them to arrive at informal resolutions.

To Sofie Karasek, director of education and co-founder of activist group End Rape on Campus, the absence of the 60-day time frame to abide by is concerning.

"What that means is that it will be much easier for schools and for perpetrators to drag out cases as long as possible until either the perpetrator graduates and goes off to their normal life, or the survivor drops out of school," she said. "They've made it a lot easier to sweep it under the rug in a way that benefits perpetrators."

Karasek added that DeVos is giving a default advantage to perpetrators and tipping the scales in their favor.

"One of the many things that has been changed now is that survivors don't have the opportunity to appeal their cases," she said. "Or at least schools will have the opportunity to make that determination that survivors don't have that opportunity."

While federal law requires schools to issue Clery Act protocols and adhere to Title IX policies, California state laws are stricter.

They include detailed and survivor-centered policies, outreach programs, affirmative consent standard, disciplinary proceedings, survivor confidentiality, yearly reports on hate violence and other offenses and handling of delayed reporting of sexual offenses.

Since state sexual assault laws supersedes federal law, California residents can retain more protection.

The University of La Verne has had a permanent Title IX position for about three years, and Jackson – who has a passion for Title IX, experience in law enforcement and a degree in public administration – was hired in the beginning of 2017.

"Once we saw a focus on Title IX nationally, we wanted to make sure that we were consistent and that we were putting students first, so we created a full-time Title IX position in Human Resources so that faculty and students had an employee who understood and understands Title IX," President Devorah Lieberman said.

ULV also created a general council for legal issues regarding Title IX, the president added.

"However we approach any issue, my response is always: how is this going to impact our students? And how can we make sure that our students are safe and that our students have voice?" Lieberman said.

Despite strong protections under California law, some are still worried about how the changes via the U.S. Secretary of Education may affect people nationwide.

"When I heard about it, it just made me feel as if – who are we trying to protect here?" said Kayla Twombly, senior kinesiology major and president of feminist club on campus I Am That Girl.

"What's the purpose, what's the cause of Title IX? Is it supposed to protect the people that are being accused?" she said.

Twombly added that DeVos' position created a fire in her, and that she does not understand how someone who is supposed to protect a large population of students, wants to shift focus to a small fraction of false accusa-

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Stepping up to it



Cortney Mace

Carpenter Pedro Duarte works with concrete on the second floor of the new residence hall Monday. Bernards Builders, the Southern California construction company is doing the work on the new residence hall and dining hall, just northwest of D and Thirds streets. The project broke ground in April. In coming weeks, the builders will raise vertical framing and pour concrete for the remaining floors.

State could add third gender ID

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California could soon become the first state to add a third option for gender identification – non-binary – on legal, state documents such as drivers' licenses.

If Gov. Jerry Brown signs the Gender Recognition Act, recently approved by both the State Senate and State Assembly, non-binary will be a legally recognized third gender identification.

State Sen. Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, and other backers of the bill agreed that this amendment is an expansion of rights for transgender people, intersex people, and others who identify outside of the limited male or female spectrum.

The bill would also eliminate the requirement of gender-transition related treatment for those who want to change the gender listed on their documents.

According to the text of the bill, transgender and non-binary people "face frequent discrimination, harassment, and violence in areas of life including education, employment, health care, and law enforcement."

The state Senate approved the bill without debate, showing genuine concern for the safety and comfortability of people who do not conform to structural gender titles or identify as simply male or female.

"The more our legal documents represent our population, the more readily the world is represented," said Katrina Sire, adjunct professor of writing, who also teaches LGBTQ topics.

Diane Klein, professor of law, said that the third gender option accounts for those outside of traditional genders in a way that intends to be more inclusive. However, it still puts everyone who is not part of the norm in the same box, yet anther category, kind of like mixed race, she said.

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LV students plan to vote in 2018

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Out of 10 current and former University of La Verne students surveyed for an informal poll about, all said they would vote in the midterm elections next year.

Only two students knew how many House seats were up for reelection, and none of the surveyed participants knew the number of contested Senate seats.

Nine out of 10 students voted in the presidential election of 2016, and every student polled said that they would vote in the presidential election of 2020.

As for the 2018, Midterm elections take place Nov. 6, 2018.

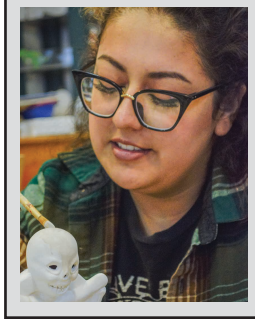
All seats in the House of Representatives and 33 seats in the Senate are up for election, not counting the Alabama special election this December. Democrats need three more seats to take control of the Senate.

In California, Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein is up for re-election.

Jason Neidleman, professor of political science, said that in midterm elections, the party that does not hold the White House

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Historic footage addresses racism

Layla Abbas
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More than 100 college students, faculty and community members filed into the Rose Hills Theatre at Pomona College Thursday night for the first part of the "Know Your History" series.

The event focused on American writer and social critic James Baldwin.

Travis Brown, director of the Pomona College Quantitative Skills Center, began the night with an introduction on how the "Know Your History" series became a reality.

"I can give many examples, but suffice it to say the public and sometimes even the private K-12 system in this country leave much to be desired when it comes to teaching students some very important things," Brown said.

"Mainly who they are, where they are from, what creates the society in where we live and where they fit into it."

Brown decided each series will focus on a different person, policy or historical event that aims at informing and instructing the students and community members.

Baldwin was an obvious choice when deciding which historical figure could present a thought provoking piece of African-American history, Brown said.

"I have spent years studying Baldwin because everything I have read by him has helped me make sense of the world and has informed how I understand my place in it," Brown said.

"The American dream is at the expense of the American Negro."

"One has used the myth of the Negro and the myth of color to pretend and to assume that you were dealing with, essentially, with something exotic, bizarre, and practically, according to human laws, unknown," Baldwin said.

"Alas, it is not true. We are also mercenaries, dictators, murderers, liars. We are human too."

black president in this country. Baldwin responded to this comment in an optimistic way:

"Well I know this, and anyone who has ever tried to live knows this: that what you say about somebody else, you know, anybody else, reveals you," he said. "What I think of you as being is dictated by my own necessity, my own psychology, my own fears and desires. I'm not describing you when I talk about you. I'm describing me."

style of writing and it is incredible to hear him just speak off the cuff because the way he speaks is exactly the same way he writes."

Associate Professor of History April Mayes provided closing remarks following the video compilation of Baldwin's most pivotal moments in history.

"The problem of our modernity is the west defining itself by defining others," Mayes said. "And placing others in hierarchical positions, creating hierarchies out of differences."

On Nov. 1, a screening of the Oscar nominated documentary on James Baldwin, "I Am Not Your Negro" will be held at Bridges Auditorium at Pomona College. The director, Raoul Peck, will attend to discuss his work.

"Baldwin's ability and audacity to put those words on paper is unmatched," Brown said.

"I implore you to search out his written works, devour them, allow them to change your thinking and mind which will undoubtedly change how you move in this world."

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> *—Travis Brown, Pomona College Quantitative Skills Center director*

"I know so many of you are also trying to make sense of this world and are searching consciously and unconsciously for the words that can make the abstract real," he added.

Brown played a collection of eight video clips of Baldwin, giving a disclaimer to the audience for the language Baldwin uses that contributes to the passion in his speeches.

One clip featured a debate between Baldwin and William F. Buckley in 1965 on the topic,

Pomona College freshman Jusde Simanauskaidv, who is from Lithuania, was not familiar with Baldwin prior to this event.

"By hearing the way James Baldwin put everything so eloquently, and how he told people what his truth is helps shape my way of thinking and approaching these issues step by step." Simanauskaidv said.

The last clip showed Baldwin having a conversation with someone who questioned the possibility of never having a

Lucy Onderwyzer Gold, freshman at Pomona College, became interested in Baldwin when her teacher skipped part of a set reading list in her International Baccalaureate English class to read pieces of his work.

"Having conversations about race in the context of James Baldwin's work in my class was ironic, because we have such a racially diverse school and such a non-diverse program," Gold said.

"Baldwin has a powerful

LV faculty researching safer cancer treatment

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Professors from the natural sciences presented "Faraday Rotation of Magnetic Nanoparticles" Tuesday in the President's Dining Room.

During the past few years, magnetic nanoparticles have been a hot topic in the medical field, Associate Professor of Physics Vanessa Preisler and Associate Professor of Chemistry Ricardo Morales told the audience of students and faculty.

Scientists believe that the medical application of magnetic nanoparticles are linked to possible cures for cancer, they said.

"Faraday rotation is an experimental technique to test the magnetization of the magnetic nanoparticles," Preisler said.

Magnetic nanoparticles in cancer treatment allows doctors to administer smaller doses of chemicals in chemotherapy and have greater control of which cells the chemicals destroy.

These magnetic properties can be used for different types of application, in this case it is medicine.

"The medical application is why these magnetic nanoparticles have been in the news lately, and of great interest to a larger community," Preisler said.

"Every other disease that humans deal with have decreased dramatically in the past years, but if you look at the death toll for cancers, it's increased," alumnus Alex Malinick said.

Preisler worked with Malinick and Justine Alundy, senior physics major, during the past two years experimenting with magnetic nanoparticles and changing different variables to manipulate them and gather information for possible cancer treatments.

"Cancer has been very relevant in my family," Malinick said. "When I spoke to professor Morales about doing undergraduate research he mentioned something about drug delivery systems for cancer and a bunch of ideas immediately went off. My cousin who suffered form brain cancer now deals with brain damage and if there were another way of treating cancers and delivering the chemotherapy drugs, there would have been less damage."

In traditional methods of chemotherapy, chemicals used to treat cancer kill both cancerous and healthy cells.

"Treatment using magnetic nanoparticles uses magnetic fields to control the path of the chemicals being administered directing them into the cancerous cells," Morales said.

This less invasive treatment results in less damage and side affects from chemotherapy.

"Nanoparticles are one of the leading edges in the sciences, its in medicine, it's in the environment, and it's all around," said Jay Jones, professor of biology and biochemistry.

"If it's dealing with nanoparticles its something that needs our attention," he said.

"In the past 50 years we really haven't gotten any close to finding a cure so we believe that finding different ways to treat it may be the way to cure it," Malinick said.

"If we found a way to cure it universally through drug delivery systems that would revolutionize how cancer is treated," he said.

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Corrections

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In the story "Museum awarded $10k NEA grant" (Sept. 22), a quote by Professor of Anthropology Felicia Beardsley was mistakenly attributed to Theresa Beardsley. The Campus Times regrets the error.

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"All civil rights changes have material and symbolic effects, and they're hard to differentiate," Klein said.

"There is a tension between largely symbolic, feel-good gestures and things that will improve life circumstances," she added.

Klein added there is lack of data about the non-conforming community.

Just because someone's identification says one thing, does not mean that person will be treated with more respect, Klein said.

In some cases the third designation could cause more confusion or incite more disrespect, but it will create conversation, which is one step in normalizing gender fluidity.

"Lots of our institutions operate on a binary model," Klein said.

Professors of education technology John and Linda Bartelt said they feel La Verne is ahead of the game in catering to the needs of their students.

"California doesn't have to try to seem progressive," Linda Bartelt said.

She added that this allows us to have conversations with those who are not accepting, "they will ask and we can explain," she said.

"La Verne led the way," John Bartelt said. "We had gender neutral bathrooms before we had to, and a lot of teachers ask students what their preferred names and gender pronouns are."

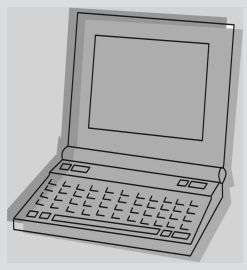
"I think there are more things to do- not just change bathroom signs- but incite more conversation," senior psychology major Jedaun Carter said. "Non-gendered bathrooms are the same as handicapped ones... It allows everyone to use it but doesn't say the reason behind it."

Carter added that ULV has only changed the single restrooms, which doesn't change anything because no one else will be in the stall with them to express their uncomfortability.

"Making the stalled restrooms non-gendered will make a statement," Carter said. Before the addition of gender neutral bathroom signs in single-stalled bathrooms in buildings like the Athletic Pavilion and Barkley Building, anyone could use the male or female marked stall if they really wanted to, she added.

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Speaking of politics and literature



Taylor Griffith



Audrey Gaudette

Above: Rigoberta Menchú Tum, Guatemalan K'iche political activist, feminist and Nobel Laureate, speaks at the La Verne Church of the Brethren Sunday about war and corrupt politicians.

As part of the Living Peace Lecture Series, Menchú Tum presented her lecture "Achieving Peace Through Non-Violent Protest."

Left: Menchú Tum's leads a classroom dialogue Tuesday in the Barkley Building with Associate Professor of Spanish Gabriela Capraroiu's class.

Menchú writes children's literature about and for indigenous people. She said that there is no way to translate her original thoughts or writing to English.

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tends to earn more seats than the party that won the presidential election.

"You got a different electorate," Neidleman said. "In midterm elections, fewer people turn out because they're not mobilized by the presidential election, so you get more of a 'purist' party line electorate, what they call the 'base,' that are more motivated by ideology."

Andrew Tompkins, sophomore business administration major, said he leans politically conservative, and that he does not talk much about politics with his friends. Still, he plans to vote.

"I would like to see changes, and I will vote to see who is most promising," Tompkins said.

Other surveyed students said that they lean more Democratic. Damairis Lao, junior art and art history major, said that President Donald Trump's election is her primary motivation for voting in midterm elections.

"I don't agree with his policies," Lao said. "And I want representatives who will stand up against him."

The political affiliation of majority of participants who said they will vote in 2018 follows an established pattern of voting behavior during midterm elections. While the Republicans have control of the White House and both branches of Congress, the majority of surveyed students lean Democrat.

"I would vote to get more Democratic seats in the House," said Kyle Woods, senior psychology major.

Darian Manago, senior psychology major, said that his generation (the "Millennials") needs to mobilize during elections, and that voting is a civic duty.

"Gotta beat Trump, boys and girls," Manago said.

Neidleman said that the lower turnout rate among college students leads to the deprioritization of issues important to that demographic.

"It's not an accident that you take issues like Social Security or Medicare that advantage elderly people, and you have high turnout rates among the elderly, and those are secure and solid, at least in my voting lifetime," Neidleman said.

"Then you take something like college loans which are significant for college-aged kids, and it's no accident that that's always a plaything of the politicians and they're never secure. That's because young people don't vote in the same numbers as the elderly people vote."

However, Trump's 2016 victory may mobilize young voters into participating in midterm elections.

"I made a big mistake by not voting," Sabrina Ferrero, senior art major said about the 2016 election.

"So I'm definitely voting in the next election."

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Muslims discuss bigotry

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The University of La Verne held a panel discussion on Islamophobia Wednesday to consider discrimination that Muslim communities face today in America, as part of the One Book, One University event.

The event, "Immigration Nation? Living in the United States: A Panel Conversation about Immigration and Islamophobia," included speakers Jihad Turk, the president of Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School; Firas Arodaki, a La Verne graduate student; and Hassam Ayloush, a representative from Council on American-Islamic Relations.

"Bigotry only survives when there is a social acceptance to it," Ayloush said.

Although there are about 1.6 billion Muslims across the world, making it one of the world's largest religions there is still an irrational phobia of the religion and the people who practice it, Ayloush said.

"I actually haven't faced any challenges," Turk said. "It's not usually something I face in the context of some kind of negativity or hostility."

Because Turk has never personally faced any discrimination due to his Muslim background, he feels that it may be that most of the people who do face discrimination look more "Muslim-y", making it an almost racialized religious identity.

"Islam is a very diverse religion that is difficult to identify by face," Ayloush said.

Islamophobia is an issue in America because ignorance is used to build fear, and there are currently 37 different groups dedicated solely to spreading that fear, Ayloush said.

"Most of us are not bigoted, but all it takes is a small group of people determined to make life miserable," he said.

Turk said that bringing awareness through activism and social justice was the right course of action to counteract Islamophobia.

"When there is an issue of social justice, let's stand up for each other," Turk said.

Ayloush instead focused on the fact that the issue has nothing to do with activism and everything to do with bigotry. Bigots are the issue, he said, and help from a community that is not being targeted should never be expected.

"The focus should be on the bigots," Ayloush said. "Nobody should feel that they have to do anything different in order to be accepted and embraced by their peers."

He also added that Muslims

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Forum considers safety and defense

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Accountability and training were just a few of the topics concerning students and community members at the Campus Officer Safety Forum held Monday evening by faculty and campus safety members.

The forum focused on the new implementation of the campus safety officers carrying defense devices.

If approved, officers will be able to carry and potentially use handcuffs and pepper spray.

The intimate crowd of 13 allowed for an in-depth conversation amongst attendees and faculty members who gathered in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Clive Houston-Brown, associate vice president of facilities and technology, said approximately 80 percent of respondents to last semesters' forums were in favor of these changes, 10 percent to 15 percent were not in favor, and roughly 5 percent were indifferent.

He added that 20 percent of the respondents to previous forums carry pepper spray for their own protection – a policy that is currently not permitted by the University. This may change soon, Houston-Brown added.

Houston-Brown started the forum with a presentation about the process of implementation, which included officer training, what constitutes an appropriate reason to use the devices, officer and university expectations as well as data collected from nearby private colleges, including Cal Baptist, Loyola Marymount and Azusa Pacific, who equip their officers with various defense tools.

Adding to the forum's faculty members were Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs; Daniel Loera, director of multicultural affairs; and Dave Keetle, interim senior director of university safety operations.

Currently, campus safety officers are not permitted to carry any protective equipment, which has caused much concern amongst the officers who are sometimes put in situations where potential harm may occur.

Students voiced their concerns about how officers will be trained on how to use handcuffs and pepper spray, as well as what repercussions will be set in place if and when an event involves excessive force.

"I really want to make sure they are trained," Deborah Gonzalez, junior speech communications major, said.

Gonzalez mentioned the Zimbardo Effect and how she hopes it does not affect the officer's frame of mind if and when they are permitted to carry handcuffs and pepper spray.

The Zimbardo Effect, also known as the Lucifer Effect, is a term coined by author and doctor Philip Zimbardo who explains how power can change a person and cause generally good people to do bad things.

Keetle informed attendees that there will most likely be few incidences where the officers would need to use handcuffs or pepper spray, adding that because of this, he would hold trainings yearly to keep officers updated with relevant information.

Another major concern was cultural diversity and sensitivity, to which Houston-Brown responded that during training, officers would be given an implicit bias test.

Otherwise known as Project Implicit, the test will make known biases, if any, and how the person in question could overcome them.

Loera noted that there is a Social Justice Reporting Form that is available to anyone on campus who would like to report something they feel was biased.

"We have to know in order to make a change," said Loera, adding that the importance of knowing the form exists is imperative.

Although the officers would be armed with pepper spray and handcuffs, Houston-Brown and the other faculty members at the forum said they hope this will not cause students and community members to fear them.

"My vision is for campus safety to know us by name and have good relationships," Houston-Brown said.

Houston-Brown added that there is a "sense of false security" with the La Verne Police Department across the street from campus.

Although depended upon for ultimate situations, Brown said there is a preference to have campus safety officers to be the first responders because they would handle situations differently than a sworn officer might.

Suggestions and concerns from forum participants were heard and written down by Rahmani. These suggestions will eventually help make the decision to permit the carrying of the items in question.

There will be one more community forum at noon on Oct. 4 before data is collected and presented to the University.

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tion situations.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, prevalence of false reporting is between 2 percent and 10 percent, approximately the same as other crimes.

"It sends out a message that you need to keep your mouth shut, your voice is not loud enough," Twombly said. "You can't pass something like that and not have a message to women that they're not protected. What that is telling people is to only open their mouth if they have evidence, which I think is wrong."

Karasek said she also believes DeVos' position gets a point across.

"I think the stronger message that she's sending is to perpetrators, which is that you can get away with whatever you want, we don't care," Karasek said. "She's also sending a message to schools that we're not really concerned, you can tweak cases under the rug and you can go back to the way things were before and we're not going to be looking over your shoulder."

In a Sept. 2015 study, the Association of American Universities estimated that one in five women, or 20 percent, experience sexual assault in college.

Despite the frequency of the crime, it continues to be among the most underreported.

About two out of three are not taken to the police, and while women outside of college report in 32 percent of the cases, those attending college report only 20 percent of the time, according to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, or RAINN.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reported that between 2006 and 2010 nearly 3.4 million violent crimes were underreported per year, despite the fact that victims knew the offenders in about 80 percent of sexual misconduct cases.

The role of Title IX as it relates to sexual assault is "recognizing that sexual assault is a form of sex discrimination and can interfere with a person's equal access to educational programs and activities," according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

"Allegations of a 'broken system,' and perpetuating the myth that false reporting is prevalent" can discourage reporting even more, the Resource Center reports.

DeVos' premise that the current guidelines to deal with sexual misconduct on college campuses create a system of imbalance in due process contrast with the fact that only six out of every 1,000 perpetrators of the crime end up in prison, according to RAINN.

"With Title IX we saw greater spotlight on education, prevention programs, bystander intervention programs, making sure that students are readily aware of policy and resources," Jackson said.

"Here at the University of La Verne we have excellent working partnerships with Project Sister, House of Ruth, and just making sure that (students) have full knowledge that our on-campus counseling program is available."

According to ULV's 2016 Clery Act Report, at the University's main campus there have been no accounts of forcible sex offense in 2013, one in 2014 and two in 2015, and three incidents of dating violence in 2014 and one in 2015, as well as three of domestic violence in 2015.

The report also showed that in the student housing facilities, there has been two forcible sex offenses in 2013, one in 2014 and two in 2015, while there were also two instances of dating violence in 2013, three in 2014 and one in 2015.

There has also been one instance of domestic violence in 2015.

With responses to DeVos' intended changes coming from across the political spectrum, not everyone believes Title IX as applied to sexual misconduct is a priority.

"You have to look back and see if it is being effective where it is instituted, then keep going with it, but from what I'm hearing I don't think it's being effective and that's why it's being discussed," junior communications major and College Republicans president Marisa Saldaña said.

Saldaña also said she believes there are more urgent feminist causes, especially outside of the United States, that should be prioritized.

"As a woman, and I can only speak from my own experiences, I haven't experienced anything that would make me completely concerned about Title IX," she said.

She added that the University does a lot to address sexual misconduct on campus, such as events like Take Back the Night, and said she wishes more people took self-defense classes.

Between Sept. 18 and 21, the University held several events for Sexual Assault Awareness week.

They included a screening of the film "The Hunting Ground," a lecture and discussion on being an up-stander, taking a pledge to commit to being an ally and participating in the Clothesline Project, which involved decorating and hanging t-shirts in honor of sexual assault and/or rape survivors.

"We do sexual assault awareness month in April, but for college campuses, this is the time to do it," Jackson said. "You have many students that are new to campus, new to the experience, so this is a great time to really educate them on our resources, opportunities and how to remain safe as they're getting acclimated to the 'on your own' environment."

According to RAINN, more than 50 percent of college sexual assaults occur between August and November, and students are at an increased risk at the beginning of their freshman and sophomore years.

As clearer guidelines erupt from DeVos' decision to implement changes in the treatment of Title IX, the University intends to send mass communication updating the student body, faculty and staff.

"We're very adamant in staying on top and knowledgeable about changes and that is the nature of my role," Jackson said. "Making sure that not only I am aware, but that I'm making students aware."

Twombly said she believes one of the biggest issues with sexual assault and rape is that it is not talked about enough.

"I feel like the student body needs to know how to see these situations from a more open lens. You can't just see it from her side or his side, or vice-versa," she said.

"There is a stigma around it and a feeling that it's uncomfortable, so people don't want to learn more about it."

Despite the dissatisfaction with the possible changes to Title IX guidelines, Twombly is optimistic in how the University will support its community.

"I think La Verne is very unique in that we go against the grain, we listen to our students a little bit more," she said. "So I think La Verne will stand behind not only the women, but all the people that could be potentially affected and harmed by this new change."

Jackson also sees in the situation an opportunity to keep the conversation about sexual misconduct on campus alive.

"We're talking about things more and more, and I think what's great about these public opportunities such as with our Secretary of Education, it brings the conversation back to the forefront," Jackson said.

"We're discussing the ideals and opportunities and what that means for both men and women who are complainants and respondents and having to encounter these processes," she said.

Sexual assault and rape victims on campus can count on the resources of the Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Health Center, Student Affairs, Student Life, Campus Safety, City of La Verne Police Department and Human Resources, where Jackson's office is located.

"My message to men and women is be safe," Lieberman said. "If there is ever a question about is your action appropriate or inappropriate, or are you interacting with someone that you think their actions are inappropriate, then be safe and make sure that you are communicating with the appropriate people."

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From the Editor...

Jemele Hill's fight goes beyond labels



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When President Donald Trump's personal crusade against the media recently evolved into yet another chapter, it was not surprising nor a mere coincidence that his latest target was a female, African-American journalist: Jemele Hill, the co-host of ESPN's SportsCenter.

Despite hiding behind the pretext of being offended by a Twitter post in which Hill called him "a white supremacist surrounded by white supremacists," the underlying reason for the commander in chief's resentment does not seem to have been the content of the tweet, but rather the fact that a black woman stood up to his entitlement of white male power, soaked up so deeply in all of its privileges – publicly and unapologetically.

After all, Trump did not seem to mind when David Duke, admittedly a white supremacist and former Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, declared his utmost support for the now-president throughout his campaign.

Not even when Duke went as far as to draw parallels between their ideas, interpreting Trump's victory as a proof of allegiance to his cause and saying in a Sept. 29, 2016, interview to the Los Angeles Times that "the fact that Donald Trump's doing so well, it proves that I'm winning. I am winning."

Instead of vehemently denying the title of white supremacist leader extended to him by default or rejecting any ties to the movement or the KKK, Trump took the safe option of claiming to know nothing about the man, the group or the cause, flirting with the label enough to make it seem fitting.

This, of course, was a very different response from the incident with Hill, where the White House as an institution chose to instead publicly start a witch-hunt against a private individual, with press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders encouraging ESPN to fire her.

The contrast between the two widely opposite responses proves this is not a fight over words and labels, but about black uprising.

It brings back to the historic tendency to silence and suppress the African-American population's voice, with Trump sending a message loud and clear that the predominantly white men who run ESPN should do more to keep their people of color in check and establish order through conformity, which then gets rebranded in public statements as "rules, policies" and "inappropriate."

Trump illustrated that once more on Friday when urging NFL owners, another predominantly white male demographic, to punish players who choose to kneel during the national anthem, using their large platform to protest the issue of police brutality.

"Get that son of a b**** off the field right now, he's fired," Trump said.

"Get that black man causing an uproar and punish him for not adhering to the behavioral code we expect," is what Trump likely meant.

This sounds a bit too familiar to anyone who understands power dynamics and their historical context in America.

While the president insists on praising the "very nice people" among neo-Nazi groups and calling those who peacefully protest racial injustice "sons of b******", he will always remain the poster boy for racism.

This inability to truly condemn white supremacist groups and individuals and at the same time can incite anger toward African-Americans merely fighting for their rights shows his true colors.

Unfortunately for Trump, ESPN and the NFL, African-Americans are unequivocally determined to not allow injustices to go unseen and unheard, and are willing to expand way beyond the territorial and conformity lines drawn against them.

Unfortunately for white supremacists, media giants and those who do not like sports being politicized, we are living in a social climate where being neutral or "objective" is being complicit, and breaking free from pre-established constructs to change the power mechanisms is much more than ideal – it is necessary.

Lastly, unfortunately for those who do not want change because it does not directly benefit them, people whose mere existence is still taken as an act of rebellion will keep living life out loud until it is too thunderous to ignore.

Not only will Jemele Hill not stop speaking up and Colin Kaepernick not stop kneeling down, but they will continue to take thousands more with them in the world of media, sports and beyond to gear up and join the fight.

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Diversity at Emmys is skin deep

On Sept. 17, the 69th Emmy Awards celebrated the talent of an array of entertainers in television.

Like any other large scale award show, the Emmys try to appear progressive every year.

Unfortunately this is displayed by exemplifying the power of the white hands it is in.

One way is having a handful of "black firsts" at every ceremony.

So many subcategories allow for more attempts to diversify headlines.

Actress Lena Waithe is the first African-American woman to win Outstanding Writing for Comedy Series.

It has always been seen as a feat for black people to do the same things white people do.

If we want to get so specific, why not give her three separate awards for being the first black gay woman to win in this category?

Sterling K. Brown's acceptance speech for Best Actor in a Drama was cut short by the orchestra, then his mic was cut off completely after assuring the audience that he was not going to let the music drown him out.

Meanwhile, fellow white recipients in other categories were allowed extended speeches.

African-American actress Gabrielle Union shared in a passive-aggressive tweet that she had been invited to the Emmys for the first time after being in movies and TV for more than 20 years and was still not nominated for an award, but called upon to present one.

"Overnight success!" she wrote with a smiley emoji.

The show reached an ultimate low point when Sean Spicer, former White House secretary, took the stage and delivered a short speech mocking his press conferences about the size of Donald Trump's inauguration crowd.

"This will be the largest audience to witness an Emmys period, both in person and around the world," Spicer said.

Anti-Trump America does not appreciate Spicer lying in front of the entire country from the White House and then trying to turn his former propaganda role into a lighthearted joke, as if he never backed the words of this dictator.

Spicer, who resigned from his position in July due to his objection of Anthony Scaramucci being hired as White House communications director, brought his resentment from the job to the Awards.

The insensitivity of this joke sat well with followers of "Saturday Night Live," showing that the powers that be do not care about the emotional well-being of its viewers.

The only concern is appeasing the audience and maintaining the glamorous, white demeanor of the Emmy Awards.

The powers that be never have to see the faces of people watching at home, whom statements like this affect. Only the porcelain smiles that reflect approval onto the stage.

The Awards' progress in diversity will remain stagnant until the stakeholders of the Academies' almost entirely white boards that present the Emmy's use their power to show true support for its whole audience.

Representation of all people is required to relate to them.

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Local stores offer creativity break

Students let creative juices flow

Haydee Perez
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Instead of spending the day watching Netflix, there are plenty of opportunities for University of La Verne students to get in touch with their creative side in the community.

Three local stores in particular give students the opportunity to express their creativity – Mud Shack, Petals 'n Wings and Sewciety.

Petals 'n Wings, located in the Claremont Village, specializes in miniature gardens and accessories. Tucked in the gardening area of the Vintage Odyssey at 201 W. Bonita Ave., Petals 'n Wings offers workshops for customers to familiarize themselves with miniature gardens and succulents.

"Many come back because it becomes a hobby, collecting and making the gardens are a great way to get everyone in the family involved," Tina Lambrecht, owner of Petals 'n Wings, said.

The shop carries a unique supply of succulent accessories and small figurines that bring the gardens to life. Visitors can bring their own pot from home or choose from the variety of shapes and sizes available in the store.

Petals 'n Wings offers a fun place to exercise their green thumb and imagination while creating a miniature garden of their own. The garden is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Sewciety is a modern day sewing studio that offers classes for all ages and levels of ability. The price for each class varies by the amount of sessions needed and the amount of supplies.

"Sewing is a social thing. We sit around and create together. It creates community," co-owner Yvonne Dill-Cruz said.

Sewciety specializes in small classes so each person has the right amount of hands on time with instructors. Multiple courses like learning about hemp bags have been added for the month of October to get the community involved.

The studio, located at 218 W. Foothill Blvd. in Claremont, is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. To enroll in a class visit **sewcietystudio.com**.

Mud Shack, located at 2145 Foothill Blvd. in La Verne, is a small store which allows visitors to paint pieces of ceramic that they will get to take home as a lasting piece of art. With artwork showcased on the walls, the store provides a welcoming and calming environment.

"It is a fun place to be, and a good place to let your creativity flow," said Rachel Bramer, Mud Shack employee.

For a $10 studio fee guests can cover their piece in paint and glaze. Each ceramic object, from plates and mugs to sculptures and statues, is priced individually.

Jackie Guijarro of Fontana and her 12-year-old daughter Alyssa spent a majority of their morning Sept. 16 painting mugs for one another.

Alyssa said she loved having the ability to create her own work, even if it came out funky.

Jackie said that she loved the freedom she felt when painting.

The process takes about one week to complete. After the piece is painted, it is baked and glazed throughout the week. Every first Sunday of the month, is Family Day at Mud Shack, and groups up to five people are able to paint for a $20 studio fee.

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Audrey Gaudette

Amanda Rincon paints a Halloween lantern in the spirit of fall Sept. 15 at the Mud Shack in La Verne. Her mother and friend come with her for a bonding experience to paint together. The Mud Shack charges a small studio fee for paint and glaze in addition to the price of the ceramic chosen. After the piece is painted Mud Shack employees fire the objects in a kiln.

CicLAvia route preview opens roads to bikers

Crystian Mendoza
Sports Editor

The city of San Dimas Parks and Recreation Department and Bike San Gabriel Valley hosted a free community bike ride Saturday in front of the San Dimas city hall which previewed the new CicLAvia route.

CicLAvia is a non-profit organization that focuses on promoting safe, active transportation through the creation of protected pathways and car-free streets.

The event temporarily closed streets to car traffic and opened up for pedestrians, which ultimately creates a safe environment for people to walk, run, bike, and skate through the city of San Dimas.

The family-friendly bike ride brought together the surrounding cities of San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona and Claremont to encourage healthy, active transportation.

"The purpose is to promote family, fun and fitness through various activities," said Jeff Freeth, recreation coordinator.

The activities started off with a 5k run and a 5k community bike ride. Next was a toddler trot for children ages 3 to 5 who completed a miniature course. At 9:30 a.m. participants lined up for the 1 mile walk, which featured over 200 walkers.

"We also have 'The School Challenge' which challenges the different elementary schools to get as many participants that they can to come together with their family, friends, classmates, administrators and teachers to just bring everybody together and have fun with a fitness event throughout the day," Freeth said.

Catherine Rojas, a second grade teacher at Ekstrand Elementary School, said this was their third year winning a trophy at the event.

"We think it's really important and we like to get our families out to stay fit, so our whole school rallies to come out to this event every year," Rojas said.

Rojas said that although some of students are a little nervous to see their teachers over the weekend, she was thrilled to see how committed Ekstrand Elementary is to encouraging fitness.

The event also gave residents of local communities a chance to volunteer by counting walkers, runners and participants on bicycles as well as handing out water and fresh oranges to keep everyone hydrated.

"It's a great experience to get out and help, seeing people socialize and spend time with their family and friends makes me feel happy," volunteer Soje Libero said. "It's a great opportunity to be involved with the community."

BikeSGV launched the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Net-

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Wildlife in wetlands



Spencer Croce

Adjunct professor of biology Raminder Kaur helps sophomore math major Crystal Almarez identify a bird during a Biology 101 field trip to Bonelli Park Tuesday. The class visited the wetlands near Puddingstone Reservoir to identify birds. Kaur wanted to highlight the diversity of wildlife present so close to campus.

CicLAvia...

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work 2025 back in 2014 and has a goal of setting up 50 miles of new greenway within the next decade.

The event had a turn out of more than 200 participants from all age groups. Many were happy to win medals and trophies for placing in the various running competitions.

"I was happy to win, I've won this race a few times before and this year although I didn't have my fastest time ever, for my age it was pretty good," geography professor at El Camino College, Matt Ebiner said.

Ebiner added that most of the participants he saw were from San Dimas and surrounding cities, but feels that the fact that it was a "low key" event came as a benefit to those who came, because there was plenty of free parking available.

Overall, the city of San Dimas and BikeSGV put together a family-friendly community event that brought together a sizable crowd by promoting overall fitness with protected pathways for safe recreation as well as healthy, active transportation.

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On the Calendar

Meditation

Students, faculty and staff are invited to meditate from 12:15.-12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 5:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Interfaith Chapel.

CEO Forum

The College of Business and Public Management and Vistage USA are sponsoring a women's CEO forum titled "Lessons Learned on the Road to Success."

A panel of six women CEOs from different backgrounds will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Halloween Costume Bingo

The Campus Activities Board will host a night of Halloween themed bingo with prizes at 10 p.m. Oct. 12 in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Gaming

The Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center Club, La Verne Gaming and the Board Game Club will host their Monday Madness gaming event from 8 p.m.-midnight Monday in Leo's Den.

—Brooke Grasso

Muslims...

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are normal human beings who should not have to explain themselves, claiming that in order to be a good ally you just have to let them be who they are.

Students were then given the opportunity to ask their own questions.

"There is a misconception, I feel, that there is violence in the Quran," junior psychology major Eric Kirakosian said. "Can you touch on this? Is it a misconception? Why do people think this?"

Violence has never been backed by religion, Turk said. It is usually due to a struggle of power and has nothing to do with religion.

Many people in America oppose bigotry, Ayloush said. American Muslims are typically happy because although they face many obstacles, they have far more opportunities than they would have back home, he said.

The mediator of the panel, University Chaplain Zandra Wagoner, brought the panel to a close by saying that it takes a wide source of knowledge to fight bigotry.

This is where Kirakosian disagreed.

"You don't need a college degree to know not to hate people," he said.

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DREAMers Club offers safe space

Students unite in support

Mulan Novilla
Staff Writer

In light of recent events regarding undocumented students, the new DREAMers Club on campus offers a safe space for students to gain social and academic support from their peers as they pursue their education at the University of La Verne.

"Our mission is to create an inclusive community of DREAMers and undocu-allies," Cynthia Corona, club president and junior business administration major, said.

"Allies are just as important in this case; we have the privilege to speak out because the repercussions aren't as severe as the one that DREAMers and undocumented students face if they speak out on their own," she said.

The club also aims to offer resources and connections to DREAMers and undocumented students at La Verne.

It is also looking to have a contact person in the offices of admissions and financial aid who can understand the unique situations of DREAMers in need and offer their help.

"I noticed that the community colleges around here are serving a large number of DREAMers. So once they are looking to transfer, where are they going to go?" Corona said.

"If we have a place for them at La Verne, they're more likely to come. I want a place for them to feel safe and thrive here."

The club is also working toward a future collaboration with the office of civic engagement and the office of diversity, two resources that have been very supportive of the DREAMer population at the University.

Corona and five others were inspired to start the DREAMers Club because of the way undocumented immigrants were being mistreated and belittled by the current administration.

"Last semester, I was in a class where someone said undocumented immigrants are criminals and murderers," Natali Caamal, senior business administration and secretary of the club, said.

"My dad was an undocumented immigrant, but he is not a criminal nor a murderer. He works hard as a manager at my grandparents' restaurant."

Professor of Business and Law Robert Barrett was discussing the issues regarding immigration and students in his business law class when Corona asked him to be the club's adviser.

"What I have been learning since I agreed to be the adviser is the contribution that undocumented immigrants have made and are making to the economy and what an important part of the country they are," Barrett said.

"We need to show people the many challenges DREAMers face, and that they are not the bad people some make them out to be," vice president and junior political science major Danae Gonzalez said.

The club wanted to be allies to those who face this kind of judgement and give them the support they need.

"Being an ally means that we understand their struggles and we are supportive of them; there's more to them than a status on paper, and we want to do whatever we can to make sure they succeed," Corona said.

Although none of the original club members are undocumented students themselves, each one has a personal connection to immigration.

Corona said she witnessed her uncle's struggle to provide for his family as an undocumented immigrant.

> 'Being an ally means that we understand their struggles and we are supportive of them; there's more to them than a status on paper, and we want to do whatever we can to make sure they succeed.'
> *—Cynthia Corona, DREAMers Club president*

With the threat of deportation looming over him, he still continued to work several minimum wage jobs to send his children to school.

Caamal's father was an undocumented immigrant, coming from Mexico at the age of 12.

Yuritzi Mora, social media coordinator and junior political science major, was raised by immigrant parents from Mexico.

"They showed me that everybody is equal no matter where you come from. I want to give support to DREAMers and show them we all have the same goals and we are all are trying to make it," she said.

The DREAMers Club will make an appearance at the Latino Education Access and Development conference on campus Oct. 14.

They will be hosting an undocu-ally workshop to discuss the different laws and regulations that impact the DREAMer community, highlight the resources available on campus for them and explain how to show support by becoming an ally to those who are undocumented.

The club is planning several major events to spread awareness about DREAMers and undocumented students.

They will have a showing of "Documented," a documentary about an undocumented immigrant's journey to America, and have a peaceful demonstration called "Stand with the DREAMers" later on in the semester.

The club will also partner with the office of civic engagement to host a workshop on how to contact a local congressman to allow undocu-allies to reach out and express their views about issues regarding undocumented students and DREAMers.

The DREAMers club meets every Monday at 12:15 p.m.

For more information on meeting locations, follow **@ulvdreamers** on Instagram or email Corona at **cynthia.corona@laverne.edu**.

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Riding for fitness



Audrey Gaudette

Christopher and Charles Owens cross the finish line and reach towards their well-earned medals at the San Dimas Fitness Day 5-K Community Bike Ride Saturday. Christopher Owens and his 5-year-old son are residents of San Dimas. The city hosts an annual fitness day every September for residents to participate in community fitness activities.

Latinx art and culture



Celeste Drake

Painter Aida Lugo works at the La Explosión Latina event Saturday in Sneaky Park. Hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusivity and the Center for Multicultural Services, the event celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month through Latinx arts and culture, and included live music, theater readings, art stands, bilingual slam poetry, salsa dance instruction and food. Lugo said she paints at events not only to showcase her art, but because painting in front of people inspires her to do what she loves.



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'Unloaded'

The Harris Gallery will host the group exhibit "Unloaded" through Oct. 26.

The exhibition is a collection of various artists' work focused on the impact of guns on society.

'Time Traveler'

"Time Traveler," an expression of the four seasons by painter Rotem Reshef, is on display through Dec. 15 in the Tall Wall Space in the Arts and Communications Building.

'Forty Two Years'

Nick Ut's photography exhibit "Forty Two Years and the Frequent Wind: Vietnamese Refugees in America" runs through Oct. 13 in the Carlson Gallery.

Queer History Exhibition

"Lesbians To Watch Out For: '90s Queer L.A. Activism" is a history exhibition highlighting lesbian activists and movements at its peak in the 1990s.

The exhibit is on display through Oct. 20 in the West Gallery, located on the second floor of the Campus Center.

Altar Workshop

The Ontario Museum of History and Art will host a workshop from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday for its annual Día de los Muertos exhibit. Visitors can contribute to a community altar commemorating the everyday heroes of Ontario. For reservations, call 909-395-2510.

Family Free Day

The Claremont Museum of Art will host its monthly Family Free Day event from noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is free and there will be arts and crafts activities for the whole family.

The museum is located at 200 W. First St. in Claremont, in the Claremont Depot building.

—Tyler Evains, Arturo Gomez Molina

'Orfeus' spins Greek myth

Jesica Kimberlin
Staff Writer

'Orfeus,' billed as the world's first house music opera, took to the stage Saturday at Pomona College's Bridges Auditorium in Claremont.

The play is based on the ancient Roman myth of Orpheus and Euridice, who were portrayed in Ovid's poem "Metamorphoses."

The show incorporated modern music, video editing and other technology into an opera performance of "Orfeus" by Grammy-winning opera baritone Nmon Ford.

The theater was filled with students, faculty, and other opera enthusiasts.

"I've always liked the story of ... 'Metamorphoses.' What I haven't always liked is the ending because I thought it was too sad," Ford said.

Ford not only directed "Orfeus," he also produced, starred in the show as Orfeus and voiced Pluto as well.

Ford decided to develop a new ending for his adaptation of "Orpheus."

He also wanted to create a version that leaves an opening for a sequel.

"The only way I could think of that made sense to continue the story was that she (Euridice) actually was able to come back to life," Ford said.

In addition to the plot twist, Ford combined elements of house music into his adaptation of "Orpheus."

The stage was propped simply with a large projector screen and two small blocks of ladders on both sides, but the emotions conveyed through the performance were beyond ordinary-no decoration necessary.

> 'It made it more interesting that sometimes he was singing live, and then sometimes it was recorded, and then sometimes it was through the video.'
> *—Kelly Simmons, audience member*

Different types of music played in the background and often times edited video clips flashed across the screen.

Kelly Simmons, an executive assistant at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, came from Los Angeles to watch her friend Ford's adaptation of "Orpheus."

"I think it was fabulous. It was really creative, I liked how he incorporated the video with the actual live singing," Simmons said. "It made it more interesting that sometimes he was singing live, and then sometimes it was recorded, and then sometimes it was through the video."

Ford's co-star, Shana Blake Hill, opera soprano who starred as Euridice, said that the production of the show spanned over a few years.

"He would finish a piece and then he would call me up, and we would go in the studio and figure it out," Hill said. So it's kind of been evolving over time. It's sort of like shooting a film."

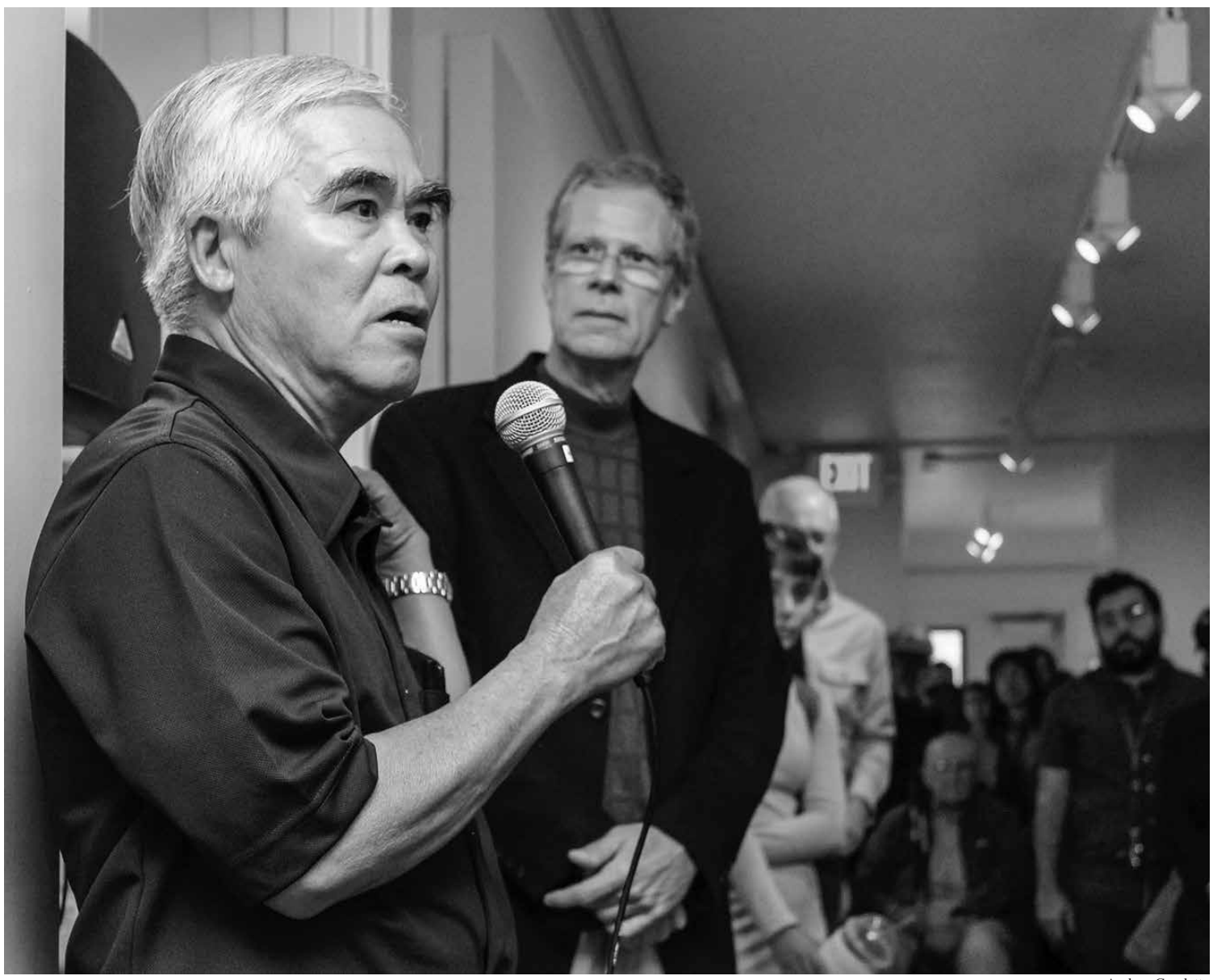
Pomona College sophomore Alexandra D'Costa and freshman Alida Schefers said that they had seen "Orfeus" posters around campus and became interested in watching the show.

D'Costa said that she thought "Orfeus" was groundbreaking and liked Ford's adaptation because the music gave her a different feel of the story.

"First of all there is the actors' great singing, and then I feel like the performance we saw was, almost more provocative than the myth because I had a real reaction to the music," Schefers said.

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Pulitzer winner shares Vietnam stories



Audrey Gaudette

Students and faculty fill the Carlson Gallery to hear Vietnamese-American photographer Nick Ut speak at a reception Sept. 21. The Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist's historic and contemporary pictures are on display here until Oct. 13. Ut is best known for his Vietnam War photography, particularly "Napalm Girl," for which he won the Pulitzer.

Ceramicist integrates found objects

Jillian O'Dwyer, a Running Springs-based ceramic artist, discussed her work Sept. 21 at the American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona.

O'Dwyer told the audience she is inspired by things she finds in the streets and in parking lots. She also likes to write.

"Words really resonate so I don't have sketch books, I have lists," she said.

Her ceramic works consist of various textures and colorful glazing styles of plates, flower pots and mugs.

"I might have the same texture tools that I use for every single piece, but each (has) a different pattern," O'Dwyer said.

O'Dwyer uses found objects, such as tire parts and items from garbage dumpsters. When she is out in the streets collecting new texture tools, she said she also enjoys collecting footprints from people she encounters. She said she finds the different textures of the soles of shoes interesting.

O'Dwyer ended her lecture with a quote by author and inspirational speaker Simon Sinek: "People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it."

—Vanessa Martinez



Taylor Griffith

Ceramicist Jillian O'Dwyer speaks at the American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona Sept. 21. She uses objects she finds to leave imprints of recognizable forms on her ceramic pieces. She then paints and glazes them to highlight certain areas in the material.



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Late goal seals win against Whittier

Jose Brambila
Editorial Director

The women's soccer team beat the Whittier Poets 2-1 in a nail-biter Saturday night at Ortmayer Stadium, in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

"My coach always prints out stuff of where they put us in preseason. They picked us to finish last. It's just a humble reminder that we want to prove everyone wrong," junior midfielder Anna Ottley said.

La Verne dominated possession early in the first half and looked like a goal was coming, but the Poets led by the stellar play of junior goalkeeper Stella Thermos, managed to keep the Leopards scoreless in the first half.

Senior forward Jessica Hernandez, who leads the team in scoring, was largely frustrated in the first half as Whittier's defense tried to limit her influence on the game.

La Verne's defense was hardly tested in the first half, except for the occasional solo play of senior midfielder Lauren Kai, who gave the Leopards defense all they could handle.

At the beginning of the second half, Hernandez made a dangerous run into the top of the box and was tripped by a Poet defender creating the opportunity to score from a penalty kick.

"At halftime we said we are going to get a goal within the first five minutes and make runs that really helped get a foul in the box and Anna put it away," Hernandez said.

Ottley made no mistake and placed her shot low and to the goalkeeper's right side to put the Leopards up 1-0.

La Verne had a few opportunities to add to the score, but couldn't convert.

With the introduction of junior forward Miranda Yzabal, the Poets began to dictate possession and play with her combining well with midfielder Kai.

The Poets earned a penalty kick in the 78th minute of play and Kai slotted it home to tie the game.

The momentum seemed to be on Whittier's side and they appeared closer to the game winner than La Verne, until forward Andre Story received the ball in the midfield and went on a 40-yard run, to earn her team a corner kick with only five minutes to go.

"Set pieces, we get them, but they aren't necessarily our strength. We're more of a team that is trying to keep the ball on the ground doing some crossing and finishing," head coach Lauryn Pehanich said.

The ninth corner turned out to be the charm as sophomore defender Alina Cobian was left completely unmarked inside the 18-yard box and tapped it in to give La Verne the 2-1 lead.

"There were five minutes left, so I just went up for the corner kick and stayed alive in the back post, when the ball came to me I gave it all I could and finished it," Cobian said.



Breanna Ulsh

La Verne junior defender Hannah Leone dribbled the ball up the field as the end of the first half approaches against Whittier Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. After a scoreless first half, the Leopards managed to beat the Poets, 2-1, after a last minute goal from sophomore Alina Cobian.

"A lot of my cousins and even my grandma from Teco (Tecolotlan, Jalisco, Mexico) came to the game tonight, so it was great to score in front of them," she added.

With five minutes remaining there was still time for Whittier to come back and tie the game.

Hernandez, along with sophomore midfielder Catherina Posada, battled to keep the ball in the Poets' defensive half and earned various throw-ins to manage time and see out the win.

"This is our home field, we know that Whittier is beatable and we know that we are a better team overall," Hernandez said. "This year we are a team that bounces back, we're the underdogs and we're ready to show it."

Hernandez now tops the SCIAC scoring charts with six goals, while Cobian was named the SCIAC Athlete of the Week.

"We were going to walk away with a win on our home field, no doubt. One hundred percent," Hernandez said.

On Monday, La Verne beat the Caltech Beavers on the road with a colossal 8-1 win. On Wednesday the Leopards suffered a 1-0 defeat to Cal Lutheran to break their undefeated streak.

The Leopards' record is now 3-2-1 in conference play.

La Verne will next travel to face Redlands at 11 a.m. Saturday at Farquhar Field.

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Men's soccer battles Sagehens to overtime tie

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After 110 minutes of play and numerous chances accumulated, the men's soccer team was held back to a 1-1 tie in their clash against Pomona-Pitzer Wednesday night at Ortmayer Stadium.

"It was (fair)," head coach Trevor Persson said. "You want to win every time, you want to win every game, and it's heartbreaking when you don't, but looking back at the game we had multiple opportunities to win compared to them."

The Leopards kicked off the game with high energy, trying to counter their weakness from previous games and to have more control early on, to facilitate a more dominant posture instead of a reactive one. However, the Sagehens started to slowly pick up their pace and balance the game with higher possession.

La Verne once again struggled with carrying the ball past the midfield toward the attack, having to resort to long balls and crosses that sometimes found freshman forward Johnny DeRueda and other times found no one to link the counterattacks.

While the defense was solid and effective in easily clearing Pomona-Pitzer's chances once they made their way to the third and fourth quarters of the field, the lack of control in the midfield hurt the Leopards. They were unable to link their defensive and offensive systems and connect through transitions to infiltrate the Sagehens' space, also allowing the visitors freedom to be versatile in their play making from the back.

"Sometimes we try to force it and then we kick it out," freshman midfielder Daniel Ortega said. "I think everyone sees that the opposing team just wins in the air and then they're back at our throats."

With 12 minutes left in the first half, just as La Verne was starting to build some momentum, Pomona-Pitzer found the back of the net with junior forward Aidan Ferrer. Catching the defense by surprise with a near offside position, Ferrer was left one-on-one with freshman goalkeeper Tristan Polakowski to finish on the right side of the goal.

Left to chase the result once again, the Leopards worked their magic and responded within just a few minutes. From a little over 30 yards, senior forward Andrew Maldonado chipped the Sagehens' goalkeeper to score a screamer and tie the game in the 36th minute.

"I took the ball away from their center mid, took a touch, shot it and that's how it happened," Maldonado said. "I got the idea when I was sitting on the bench, I saw that the goalie was really far out from his line, and then that's where I got the idea and I just thought to shoot it in the game, just find an open space and shoot it."

Maldonado's vision allowed the Leopards to go into halftime with the score even, after five total shots and three on goal, against the Sagehens' seven and three on goal during the first 45 minutes.

"I felt awesome, a lot of happiness, a lot of emotion coming out from making that goal," he said.

The ability to quickly respond has been a trend for the Leopards – it happened against Whittier, Redlands and Occidental. The phenomenon did not fail them this time.

"Maybe it's a combination of the other team relaxing and us kind of waking up," coach Persson said. "It shouldn't take a goal against you to wake up, but all year we've scored within five minutes. And I'd like to flip the script and be the one to score, but it seems like we're always chasing, chasing, chasing and when we get an opportunity to score we miss that chance."

In the second half, the Leopards came out stronger and slowly built on that throughout the 45 minutes. La Verne kept fighting tooth and nail with Pomona-Pitzer, accumulating good chances and increasing the temperature as the game got closer to going to overtime. With better control and aggressiveness in the midfield, the Leopards saw their efforts translated into more activity up front.

"We're a second half team. Our guys are all very young, and so in half time we just made a few tactical adjustments, kind of had some key points that we wanted them to look at, and for the most part they came out and responded," Persson said. "I think we've been very good all season in second halves except for one game, against Occidental, but our second half has always been our better half and tonight was no different."

At the end of the 90 minutes, the Leopards had a total of 10 shots, seven on goal, while the Sagehens had 16, but only four on goal.

"We performed a lot better energy-wise, we were there for the majority of the game, really good energy. I would say our weaknesses is just finishing the easy chances that we had, freshman defender Tyler Avila said. "At the half time speech the coach was just telling us he loved our energy in the first half, to keep it up, we had a good talk at halftime and came out stronger, faster, it seemed to help out."

After a busy overtime, with both teams playing at a high energy level and creating danger, the draw between the Leopards and the Sagehens prevailed.

"I think it was a fair result for both teams, we both battled all game," Ortega said. "They weren't letting out, we weren't letting out, but I don't think we want to settle for a tie. Next game we're looking for a win."

The Leopards are now 4-4-1 overall and 2-4-1 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

"It's better than a loss, but I feel like we could've won that easily if we had just buried our chances that we had," Avila said.

Next, the Leopards will face Cal Lutheran on the road Saturday afternoon at William Rolland Stadium.

"Our strength was our energy tonight, we actually came out like we wanted to play," coach Persson said. "For 110 minutes we seemed to give it 100 percent the entire time. Our weakness is just our ability to trap and pass in tight spaces and finish in front of the goal."

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Leos continue hot streak, cruise over Chapman, 3-0

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In a crucial game Tuesday night, No. 15 La Verne dominated Chapman at home in straight sets, 3-0, to move into first place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Leopards were in control from the opening serve and led almost the entire match.

In the process the Leopards handed Chapman their first loss in SCIAC play.

"Honestly it's not about how many sets, it's about staying focused and taking care of business," head coach Jenna Panatier said. "These girls knew it was a game for first place and had to come in focused, and they did."

La Verne never trailed in the first set, the Leopards opened up on a 5-2 run and used that momentum to take control.

Chapman closed the gap and got the set to within two points, 11-9 but from that point on La Verne went on a 8-0 scoring run and claimed the first set, 25-16.

The Leopards were paced by five blocks from Alexia Balistreri and Delaney Lynch who added three kills in the set.

The Leopards started off the second set red-hot on a 9-3 run. But Chapman clawed their way back into the set, chipping away at the Leopard's lead and getting the game to 17-15, forcing La Verne to call a timeout.

From that point on, thats as close as Chapman would get in the set and La Verne went on to win it, 25-20.

Senior outside hitter Marisa Rojo had five of her 10 kills in this set.

Looking to put the Panthers away in the third set, La Verne and Chapman traded points back and forth.

The set came even at 8-8, a 5-1 run by the Leopards prompted a timeout by Chapman.

After the timeout, La Verne would grab the lead by a few points and again, Chapman was able to hang around.

Chapman's coach tried to stop La Verne's momentum by calling a second timeout at 20-16. That would be enough, as the Leopards put their foot on the gas and won the set and the game on a 5-2 run, completing the sweep.

"We were just on the entire game. Even if they caught up, we stayed strong and focused," said Rojo.

The team was able to get contributions from a number of players. Junior setter Natalie Barragan had 14 assists.

"We talked about going in there and not worrying about the other side of the net. This was a crucial game for us," Barragan said. "We were super focused in what we were doing."

Junior defensive specialist Kristen Sanchez had a team-high seven digs and four aces.

"We took care of our side of the net and did everything we have been working on in practice," Sanchez said.

The Leopards' next game is at 7 p.m. Friday at Pomona-Pitzer. They will host Occidental at 6 p.m. Saturday at Frantz Athletic Court.

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Claudia Ceja

La Verne senior middle blocker Alexia Balistreri spikes the ball for a kill to end the second set against Chapman Tuesday at Frantz Athletic Court. The Leopards routed the Panthers in three sets to claim first place in the SCIAC. Balistreri also tied for the team-lead in blocks with five for the game.



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