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Provost analyzes the Bible

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Provost Jonathan Reed, a scholar of religion, early Christianity, and archaeology of ancient Mediterranean and Jewish religion, spoke about what the Bible reveals concerning homosexuality in honor of the month of Gaypril.

Roughly 50 people gathered Wednesday in the Executive Dining Room to learn about sexuality in antiquity and the Bible's references to homosexuality.

Reed said that out of 23,000 verses in the Old and New Testament, only six address homosexuality and are often disputed.

"One-hundred verses require hospitality to strangers and immigrants;125 advocate love and to love one another regardless of who the person is; 150 verses expect you to forgive people who do wrong to you or to society, and over 2,000 in the New and Old Testament advocate for the poor and demand justice," Reed said.

Reed contextualized the verses to help the audience understand their relative importance to Christian theology.

"If you are in the Christian tradition, I want to make sure you understand that never does Jesus talk about homosexuality," Reed said.

Reed also discussed the four views of scripture, which are the different ways people can interpret the Bible. The four views are: mechanical, verbal plenary, inspiration and illumination.

"Mechanical is rare, pretty extreme and often associated with fundamentalism," Reed said. "People believe the Bible is God's way of writing to some message to you, and is considered infallible. It is inherent and everything is right. If it is God's way, then God's way is right."

Reed said a verbal plenary view of scripture means each word is inspired by God who then inspires human authors to write interpretations meant for the human audience. Inspiration means people see God as the author of the scripture and the individual human agents as secretaries taking dictation, Reed said.

Lastly, illumination is the interpretation that means people may like what is in the Bible or may not, but either way it will not dictate one's life, morality or logic.

Reed said some anti-gay

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Water polo takes down Oxy en route to SCIAC



Nikky Huynh

Senior attacker Victoria Mezack challenges Occidental freshman attacker Anne Werum to keep her from passing the ball to her teammate Saturday. La Verne ended the match with a win, 16-6, at the La Verne Aquatic Center. La Verne will play No. 1 seed Pomona-Pitzer 7 p.m. Friday at Haldeman Pool at the SCIAC championship tournament. **See story on page 10.**

1 in 3 ULV students is food insecure

Students brainstorm solutions

Danielle De Luna
News Editor

One in three students at the University of La Verne are not certain where their next meal will come from, according to a survey conducted by five students in the University's honors program.

The survey received approximately 200 responses and revealed that one third of students who attend the University of La Verne are currently experiencing food insecurity.

Junior computer science majors Duc Nguyen and Jordan Ehara, senior psychology major Noelle Huffman, junior biology major Jacob Conn and junior communications major Billy Lopez collaborated to investigate food and housing insecurity for their Honors capstone course The World is Our Neighborhood, taught by Honors Program Director and Sociology Professor Roy Kwon.

"The survey was targeted toward ULV students to find out how they feel about meal plans, food insecurity and understand their living situations," Nguyen said "I was really surprised to find out that there are students that are homeless, though, especially at a private school."

Two respondents indicated that they were homeless, and another referred to living in their car, according to the survey.

A study conducted by Temple University and Wisconsin HOPE Lab revealed the extent of these issues across America. Their data showed that 36% of university students were food insecure, 36% were housing insecure and 9% were homeless.

These hardships directly impact students' graduation rates, Kwon said.

"It's hard enough to go to college," Kwon said. "Think about it this way: when I went to school, very few people had to have jobs to maintain enrollment. But now, student loans are ridiculous, and think about dealing with homelessness on top of that."

Homelessness among college students has become a state concern, as California legislators recently proposed a bill that would allow community college students to use campus parking lots to sleep in their cars overnight.

The ULV student group is also attempting create change to address the financial needs and insecurities they observed through their survey.

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> *—Duc Nguyen, junior computer science major*

They honed in on the issue of food insecurity due to its prevalence at the University and across the nation, Nguyen said.

"What we really wanted to try to do was create a system where we can make use of all the meals that are being cooked in the dining hall," Nguyen said. "Not everyone uses all their swipes for their meal plan every week and I'd really like to be able to make a system where those unswiped meals can go to students who need it."

Approximately 50% of survey respondents agreed that weekly meal plans should allow students to share their meal swipes with others in need, Ehara said.

"We got a good amount of support through the survey," Ehara said. "It was really nice to see that people were like, 'That's a great idea,' but some were like 'Bon Appetit won't go for it.'"

As computer science majors, Nguyen and Ehara were interested in understanding how meal plan data is stored and used in order to find out whether meal swipe bank might be a viable solution to food insecurity.

"My pitch is that this is a way the system work?"

Living on campus means

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Professors assess brand equity data

Savannah Dingman
Staff Writer



Jaren Cyrus

Jeanny Liu, professor of marketing, considers brand equity Tuesday in the Executive Dining Room. Liu worked with Yan Hu, associate professor of finance, to consider whether family owned businesses benefit a company's brand value.

Students and faculty gathered in the Executive Dining Room Tuesday to listen to business professors Yan Hu and Jeanny Liu discuss whether businesses being family owned benefits a company's brand value.

Liu, professor of marketing, and Hu, associate professor of finance, gathered data in an attempt to find a correlation between the two and answer a couple hypotheses on the topic.

"We wanted to find out whether a family firm adds value to a brand... to find a marriage between marketing and finance by using data from both fields," Liu said.

A family firm is defined as a firm that is at least 20% owned by the founder, Hu said.

Hu introduced two different hypotheses; one would examine how family ownership directly affects brand value, and another would look into if a business named after the family negatively or positively effects the brand value.

The hypotheses and studies were gathered from statistics of U.S. global firms, meaning 30% of a company's operations happen outside of the United States.

Al Clark, professor of humanities, raised concern about what factors specifically determine a brand's value, and how it is measured. He wanted to be certain this term had validity, or else he felt the statistics were irrelevant, he said.

Both Hu and Liu explained to Clark that brand value is an accumulation of qualities. Those qualities include the role of the brand, brand strength and the financial forecast.

"Brand value, really, is intangible," Liu said. "It's purpose is used to measure performance, as a whole."

Ultimately, the findings revealed that firms with the founder as CEO positively affected the brand value. In contrast, family and family-named firms underperformed compared to others in brand value.

Hu said that family firms struggle with three main specific challenges: growth, debt and mergers.

"Wealth does not survive three generations due to successions. By the second generation, just 30% of a company is owned by a family member. The third year, a family member averages owning only 12%," Liu said.

Jasmine Valadez, senior kinesiology major, found the topic particularly interesting because it addresses a potential career path she is considering.

"It was nice to learn some new information while on my lunch break," Valadez said. "I have thought about opening a physical therapy business in the future and now I feel more prepared in regards to a marketing strategy."

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Students advocate for reproductive rights

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The push for legislation that limits the reproductive rights of women has not faltered, but five honors students created a senior project highlighting ways people can show their support for women's access to birth control.

Cynthia Corona, business administration major; Mariah Cervantes, criminology major; Amber Miller, educational studies major; Alexis Figueroa, political science major; and James Yan, economics major, came together to create an informational poster on how to contact your representative, how to advocate for reproductive rights and provided facts regarding legislative measures today.

"We're in 2019, you would think that women's rights are protected, but they're attacking our rights in more discrete ways and they're trying to phrase it as an argument to protect religious liberties," Corona said. "When that's not what this is about, this is about infringing on women's reproductive rights."

In 2017, President Donald Trump's administration issued a ruling that would allow for employers to opt out of providing women with birth control at no cost, that is, the insurance would cover the cost.

Although the ruling now has a nationwide hold, there still remains the possibility of the hold being lifted.

"Birth control is more than just contraceptives, it's about reproductive health," Corona said. "We want our representatives to know that we care about this issue and that we don't want this to happen, and we want to spread information on how we could all help."

Alongside the information regarding which measures and rulings are in place, there was a sample letter that can be sent to representatives as a way to ask them to vote no on any attempt to limit a woman's access to reproductive health care.

"Having the sample letter out and asking people to contact their representatives will really make a difference, even if it is only just five people," Cervantes said. "That's what our point is, to advocate the five different ways that all of us can make a difference."

In addition to the sample letter, five different ways for allies to advocate for women's reproductive rights were also listed.

These include showing up to events, rallies or protests in support of reproductive rights, donating to non-profit organizations that advocate for reproductive rights, spreading knowledge and awareness to those around you, connecting with your legislators and offering your own individual talents to the cause.

"The best outcome I could expect from this is to just hope that people can advocate for women's rights in any way that's possible," Figueroa said. "Just by informing people, getting them educated on these topics and showing them ways they could get in contact with their representatives, as well as ways they can get more involved with their community."

The students expressed that when it comes to reproductive rights, anyone can be an ally through active advocacy.

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Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



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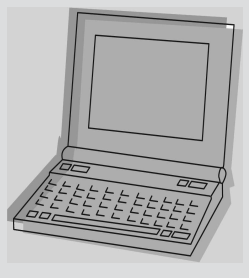

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Educators show teaching methods

Language development discussed



Nikky Huynh

Jackie Alvarez, with Claremont Camp Galileo, participates in the 14th Annual Family Learning Conference Saturday in Sneaky Park. The conference allows for parents to learn how to become more involved in their child's learning process through various workshops and activities across campus. The conference also offered guests the chance to speak to authors of children's books through workshops.

Nicolette Rojo
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The LaFetra College of Education hosted its 14th annual Family Learning Conference on Saturday in Sneaky Park and various classrooms on campus.

Workshops were held throughout the day in Founders Hall, the Campus Center, the Athletics Pavilion and Landis Academic Center by professors and educational studies majors to apply their skills outside of the classroom.

While the conference focused on fun learning methods for children, it also brought families together and gave them an opportunity not only to be more involved with their children's learning, but to enjoy a free day of fun activities.

"This is it. Bringing families together with books and learning, bringing families to campus," Marga Madhuri, professor of education, said.

During the first half hour of the conference, families attended a workshop titled "Get Fit with Lit," held by College of Education students Noelle Maryne, Rachelle Sellen and Natalie Rangel, in which they presented a word building exercise for children.

They demonstrated the activity through basic jazzercise workouts, where a person bends down every time participants say the "onset" part of the word (ex: the letter "P"), while stretching back up after pronouncing the "rime" (ex: the "at" part).

The students also demonstrated an index card building activity to help children with spelling and vocabulary development.

Local children's book authors held workshops regarding their books, and educating the public about the importance and fun of reading.

Erin Fry, teacher at Goddard Middle School and author, said her passion for books and reading came from seeing how people feel motivated to share their stories through literature.

"I think the thing that matters to me as both a teacher and an author is that students and readers feel empowerment to tell their own stories because they see their stories reflected in writing," Fry said. "To me that's the magic of books. Everybody can find themselves in some character some way; writing characters that reflect kids' real lives."

Students from the College of Education volunteered to gain experience working and interacting with families. Justine King, junior educational studies major, explained how she enjoyed the opportunity to gain more experience as an aspiring educator.

"Since I was looking for experience to work with them, it was nice to help out on the table, like activities to guide kids...I'm only here in my second semester, so it was cool to get around the campus and learn more about it and personally meet the authors," King said.

Students who have taken the Children's Literature class volunteered at the conference to meet the authors who wrote a portion of the program's reading curriculum.

"In our class, we did read a lot of their books and did studies about them, so it was nice actually to meet them in person," King said.

The conference began when Madhuri conducted studies and research on the connection between education levels and family incomes. She noticed that

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Students tackle environmentalist philosophies

Alondra Campos
Staff Writer

Students from different colleges and countries gathered to discuss different approaches to create an ecological civilization at the second International Youth Forum in Pitzer College last Friday.

The International Youth Forum held its second annual event in conjunction with the 13th International Forum on Ecological Civilization. This year the International Youth Forum presented "Ecological Civilization and Holistic Human Development," where students proposed different spiritualities, philosophies and theories that are intrinsic to our way of being human along with various strategies to implement positive change for ecological causes.

Presenters included TianHe Bai, senior philosophy major, Jackie Ku, senior political science major, and Jon Hall, an alumnus, as well as foreign students from Southeast University, China.

John Becker, an adjunct professor at Loyola Marymount University and research fellow for the Institute for the Postmodern Development of China, was the moderator for the event and said events like these are important in allowing for students' voices to be heard.

"As I'm getting older, nothing much gets done about environmental issues," Becker said. "It is important to keep the dialogue going among students and the International Youth Forum provides that opportunity for them."

Becker has been involved with the International Forum for six years, and has moderated the International Youth Forum since the first event last year.

Becker said the forum strives to help students from all backgrounds and majors understand how they can implement environmental change.

"We live in a human dominated society that is practically anthropocentric," Becker said. "We hope that one day we will see these students in the International Forum speaking about different strategies towards an ecological civilization on a much broader scale."

This year, student presenters focused on the holistic development of an ecological civilization and how to physically, emotionally, mentally and socially grow as a society while pushing towards an environmentally aware mentality.

Bai discussed how the practice of Taoism, a Chinese spirituality based on the principles of simplicity and contentedness, is a philosophical approach one can take to better understand one's self and efficiently interact with the environment.

"Civilizations are factories fueled by the environment," Bai said. "We are all making products and our products depend on our civilization."

Bai said that simplicity and contentedness go hand in hand when one allows life to simply occur without human egotistical interference.

"We have to be content with what we have in the moment," Bai said. "In order to do this, we have to empty ourselves and know our simple wants and desires."

Bai added that by living simplistically, one can allow life to unfold naturally as it should according to Taoism. Even if it is with the best intentions, humans need to stop trying to control something or someone and place their ego aside in order to have a social and environmental reform within society, Bai said.

"I'm not saying that we should take a step back in our society, but to embrace the current system and not overload civilization with new technology," Bai said.

Confucianism, a system of philosophical and ethical teachings founded by Confucius, was another spiritual approach in creating an ecological civilization proposed by Southeast University student Li Yujia.

In her presentation, Yujia discussed the importance of examining one's self and analyzing the areas one can improve on in life. Through this self-examination, one can then change accordingly and apply the change to society, Yujia said.

Ku provided a perspective from a Western point of view through a combination of Jean Jacques Rousseau's and John Locke's theories and ideas to the audience along with the significance of compassion in life.

Ku said humans, by nature, have the right to life, liberty and property. He defined property as human picked resources and said any resource on Earth is valuable to humans which is why we must be protective of them.

Ku added that Jean Jacques Rousseau continued Locke's ideas, but with a hint of compassion.

"We have a duty to act compassionately towards our property because, unlike animals, we have the gift of rationality that allows us to think and decide at a different level," Ku said.

Ku said Rousseau understood what Locke's theories were but also knew that humans

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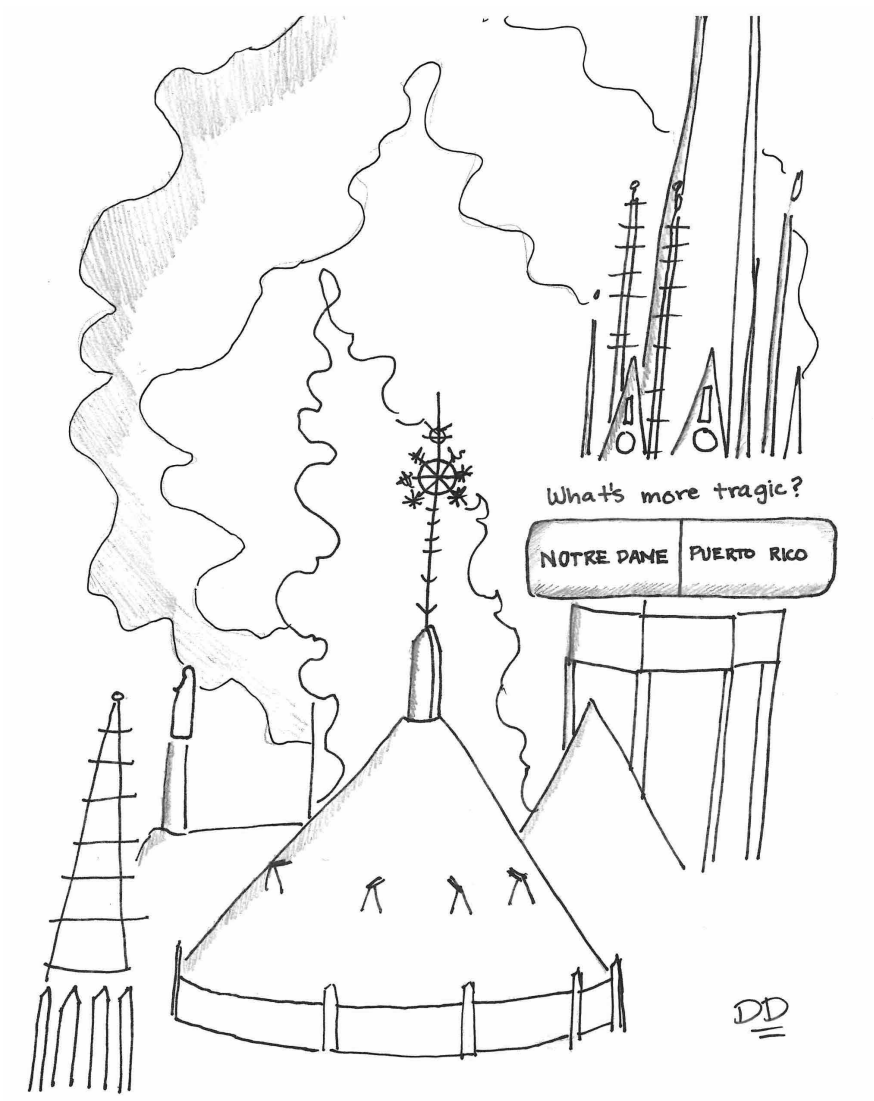
We need to allocate aid to our own

The Notre-Dame Cathedral located in Paris must undergo major renovations after a massive, devastating fire broke out on April 15.

Much of the wooden roofing has been destroyed, the spire has collapsed and the interior of the building may have sustained not only damage from the fire, but also from the water used to put the fire out.

Although completely devastating to hear of such a historical, religious relic being destroyed, what is even more devastating is the series of historically black church burnings that have happened over the last two weeks in Louisiana, especially considering the fact that the fire at the Notre-Dame was accidental, and those in Louisiana were not.

President Trump would rather extend help toward an already wealthy organization, the Catholic Church, than provide relief to those still suffering from the hurricane in Puerto Rico, those without clean water in Flint, Michigan, or the several black churches that have gone up in flames throughout the year alone.



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Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, St. Mary's Baptist Church and Greater Union Baptist Church were all set ablaze within only nine days in St. Landry Parish, Opelousas, Louisiana. The man who was arrested for starting the fires, 21-year-old Holden Mathews, was charged with arson and violating the state hate crime law, but additional federal charges are still being considered, according to the Associated Press. All three churches were known to be well over 100 years old.

The Trump Administration has attempted to decrease and ultimately block relief funding to a ravaged Puerto Rico based on its prior failing economic status, something of which has been described as a "decades-old spending crisis that has left the island with deep-rooted economic problems," according to White House spokesman Judd Deere.

Denying relief aide to a territory devastated by Hurricane Maria should never be an option, let alone an option based on past misfortune. Flint, Michigan, has endured a water crisis since 2014.

After a new pipeline from Lake Huron to Flint was built, a switch to water from the Flint River was implemented which thus resulted in the outbreak of bacteria like fecal coliform, a possible E. coli contamination and heavy traces of lead.

Tests in 2015 conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Tech indicated dangerous levels of lead in the water at resident's homes. Lead composure not only affects the heart, kidneys and nerves, but can also lead to behavioral disorders, hearing problems and delayed puberty. With this level of devastation running rampant through American soil, it is hard to understand why our administration is so quick to offer aid the Catholic Church, an institution that does need our financial help. Instead, the administration has chosen to deny helping those in need in their own territory.

Although this is upsetting, the accidental burning of the Cathedral still does not amount to the horrific actions of a country which has suffered through a rise in hate crimes due to the president's rhetoric, a refusal of aid to territories ravaged by natural disasters, and ignoring the pleas of those dying from their tap water. Hearing that President Trump would offer aid so quickly to those across the sea, but continue to ignore the cries for help in his own country is an outrage and reason for anger.

Much of the time Republicans want to preach that they must protect their own before anyone else, but with this scenario alone it seems as though "their own" is not a reference to the American people as a whole.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

At 8 in the morning on Feb. 28, 2019, a student was sent hate messages threatening their life and the lives of several students on campus. The messages sent decried student activists and warned student organizers to "stay away from our president." Eight hours later, all of the students who were threatened met with administration. During the meeting, students confronted President Lieberman regarding her prior discussions with faculty, alumni, students, and staff where she has demonized students of DCULV and their mission to create an inclusive and equitable environment on campus. President Lieberman then told students to "Not take it personally."

The following day, one of the students threatened car was vandalized and involved in an arson attack. ("FBI, LVPD investigate hate crimes," March 8) As the daily survivors of these recent and horrendous hate crimes, we are concerned with the lack of transparency and accountability from the University of La Verne, the city of La Verne, and all of our elected and appointed leaders. This is not the first time we have brought our concerns to the administration or the city. As the University has neglected to provide information to the campus community, we believe it is our duty to inform students about the current situation on campus.

Students on campus (including the students of Decolonize La Verne (#DCULV)) are still receiving threatening messages promising racial and sexual violence. These messages are escalating in their frequency, a number of students targeted, and violence. We do not believe the University of La Verne is equipped to handle the magnitude of the situation, nor have they provided sufficient support to students.

Since March 5, President Lieberman and her executive committee have routinely ignored, rebuffed, and diminished the seriousness of these threats as they have impacted targeted students' daily lives.

We have even seen members of the community take our trauma to promote their own business and agendas. This type of behavior is appalling and disconcerting to see members of the campus community act in such a demeaning way.

As students pushing for equity and inclusion, we stand by our movement and hope to inspire other students to use their voice to demand action from the University and the city of La Verne. We do not want these incidents to be swept under the rug or forgotten. Our agenda is and has always been to push the institution to create a safe and equitable environment for all students on campus. All students deserve a quality education free of discrimination from educators and administration alike. Students on campus endure prejudice and discrimination from the very people who are hired to support us. Students are promised an environment that values diversity, inclusivity and fosters their personal and professional growth.

We hope that students use these recent events as motivation to use their voice and making a stand against injustice. We will not stop, and we will not be quieted until our voices are heard, because racialized and sexualized threats are personal and must be taken seriously.

Decolonize ULV

Editor's Note: Decolonize ULV is a student group that describes itself as "a collective and organized group representing students of multiple social identities."

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Passover Seder unites community

Students find themes relevant

Joey Matsuzawa
Sports Editor



Kayla Salas

Cantor Paul Buch, from the Temple Beth Israel in Pomona, sings a traditional song that is part of the Passover Seder celebration on Tuesday in the Executive Dining Room. Nicole Temple, junior biology major and president of Hillel Club, hosted the annual event.

A crowd of 30 students and faculty gathered in the Executive Dining Room Tuesday to celebrate a model Passover Seder led by Paul Buch.

Buch, cantor at Temple Beth Israel in Pomona, has led the University's Seder for over 15 years.

"It celebrates a unique aspect of our experience that has tremendous relevance for many more peoples today beyond just the Jewish experience," Buch said.

"And that's the idea: that from bondage can come freedom."

Buch walked guests through the Haggadah, a Jewish text, meaning "the telling" that outlines the different steps, stories and hymns of the Seder, in the retelling of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt.

He started on a light note with the song "Take Us Out of Egypt," sung to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

The Seder was organized through the Hillel club and the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life.

Hillel club president Nicole Temple, junior biology major, who helped organize the event, said Passover's themes are applicable to many people today.

"It's significant to remember this not only because it was a major event in Jewish history and that the tradition of keeping it alive is very important in Jewish culture, but I feel like it relates to modern day because there are still people who are in situations similar to ours," Temple said. "Situations of bondage, of slavery, of some sort of indentured servitude."

"So I feel like this is a way to humble us," she said. "It helps us to reinforce a sense of empathy with one another."

Not everyone at the Seder was raised Jewish. Senior theater major T. Stribbell says that he has been contemplating converting to Judaism for a while now.

"I was raised in a Protestant Christian family that I walked away from," Stribbell said. "Realizing my values weren't shared by the church I was raised in," he said. "So I looked to Judaism as a religion that does share a lot more of my values and my own personal beliefs.

"With Judaism, one of the things that really drew me to it, is that it's not just a religion," Stribbell said. "It is a culture, it is a history, it is a tradition."

Even those without a religious background were able to appreciate the Seder.

"For me it was really thriving to be a part of a community," Stribbell said.

"For so much of my personal journey with Judaism I've been solitary, and finding these beliefs within myself but not being able to really connect it with the community at large."

Buch guided the group through the 14 steps of the Haggadah, like the Karpas: the eating of a bitter herb dipped in salt water – symbolizing the tears of our ancestors, and the Yachatz: the breaking of the matzah. He also led the group through traditional hymns like "Eliyanu Hanavi," a song recognizing and honoring the prophet Elijah.

"Joining the community and joining the culture – it was really great to see everyone come together and feel that connection which to me was very powerful," Stribbell said.

Temple said that she feels a disconnect between her generation and religion, as often times "religion is forced down their throats" growing up which leads to resentment toward religion.

"(The Seder) also helps to breathe new life into religion and belief because I feel like a lot of my generation strays away from religion because a lot of us had a heavy background in religion," Temple said.

"It doesn't have to be all about standing, sitting, kneeling, standing sitting kneeling, but more about community, spirituality and understanding one another."

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Cat is out of the bag: Dogs are better than cats

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LV Life Editor

The debate over whether dogs or cats are the better companion for people has gone on for ages, and students at the University of La Verne have strong opinions on the subject.

In an informal survey of 12 students, support for dogs over cats was overwhelming with 11 students preferring dogs over cats.

"Dogs are a man's best friends," said Bernice Jimenez, sophomore biology major. "Every time I go home, my dog attacks me with love."

People who own dogs or prefer dogs over cats are more likely to form friendships, are more agreeable and tend to engage in more outdoor physical activity than those who own or prefer cats, according to the 2018 General Social Survey conducted by the NORC research center at the University of Chicago.

Every person who preferred dogs said that a dog's affinity for play was a big factor in why they preferred dogs over cats.

Seth Rodriguez, freshman biology major, said that he prefers dogs because they are more active and engaging.

"Dogs are more willing to go outside and play than cats are," Rodriguez said.

Brooke Aguirre, sophomore kinesiology major, said that she prefers dogs because cats are mean.

"Dogs are just more energized and fun-loving than cats are," Aguirre said. "Cats are just mean."

Unlike Aguirre, Rodriguez and Jimenez, sophomore kinesiology major Ricardo McGary prefers cats over dogs.

"I've always been around cats growing up and they are a lot more independent than dogs, which I like," McGary said.

The General Social Survey also found that dog owners tend to be more extroverted than cat owners, who are more introverted.

McGary said that while he has introverted and extroverted qualities, he is more introverted and likes his alone time.

While the trend regarding cat owners was true for McGary, the dog people in the informal survey were mixed with five saying they consider themselves introverted, three calling themselves extroverts and three ambiverts.

"I'm more introverted because I'm more independent and like to do my own thing," Rodriguez said.

The last quality that dog owners have more than cat owners is their ability to seek comfort to greater extents.

All dog people from the informal survey also said that they love that dogs are easier to cuddle.

"Dogs are just cuter than cats and are better to cuddle with, especially if they're bigger dogs," said Celeste Wilkin, freshman business administration major.

The "Personalities of Self-Identified 'Dog People' and 'Cat People'" 2010 study by the University of Texas measured the "Big Five" personality traits among self-identified dog people and cat people. The "Big Five" traits include openness, conscientiousness, extraversion/introversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism. The study found the same results as the General Social Survey.

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Student launches clothing brand

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Martaveous Holliday, junior communications major, released his own clothing line called Lamar Leon this month.

Holliday, one of the co-starting running backs for the football team, is the second La Verne football player on campus to historically release a clothing brand.

Former cornerback and 2017 graduate T.J. Young released his line Best Clothing Company back in 2016.

Following Young's example, Holliday named his brand to reflect his own lifestyle and values.

"Lamar is my middle name, while Leon means 'Learn, Evolve, and Outshine Nationwide,'" Holliday said. "The words within the acronym are my core values; they are what I believe in and how I want to live my life."

Holliday credits his love for fashion and famous street wear brands as an inspiration when he jump started his clothing brand back in 2016.

"This is definitely my other passion besides football," Holliday said. "I always loved picking out my own outfits when I was younger, so big street wear brands like Bape or Supreme basically inspired me to come up with my own."

Lamar Leon's first pieces of merchandise features a matching sweat suit labeled with Holliday's own logo across the chest of the sweater with another smaller insignia on the right pant leg of the sweats.

Other merchandise includes hats and beanies with a smaller insignia.

The prices range from $20 to $50.

Holliday said he was inspired by the classic game, Pac-Man, for his logo design.



Katelyn Keeling

Senior communications major Martaveous Holiday established LamarLeon, his own clothing brand in 2016. The University of La Verne running back always had a love for fashion and decided to create his own brand with a logo inspired by the game Pac-Man.

"I downloaded the game off the app store, started playing it and I kind of had an eye for how cool the font was so I used it for my brand," Holliday said.

Holliday has received strong support from his hometown community, Los Angeles, as well as on campus. Two of his close friends have helped with the brand's release.

Senior sports psychology major Daejohn Logan has been drawing designs for upcoming merchandise.

"It's going very well, from him giving me an inside look on how he wants his brand to look, to me going to downtown Los Angeles looking for fabric," Logan said. "I love the brand because of what it represents, it's not imitative, it's innovative."

Junior criminology major and starting running back James Gonsalves also helps Holliday by marketing via social media to the Bay Area.

"I love how dedicated Martaveous is to his brand," Gonsalves said. "This has built more of a bond for us off the field because after this football stuff and college is over, we will always be brothers."

Junior mathematics major and offensive lineman Manny Dorado complemented Lamar Leon's versatility.

"I would say I like the style; it's not too bougie, it's comfortable and you can pretty much wear it with anything," Dorado said.

Aside from Tuesday's official release, Holliday hopes to continue to expand his brand. He plans to release new merchandise every month and host a pop-up shop on campus.

"With my official release, I just wanted to get my name out there more," Holliday said. "Right now, I am just working on more designs which include an '80s/'90s theme for my next products."

Holliday plans to eventually own his own company.

"I want to open a Brick and Mortar," Holliday said. "Hopefully my brand will grow online and make enough money through sales so I can open up a store."

Students can find Lamar Leon merchandise on the brand's official website **lamarleon.com** as well as on Holliday's Instagram page **@martaveous.holliday**.

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On the Calendar

Faculty Lecture

Hector Delgado will present "My Last Lecture" at the next Faculty Lecture from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Executive Dining Room.

Cards Against Hypnotist

The Campus Activities Board presents comedy hypnotist David Hall.

The show will take place from 10 p.m. to midnight Monday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Game Night

The Wilson Library will host a game night with Fortnite, Mario Kart, virtual reality and pizza.

This event will take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Wilson Library Room 172.

Mini Maker Fair

The Wilson Library will host its foruth annual Mini Maker Fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

'Machinal'

The theater department will present the play "Machinal" at 7:30 p.m. May 1-5 and at 2 p.m. May 5 in Dailey Theatre.

The suggested donation for admission is $5 for students and $15 for the general public.

'Best of La Verne'

An annual tradition the music department will feature a collaboration of faculty and students as they come together to display their talents.

The performance will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 5 in Morgan Auditorium.

—Erica Rae Sanchez



La Verne drives to the Cool Cruise

Destinee Mondragon
Staff Writer



Ariel Torres

Todd and Sharon Frazier polish off their red 1964 El Camino on Saturday at the yearly Cool Cruise Car Show. The Fraziers also own a 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air. The free event takes place every spring in Old Town La Verne and features live music, food and booths.

Rock `n' roll and blues echoed through the streets of Old Town La Verne at the Cool Cruise car show, where families showed off their classic cars, Saturday.

Ben Perez, Los Angeles resident, showcased his red 1965 Lincoln Continental. He said he has dedicated countless hours into restoring and maintaining his car.

Perez explained that restoring cars has been a family tradition and, it is something he has been passionate about his whole life.

"Having these type of car shows help the public know there are still family events the kids and parents can enjoy," Perez said. "Coming from East L.A., these types of restored beauties can be seen on every street and I want to keep this hobby alive."

The streets were filled with families walking in between the rows of classic cars on display.

The event had classic rock n' roll music playing ranging from popular hits from the movie "Grease" to famous musicians Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash.

Vendors were selling American cuisine classics such as greasy pizza, chili cheese dogs, fries, hamburgers and lemonade.

Suzanne Goddard, San Dimas resident said she was attracted to this event because of a Facebook post and decided last minute to bring her family.

"I always prefer to bring my kids out than keep them cooped up at home watching television and playing video games," Goddard said. "The effort that people put into these classic cars is very apparent and astounding."

Bob Dawson, Pasadena resident, showed his blue 1969 Ford Mustang at the show and was blasting Elvis Presley's "Blue Moon" as a tribute to his grandfather who gifted him the car for his 16th birthday.

"My license place has said "69 beast" since I got it from my popps and to this day I still honor him by keeping those plates every year at the DMV and playing 'Blue Moon' for him," Dawson said.

Dawson explained that he does not plan on selling his Mustang because of its sentimental value, and he plans on passing the car down to each generation in his family.

Dawson said he would rather show off his car at these shows rather than keeping it locked up in his garage.

Dom Williams displayed his yellow 1960 Volkswagen Beetle, and its seeming brightness on the cloudy day had spectators in awe.

"The color of the car is what always catches the eyes of people walking by and it does get kids attention and for some reason the kids always want to hit it like a fly swatter," Williams said.

The proceeds raised from the Cool Cruise car show and donations of canned foods were donated to the Orange County Food Shelter.

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Food insecurity...

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buying a meal plan appropriate for your lifestyle. Dean of Students Juan Regalado says the weekly meal plan options available to residents are cheaper than block plan options because they take unswiped meals into account – but the prices are still steep for some students.

"I did the math, and people who dorm pay like $11 to $12 a meal," Ehara said. "I wasn't using all 10 meals per week and I tried to find a way that I could get a cheaper meal plan, because I was trying to cook more often, but they [the housing office] wouldn't go for it."

Regalado, who helps oversee the department of Housing and Residential Life, said the University has taken many steps within the past few years to address financial hardships and insecurity.

"We have different systems such as the food pantry that have helped us to help students in need," Regalado said. "We started with an anonymous donation of $10,000, and Bon Appétit matched that donation with a grant. We've been able to serve about 80 people per month on average."

Although food waste was a concern for the honors group, less than 10% of meals go unswiped, Regalado said.

"If there's any food left we send it to an organization called Chefs End Hunger and they provide it to different agencies in the area," Regalado said. "Or it may be used as compost."

However, Trista Rios, junior kinesiology major and Bon Appétit student worker, said that she is uncertain whether excess food is donated.

"We have to ask the cooks what to do with the food at the end of the day," Rios said. "They have us store whatever we can used for the next day, so that might be donated. It might be catering that donate the food too. As far as I know we make use of it here or they just toss it."

The University is still looking for more ways to serve students in need, Regalado said.

"We've been looking at what some other universities and Cal States are doing," Regalado said. "My main concern is that we don't just put a bandaid on the problem, but look at a student's whole situation and give them help everywhere they need it."

Nguyen said he hopes that his group's meal swipe bank proposal might be a part of a broader solution. The group plans to present a petition to the committee that discusses dining services next month.

"We drafted a petition because we don't agree with the current system in place to address food insecurity," Nguyen said. "We want to see more transparency from Bon Appétit concerning meal plan options and give people the option to donate to other students, so they can have more direct control over the service they are paying for."

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Ashley Villavicencio

Juan Regalado, dean of students, discusses homelessness and poverty in the University community Monday. He offered suggestions such as changing meal plans on campus. Additionally, he talked about the food pantry, which gives food to students in need, and the food donations to Chefs End Hunger organization, which the University does as a means of addressing food waste.

Students gather to support planet

The Office of Student Life hosted an Earth Day fair in Sneaky Park Wednesday with various booths to raise awareness of sustainable efforts.

Senior public relations major and student club coordinator Joshua Bay, who worked on the event, said the Earth Day booths are intended to approach something serious in a fun way.

"It's a mixture of sustainable efforts," Bay said. "Each (booth) has different themes regarding sustainability, like the Flint water crisis and plastic in the oceans."

One club, the International Student Organization encouraged students to bring recyclables to their booth for a chance to win a Starbucks gift card.

They also shared statistics emphasizing the effect of pollution in the Earth's oceans, including that in 2017 there was 348 million tons of plastic produced globally.

ISO also shared the staggering statistics about the amount of plastic dumped in the ocean and found at beach clean-ups.

Plastic not recycled can take 450 years to decompose, they told visitors to their booth.

One table made sun clocks from paper plates and wooden dowels.

Another potted small plants from seed bombs, and another encouraged conversations about the Flint water crisis, while another hosted a mini flea market, which included a clothing swap to raise awareness about sustainable fashion.

The Earth Day event also brought in environmentally-conscious food options, including the PattyWagon and Tacos Sin Karma, which gave out three ounce grass-fed mini hamburgers, while Tacos Sin Karma had vegan tacos topped with cabbage, cilantro and salsa.

—Jaycie Thierry



Molly Garry

Freshman communications major Alex Pignataro receives wildflower seeds from Stephanie Joseph, sophomore communications major, at the Campus Activities Board booth at the Earth Day Fair in Sneaky Park Wednesday. Other clubs also had their own booths.

Energy cleansing through crystals

Erica Rae Sanchez
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Jane Duran, junior communication through art major, led a classroom of 18 people on the importance of stones and crystals in one's life at an event titled "Nature through Spirituality."

In a Powerpoint she described some of the more popular stones and crystals, such as amethyst, opal, turquoise, and rose gold and the meaning behind each stone.

After Duran shared the information, she brought stones, wire and supplies for the guests to make their own stone based jewelry.

Duran noted that these stones were authentic as she has connections with people throughout the country that she buys from for her new jewelry making business.

Duran began making pine cone jewelry because she saw someone make them and sell them at a price that was too expensive, she said.

"It took a lot of trial and error but I just kept making them and at the center of each pine cone was a stone," Duran said.

"Just seeing the same jewelry in the stores... for $20, I thought, 'I could make that so why am I spending that much money.'"

Duran explained that her favorite stone is cellonite.

It is a finer stone that is a shiny white and serves as the one stone known to man that continually cleanses all stones around it, but never collects negative energy.

"Everyone has a right to nature and everyone has a right to access it, and teaching people how to make their own jewelry helps them connect their own nature to their surrounding nature," Duran said.

Green aventurine represents personal growth, quartz is the base of all stones, being at the core of each, and can act as a substitute stone if one is without another, while turquoise promotes good health and healing.

Miranda Tejeda, sophomore theater major, said her favorite crystals were mentioned in the presentation. The crystals are her favorite because of what they represent, and the values they hold.

"I think that it is a lot of personal strength you have to find instead of trying to find that

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Using their words



Jaysin Brandt

Reco Price, aka rapper Supernatural, talks with students about the importance of verbal self-defense April 18 in Landis Academic Center 225. He gave them advice on how to stand up for themselves while the University and police continue to investigate alleged hate crimes. He also spoke on hip-hop songs and how they can protect and subdue people with words.

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Students let loose at Astroverne



Ariel Torres

Sophomore educational studies major Xochilt Aviles bounces in the Meltdown inflatable during Astroverne April 18 at Campus West. The event, which was themed after rapper Travis Scott's 2018-19 world tour, Astroworld, featured live music, food trucks, carnival games and prizes.

More than 800 students came together last Thursday for a night full of live music, food trucks, and fun activities at the third annual Carniverne event at Campus West.

Food vendors were scattered throughout the entrance of the event, including In-N-Out, El Charro Tacos, Poutine Brothers and more.

Carnival games and activities surrounded the perimeter of the field, while some students gathered in the center to enjoy the music and the dance floor, others enjoyed laser tag, rock climbing, interactive inflatable games, and traditional carnival games, like a bean bag toss and a high striker.

This year's event was themed for rapper Travis Scott's 2018-19 world tour, Astroworld.

Students had a chance to win Astroverne hats and T-shirts, by playing carnival games.

Other raffle prizes included Beats by Dre, an Apple watch, a Nintendo Switch, Airpods, and the largest prize, a three-day pass to Electronic Daisy Carnival in Las Vegas.

DJ Erick M and girl group Viaa had crowds of people on the dance floor for most of the night.

Marcus Blevins, sophomore business administration major, said he would like to see more events like carniverne that bring people together throughout the whole school year.

"I've seen people I've never seen before at school. I've met three new people while I was down there dancing," Blevins said.

Freshman criminology major and winner of the 3-day EDC pass, Jessica Carillo, was not ecstatic about winning the electronic dance music festival pass.

"Well they told me it's only one ticket, so that kind of sucks," Carillo said.

A balloon artist was also at Astroverne making custom balloon figures, like Mickey Mouse and crowns, per request.

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Educators...

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teaching was more structured at lower income schools compared to higher ones and sought to provide interactive learning and teaching methods for local, underserved families.

"Kids at the low income schools need more exposure to this and families need to know that at whatever level of literacy they are, they can be supportive of their children learning," Madhuri said.

Families attended with their children of various ages, from kindergarten to fifth grade. Moises Castillo, Pomona resident and father of two, brought his family, including his 10-year-old daughter, to help her prepare for college at a young age.

"I came to the event because I wanted to see the campus with my daughter, who is starting to look into colleges, along with seeing the authors," Castillo said.

Madhuri wanted aspiring teachers to interact and build relationships with families, but mainly focused on bringing low income families together.

"It's really for me about bringing families together a day where they don't have to shell out money all day long," Madhuri said. "Some of the kids at these schools aren't going to have a chance to meet authors… but they can come here, meet [them], have their book signed and see who writes books."

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Philosophies...

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had a responsibility to protect sentient beings.

By tying Locke's and Rousseau's ideas together, Ku emphasized the duty humans have to the environment and the role we take as rational beings in society.

Hall presented a strategy through political activist and writer Eldridge Cleaver's beliefs and values.

Cleaver was an early leader of the Black Panther party and wrote his memoir, "Soul on Ice," that still remains an important piece of literature in African-American culture. Cleaver also worked as a diversity consultant at the University of La Verne until 1998.

During his presentation, Hall displayed an image that symbolized the unity of different religions through different symbols.

Similar to Cleaver's ideas, Hall said that humans all have similar wants and should unite to become stronger.

"We all have this thirst for utopia," Hall said. "It's this ecological idea that encompasses life."

Hall said that just like people, different spiritualities, philosophies and religions all have their own unique aspects but can come together under a big idea.

"I hope my presentation serves as the beginning of an idea or strategy towards an ecological civilization," Hall said. "I wanted people to know who Eldridge Cleaver really was and not just remember him for his mistakes."

After the presentations, students were able to discuss each other's theories among themselves as well as with the audience.

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Polo decimates Oxy on Senior Day

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The Leopards dominated Occidental in their final conference game of the season Saturday, winning the match, 16-6, on Senior Day.

They currently hold fourth in the league as the Leopards advance to postseason play.

The Leopards celebrated their victory by honoring seniors Victoria Mezack, Samantha Murillo, Yuri Ujifusa, and Guarina Garcia, in their final college water polo game.

The start of the game was very slow, as the Leopards missed five open opportunities early in the first quarter.

The Leopards were able to find the back of the net last in the first quarter, but the scoring didn't stop there.

La Verne held Occidental to zero goals in the first half allowing three goals early in the third quarter making it 6-3, La Verne.

The Leopards went on to score ten times in the final two quarters to come out on top.

Sophomore attacker Jassmine Kezman led the Leopards with five goals, two assists, and two steals. Senior teammate Garcia made sure she was going out with a bang by also converting of five goals and three steals.

"The main focus quite frankly was to stay focused, because the girls went all out to decorate and support our seniors and my concern was that we look more at our seniors and not our opponent," head coach Pat Beemer said.

It was evident that in the first quarter the Leopards' focus was lacking, but they were able to regain focus and come out on top.

The main focus for Saturday's game was to execute their plays and refine them before taking on No. 1 seeded Pomona-Pitzer in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference postseason tournament Friday.

"We wanted to put in all of our plays and defense together before we encounter Pomona next week, so definitely this game was a warm up for next week," Garcia said.

This will be the first appearance for the Leopards since the SCIAC postseason moved to a four-team tournament.

Pomona-Pitzer could create a speed bump for La Verne due to how heavy they press the ball and how fast they can jump on the counter.

"I think we are going to adjust our offense to be a lot of movement, because we know this team likes to hold and they're very grabby," Mezack said. "I think by having an offense where we are moving and driving a lot will bring a lot of man ups."

As the Leopards prepare for the semifinal game against Pomona-Pitzer, they are thinking not only about their offense but they are honing in on their defense.

"Defensively I feel like we should start with a press high in the passing lane, so we can deny the ball and get them more tired just as they would do to us," Kezman said.

Another big factor for the Leopards will be their ability to convert their power plays and stop any of Pomona-Pitzer's attempts.

"In the semifinal game it is a big deal, it will probably be won or lost on how well you do on both 6-on-5 and 5-on-6 opportunities" Beemer said.

After a long season, the team's competing in the tournament know the rest of the competition well and are quick to learn each others tendencies, so the Leopards are ready to switch their plays up to keep the advantage.

"The teams have been cracking down on the plays we have been running, we are probably going to draw man up plays just to make sure that could be one of the strongest assets in the game," said Mezack.

The Leopards take on Pomona-Pitzer at 7 p.m. Friday at Haldeman Pool in Claremont.

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Crystals...

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strength elsewhere, the crystals help me find the strength inside of me," Tejeda said.

Cynthia Basulto, sophomore biology major, explained that she was excited to attend this event because she wanted to learn more about crystals and their healing powers.

Basulto said she was also excited to create jewelry.

"I learned that different crystals, for example the tigers eye, helps with keeping you balanced and with motivation and working hard," said Basulto. "I really liked how I was able to learn about different crystals that might help me in my life."

Karla Carcamo, junior chemistry major, said that she was interested in how the crystals represented spirituality.

Duran explained that the Interfaith Fellows group is allotted one event a semester and although this event happened last year, due to the amount of support she got, she decided to hold it again this year.

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Christians assert that since God created Adam and Eve, not "Adam and Steve" – this is proof of God's disapproval of homosexuality. He also mentioned the stories of Sodom and Gomorrah and Book of Leviticus.

In chapter 18 and 20 of the book of Leviticus, it is condemned for a male to lie next to another male.

"If you read the rest of the book, there are all kinds of other things that get condemned," Reed said. "Like eating a cheeseburger, mixing synthetic clothing with cotton clothing and touching the skin of a pig are all condemned by death. We do not tend to follow all those other laws, but sometimes we pick this one out to follow."

Kyle White, gerontology graduate student, said he did not grow up religious, but through his study of religion, he tried to find out if homophobic views were actually supported by religious scripture.

"Can you show me one scripture where God says two men getting jiggy is a sin in his eyes?" White asked. "All the pastors and politicians who have been using this are abusing the word of God, and a half a dozen rabbis I have emailed cannot find a scripture either."

Reed looked at the Greco-Roman world and through visuals of sculptures explained the idea of sexuality in antiquity.

"You see these depictions in brothels and elsewhere of sexuality with a man who is active and doing it to a woman," Reed said. "And where a man is doing it to a man. We should not think of this as an egalitarian relationship. This is the superior doing it to the inferior."

Reed called this script active, the man performing the action versus passive, the woman receiving the action.

"Now if you think of sex for a moment, there are positions where a woman is more active than a man," Reed said. "So that flips the script to servile versus served. So he is being served and is still the superior even though he is less active."

Reed said it was very common in the Roman world for rich Roman men to import prepubescent boys from Greece and sell them on the slave market.

"They were desired sexual objects," Reed said. "It was common and socially acceptable because they were serving the men. This was not an egalitarian relationship where they fall in love with each other."

Krystal Pulido, sophomore mathematics major, said the lecture reminded her of the way she was raised.

"I grew up pretty religious and went to church often," Pulido said. "I was learning the scripture and my pastor was very biased in the way he took everything out of context. He would say things like homosexuals will go to hell.

"My mom would always tell me that is not true and then we stopped going to church soon after that."

Pulido said she agreed with Reed's point about how the way people interpret the Bible varies.

"Going to different states of histories to see how people were not really focused on sexuality but more power dynamics," Pulido said. "It is different now."

Alexis Reyes, junior English major, said she appreciated Reed for acknowledging the different interpretations people can have when reading the Bible.

"I did not know about the Greco-Roman ideas of love," Reyes said. "It was interesting how Reed reminded everyone this is the Bible way and the context of the power structure and to understand that people interpret the Bible in different ways."

Reed read 1 Corinthians Chapter 6 and said it does not have to do with the mutual affirming egalitarian relationship between the two men, but rather with the act of prostitution.

"It is really difficult to say what Paul is condemning is egalitarian relationships that are homosexual in nature," Reed said. "What is being condemned is abuse of power, use of prostitution, using each other for personal gratification. That is how I see the condemnation of homosexuality in the new testament by Paul."

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Men's golf team claims SCIAC crown

Leos take title by 4 strokes

Dominic Honoré
Staff Writer

The La Verne men's golf team finished their season with a bang last weekend, securing the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

The competition was down to the wire at the season ending tournament Thursday through Saturday at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena.

The Leopards shot 2057, narrowly besting both Redlands (2061) and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (2063).

Senior Hisham Hussein says he is proud to have helped the team win its first SCIAC title in six years.

"Looking back to my first year with our team coming in last place to my final year with us winning the championship; there is no better feeling," Huissein said.

Graduate assistant coach Jim Nicholson reflected on the long journey of the golf team always coming up short in the past.

"We've come in second every year prior and it was always against CMS," Nicholson said. "So to go out there this weekend and fight harder mentally and physically for three days, it showed we were better than them when we needed to be."

Two Leopards stood out during the tournament.

Sophomore Pitiluk Phanomchai, who was 2018 First Team All-SCIAC, and Ken Sherman, SCIAC Newcomer of the Year, placed second in the tournament with an overall score of 216.

"It feels good to have done that because I've worked so hard all season and it all finally came together," Phanomchai said.

Hussein tied for fourth place with a total score of 220.

He finished strong in his last round with two birdies at the last four holes.

"It wasn't my best performance, as I wish I could have hit more birdies, but I was just glad to contribute to the team's win overall," Hussein said.

Head coach Eric Riehle commended his team on their performance and their hard work to overcome certain obstacles.

"I am just really proud of our team," Riehle said. "The hurdle that we were struggling to get over all year, was being able to close rounds and close tournaments out and I feel like we did that so well today all three rounds, it was really impressive."

Last year's Second Team All-SCIAC honoree, senior Conner Davis, says the team came into the tournament with victory being the only goal in mind.

"After seven rounds, it's a hard and long process," Davis said. "We knew we could win if we stayed focused and that was our only goal to be sure that we were in on every shot and competing at every opportunity we had today."

Davis tied for 12th place, shooting 225 overall.

Junior Jason Brown tied for 18th, shooting a final round of 73 and a tournament score of 227.

Freshman Connor Dunlop tied for 18th alongside Brown in his first SCIAC championship.

Sophomore Jake Littlejohn tied for 23rd place, hitting three birdies in the final round and ending with a total score of 230.

The Leopards will now head to the NCAA Division III National Championship tournament, held May 14-17 at the Keene Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

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Women compete as a team at SCIAC

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The women's golf team qualified for the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic championship, a three-day tournament April 18-20 held at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena.

This was the first time since 2016 that La Verne has had a large enough squad to compete as a team in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Leopards finished in eighth place.

The women's golf team is younger and less experienced than other teams in the conference, comprising four freshmen and one sophomore.

"This was the team's first tournament covering three days," head coach Sunny Marcum said.

"It made for a tough physical and mental test for the team."

Sophomore Alexi Gonzalez is the only returner and led the Leopards through the first day of the tournament.

"On Thursday the conditions were perfect to throw out a good score," Gonzalez said. "Friday we settled a little bit, the weather was different, the greens were extremely fast and a lot of us couldn't make the putts that we needed to make to put up a score we were really proud of but we all fought back on Saturday to make some improvements on our score."

Gonzalez tied for 25th place in the first round then ended the day with birdies on the tenth hole finishing the day with a 12-over 84.

On Friday, freshman teammates Katrina Kasenda and Alexandra Hauck both saw improvement on day two of the tournament.

Kasenda improved by eight strokes from the first day, ending in a total score of 182.

Hauck improved by five strokes from day one ending with a total score of 95.

"I was a lot more patient throughout the tournament because the first day was rough because a lot of the greens were hard to read when we were cutting," Hauck said.

After day two the Leopards stood in eighth place in the tournament.

"The putting was the toughest part of the game," Marcum said. "The greens were very small, everyone played in the same situation but for our team we don't have many experienced players so for our players it was tough."

On the last day of the tournament the Leopards saw improvement but it was not enough to move up in the rankings.

"Overall, there was an improvement with the team from the first to the third day. We learned how to control our shots and learned how to play smarter," Hauck said.

Gonzalez led the team with a four stroke improvement from the second round.

"Thursday was definitely one of my best outings. Friday I did struggle, I think I had a few strokes to my score. But Saturday I definitely fought back and was able to redeem myself," Gonzalez said.

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Leopards defang Tigers in sweep

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Senior second baseman Ryan Galan bats against the Occidental Tigers Saturday at Ben Hines Field. The Leopards beat Occidental in a doubleheader, 4-2 and 8-0. Their next game will be against the Whittier Poets at 3 p.m. Friday at Ben Hines Field.

The Leopards baseball team continued to establish their dominance with two wins over the Occidental Tigers in a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference doubleheader Saturday at Ben Hines Field.

The Leopards won game one, 4-2, and won game two, 8-0.

Game one started out as a defensive battle between both teams, neither team allowing each other to build any sort of momentum throughout the first few innings.

"We were having a tough time getting any momentum going offensively and so it created a little more pressure than normal," said head coach Scott Winterburn. "We just weren't getting our hits like this team is used to doing."

A single to left field from senior second baseman Ryan Galan in the first inning and a single to center from junior shortstop Jacob Benson in the third inning were the only hits the Leopards could deliver within the first four innings.

Occidental broke the scoreless tie in the fourth inning with a sacrifice fly from sophomore third baseman Gus Patrick to bring home senior center fielder Jack Brancheau to make it a 1-0 game.

The next two innings brought back much of the offensive struggles each team experienced through the earlier portion of game one.

Action finally picked up once the game entered the seventh inning. A base hit along with three walks allowed Occidental to get a runner to home plate and extend their lead in game one.

Occidental's lead ended once the Leopard's offense took over at the bottom of the seventh.

Freshman center fielder Brandon Shiota opened things up with a triple to left center, giving the Leopards their best chance to score a run all game.

Junior left fielder Charlie Verrone followed Shiota's triple with a two-run home run that just passed over the left field wall to tie the game.

"A man on third, no outs, we're only down by two. The idea is to hit the ground ball and get that guy in" said Verrone. "Fastball on the inner half of the plate, why not take a hack at it? By all means it got the guys fired up so that was the plan all along."

A second triple hit by senior third baseman Lukas Granado helped Benson reach home plate and give the Leopards their first lead of the game.

Benson added one more run in the eighth with an RBI single up the middle giving the Leopards a 4-2 lead and ultimately the victory in game one.

Game two began with great defense and pitching from both sides as neither team was able to gain any offensive momentum.

The stalemate ended in the third inning in favor of the Leopards as Galan reached home thanks to a throwing error giving the Leopards their first of many runs in game two.

The Leopards added to their lead in the fourth inning by loading the bases following back to back walks and a fielding error.

An additional walk allowed freshman first baseman John Bike to reach home and give the Leopards a 2-0 lead.

Senior pitcher Christopher Arcos, along with the rest of the Leopard's defense, continued to shut out Occidental through the first five innings.

Arcos allowed three hits and zero runs while striking out two batters during his five innings of work.

"I think I commanded the zone really well," said Arcos. "The zone was kind of tight today, I just felt like I weathered the storm, just going out there and throwing strikes for my team."

Occidental had an opportunity to score in the sixth inning, getting a runner all the way to third. But a clutch strikeout by senior pitcher A.J. Jimenez ended those hopes immediately.

The Leopards added a third run in the sixth thanks to an RBI triple from senior center fielder Brandon Vogel.

The Leopards continued to build their lead in the seventh inning. A huge RBI triple from Bike allowed two runners to reach home and give La Verne a commanding 5-0 lead.

"The whole game I had been hunting fastballs, just trying to get them" said Bike "I choked up on the bat a bit, tried to get the barrel to this one. He threw it right down the middle and I caught the barrel and it went right where I wanted it to get to, right in the gap."

The Leopards would add three more runs before the end of the game.

The Leopards shut out Occidental, 8-0, in game two.

The two wins give the Leopards a 25-9 overall record and a 12-6 conference record.

This moves La Verne into a second place tie with Cal Lutheran, although La Verne has a better overall record. Chapman is in first place with a one game lead.

Next up for the Leopards is a three-game series against conference opponent Whittier beginning at 3 p.m. Friday at Ben Hines Field. The series will shift to Memorial Field in Whittier for a doubleheader Saturday. Game one starts at 11 a.m. and game two begins at 2:30 p.m.

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