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When Cheers Turn to Jeers

ULV officials crack down on excessive cheering at sporting events

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When the men's basketball team met the Occidental Tigers on Feb. 26, they were cheered not only by fans in the bleachers, but by 10 students who have attended many games together. Chelsea Sleight, Ashley Gillis, Whitney Kranz, Alyssa Cole, Megan Moore, Jennifer Mau, Tiona Hobson, Courtney Cooley and Lauren Reed have institutionalized their cheerleading efforts by wearing matching t-shirts emblazoned with "ULV BBall" on the front and "The 6th Player" on the back.

The notion of school spirit and cheering at university athletic events has become a hot topic recently. So much that it has brought on attention from national media outlets.

Athletes receiving threats on their Facebook profiles or having to change their phone numbers after receiving calls from disgruntled fans are not uncommon occurrences. Even worse, family members of some college athletes are harassed, and in extreme cases have had to hire personal security guards.

Fortunately at the University of La Verne, student-athletes and their families have not faced such extreme ridicule or dangers experienced by members of more high-profile college teams.

Yet fans of the Leopards have begun to look over their shoulders. Not for flying concessions, but for administrators waiting to pull them from the stands.

ULV students believe that the level of cheering is entertaining and "part of the game," but some say they have been asked to tone down their cheering by members of the athletics department.

Lauren Reed, a senior communications major who considers herself an enthusiastic supporter for athletics on campus, said she has received a written warning about her behavior when cheering at ULV sporting events.

"I think it's embarrassing if other schools can cheer louder than us in our own school, in our own territory," Reed said.

Other schools in the SCIAC conference seem more lenient on their spectators, which causes confusing inconsistencies.

For example, at a women's volleyball game this year in which the team played at Redlands, members of the Redlands men's water polo team ran around in their Speedos, drawing no reaction from that school's administrators.

However, if this situation were to occur at La Verne, many feel the outcome would have been different.

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Campus Life Chip West said that people like to push the limits.

"I think because we are a smaller school it's a numbers game. One to five people stand out versus a large crowd," West said.

At ULV, this "Sportsmanship Statement" is read before every home sporting event:

"The National Collegiate Athletics Association and Southern California Intercollegiate Athletics Conference promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, inappropriate behavior or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition. Also, consumption or possession of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Artificial noisemakers, air horns and electronic amplifiers are not prohibited. We thank you for your cooperation!"

> 'They are trying to be the focus. It winds up being our crowd against their crowd.'
> *—Christopher Ragsdale, athletic director*

"It is a statement that is a part of the conference bylaws," Athletic Director Christopher Ragsdale said.

Ragsdale said the sportsmanship statement is read at the beginning of each home contest, but is read again if the crowd seems to be getting out of control or may be doing something that goes against the statement.

These antics would include anything that is deemed inappropriate or intimidating by Ragsdale in which he has the right to make decisions.

"Every situation, you take it at face value," Ragsdale said.

At athletic events, Ragsdale said there are things that are picked out that are obviously wrong, and the unruly spectators are taking away from the game at hand.

"They are trying to be the focus," Ragsdale said. "It winds up being our crowd against their crowd."

Ragsdale said that if any negative cheering or taunting occurs and it involves ULV students, he usually knows who they are and vice versa, and as students, the expectations are already known.

"They understand; they know they have crossed the line," Ragsdale said.

"I like watching sporting events and cheering for my friends," Reed said. "As long as

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Plan raises Hanawalt House from the ashes

Facility gets remodel for alum events

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The recent construction related to the Building on Excellence Campaign has prompted the University to renovate one of the oldest and once picturesque structures, the Hanawalt House.

Three years ago, the building located at 2058 Second Street caught fire.

The destruction from the fire sent the office of human resources, once housed there, elsewhere and left the University with a boarded up building that has sat – a shadow of its former self – amid the bustling University.

"It's been in the works since the fire," David Koch, director of facilities management, said.

"We have taken very careful thought with the renovations."

Koch said two factors have slowed the renovation process.

Because the building is historic, the renovation must maintain the original structure, from the type of wood used to its outside appearance. Additionally the renovations must be approved by the city of La Verne.

There will be multiple restorations made to the building including replacing the roof structures, first and second story reconstruction both inside and outside, floor and wall tower restorations and the addition of a new stairway to meet accessibility guidelines.

"The exterior will look exactly like the original but better," Koch said. "The interior will be remodeled slightly, expanding by about 325 feet."

The University is considering housing alumni relations and special events offices in the renovated building.

"It's not 100 percent, but it looks like the direction the University is looking toward," said Beth Elmore, senior director of alumni relations and special events.

Elmore said that if the Alumni Relations office does

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Gun control not highest priority

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There are countless political topics on the table for the 2008 election that aim to redirect or solve current American issues. Of these issues, many stem from global problems of the country regarding war, economics and immigration.

While these are causes in dire need of resolution, the political battle seems to lack focus on another increasingly troublesome issue in America: gun control, particularly with relevance to school shootings.

The five remaining candidates do consider gun control important, however, it is not a subject that voters automatically associate with a particular candidate.

Many voters in the La Verne community chose their candidate regardless of their opinions on gun control.

"Neither party has discussed gun control. It's not a hot topic in the election yet," said Michael Nunez, director of campus safety.

Even those who briefly skim the newspaper might notice the increase in school shootings, so why aren't candidates openly discussing the on-going gun ownership debate?

"Even if a candidate is pro gun control, they won't bring it up because they need all the votes they can get. They'll talk about it when the question of 'who's protecting the students' arises," Campus Safety Officer Gary Olivas said.

According to CNN, the candidates do address gun ownership, which is only evident after doing a small amount of searching.

Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama support extending the assault weapon ban as well as limiting gun sales to one per month.

Clinton also wants the age of handgun possession raised to 21 years old from the current age of 18 years old.

Your Vote Counts

One in a regular series exploring the 2008 elections

Democrat Mike Gravel believes in increased training for gun owners.

CNN also explains that Republicans John McCain and Ron Paul idealize looser regulations on gun control, and only discuss background check timeframes before gun shows.

Regardless of Democrat or Republican viewpoints on gun ownership, the only political connection current voters have to the issue lies in their desire to retain rights of the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms.

Sophomore Branden Hall, who is pro gun ownership, explains that despite the lack of gun control as a dominating issue in politics, bearing arms is a right to protect.

"I'm not voting on any specific person because of their views on gun control, but I'll vote against them if they try to take away our right to own guns," Hall said.

Campus Safety officers, though not permitted to carry weapons in a private school, also agree that the right to bear arms is important to our country as well as our safety.

"People should always be protected of the right to bear arms, providing they are not ex-villains or any other people who fall under law specifications which prevent them from doing so," Olivas said.

Olivas also said that even if gun possession was restricted, people would still be able to obtain them.

"They just won't register the guns. If someone wants a gun, there are ways to get one," Olivas said.

Since the issue of gun control always seems to be undecided, some schools have taken safety precautions for those who still may possess legal or illegal weapons.

Many high schools have adopted metal detectors as a means to protect the students and teachers, but this method is impractical for widespread, campus-based institutions such as La Verne.

"There is no central way to install metal detectors on campus. They provide a false sense of security," Nunez said.

From a security standpoint, ULV is currently doing all it can do to prevent a shooting episode. At the same time, Olivas reminds us that tragedy can happen anywhere, on any campus.

"Can we do what we can to provide a safe environment? Absolutely. Can one control everything? It's almost impossible," Olivas said.

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Authors set on 'Reviving the Soul of Teaching'

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"Reviving the Soul of Teaching: Balancing Metrics and Magic," a book written by Education Professor Peggy Redman and her cousin and fellow ULV alumnus Terrence E. Deal was recently chosen by the National Staff Development Council's Book club.

The book also will appear on the cover of NSDC's publication.

"It's really an honor because (NSDC) is important," Redman said. "

The book is going to be used for teachers in the field."

NSDC is one of the largest non-profit associations dedicated to teacher training and development.

NSDC has various publications that are distributed throughout the nation to teachers.

Redman and Deal graduated from ULV in the early 1960s.

They wrote "Reviving the Soul of Teaching," to inspire teachers, and try to persuade policy makers to change the way that schools are run, Redman said.

One of the reasons for this book at this time, Redman said, is the No Child Left Behind Act.

"The No Child Left Behind Act is one in a series of reforms for decades to try to make schools more rational," Deal said. "Driving out spirit and vitality (from) a place that should be spirited."

Redman and Deal are concerned that with so much emphasis on test scores per NCLB, the importance of teachers is diminished.

"When we are focused so much on the tedium of test scores, teachers lose the creativity to create new teaching methods," Redman said.

Teachers are just tools to achieving higher test scores for the policy makers, she said.

"Even with the emphasis on test scores there is still the human factor. I know that teachers make a difference."

The authors of "Reviving the Soul of Teaching" believe that what makes a good teacher is not the ability to obtain high test scores, but the ability to make a difference in a child's life.

The book is filled with examples of good teachers Redman and Deal have encountered throughout their lives, both as students and educators.

"We all have one teacher in our background that made a big difference," Deal said.

One of those many examples is a now deceased professor of history from the University, Walter Myers. Myers impacted Redman and Deal deeply and they wanted to make honor of him, as well as other great teachers in this book.

"We really tried to get a wide variety of teachers," Redman said.

Redman and Deal wanted to complete the book together, but this was made difficult by the fact that they don't live in the same area. Redman ended up making numerous trips to San Luis Obispo throughout the year that it took them to write the book.

"This book is a labor of love," Redman said.

Redman, who is also director of ULV's teacher education program, has inspired many students and educators in the classroom and through her previous books.

"Peggy Deal Redman is a living treasure," said John Bartelt, associate professor of education-technology. "To give you some idea of her influence: I once overheard a group of her students talking about making "WWPD" ("What Would Peggy Do?") bracelets to wear during their student teaching, to remind them of the importance of teaching by example."

"Reviving the Soul of Teaching" is expected to be published in early June.

"We hope that this book is read by everybody," Redman said. "By anybody who has an interest in education."

"I hope we restore some magic and vitality to schools and they begin to recognize the incredible importance of teachers," Deal said. "Not because of what they teach but because of who they are."

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Anti-spam 'hiccup' cured

This week ULV Web mail users were subject to an onslaught of spam the likes of which we're unaccustomed here thanks to what had seemed like powerful spam blockers.

Odd things like "E-mail and Marketing" from America Online you weren't quite sure how you got, or the peculiar "Your Account has Been Suspended," from Paypal.com along with more personal and graphic messages got through in mass.

"The spam filter blocks hundreds of thousands of spam a day," said Clive Houston-Brown, director of the Office of Information Technology. "The thing is, the hundreds that do slip through the cracks are noticeable."

The anti-spam "hiccup" had to do with an OIT staffing hiccup, Houston-Brown explained.

Essentially the department was understaffed, with no-one to monitor the anti-spam situation.

"You just have to keep up with updating the (anti-spam) filter every day," Houston-Brown said.

Spammers typically use the Internet Protocol numbers some organizations farm and give out to sell products or to scam people. Although there is little personal users of Webmail can do about the spam, other than delete it, it is still advisable to do virus checks and spyware cleaning on a consistent basis. Viruses such as "SoBig.F" can infect personal computers, enabling spammers to route their mail through the individuals IP address which can have consequences for the victim, such as being restricted from accessing Web sites that were the target of spam directed through their computer.

However, according to Houston-Brown, things should be on track at the moment since the filter was updated last Thursday.

– Dan Sayles

WEB EXCLUSIVES



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• City council wrangles over possible bond

Posted on March 25.

Public safety bond measure would support $20 million facility.

• Vintage cars cruise through La Verne

Posted on March 26.

Classic cars were displayed and sold at the annual event.

• New on the Web this semester:

Several senior journalism majors have launched topical news blogs on such subjects as going green, sports controversies, drag racing, parenting and video gaming.

Log onto the Campus Times Online edition in the coming weeks for links to these exciting new blogs.

Students give back for sustainability

GIVE helps ULV go green



Seanette Garcia

Senior English major Emily Romo, active in the Green Institute for Village Empowerment (GIVE), received an award for her leadership at the Krikorian Theatre in Corona on Wednesday. Dedicated to the education of sustainable lifestyles, Romo along with GIVE have taught local communities the basic economic, business and social values in order to promote a greener future. Romo has been involved with GIVE for the past two semesters at the University of La Verne.

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Education and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles have caught the attention of many ULV students who are participating in the Green Institute for Village Empowerment, a new organization on campus.

A chapter was introduced to La Verne last September and has fostered the relationships between students and professors in various disciplines to raise awareness of natural resource consumption and eco-friendly lifestyles.

"Environmentalists usually just sit around," John Skelton, a member of GIVE said.

"GIVE provides incentives for students to actually do something," Skelton said.

Involvement on college campuses is a vital component for the success and empowerment of the organization.

GIVE offers a definite twist to the "go green" mentality many are familiar with.

"I believe in GIVE's mission statement: empower sustainable efforts through an interdisciplinary approach" Emily Romo, president of the ULV GIVE chapter said.

One of GIVE's main concerns is educating others on what they can do to make the necessary changes for a different tomorrow.

For an organization with roots in the science department, GIVE has branched out to reach more than 30 members since its beginnings at ULV last semester.

A few members of GIVE. attribute its growing rate Romo's leadership as president and to the power of word of mouth.

"Emily brings excitement and persistence to the table," Skelton said.

Incorporating students and professors in various academic fields is a unique characteristic of this particular organization.

"We have people in public administration, biology and communications to contribute," Romo said.

"People are able to get involved through their interests."

Now into its second semester, GIVE is enthusiastic about making their goals into successful actions in the upcoming months.

The list of activities and long term goals is a definite indicator of members' gravity and commitment to the club's ideals.

The first event to top the agenda is ULV's Earth Day on April 22 in Sneaky Park.

A variety of agencies will provide a cornucopia of products and services at students' disposal.

21 Choices, wild life and cosmetics of free trade or that are organic will be available.

The recycling fair will offer

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La Verne takes a stand for charitable causes

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A new kind of fever is coming to the University of La Verne campus this semester as the Take a Stand Campaign, centered around giving back to the community, debuts on April 3 with a charitable fundraising fair.

The Take a Stand Campaign, has created charitable contributions across campus and is the product of communications major Francine Gobert's senior project.

It is a fundraising campaign that challenges clubs and organizations on ULV's campus to raise money for charities.

"I think the most important part of this campaign is that it shows that students actually do care about their community and are raising funds for charity, just like it says in our mission statement," Gobert said.

Giving back to the community is one of ULV's main philosophies and Gobert feels that since the Greek organizations at ULV annually raise money for various charities and foundations, the non-Greek organizations should also have a chance to do the same.

While the many clubs and organizations have been raising money for their charities behind the scenes, the fundraising fair on April 3 is a way to openly involve the ULV community.

The fair will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the quad and each organization will host a booth about their charity complete with games, prizes, food and raffles.

"The fair is a way to get people involved in the fundraising," said Erika Barajas, sophomore chemistry major and Campus Activities Board philanthropy chair. "Instead of the organizations just saying what they are doing, it gets people to be a part of it by being involved in raising the money."

One such organization that has been working closely with the campaign is the newly formed club called Green Institute for Village Empowerment, which is a non-profit group working to develop the economy through sustainable approaches.

"We will be holding a recycling drive at the fair that will consist of people bringing in items that are not typically recycled, such as shoes and eyeglasses, rather than leaving these items in a dump, which could potentially harm the environment, " senior environmental biology major, and GIVE spokesman John Skelton said.

Like GIVE, many other organizations on campus are also working towards a sustainable community by promoting and supporting their charities.

Some of the organizations include Iota Delta Sorority who is raising money to support Cystic Fibrosis, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity supporting Lou Gehrig's disease, Sigma Kappa Sorority supporting Alzheimer's disease and the African American Student Alliance supporting Sickle Cell disease.

Even organizations off campus have joined in the campaign such as the Fairplex Foundation, Inland Empire United Way, Neighborhood Homework House and the Uncommon Good organization, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the poor and ending the cycle of poverty for low income youth.

"I think that too often we get wrapped up in our own lives and we forget about those who are less fortunate than we are," volunteer coordinator for the Uncommon Good organization, Nancy Dufford said in an e-mailed statement.

The Take a Stand Campaign is a way to bring greater awareness about how people can give back to the community and it promotes charitable giving in an environment that has the most potential to make a difference.

"It will definitely bring the community together as a whole," said Cassandra Gonzalez, sophomore anthropology major and public relations chair for Iota Delta Sorority.

"I hope people will show support because it all goes towards people who don't have a lot already."

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STD infection rate on the rise

During the sexually transmitted disease prevention conference in Chicago on March 11, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced an alarming finding.

The CDC conducted a study of 838 girls and found that at least one in four teenage girls have a sexually transmitted disease.

The girls were screened for four different STD's, including the human papilloma virus, known as HPV, the most common STD.

Twenty-six percent were found to have an STD, which translates to about 3.2 million women between the ages 14 to 19.

More alarming was their discovery that about 16 percent of the women tested had more than one infection.

If broken down demographically, the study showed Black teens have a larger percentage infected with an STD.

Regardless of the breakdown, the fact that a quarter of teenage girls have an STD should be enough to get people thinking about what should be done.



Why is this ratio so high? There are a number of possible reasons, but an important part is the abstinence-only sexual education being given in American schools.

Sure not having sex is the best way to protect a teenager from getting an STD, but in today's world it is not effective enough.

On the "George Lopez" show he was worried about his daughter getting involved with boys. So he decided to sit her at the kitchen table and show her graphic images of Chlamydia and genital warts.

Does this study show this is how far our country is going to have to go to protect our youth?

The numbers also show that only one third of young women who undergo pregnancy tests or acquire emergency contraceptives are screened for STD's.

Here is a perfect chance to assist in stopping the spread of disease so why is the opportunity being missed?

Dr. Margaret Blythe, an adolescent medicine specialist from the Indiana University School of Medicine, stated in an Associated Press article that doctors do not offer STD screenings because this would include discussing it with teens and because the parents would have to be informed of the screening results.

So what is left to offer all of these young women? People are always told don't be just another statistic.

But when the odds are against you, how do we keep ourselves from becoming another statistic? The spread of STD's first starts with the responsibility of the parents.

There are commercials all over television these days calling out to parents to talk to their children about drugs, sex and violence.

Sure the educational system maybe failing at properly notifying our youth on the effect of STD's, but the parents have the ultimate responsibility of teaching their children.

Chlamydia, found in four percent of the study group, shows no symptoms and is known to lead to infertility. Genital warts, affecting two percent of the study group, often has no symptoms and cannot be cured.

HPV, found in an overwhelming 18 percent of the study group, also often has no symptoms and can cause cervical cancer.

These are the facts. This is what all young women aged 14-26 years old are up against, statistics that prove we are all at risk.

You are not unstoppable or invulnerable. STD's are real and they are affecting more than 3 million American women.

This isn't only a woman's problem, however. It must be stressed that men are just as vulnerable to becoming infected as women.

Although the study did not include men within the same age group, it does not mean that they are in the clear. Each party involved should take the necessary precautions when having sex.

We all need to take the time to educate ourselves so that we do not fall prey to a one in four statistic of contracting an STD.

Parents need to stop shying away from the subject and really talk to their children and the educational system needs to relinquish itself from teaching abstinence-only sex education and offer all the facts.

Cheering without fear

Going to games, supporting the University of La Verne's athletic teams and cheering for them are a big part of life for many students on campus.

Yet because the University of La Verne is such a small school, it is safe to say that our level of cheering at games is low-key in comparison to what happens at other colleges and universities.

Still, that has not stopped athletics department administrators from trying to regulate the way Leopard fans cheer on their team.

Student fans who have been deemed unruly have had to face warnings and threats of probation over their demonstrations of school spirit.

What is considered to be negative cheering at La Verne's athletic competitions is subjective. Painting faces, making shirts and signs and cheering on the Leopards is important to many students, and they should not be afraid to do so.

ULV's athletic teams deserve such vocal support from students. The athletes are playing for the love of their respective sports, but in most cases the teams are good and in constant contention in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Fans can provide that extra spark the athletes need on the court or the field.

It is true there must be a line drawn between positive support and negative cheering. But it is also important to remember that ULV is not like UCLA or USC. Our star athletes and their families are not receiving death threats for playing for the Leopards.

They are not being subjected to verbal abuse and taunting that many of their athletes go through.

Yet it seems that at this school, officials are more cautious than they need be.

At other SCIAC schools, students are able to cheer freely and without worrying about repercussions. In fact, many schools thrive on the energy and excitement brought through the cheering of the fans in their athletic events.

But at La Verne, spectators feel limited to what they can say or yell out, especially when in groups.

Any kind of friendly remarks against the other team or traditional chants are prohibited on the grounds that they are unsportsmanlike and a distraction from the game.

So the question remains, what is appropriate to say and how can fans cheer without having to look their shoulders?

Yes, a certain amount of decorum is needed, but fans should also not have to worry when they go to a game.

The athletic department needs to be clear and concise in writing a policy that allows fans and students to cheer the way they like and show their school spirit while still being in the lines of good sportsmanship.

It is important to hold good values of playing a fair game and being good sports, but fans must also have the freedom to cheer what they want and as loud as they wish.

ULV has a small student body, which should be a benefit to our athletics programs.

Positive cheering should be advocated more at our University, especially through pep rallies, a pep band or a proper cheerleading squad. Students also need to be more informed of activities that are scheduled.

Coaches and athletes work hard to compete for the University. We, as students and supporters of the Leopards, should be able to cheer without fear.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Going mad for March Madness



GALO PESANTES

Ah the joy of March Madness. It's the only time of year when you are your own expert, a la Dick Vitale. So even if you don't yell out, "It's Awesome Baby!" at the top of your lungs, you are still caught up in trying to make the best picks among the 65 men's college basketball teams competing in the tournament.

A certain type of intelligence is also needed here to complete your brackets and what usually emerges is the term "Bracketology."

This informal slang term for knowledge on brackets incorporates certain theories that experts put in to play when making their picks such as seeding, regional advantage, offensive and defensive tendencies, star power, coaching and maybe most importantly, momentum. Yet, I have found that none of this usually matters because the unexpected always has a chance of happening.

During this time in March, a lot of us are on the edge of our seats witnessing Cinderella teams continue to dance while powerhouses fall at the same time. Many people even miss work just to watch games at home, on their computer or at their local bar.

Last year, an estimated $1.2 billion was lost in productivity according to a survey by Challenger, Grey & Christmas, an employment consulting firm. It is safe to say that many are watching on their computers while trying to do work. Still, it's a phenomenon that spreads every time the Big Dance comes around because anything can happen, hence the name March Madness.

Among the big bracket busters this year was No. 4 Connecticut losing to the underdog San Diego. The Toreros' De'Jon Jackson hit the biggest shot of his career with 1.2 seconds left to help lift No. 13 seed San Diego over the Huskies, 70-69.

On my bracket, I couldn't have predicted an upset like this but I redeemed myself a bit when I got another upset right in the same region.

No. 12 Western Kentucky ended the season for the No. 5 Drake in overtime, 101-99. Taking a page from the Toreros, the Hilltoppers' Ty Rogers hit a desperation buzzer beater to win the game over the Bulldogs.

Other upsets I was able to predict correctly was No. 11 Kansas State over No. 7 USC (It was hard to pick against the Trojans as an SC fan, but Michael Beasley and Billy Walker are too hard to go against), and No. 12 Villanova over No. 5 Clemson. No. 13 Siena was also able to come out of nowhere and knock off No. 4 Vanderbilt with its win.

Now with the field narrowed down to the Sweet 16, there are still a few surprises. Perennial powerhouse Duke squeaked by the first round with one point over Belmont but fell to West Virginia in the next round. As a Blue Devils fan, this hurt me and my bracket because I had Duke in my Elite eight. The two underdog teams left are also trying to play spoiler and make a run to San Antonio. Davidson entered the tournament quietly on a 22 game winning streak while also boasting the tournament's top scorer, Stephen Curry. They will try to continue their momentum against Wisconsin in their Midwest regional. The Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky will also have the arduous task of trying to take down No. 1 UCLA in their Sweet 16 match-up.

Still, I believe my bracket is in good shape heading into the next round. With the exception of Duke, all other seven teams I picked for my Elite Eight are still in contention in addition to my Final Four teams, UCLA, Memphis, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

In my final, I have Memphis outlasting Tennessee to win the national championship on April 7. However, I won't be surprised if there is a Cinderella like Davidson that makes it to the Final Four. This is where you tell yourself "Bracketology" is not fool proof because anything can happen and you like many others are forced to throw your bracket out the window. Still it's the madness that keeps you entertained all month long.

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A big hassle for the big day



MADISON STEFF

Something old, something new, something borrowed, something ewww.

Looks like wedding bells are ringing at my house – and no, they aren't for me. We all know how I feel about that mushy gushy crap but apparently my mom doesn't feel the same.

That's right, my mom is getting married. I love the guy to death and I couldn't be happier for them, but I never realized the stress of planning a wedding. Aren't weddings supposed to fun and easy to plan? Yeah, right.

Since this whole thing has taken place my life has become a blur of ugly dresses, stinky flowers, corny invitations and rotten food. Not that that is what my mom has chosen for her special day but that seems to be all these wedding places have to offer.

Stress factor 1:

First the location…well kind of. The location and date go hand in hand because if you are lucky enough to find a location you like, you pretty much take it when they have availability and apparently everyone wants to get hitched at the same place on the same day. Go figure.

Stress factor 2:

After visiting a few locations, my soon to be happy family decided on a location. Finally something accomplished. Now on to the next task, dresses.

My mom was actually quite lucky and found a gorgeous dress right away but unfortunately that wasn't the case for us bridesmaids.

In case you didn't know bridesmaid dresses only come in vomit pink with ruffles all over and that itchy stuff underneath.

After a week of hunting and 10 bridal stores later, my mom decided to go for a very basic black dress without too many ruffles.

Stress factor 3:

Now come the invitations. All of the stores have way too many choices, all of which are as corny as can be so we decided to order online.

I know it is a rather bold move but all we can do is cross our fingers and hope for the best. Hopefully the time, date and place will be correct and we will in fact have a wedding.

Stress factor 4;

On Monday we went to a flower shop and spent about two hours trying to tell the difference between an orchid and a lily. We told the lady we wanted pink flowers but apparently that wasn't good enough.

I learned that there are specific rules about wedding flowers and that baby's breath is so not in. Not only does the bride need a bouquet to carry down the aisle but a whole different one just to toss at the desperate girls hoping to be the next to walk down the aisle.

Along with two bouquets for the bride we had to decide on boutonnieres, corsages and table pieces.

Oh and if anyone thought that flower petals scattered along the aisle are cheap, they're not. After that little adventure I have no shame saying that we paid a visit to a nearby happy hour.

This whole wedding thing sure is a pain but hopefully a few more tasks to complete and multiple happy hours it will all come together and my mom will have one of those picture perfect weddings. I am just thankful that it is not me taking the plunge. At least not yet.

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Finding the path that's right for you



ERIN KONRAD

Lately I've been thinking a lot about my future. Everyone in college does this. Everyone is always obsessing over what to major in, how to get a job after graduation, or finding out if they can really support themselves pursuing a specific career.

It's easy for us to get caught up in what will pay the bills. I know it's important to be practical, but I'm also beginning to realize that I've given up several things that I love doing in order to focus on what will allow me to graduate on time.

I used to be a performer. I loved acting and being on stage. I started dancing when I was three and most afternoons after school would be spent in classes. One summer I spent everyday in a dance workshop where the average workout consisted of 300 sit-ups! Just thinking about the pressure, I realize how dedicated I was to becoming better.

I began acting in plays when I was pretty young as well. One of my favorite memories was being Wendy in "Peter Pan."

After the show, several little girls came up and wanted my autograph. I will never forget that feeling.

Being on stage made me feel like there was only that place where I belonged and nowhere else.

I sang in choir all through middle school and high school. I just loved exploring new roles through different songs or characters.

Somewhere along the way, I stopped everything. Events in my life resulted in me shying away from the limelight. I just didn't want the attention anymore. I got to ULV and decided to pursue writing. I love being a journalism major, but sometimes I wonder.

Am I going to be a writer because it's somewhat easy for me or because it's what I'm meant to be doing? Am I going down this career path because I need to or because I want to?

I've gotten very good during my 22 years of justifying all the things I can't do instead of trying to optimistically decide to achieve all of the things I can.

I can give myself dozens of excuses for why something can't be done, even if it's something I want very badly.

Although I think ULV does a great job setting students up with advisors to help them achieve their goals in school, I have never had someone sit me down and ask what really makes me happy.

The result is I'm nearing graduation, and I'm completely rethinking what I see myself doing in the next five years. I'm sure that this situation arises frequently in higher education.

I recognize that I am still very young to be planning the course of my entire future.

I'm still immature in so many ways. Still relying on my parents, still procrastinating, still hoping that things will fall in my lap without having to work for them.

So I guess I'm just wondering how we're all supposed to figure it out. It doesn't matter what you feel like you're giving up – your career being an actor, your "Guitar Hero" high score, whatever.

I think if you feel like your dream has been taken away, you'll never be truly happy.

So here's good luck to everyone reaching for what they want – I hope we all get it.

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Potter inspires book drive

Donations will go to charity

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During Harry Potter Week, the Campus Activities Board held a book drive contest in the residence halls to get students to donate books to give to charity.

"We wanted to do something that Harry Potter would do on campus in providing for a good cause," CAB member Erika Barajas said.

The theme of the massive book drive was "Which House Will Rule?"

Each residence hall was given a special Potter-themed name.

Brandt was named Gryffindor (lions), Stu-Han was Hufflepuff (badger) and the Oaks was Slytherin (serpent). A book donation bin was set up in Leo's Den for the commuters, named the Ravenclaws (eagle), who fly in and out of La Verne for classes.

"My mom is a teacher and had a lot of books to donate," sophomore broadcast major Priscilla Segura said. "I think it is a great idea, especially donating books to kids who are less fortunate to have them."

Many of the books are donated to schools and other non-profit organizations.

They will go to children who are in hospital situations, crisis or left homeless from natural disasters

"We wanted to have an event that would do good for charity work and make it fun for students to be involved," Barajas said. "The goal is for the house that gets the most books to donate will get the most points and win the contest."

Books will also be distributed to staff at churches, hospitals, local police, firefighters or aid and relief workers to distribute the books directly to the children.

"Many of the books that are in demand are children's books because there are many people who cannot afford reading materials and have limited supply in shelters," CAB Chair Michelle Ajemian said.

There is also a demand for math, physics, English books and other learning materials, which are donated to Africa and other developing countries.

The Campus Activities Board has previously held charitable events for a variety of other charities.



Troy Doolittle

Sophomore Kyle Kaili did more than donate his old textbooks to the Campus Activity Board's Harry Potter Book Drive; the books he gave came all the way from Hawaii. Kaili told his mother, who lives on the island of Kaua'i, about the book drive and she sent Kaili a package that included a few novels to be donated. The drive was held as part of activities during Harry Potter Week.

"I think our most successful donation drive was when we donated anything you didn't need or didn't want anymore, such as books, clothes and even food," Barajas said. "It is really great as well for students to come together in supporting others in need."

Students became more interested in the book drive, looking for old books from childhood they no longer use, asking family members to find books that they didn't read anymore and donating books that cannot be resold at the bookstore.

The book drive also prompted students to get more involved. Some students had no idea that they could even give books away for charity or knew that there was such a need for books for others, especially children who could not afford them.

> 'I think it is a great idea, especially donating books to kids who are less fortunate to have them.'
> *—Priscilla Segura, sophomore*

"I was not aware that there was a book drive but knowing it is for a good cause I am going to bring in books to donate," junior psychology major Alan Weinreb said.

Even though some students participated in the book drive there was not as many students donating as expected.

Students donated 10,000 books during the 2006 Greek week which was way more than this year," Barajas said. "We hope students will donate more in the next book drive.'

If you did not get to participate in the book drive contest or get a chance to drop off your books, you can contact CAB for any information regarding your books and where you can donate them.

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Oaks wins contest

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Staff Writer

Another Harry Potter Week event that students participated in was the Twisted Maze, which was held Wednesday in Davenport.

The Twisted Maze consisted of a scavenger hunt of unsolved riddles, where students explored the ULV campus as they looked for clues.

About 25 students attended the scavenger hunt.

"It was really fun running around and looking for things," Stephanie Fuentes, a sophomore sociology major said.

Fuentes is not a dedicated Harry Potter fan but it did not prevent her from attending the event.

Fuentes said that the hunt had her adrenaline pumping, which made the hunt much more interesting.

The teams were separated into four groups. Each group was divided based on which dorm they resided in and which students were commuters. They received a list of clues that would help them to the end of their excursion.

Campus Activity Board Games and Recreation Chair Claire Bodenhoefer was glad the students came to participate. She understands that many students are still in spring break mode but still managed to contribute to Harry Potter Week.

"It was a fun competition that was able to bring the La Verne community together," Bodenhoefer said.

Bodenhoefer anticipates that next year will be more successful and that more students will participate.

"It was really fun," Brandy Diep, a freshman liberal studies major said.

Diep is a true Harry Potter fan, keeping up with all the books and movies. She enjoys Harry Potter for the fantasy based theme where magic and supernatural forms exist. She said Harry Potter is an escape from the real world.

The Oaks residence hall won the scavenger hunt, earning 10 points for its team. With great team work they were able to prevail as winners.

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Bagging a little bit of sun, history

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The aroma of sweet, juicy, ripe oranges filled La Verne's Heritage park this winter, as the last remaining orange grove in the city was open to the public.

Starting in early January, La Verne's Heritage Foundation hosted orange picking every weekend through March 22.

"I come every week to pick oranges," University of La Verne alumna Gloria Orozco said. "I will probably buy a few bags the last weekend it's open." Orozco has been a resident of La Verne for 31 years, and has participated in the orange picking for several years.

The Heritage Foundation was started in 1985, to help preserve and save the hundred year old Weber house, which sits on the 1 1/2 acre orange grove.

With the money that has been donated the foundation has been able to preserve the house and kept it with the orange grove.

This mansion and much more is what can be seen while picking oranges up at Heritage park.

Also on display within the orange grove are many smudge pots – ovens that used to keep the oranges warm, as well as windmills, gardens, and several tractors and pieces of farm equipment. Lemon and grapefruit trees fill the orchard as well.

The cost to pick oranges is $5 per bag. One bag can hold up to 20 oranges.

Orange picking has proved to be fun for people of all ages. Monterey resident, Natalie Moytoso said,

"Last year when I baby-sat, I went orange picking as an activity for the little girl," Moytoso said.

She explained that she enjoyed orange picking because it was fun, wholesome, and something you could do with friends.

Moytoso stood in a circle with two friends and before leaving the grove bit into an orange and said, "they have really good produce here."

Heritage Park does not spray the fruit for bugs, since there are no bugs around.

The oranges and other fruits are all organic and natural.

"The best oranges are at the top of the trees, because that is where they get the best sunlight," Orozco said while standing on her tip toes with a long orange picker in hand.

The orange pickers, which are handed out at the entrance to the grove, are long poles with small baskets on the end, making it possible to get the out-of reach-oranges.

Weekends are not the only time activity is going on here. Schools in the surrounding area take advantage of the orange grove and take field trips to the park.

Children participate in an orange squeeze event and learn to make their own orange juice. They also learn about the smudgepots and windmills, and take tractor rides.

Many of the workers at Heritage Park are volunteers. Jane and Jack Bunnett who volunteer at the Park, take time out of their weekend to spend time helping the community.

"The oranges here are all wonderful. They really are," Jane Bunnett said.

Heritage Park is not only a home to the orange grove, but also hosts concerts in the park and a car show each year.

This piece of history in La Verne brings families and friends together for good wholesome fun and bonding.

Orange picking is closed for the season, but will reopen next year.

For more information on the Heritage Foundation, visit **www.laverneheritage.org**.

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Sher Porter

The orange grove in Heritage Park is the only orange grove left in La Verne. Every January through March, visitors are allowed to come on a Saturday to pick oranges. ULV alumna Gloria Orozco comes every year to pick oranges because, she says her own trees do not bear as much fruit.



Rhiannon Mim

Renovation on the historic Hanawalt House is scheduled to take place during Phase One of the University of La Verne's 20-year plan to transform the campus. The house, constructed in 1907, was named after past President W.C. Hanawalt, whose family lived in the home. One of the oldest buildings in La Verne, the Hanawalt House served as a day care center in the 1970s and 1980s. When it burned in 2004 it housed the offices of the Human Resources Department.

Hanawalt...

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cial events.

Elmore says that if the Alumni Relations office does move it will house the upstairs of the building and downstairs will be available for meeting space for various groups on campus and alumni.

The Alumni Relations office is currently housed in University Relations located on Bonita. Moving closer to campus will intoduce students to the services offered by the office.

"I'm so excited; I think it's going to be a good thing for alumni and students. It will make us connected to the ULV community even more than we are now," said Noemi Ortega, director of special events.

"I think it will be great because the alumni relations office will be in the heart of campus. It will give students the opportunity to think about their time at the University and their future as alumni," Elmore said.

Koch says the new Campus Center along with the renovated Hanawalt house will give Second Street a fresh look. It will also be a good contrast of old and new, standing side by side.

The Hanawalt House's expected completion date is April 2009.

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Blood drive kicks off '56 Days Club'

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The American Red Cross conducted a blood drive on Wednesday which included the launch of the 56 Days Club.

The group was started by Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs, as an incentive to get the ULV community to donate more blood.

"The 56 Days Club is where people – employees and students – can sign a certificate and actually pledge to donate blood every 56 days, with the exception of them being ill or out-of-town," Clark said.

Fifty-six days is the shortest period a healthy adult can wait from one blood donation to the next.

The blood drive was held in the President's Dining Room, which was filled with for the event with chairs, beds and divided stations used to screen donors.

"I extended an invitation to those who I saw regularly coming to donate and as of today we have 14 people who signed up, and 13 out of 14 of those signed up on Wednesday," Clark said. "It's open to employees and students, to anyone who is willing to sign-up," Clark said.

Director of Purchasing and Procurement Debbie Deacy donated blood and was proud to say that she had signed the pledge to donate blood every 56 days.

"Today was the inaugural signing of the 56 Days Club," Deacy said. "I've donated blood before and I'm excited to have signed."

After 20 minutes of waiting, communications major Ashley Angle was ready start her donation.

"I love donating blood. I have an A- blood type, which is pretty rare," Angle said.

To be eligible to donate blood, individuals must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and meet a list of other screening criteria.

Senior art major Amri Covarrubias became a donor through the motivation of her older sister.

"I have the most common blood type so it makes me feel good that I'm saving three lives every time I donate blood," Covarrubias said.

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HAPPENINGS

Concert

The Southwest Chamber Music Program will perform the music of Mozart and Southeast Asian works at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Boston Court in Pasadena.

Tickets are $38 for general admission, $28 for seniors and $10 for students with I.D.

For more information, visit **swmusic.org** or call 800-726-7147.

Create Art

The Cactus Gallery in Eagle Rock is offering several monthly art classes including how to make bottle cap necklaces and magnets.

Materials will be provided but interested students are encouraged to bring other items.

Classes will begin from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The cost for the class is $35 per person.

For more information, call 323-256-6117.

Art Exhibit

The Harris Gallery will showcase, "Naturally Synthetic," an exhibit by Todd Brainard and Paul Paiement.

The exhibit will start with with an opening reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and will run through May 2 .

The Harris Gallery is open Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Movies

New releases in theaters this week include "21," "Run, Fatboy, Run," "Stop-Loss," and "Superhero Movie."

For ticket information, visit **www.moviefone.com**.

Bands Battle

The Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College will host Battle of the Bands: Round 5 featuring Citrus' Blue Note Swing Orchestra and APU's Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. today and at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information call 626-963-9411

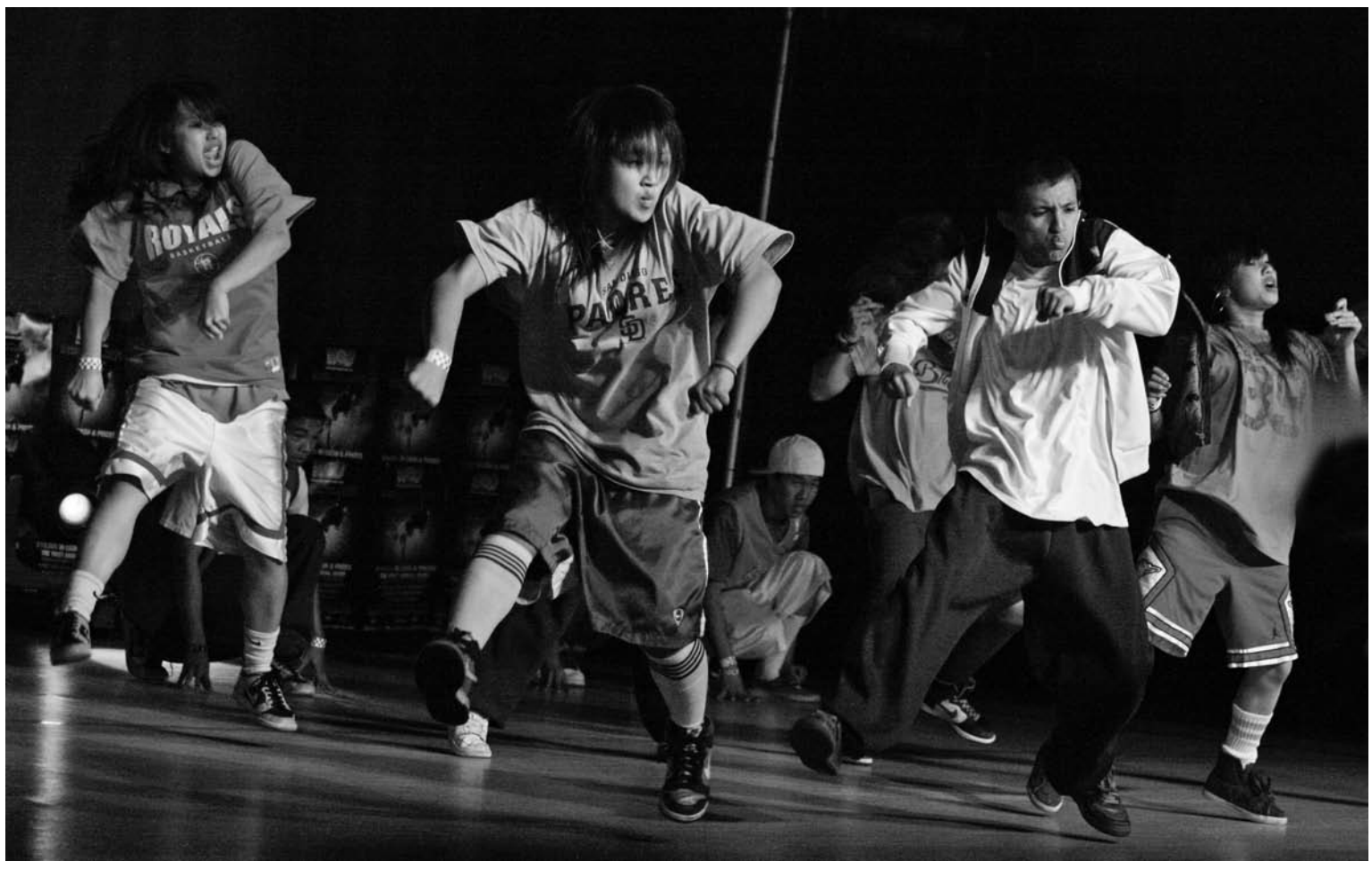
Admission is $10 for students.

—Galo Pesantes

World of Dance attracts thousands

The best dance crews in the nation take the stage at the Fairplex

by Jaclyn Mittman
photography by Seanette Garcia



Dance crew Offspring opened for the youth division competition at the World of Dance tour March 15 at the Fairplex. The competition consisted of 40 crews in different divisions, dancing for a total of $10,00 in cash and prizes. Thousands came to watch teams featured on the MTV show, "America's Best Dance Crew."

The World of Dance Tour held at the Fairplex on March 15 brought thousands of fans that came to watch their favorite B-boy and dance crews compete for the winning title.

More than 7,000 people came to see the dancers compete at the tour and waited in long lines, which were formed about two hours prior to the doors opening for the event. Doors opened at 3 p.m. and the event continued until 11 p.m. that night.

"We wanted to show the world everything about street dance and the B-boy scene and were hoping to bridge the two together," Myron Marten, co-owner of World of Dance and competition coordinator, said.

The World of Dance Tour, or WOD, is the world's largest U.S. urban dance competition, and according to the **worldofdancetour.com**, the event was put on as "an effort to build a reputation as the nation's authority in urban dance culture."

The event was separated by two stages, one arena for B-boys and the other for the dance crews. The seats were completely full throughout the event. Seating was limited due to the unexpected crowd, forcing majority of the people who attended to stand.

"We were not expecting this big of a turnout. We predicted maybe 1,500 to 1,800, but definitely not 7,000 people," Marten said.

The popularity of this event was strongly helped due to a new show on MTV, "America's Best Dance Crew."

Several of the popular teams on the show actually performed and competed at the WOD.

Jabbawockeez, Kaba Modern and Fysh N Chicks, who gained popularity from the MTV show, had huge support at the event.

The battling between dance crews began around 6:30 p.m. and was followed by the finals. The winners for the event were announced just before 11 p.m.

So Real took home first place, receiving $3,000 and a trophy. This team was one of the largest teams in the competition.

Overall, the event gave away about $10,000 in cash and prizes to the competing teams.

Audience members were also given the chance to participate and battle it out in an amateur dance contest.

"Entering World of Dance was a great experience for me. Although my crew and I didn't get passed prelims, I enjoyed watching the other battles and also on the side sessions with other B-boys," Infinite from the Stylistic Minds Crew said.

This was the first event put on by WOD; however more events are being planned for the future.

The next competition will be located in San Francisco and will take place in November.

"The World of Dance tour had the things teenagers like me are in to: Great entertainment, along with branded clothing and shoes," Karlo Ozaeta of Carson said.

There were also international guest performances such as Aftermath, who is from Canada, and TK Spin Master of Movement from the United Kingdom.

The crowd went crazy when the performances started and danced to the beats of the artists.

"The B-boy side was handled pretty well. However, the hip-hop side was way too small and frustrating to try and get around," Dennis Chen of Diamond Bar said.

Although there were minor security conflicts and a lack of seating due to the amount of people present at the event, the WOD provided quality entertainment for those involved in the urban dance community.

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Musicians get 'hip' at the Kitty

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Andy Cowan and the Nina Beck Trio entertained the crowd at the Hip Kitty Jazz and Fondue Club in Claremont on March 20.

Taking the stage from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. the band played for the busy café in the downtown area.

The diners enjoyed the soothing sounds of the jazz band over drinks and fondue, which kept the audience in good spirits.

This was another successful night for the Hip Kitty as Cowan and the Nina Beck Trio gave a great jazz performance.

"I think they are really good," Chris Needham said. "I think he sounded a lot like Frank Sinatra."

Cowan's smooth voice and great vibe kept the crowd entertained and relaxed as they enjoyed their meals.

The night brought out a full moon and between songs Cowan was in good spirits as he continued to make references to the moon.

The new restaurant is known for their nightly jazz music and great fondue, bringing competition to other popular fondue restaurants.

The Hip Kitty takes a different and more exciting approach.

Every night a different band performs, keeping the location busy and full of positive energy.

The band played well together and made a great debut. However, not everyone was making their Hip Kitty debut that night.

Beck, the pianist, is a familiar face around the café.

Nancy Tessier, owner of the Hip Kitty, said that Beck plays there every Tuesday for piano night.

"It is usually just one person playing," Tessier said. "She is good."

Beck is so good in fact that Tessier said she takes requests from the crowd and can play almost anything.

Cowan, originally from Philadelphia but who now resides in Santa Monica, has been singing at jazz clubs for about 20 years.

However, Cowan is not just a jazz singer. He is also a writer who was affected during the writer's strike.

Cowan has written for popular sitcoms, like Seinfeld, and just got finished writing an article on Barack Obama.

He also has made appearances on some older popular television shows.

"I sang on 'The Merv Griffin Show,'" Cowan said.

Cowan spoke about a performance he once did in which he was asked to sing songs that he thought Sinatra would have sung if he were to be a star during a different musical era.

The comparisons of Cowan to Sinatra have been carried throughout the years giving Cowan a priceless compliment to his performances.

Yet, Cowan does more than deliver a great sound. He also writes and arranges his own music.

While Cowan has made many great lifetime accomplishments, he still comes back to the jazz clubs.

This was his first time playing at the Hip Kitty but he had heard good things about it from his friend, Beck. And Cowan had a great time performing there.

"This is a great place." Cowan said. "It's very reciprocal. They give you energy and you give them energy back."

The Hip Kitty features different bands every night and can be found at **hipkittyjazz.com**.

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Leah Heagy

The crowd listened to the sounds at the Hip Kitty Jazz and Fondue Club in Claremont on March 20. The group is composed of pianist Nina Beck, vocalist Andy Cowan, bass player Chris Ferrin and drummer Scott Ikes. They will return to perform at the Hip Kitty on April 1.

Theater Review

'Sweeney Todd' still thrills

Erin Konrad
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Who could have predicted that a show about a murderous barber who disposes of his victims by baking them into meat pies would become a hit? Oh, and it's a musical.

Most writers could not have dreamed up this dark masterpiece, but Steven Sondheim was able to fashion this world of killing and mayhem in 1979 with "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

The show has had numerous revivals, including its current production at the Ahmanson Theater in downtown Los Angeles.

The story of Sweeney Todd was brought to the big screen last year with Tim Burton's interpretation and starred Johnny Depp as the barber.

The movie was impressive, but nothing can compare to seeing the production in live theater. The set is incredible and the performances are electrifying.

The revival of the musical in its current manifestation occurred several years ago on Broadway in which the entire cast performs an instrument.

This lends an urgent note to the chilling music. The cast members never leave the stage, creating a tight-knit group that lends itself to the story of events that transpired on one haunting street in London.

Veteran actor David Hess, who also performed the role on Broadway, plays Todd with a disturbing perseverance.

The barber was unjustly sentenced to a time in prison after a judge named Turpin decided he was in love with Todd's wife. After spending 15 years away from London, the production opens on Todd returning to his home to exact revenge.

He goes on a killing spree, marked in the play with a red light and a piercing whistle, and conspires with his neighbor, Mrs. Lovett, to make the bodies into meat pies so no one will suspect anything.

Hess does an amazing job making the character sympathetic, and his vocal prowess nicely complements Sondheim's often-unsettling score.

Perhaps the most impressive cast member is Mrs. Lovett, played by the outstanding Judy Kaye.

She also performed the role on Broadway, and it is her comfortableness with the part that makes the cast fit cohesively together.

Her character is needy and humorous at the same time, expressed in some of the best songs of the show, including "The Worst Pies in London" and "By the Sea."

The audience's heart aches during Kaye's performance as they see her falling in love with Todd, a man whom it is clear has already fallen off the deep end. Kaye's voice is powerful and resonant, an appreciated tone in the production.

Although the play is a little long, each moment is filled with tense action and foreshadowing of the depressing events already set into motion.

What helps the show to retain a quick pace is the lack of set changes and having the cast on stage as the musicians.

It is truly impressive that the cast is acting as the orchestra. Lauren Molina, who plays Todd's long-lost daughter, plays the cello throughout the show, and often sings simultaneously.

The audience is able to appreciate the work that must have gone into choreographing the scenes, with the actors lugging around their instruments.

Another added feature of the cast using instruments is that all movements are made for a reason, not to simply move about the stage.

The show has a finality and grace that could have been lacking in other performances.

"Sweeney Todd" will run through April 6 at the Ahmanson Theatre at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles.

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Baseball plays host to Cal Invite

La Verne takes 3 of 4 in tourney



Jaclyn Dino

Freshman Sergio Munoz scored on an RBI by La Verne's Mike Belcher on March 21 at Ben Hines Field. The game against Rutgers-Camden ended after the seventh inning with a score of 12-2. The Leopards will play against Whittier at home on Saturday.

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While classes were out, parking lots were empty and students were scattered for spring break, Ben Hines Field was alive last weekend as the Leopards hosted the California Invitational.

After losing its first game, La Verne got on a hot streak and went on to win three games in a row, outscoring their competition 32-6.

"Our bats and our pitching got hot," junior pitcher Jesse Sweet said. "When we're scoring runs like that I don't think there's anybody who can beat us."

On Thursday, the Leopards lost the opening game of the invitational to Franklin & Marshall College, 9-4.

La Verne jumped out to an early lead in the second inning off sophomore center fielder Demetri Mondotte's sacrifice fly which drove in the first run of the game.

The Leopards added another run in the fifth inning from sophomore left fielder Jason Munoz's double to right center which gave his team a 2-0 lead.

The Diplomats answered back in the bottom half of the inning scoring four runs.

The highlight of the scoring came on a two out double to left center field by Rich Gallugi that added two runs.

Franklin & Marshall continued its offensive production in the sixth tacking on two runs to extend its lead to 6-2.

The Leopards would score two more runs in the seventh but it was not enough as the Diplomats added three runs in the bottom half of the inning to make the score, 9-4.

Senior Jimmy Wilfong got the loss.

"We made lots of mistakes, errors and gave away free bases," senior designated hitter Scott Marcus said.

La Verne played a doubleheader Friday facing Rutgers-Camden at Ben Hines Field and then traveled to Azusa Pacific to play an evening game against Wesleyan.

In the first game ULV jumped out to a quick lead by scoring in each of the first three innings taking a comfortable 6-1 lead.

Sweet, who pitched a complete game for the Leopards, allowed just one earned run, and struck out seven to earn his third win of the season.

The ULV offense continued their scoring in the sixth and seventh innings adding three runs in each and winning the game 12-2 due to the 10 run rule. La Verne was led offensively by Marcus who batted 2 for 4 with two home runs and four RBIs.

"With a big lead I was just trying to throw all fastballs and keep the ball in play," Sweet said.

In the night game against Wesleyan the Leopards got off to another fast start. La Verne jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in an exciting second inning off four hits, one stolen base and an error.

Sophomore right fielder Mike Belcher's single to left in the third inning added another run to make the score 6-0.

The Leopards would proceed to score one run in the fourth and sixth inning, and added three more in the seventh to enact another 10-run rule and win their second straight game. La Verne was led offensively by Munoz who batted 4-for-4 with three RBIs.

Sophomore Tim Jolly pitched a complete game, allowing only five hits, one earned run and striking out eight to earn his fourth win of the season.

"It felt really good to have run support from our offense, especially early on," Jolly said. "I was able to put pressure on the strike zone and that was key."

In the last game of the tournament, La Verne played UMass-Dartmouth at home.

After allowing two runs in the top of the first, the Leopards responded with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to tie the game.

The Corsairs scored one run in the third which would be there last as ULV's pitching and defense shut them down the rest of the game.

After trailing 3-2, the Leopards rallied to score seven runs, and won the game, 9-3.

The highlight of run production for ULV came in the sixth, where they put up four runs. Freshman center fielder Eddie Kalankiewicz led La Verne batting 2-for-2 with four RBIs.

Senior Ryan Rose got his fourth win of the season.

"We played pretty good," Marcus said. "We put some wins together and that's what we needed going into conference."

"Our mindset is to take the momentum from the tourna-

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LV track teams compete in Bottom Four meet

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The University of La Verne track and field teams placed second and fourth, respectively in the Bottom Four meet at Caltech's Fox Stanton Track and Field on March 15.

ULV competed against Pitzer, Caltech and Whittier.

The women did well in throwing events, and the men excelled in sprinting and distance events.

With a lack of team members, La Verne was unable to score enough points to place higher in the meet.

"Individually we always do well." Antoinette Borders, a junior shot put and discus thrower said. "But our team doesn't have as many members as other top SCIAC schools."

Borders finished first in the shot put with a distance of 38-7, and former SCIAC champion Constance Mayaki finished second with a distance of 37-11. La Verne continued to score points in the event when Bernadette Smith finished third and Emily Bass ended in fourth.

Sophomore Jacqueline Steele took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:31.42. She went on to place second in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 18:53.

"This was my first time running the 5,000 and it was a great experience," Steele said. "It was a personal best, so I'm happy."

While the women were able to rack up 110 points, the men collected 129 points. ULV took six first place finishes.

Sophomore sprinter Adam Kazub crossed the finish line first in the 100-yard dash with a time of 11.09 seconds and the 200-yard dash in 22.41 seconds.

Other top finishers were sophomore Seve Villareal and junior Jasper Chang. Villareal added first place points in the 400-meter clocking in at 53.13.

Chang captured a first place victory as well as a personal record in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 16:29.58. His teammate, freshman Lance Powell, had a time of 16:30.97 to claim second.

"It's pretty much been the two of us, so we really push each other," Chang said.

Junior Roger Toledo earned a mark of 130-5 in the discus throw, while senior Jonathan Virgin threw 157-3 in the hammer.

"It's hard because it is the bottom four, but at the same time it is uplifting because we were able to get a lot of personal best," Borders said.

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B-ball seniors leave mark on team

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The women's basketball program at University of La Verne continues to improve every season, largely due to the dedication and support of five seniors who played their last season this year.

Leslie Elrod, Charleen Guerrero, Marissa Raya, Lindsey Shiomi and Jenny Strycula have not only shown the younger players how to run a successful program, but also how to work together and bond as a team.

"They all set good examples; they were our leaders," sophomore guard Emily Carrillo said. "They're the reason the whole team is so close this year."

The five seniors have been the leaders of the team since last year, when there were no seniors on the team to guide them. In those two years this group has led the team to set goals for themselves and to pursue them together.

"I think we have higher expectations now," Elrod said. "Our work ethic has really improved."

The extra effort they put in during the off-season, such as early morning weightlifting during the summer and team bonding activities, led the team to win the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship, which earned them a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

"They spent their own time choosing to improve their strength and conditioning in the off-season and made sure that everyone was on the same page in the preseason when everyone returned to campus," head coach Julie Kline said.

The seniors all hope that the younger players will further the success of the program and go beyond the first round of the NCAA Tournament in the coming seasons.

Although they are all anxious to see the program continue to grow at ULV, they have plans for their own futures as well.

Elrod, a business administration major, is planning on continuing her job at 24 Hour Fitness when she graduates and pursuing some coaching offers she has had from local high schools.

"She's the one that sets the example by working really hard," Carrillo said of Elrod. "She's a pretty fierce competitor."

Shiomi, who served as a captain of the team for two years, also plans on pursuing coaching.

She will serve as the team's graduate assistant in the fall while she attends graduate school at ULV, and she is one of 53 nominated athletes who will be attending Nike's "So You Want to Be a Coach" workshop in April, with hopes of having a college coaching career in the future.

"She is the glue that keeps us together," Carrillo said of Shiomi. "She talks us through everything."

Guerrero, known more commonly by her nickname "Sharky," will also be staying close by, as she will continue another semester at ULV before she graduates in December. Now that she is finished with her college basketball career, she is going to have surgery to repair her anterior cruciate ligament, which has been damaged since July.

Nonetheless, Guerrero did not let an injured knee stop her from playing.

"It was my last year — I refused to let an injury bring me down," she said.

Seeing Guerrero play despite her painful injury inspired the younger players to be just as ruthless.

"She makes us play harder," Carrillo said.

Strycula, who played outfield for two years on the ULV softball team, plans on teaching and coaching at a junior college or a high school.

"She really knows what she is doing," sophomore Kayleen Kaaiai said of Strycula. "When she gives advice, take it."

Raya, who served as a captain of the team for three years, plans on becoming a police officer, but still looks forward to coming back and supporting the team.

"I hope they continue wanting to be the best and continue working hard in the off-season," she said.

The younger players will miss the encouragement and energy she brought to the team.

"She has the ability to pump up the whole team," Carrillo said. "Her intensity carries over to us and she makes us more excited to play."

The partnership and dedication these five seniors showcase provides a solid foundation for the program to build upon and has set the standard high for seasons to come.

"Their level of commitment, dedication, determination and desire for success has raised the bar substantially for the ULV women's basketball program," Kline said.

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Seniors Jenny Strycula, Leslie Elrod, Charleen Guerrero, Marissa Raya and Lindsey Shiomi ended their final basketball season for La Verne at the NCAA tournament against Puget Sound in Washington. These five seniors have served as leaders for two seasons.

Commentary

Hockey in my heart, but not in SoCal



JENNIFER GILDERMAN

Our society surrounds itself with sports. Sports are truly part of our American culture and bring together family and friends.

Currently, in the midst of March Madness, fans around our nation cheer on their favorite college teams. Baseball's opening day is just around the corner, and professional basketball is less than a month from playoffs.

Additionally, so is hockey, but let's face it, you probably would not know that if you were not a hockey fan and there are just a handful of us here in Southern California.

I on the other hand, am obsessed with hockey; it's my secret vice, and like a mad lady I sit on the edge of my seat, biting my finger nails and yelling at the television screen as I cheer on my Ducks with pride.

I love the fast-paced game, hitting, fighting and exciting scoring changes that make for a great environment.

Living on the west coast, hockey has never really gained appreciation compared to other sports and teams such as the Lakers and Dodgers. Hockey fans in the Southland feel like they simply do not belong.

Yet it has never been about hockey. The game has been relegated to the back pages of the sports section, highlights are non-existent on television and Ducks clothing is rare on city streets.

In fact, last year the Anaheim Ducks won the Stanley Cup and have probable odds for keeping their crown and hoisting Lord Stanley two years in a row.

On Wednesday night the Ducks clinched their berth to the playoffs. And they did it by taking their cross-town rivals the Los Angeles Kings, to a tie-game, then overtime, then six rounds of a shoot-out, now if you don't find this exciting I don't know what is.

Yes, it wasn't until the raising of the Cup in 2007 that the Ducks received the credit and media coverage they deserved for their accomplishments. But everyone knew it would not last, and by July, the Angels' Vladdy would be bigger news then the Ducks' Giggy, and once again hockey would not matter.

Despite the week of hockey glory that all fans had been waiting for, the media would continue the following season throwing hockey under the bus.

Maybe I simply do not understand. Hockey is a great past-time sport with a lot of history. But just because it doesn't snow here, or even drop below 65 degrees, does not mean that we have to associate this sport with cold weather geographical countries.

All I am asking for is that we simply warm our hearts for hockey.

So, for all the bandwagon fans, it's time to grab your Ducks gear and bright orange rally towels, because with only three games in the regulation season, the Ducks will have a nice cushion heading into the play-offs.

And maybe, once again hockey will appear on the sunny streets of Southern California.

For all the football fans, hockey can be a great sport to watch during the football off-season. It has the hitting and speed you're looking for, and even better out of a two-hour telecast, they actually play the sport for a full hour, rather than in football where the average game only has about 12 minutes of playing.

I apologize if I have offended any fans, but I think that hockey has the capability and components of attracting a larger audience. I promise, just go to one game, watch it in person or even on TV and you will enjoy it. A live hockey game is an exciting, heart pounding experience that is unlike any other sport.

So, I believe that it is about time that we break the ice, and start giving hockey the appreciation and attention it deserves.

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GIVE...

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facilities for students to bring in every day products: batteries, plastic bags and especially eye glasses, which can be fixed and given to those overseas in need of them. A clothing trade-off is another service that will be offered.

ASULV has donated money to purchase "Chico bags" and "Klean Kanteens" which are eco-friendly alternatives for these everyday used products. Most proceeds of Earth day will be given to non-profit organizations.

GIVE has incorporated ULV's Greek Week to juxtapose the different organizations to collect and use cans for an art piece.

"We hope to create a masterpiece with cans," Romo said.

Change or improvement on ULV's campus is another long-term effort GIVE is actively apart of.

Within the next year GIVE will present the idea to provide more native drought tolerant landscaping in place of regular grass terrain to the Sustainable Campus Committee, since students have already voiced an interest.

"We have a lot of grass and its dependent on water and students hardly use the areas in front of the library or behind Stu-han," GIVE member Allison Marsh said.

Members are aware of the economic costs that are usually associated with "green efforts."

"The initial cost is high with anything green," Skelton said.

The organization finds that it is important to think about the long-term effects that outweigh the costs.

"If we plan ahead we can resist major disasters. GIVE provides a platform on how to go about that," Skelton added.

The ULV chapter of GIVE appears to be very focused and adamant about its concerns.

It has many goals for University and the community at large.

Romo feels that learning through hands on approaches rather than through paper handouts will help set GIVE apart from other similar organizations.

The organization seems to serve as a medium for many who desire to contribute to a distinct cause through one's personal interests.

"You give what you can give," Romo said.

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Softball sweeps Cal Lu, Occidental



Jaclyn Dino

After Lynsey Padilla singled, La Verne first baseman Jodi Lindsay scored in the fourth inning on March 22. The game ended in the sixth inning after the Leopards pulled ahead of the Occidental Tigers, 11-2. Over the break, ULV swept Cal Lutheran on March 15, 5-0 and 8-7. The Leopards were not so lucky as they were defeated by Point Loma Nazarene on March 20, 8-0 and 8-0. But the winning streak came back as La Verne swept conference opponent Occidental, 6-5, and mercied the Tigers in game two. ULV also swept Menlo at home on Wednesday, 10-3 and 3-2. The Leopards sit in third place in SCIAC with a conference record of 6-4. La Verne will host Pacific Lutheran on Friday.

Cheers...

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I'm not making racial slurs or offending anyone, I don't see the problem."

Reed said she and other La Verne students have been asked to quiet down several times.

As for showing school spirit, Ragsdale said he wants spectators to support the game, but in a positive way.

"If they paint themselves up, I think it's great," Ragsdale said.

However, Ragsdale said when the taunting crosses the line and attacks an individual that is when it becomes a problem.

"I think you have to draw a line somewhere," Ragsdale said.

When it comes to the rest of the conference, there is not a uniform policy that unifies the eight schools included in the SCIAC.

Ragsdale emphasized the importance of educating the campus, especially since it is smaller and how members of the athletics department, including himself, have a responsibility to do so.

"It's about teachable moments, and the punishment has to fit the crime," West said. "It's one thing to yell air-ball and get inside the players head, but it's another to personally attack a player with intent."

As for the coaching side of things, women's volleyball and men's tennis head coach Don Flora said his team is highly involved in supporting other teams on campus.

"Our girls are taking the positive angle," Flora said.

"I like the cheering, I think it gets me pumped up," Jodi Lindsay, a senior volleyball and softball player said.

"There's a fine line with taunting, but I get so focused on the game I'm not paying attention to it, if it occurs," Lindsay said. "I think it's funny, and I use it to push me."

When it comes to athletic events, especially volleyball matches, Flora said the extra presence of the crowd is huge.

"We only get it for big matches," Flora said. "It's a big positive."

Flora alluded a few years back when the volleyball team faced taunting, during a match which concluded with La Verne winning the National Championship in 2001 even after being overwhelmed with negative comments by thousands of spectators.

"We talk a lot about the use of energy," Flora said.

Flora said he tells his team to never respond or acknowledge the taunting, but to take that energy and use it for their own benefit.

'I like the cheering. I think it gets me pumped up.'
—Jodi Lindsay, senior

La Verne has attempted to increase school spirit over the past few years. With the closing of the cheerleading program back in spring 2006 the Campus Activities Board is trying to fill the void.

"This year the Games and Recreation committee added a spirit component," Barbara Mulligan, the assistant director of student affairs, said. "I feel it's going well and that students will act positively toward it."

"Even though we are a smaller school students in general are looking for school spirit," West said. "We strive to be like the Division-I schools. We see them having fun; we want to have that and be proud of our college too."

While La Verne students might argue that students cannot have fun at sporting events because of the fear of being reprimanded, La Verne administrators say, they are just doing their job.

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ment," Sweet said. "Every game and every pitch means a lot in the second half of the season."

Prior to last weekend's games, the Leopards played four games and won two, against San Diego Christian, Ithaca and Kean.

ULV's record now stands at 12-9-1 overall.

ULV will play in a three game series against Whittier this weekend, beginning today at 3 p.m. in Whittier.

Tomorrow La Verne will host the doubleheader beginning at 11 a.m.

"Friday's game will be the most important game of the series, and this series will be the most important series of the season," Jolly said.

The Leopards are currently fifth in SCIAC standings and Marcus leads the conference with 10 home runs.

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