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Budget gouges schools

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Anticipated cuts to the state budget have hit public education hard, with educators anticipating devastating effects on schools.

The 2008-2009 California Budget, put forth by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, will take roughly $4.8 billion from programs serving the state's 5.9 million students.

"The budget cuts have drastically affected school supplies," LasHonne Mitchell, an English teacher at Pomona High School said.

Mitchell said that she spends around $3,000 a year from her own pocket on classroom supplies.

Mitchell uses overhead transparencies to save paper, which she said is in short supply.

"The real problem is not receiving enough resources to accomplish (needed work) in the classroom," Mitchell said. Budget cuts, she said, will tax an already maxed-out system.

According to the California Budget Project, the proposed cuts to K-12 education, including the loss of federal matching funds, translate into a reduction of $786 per student.

According to the California Department of Education, districts have begun to reduce funding for vital school programs like music and art, advanced placement courses, international baccalaureate programs and athletics.

According to the Association of California School Administrators, March 15 was the dreadful day when layoff notices were given to thousands of teachers and administrators across the state.

These layoffs only represent a small portion of the impact the budget cuts have created.

Not only are teachers and administrators feeling the pres-

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Greeks battle in physical challenge



Jaclyn Dino

After winning the Greek Week Tug-of-War last year, the women of Sigma Kappa tried to defend their title on April 24. Weighing a total of 980 pounds, Jessica Vergara, Kristin Harper, Amanda Santos, Kelli Nottingham, Chrissy Siriani, Danielle Rodriguez, and Patty Allen were defeated by Phi Delta Theta. **See story on page 8.**

Debate hits final round in Nationals

Tiffany Vlaanderen
Staff Writer

Consistency and discipline were key, as members of the University of La Verne's debate team advanced for the second year in a row to the Final Round at the United States National Championships, held this year in Portland, Ore.

The volatility of the competition left little room for ULV to be too comfortable with its title as National Champions last year.

However, the team continues to be a source of pride for ULV as it advanced to the final round of the National Championships on April 12 at Portland State University.

Among the seven two-person teams representing ULV, La Verne A, consisting of Rob Ruiz and Thomas Allison, survived a field of 60 teams to qualify for the final round to face Seattle University, the Claremont Colleges and eventual champion Loyola Marymount.

The team of La Verne D, Tyler Smith and Shana Murphy, narrowly missed the quarterfinal round and finished in 18th place.

"They were two slots away from making it to the quarter final," said Ian Lising, debate team adviser and assistant professor of speech and debate.

In addition to the challenging task of knowing the latest in world affairs, the team members' various academic majors also contributes to its track record of success in competition.

"We have people from the business school, law school and people in the graduate school for education," Lising said.

Lising added that Ruiz and Allison did a wonderful job representing the school.

"I think they tried to defend our national championship," Lising said.

This was Ruiz's second time advancing to the final round. Last year the team of Ruiz and Josh Martin, current debate team captain, won the Championship.

Lising said the World Championship format requires extemporaneous motions, in that debaters are unaware until 15 minutes prior to the round what the motions are.

"It could be political, economic or social," Lising said. "The way we prepare is we ask people to research a wide range of topics that are normally covered in the current events."

Molding the information students learn in class and use in debate is a craft that requires tremendous creativity and practice.

"Our role is to get everybody on the same level where they know what they are talking about," Lising said.

This year La Verne was on the opposition of the motion in the final round, which included the topic of whether the next U.S. President should pull our troops out of Iraq.

"It was really a high level final," said Josh Martin, president of the debate team and speech communication and political science major.

"I thought it was good for Thomas' first time to be in a situation like that with hundreds of people watching and top debaters in the country," Martin said.

In terms of how well Team A worked together, Allison, a first

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ULV celebrates faculty publications

Authors share research



Sher Porter

University of La Verne faculty members presented their publications at the Faculty Book Day on April 25. Andrea Labinger translated the book "The Island Of Eternal Love" by Daina Chaviano, a Cuban author. The book follows a woman named Cecilia who returns to a bar every night to listen to a mysterious old lady talk about three stories relating to the Spanish, Africans and Chinese that come together to form the Cuban nation. Along with Labinger other professors shared their recent publications.

Danielle Lampkin
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Each year the University of La Verne celebrates the publications of faculty members.

This year, "Emergence: Complexity and Organization" was the theme for the celebration of faculty publications on Apri 25 in Wilson Library.

ULV President Stephen Morgan opened the celebration with a warm welcome to faculty, staff and students who attended the event and thanked faculty for their efforts in bettering the University.

Faculty authors read selections from their published works to the audience of about 35 students and faculty.

"I think the turnout among presenters was absolutely fabulous," Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs said.

"The crowd was also great; they seemed to be enthusiastic and interested."

Guests to the event were treated to a light lunch, desserts and refreshments on the warm afternoon, while enjoying the large group of 18 presenters.

Presenters briefly explained their publications, but because of time constraints many faculty members had their presentations cut short.

Felicia Beardsley, associate professor of anthropology, shared a story about the demise of a city that had been buried after being ransacked, according to archeological records.

Beardsley got a round of applause after she shared the story and told of her discovery of the city.

Other faculty authors expressed their joy in being published after many hard years of research.

"I can distinctively remember hearing someone say once, La Verne you are not doing enough research," Jack Meek, professor of public administration, said. "Now I don't quite know what they were talking about, look at all of this research."

Several authors gave the main point of their books, primarily based on research studies they conducted themselves.

"I came to see my adviser, Janis Dietz," Adam Elmayan, senior business administration major said.

"I think it was too short; she only covered a couple of chapters."

While some students attended to see a favorite professor, there were also faculty and staff members there to see their colleagues.

"It was pretty interesting and I am glad I came," Kevin Bowman photography department manager said. "I learned what some of the faculty are doing on campus."

Faculty's published books were made available for people to view and buy. Prices ranged from $10 to $120.

The celebration was a great way for the University community to learn about research being conducted by faculty on campus and obtain their publications.

"This is becoming a comprehensive University in the real sense of the word," Morgan said.

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La Verne recycles e-waste

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The city of La Verne is heading in a positive direction by promoting the proper disposal and recycling of free electronic waste.

The city held a recycling event Saturday at Bonita High School, where hundreds of hazardous items were collected for proper disposal.

The city's Public Works Department called for local residents and businesses to bring in their old televisions, computer monitors, cell phones, printers and DVD/VCR players to the Bonita parking lot.

E-waste collection takes place at least twice a year in association with Earth Day to promote recycling and give La Verne residents a convenient way to get rid of their electronic waste.

"It is illegal to throw away any electronic waste, because they contain hazardous chemicals," J.R. Ranells, senior management analyst for the city of La Verne said. "Since technology turns over constantly, people are always getting new stuff but they don't know how to get rid of the old stuff."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says that 35 million pounds of e-waste are sitting in American households and businesses, and only 10 percent to 15 percent of that waste is properly dismantled and recycled.

Which means tons of waste can be found in the nation's waste stream.

The Computer Take Back Campaign also show that 70 percent of heavy metals and 40 percent of lead can be found in landfills today, eventually returning to citizens in the soil and water.

The campaign, is dedicated to the protection, health and well being of electronics users, workers and the communities where electronics are produced and discarded.

These statistics encouraged the city of La Verne along with ARC International Corporation, which is a City of Industry based certified national recycling company, and Bonita student volunteers to take action and create a drive-through recycle event.

When residents or businesses pulled into the parking lot, volunteers from the high school and ARC employees unloaded the electronics and sorted them by item.

After all the items have been collected, they will then be taken to a recycling facility where they will be dismantled

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- **Prescription drugs are the new drug trend**
  Posted on April 28, 2008
  Young adults are turning to legal drugs, which are inexpensive and easily accessible, for recreational use.

- **New on the Web this semester:**
  Several senior journalism majors have launched topical new blogs on such subjects as going green, sports controversies, drag racing, parenting and video gaming.

ASULV to advocate for students



Lauren Pollard

Chanel Kaufman, a junior economics and Spanish major, is the newly elected president of ASULV. Voting took place during the week of April 7.

Kaufman to lead efforts

Lesley Michaels
Staff Writer

At the University of La Verne, many students are benefitting from the efforts of the Associated Students of the University of La Verne.

Change is such a prevalent topic these days that sometimes students are more concerned with the prospect of change than with celebrating advances.

ASULV a small group at the University is a representative student government that embraces change through advocating for the interest of students.

The organization provides an official channel for the expression of students views.

"ASULV fights for the educational and financial needs and desires of the students," ASULV President Jonathan Fitzhugh said.

Fitzhugh, a senior economics and business major, said that ASULV is an advocate of leadership roles for students, presenting them with positions such as senator at large or vice president of communication.

Whatever the position, the main goal of ASULV is to help the students with their lives and future careers.

Receiving funding from student fees in tuition, ASULV is capable of conducting and assisting major projects at the University.

"Student fees go to ULV, then get divided into leadership programs and the Campus Activities Board," said Donna Ibale, an ASULV senator at large.

ASULV completes a project every semester, said Chanel Kaufman, the recently elected ASULV president for next year.

Past projects of ASULV have included increasing class options for students with difficulties in scheduling, getting greater financial aid packets and creating a second school mascot.

The projects for next year will be discussed on Friday.

Ideas to improve the school and student life include new outdoor tables for Davenport as well as the whole campus and installing an LCD electronic marquee in the new campus center to alert students of campus functions.

"Students complain that the amount of flyers on campus is overwhelming, so if we get a marquee, hopefully we can help students easily see what's going on," Kaufman said.

Furthermore, ASULV establishes a committee to be the voice of the students at important meetings.

"We have students sit in at parking and academic meetings. We may not be able to solve the issue, but we can still be an influence," Kaufman said.

Each of the 17 student members of ASULV are carefully selected.

While some positions are voted in, such as president and vice president of finance, other senator positions are accepted by application.

The upcoming year may expand the amount students on ASULV, since this year the club generated great interest, Fitzhugh said.

Presidents are elected every year in the spring, and may continue in office if re-elected. Fitzhugh served only one year, since he became familiar with ASULV late in his school career.

"Fitzhugh is extremely passionate about students' needs," Ibale said. "He's very dedicated and has a large vision for ASULV as well as ULV."

"Being the ASULV president was one of the most stressful yet awarding experiences," Fitzhugh said.

"If you generate pride and respect for yourself, you should consider yourself a good applicant for ASULV," Fitzhugh said.

Kaufman, the upcoming president for the 2008-2009 school year, will expand upon previous projects and continue to lead the way for student enhancement.

"Chanel is a dedicated and experienced woman, and we're expecting great things from her as president," Ibale said.

Members of ASULV agree that it is a rewarding experience for themselves as well as for the future of ULV.

"It's great to be part of something that responds and provides for students," Ibale said.

"It's great to be part of an organization but also a part of change that makes a difference to your classmates, as well as those in future years," Fitzhugh said.

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and crushed; hazardous material will be disposed of and valuable metals recycled for later use.

"We hope to provide a good channel for disposal for La Verne residents, and educate them about the importance of recycling their e-waste properly, because less hazardous waste will make it a better city," said Zoë Au, national event manager for ARC International.

Los Angeles County holds a household hazardous waste round up every Saturday; however, with the event traveling to different locations all over Los Angeles County, it is unlikely that La Verne residents would have access to a convenient location at which to drop off their items.

Therefore the free recycling event is held twice a year to provide the La Verne community with a convenient outlet for their old waste.

Since the county only includes residents in their round-up, the city allows businesses to also contribute.

Proceeds from the recycled items go towards the student volunteers from social science and English classes who are part of the Bonita High School's CORE program, an accelerated program for the top 100 freshman students of the school, who participate in many service projects throughout the year.

"I think this event is very helpful because we are saving the environment by getting rid of things we don't need," said Rebekah Guerra, student volunteer and Bonita High School freshman.

"Hopefully we can show that La Verne cares about the environment and raise awareness for people to recycle their e-waste."

E-waste accounts for more than half of the hazardous liquids and chemicals in American soil.

The cost for driving to a recycling plant and removing old electronics is far less than just allowing the chemicals to seep into the air and water supply.

The simple act of taking an old television to be recycled can largely reduce the amount of toxins in the environment.

Taking measures such as this can provide cleaner and safer cities all over Los Angeles County.

"We hope to eventually get La Verne into a zero waste mentality, so that everything that can be recycled is, and those that can't be are properly disposed of," Ranells said.

More information about ARC International can be found at **www.arcic.com**.

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Construction continues on campus

In the past few weeks, the University of La Verne community has watched the steel frame of the Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center building being erected, leaving the campus anticipating its opening for May 2009.

Currently, construction workers are building the frame for the West side of the building, which will contain the café and a third floor meeting room space. They will gradually start working on the East side of the building, with hopes of finishing all major steel work by June 6.

At that point, the large crane will no longer be needed, and many parking spaces will be opened up again. Until then, facilities management is trying to minimize the parking impact.

"We are doing everything we can to make every space available that we can for student parking," Director of Facilities Management David Koch said.

This week, workers started moving the fence closer to the construction site to eventually free up as many as 15 more spaces on Second Street.

During the day, the construction crew needs more space to move large equipment, but in the evening, they have been moving the fenced-off exit back as much as possible to free up an additional five to six spaces on Second Street.

"Construction has been very cooperative," Koch said. "We are very aware that we need to provide enough parking for students."

Efforts to increase parking in the fall include working with the City of La Verne and redesigning current parking lots.

"If we are successful, we should have more parking in the fall than we do now," Koch added.

Despite the temporary hassle of the construction's interference with parking, the completion of the Campus Center is still highly anticipated.

"It is going to be the best building on campus," Koch said. "It is something to really look forward to for May of next year."

—Jamie Ondatje



Leah Heagy



Lauren Pollard

Above: Construction workers are currently building the frame for the west side of the Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center and will gradually start working on the east side. All major steel construction is expected to be finished by June 6.

Left: As workers begin to build the foundation for the Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center, individuals such as Wayne Hanawalt watch the process. Hanawalt graduated from La Verne in 1940 with a degree in chemistry. Hanawalt's family has a long history with the city of La Verne, the University and the Church of the Brethren.

Model UN club produces ideas and solutions

Students travel to N.Y. forum

Jaclyn Mittman
Staff Writer

University of La Verne Model United Nations club took a trip to New York for the ATHGO forum at the United Nations from April 22-25.

ATHGO is an organization that holds a forum to bring together students to produce ideas and solutions to solve many of the problems that the United Nations has to face.

The students are divided into groups and are required to submit two proposals: a policy memorandum and a business model.

Together they are expected to present an idea that not only solves the issue at hand, but also creates a better lifestyle for those it affects.

The forum consisted of students from around the world, including China, Turkey, Russia, South Africa, Haiti and Japan. There were also students from all over the United States.

"I had a great time and met lots of wonderful people," Geralda Vastey, junior from St. Elizabeth University in New Jersey said.

The forum lasted three days and a group of panelists spoke each day.

Many ambassadors, high ranking officials, diplomats, corporate sector leaders, representatives from international organizations and religious communities and international experts from the United Nations were present and talked about many of the issues that arise today.

The topic for the forum was titled "Global Governance-Who Leads: Technology or a Distinct Mindset?" It represented the idea of how technology impacts our lives and how the world will one day be unable to function without it.

Yet along those lines, technology still has to be led with distinct mindsets in order to handle political and economic implications through business and policies.

The purpose of the forum is to gather the opinions and thoughts of young people and collectively combine the ideas of practical strategies for the improvement and enhancement of the overall system.

Some of the speakers included Ambassador Bashar Ja'afari, permanent mission of Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations; Ambassador Zhenmin Liu, permanent mission of The People's Republic of China to the United Nations; and Jean-Marc Coicaud, the director of the New York Office for the United Nations University.

There was also a panel on the second day that included several important people who are involved within the religious community.

The panel spoke on how technology can help religion and how a distinct mindset can help implement these ideas.

"The religion panel was by far my favorite," Crystal Cornejo, a senior political science major at ULV, said. "I agreed with what Dr. Vendley had to say and his ideas on technology helping religion."

William Vendley is the secretary general for the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

Vendley spoke on topics such as the war, Martin Luther King Jr. and creating peace between religions.

The participants were given opportunities to ask members of the panel questions.

After each panel discussion each speaker would go to a different corner and the participants were given the opportunity to go to any speaker and talk with them one on one.

The proposals were developed by the participants during group sessions.

Each participant was assigned to a group which was stated on their name tag.

Many participants were separated from their peers and fellow students, but this provided the opportunity to meet new people and to open up to others.

An ATHGO intern was assigned to each group to help the proposal development process run smoothly.

Duties and jobs for the proposals were also designated to each member of the group.

A spokesperson was also assigned by either the intern or voluntarily by a group member.

The spokesman or spokeswoman was to present the proposals and ideas to the judging panel on the last day using a PowerPoint presentation to display to the judging panel and the rest of the ATHGO participants.

Every person in each group had to contribute to the proposals somehow by either actually writing them, doing research, attributing ideas or managing the group to make sure the proposals, both business and policy, fit together.

"It was great working with my group," Austin Walters, a junior political science major at Brigham Young University, said. "I enjoyed being the mediator and helping our group stay on track."

On the last day, each spokesman or spokeswoman from the group had to go up to the panel and give a three-minute speech explaining their proposals and idea coinciding with a PowerPoint presentation.

Three spokesmen and spokeswomen were up at the panel at a time and were asked questions from both the ATHGO interns and other participants.

They were questioned on details about their idea and had to be quick on their feet with an extensive knowledge of their topic to answer just about anything asked of them.

Two ULV students were spokespeople for their groups who had to present at the panel: Jack Cunningham and Becky Meza.

"I wasn't originally looking

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Advice for mascots Leo and Lea

The Associated Students of the University of La Verne unveiled a new addition to the Leopard family at the 2008 Greek awards ceremony and lip sync performances: Lea.

Lea is a female mascot, who will accompany Leo, ULV's current Leopard mascot.

While this is a great addition to the sense of school spirit at our University, we have some suggestions to enhance the purpose and usefulness of this new critter.

1. Now that there are two mascots, we should really take advantage of them and have them attend the home games and competitions to show support for our hard working athletes.

Since La Verne does not have cheerleaders or any sort of spirit squad, the mascots should make an appearance at every home athletic event.

This would get the crowd riled up and cheering in a positive way. Everyone will want to come and see Leo and Lea and get their pictures taken with them.

These appearances will also bring something special to our games and events. Without having a cheering section, the presence of having Leo or Lea present could be a fine step in livening the crowds.

Plus, we haven't really seen Leo appear all that much with the exceptions of Homecoming, Greek Week and maybe another special event. It would be nice to get to know them a little more.

2. Along the lines of having them attend the University's sporting events, Leo and Lea should help promote athletic and club and organization events around campus.

Leo and Lea could wear signs with information regarding the date, time and location of sporting and other organization events during the week.

This would be one way to promote positive school spirit for our athletic contests.

Most importantly, it would get the word out in a unique way. While flyers, e-mail lists and word of mouth does attract some participation from students, what could be more eye-catching than our very own Leo or Lea strolling by Davenport during lunch, letting everyone know of the next club event or game by handing out flyers or wearing a sandwich board with the information?

> 'We know that the people who bring Leo and Lea to life are busy too, but there are many people who don't know about them and would love to get to know them.'

Although it would not be ideal for the mascots to be out advertising all the time, there are some events and activities that could warrant a boost in publicity by having Leo or Lea help spread the news.

3. We would also love to see Leo and Lea make regular appearances around campus. Such times could be during midterms, finals week, or during breakfast, lunch or dinner at Davenport.

These appearances could possibly help boost the morale of our student body at stressful times during the school year.

4. Along with these appearances, we would like to see Leo and Lea more around campus. Leo's Den would be a fun hang out spot for students, faculty, friends and family to visit our mascots.

Picking one day out of the week for this would be a great way to invite people to our campus and to get to know it, to get them to use the facilities and to make them aware of events going on at our campus.

5. Leo and Lea should also visit schools when the admissions department makes presentations. Having our two mascots present at these events will get potential students excited about ULV.

We know that the people who bring Leo and Lea to life are busy too, but there are many people who don't know about them and we would love to get to know them.

They can be put to such great use to do amazing things for our campus.

Now that we have a new Leopard family member, we hope that the powers that be will take advantage of this and use both to their full potential.

We are looking forward to seeing them more around campus and doing positive things to support our student body so that we can support them too.

Sports bloggers get no respect

Controversy has reached the world of sports blogs and news Web sites recently, as influential people are beginning to take notice of their impact on professional and college sports.

These bloggers are still journalists who should get the same access and treatment as print, TV and radio media representatives.

But lately they have not been given the same access and freedom to cover sports on their blog sites, as several sports leagues have begun to restrict access to bloggers not affiliated with more traditional news media outlets.

For example, Major League Baseball has issued rules on how the media can post photos, video and audio files onto their Web sites.

Because of many contracts that sports leagues and teams have with major media outlets in addition to their own Web site, these rules were made after concerns that exclusive content was featured in other places as well.

> If there is going to be a requirement to follow certain guidelines when posting exclusive content related to a sports team or association, they must be consistent and coherent across the various media.

Independent bloggers or reporters from smaller organizations can simply transfer their content faster on their sites in comparison to other media.

An interview with a prominent player or coach can be edited easily on their laptops and posted within seconds of it being completed.

Pictures can be uploaded much faster following a game and play-by-play action can be posted almost simultaneously with the on-going action in a sporting event.

Since these new reporting tactics have been implemented, information and content that is usually only found in one spot is offered in other mediums like blog sites and newspaper Web sites.

Within that lies the problem for all major sports organizations and the NCAA. These entities are not able to control what or where the content from games or matches is published.

This makes it difficult for them to keep sponsors, advertisers and major media outlets who generate money for their leagues, while still maintaining their obligation to provide coverage opportunities to traditional media, bloggers and new media reporters.

If that is not enough, there are plans for the media law resource center, a group that includes many members of media organizations, to challenge the restrictions placed by these leagues on certain media.

In one of their plans, they intend on taking the MLB to court and contending their anti-trust exception.

In other words, the media is trying to strike back against these leagues who are not allowing the media the access they need because of their own personal agendas which affect income and contractual obligations.

On the NCAA front, it is setting their own standards on the amount of updates bloggers can post on their blog sites on sports like women's water polo and fencing.

Clearly it is unethical to have strict limitations on what some media are able to get access to and be able to publish while others are not given the same treatment.

Staying loyal to revenue makers is important but there must be fairness when media is trying to report about sports, especially on the college and professional levels. If there is going to be a requirement to follow certain guidelines when posting exclusive content related to a sports team or association, they must be consistent and coherent across the various media.

Beginning with the earliest reporters, there has been a standard for allowing media to cover sports in the traditional ways of print, radio and television.

Now with the inception of the Internet, professional and college sports must be able to adapt and allow opportunities for coverage by these technology savvy reporters and bloggers.

These sports league and associations must be able to act soon and be able to be fair to all, no matter where they are reporting their news.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Here's to all student-athletes



GALO PESANTES

To honor student-athletes and their academic achievements, the University of La Verne athletic department hosted a roomful of scholar athletes on April 23. The event gave certificates of distinction to more than 70 athletes in the 19 different intercollegiate sports on campus.

I was fortunate to be one of those honored athletes along with six other of my teammates on the football team this past season. Athletic Director Chris Ragsdale and everyone in athletics did a commendable job in putting on the event for the fourth time by bringing athletes together and inviting faculty members that have been instrumental in each student-athlete's life.

Speaking of instrumental faculty members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Elizabeth Zwerling, associate professor of journalism, for accompanying me to this event.

It certainly is difficult to play a competitive sport and be a student at the same time, especially when you're in college. Ragsdale shared how much dedication and willingness to succeed that many of these student-athletes exhibited this year. Among his several statistics were a combined 3.0 grade point average for all 325 student-athletes that participated in the current school year. Of that number, more than half had a GPA higher than 3.0 with another 27 percent having a GPA of more than 3.50.

I was also astonished to hear that 15 percent of student-athletes at ULV have double majors and a startling 70 percent of student-athletes hold jobs. Another 15 percent of student-athletes engage in more than one sport during the year, in which they contribute even more than they have in one season of play.

Playing sports is difficult in itself but the student-athletes at La Verne should certainly be credited for their dedication to their school, teams and academics. On a personal level, I can attest to how hard some of us work. You will not believe how many times you get home from practice and you have to start your homework right away. Many of us sacrifice lots of things in order to play the games we love. Whether it is not going out the night before an exam or spending more time on a class project or finding any spare time to study for classes between practices and games.

With this many of us have been able to get better grades and GPAs than others who are non-athletes. For that, we are considered not only student-athletes but responsible leaders at our University. The reason student comes before athlete is because education is first on our minds. That holds the same for me and several others that I know. Playing Division III athletics is fun and competitive, but when it's over, all you have left is your education. However, there are the many lessons learned through competition that are applied in your life after college athletics. In my case, as I referenced in a column I wrote last semester, it was all about perseverance and dedicating myself to becoming the best player I could possibly be. This included spending extra time trying to get stronger, faster and quicker in preparation for the season.

Refining techniques and skills were also a major focus of mine and others when trying to get ready. Like me, hundreds of ULV student-athletes will take lessons from training, competing and practicing countless hours into their own lives.

In closing, I want to say my own congratulations to my other fellow student-athletes. Most of us play to represent our school and compete in the sport that we have grown to love. I am confident that nearly all of us will use the things learned in the classroom as well as in our respective sports to be successful in the future.

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Life without money is no life at all



SHER PORTER

I am living the college life. I am broke! My bank account reads $0. It is not cool.

I had been doing well paying my bills while still keeping money in my account. It has not really been a problem for me. I paid my phone bill, my credit card minimum balance and still had some money left in my checking account to have fun with.

Now I am tapped out.

This is what happened: I took a trip to New Orleans earlier this month for the V-Day celebration. Before I went I checked my account to see if I had enough money to have fun on the trip. When I checked, it was good so I was ready to have fun.

I bought a couple of souvenirs, most of them for my friends, and the rest of my money went toward food and our hotel fee. Tax in New Orleans is expensive. That tax was the enemy of all of us.

I did not see it as a huge problem because I thought I had enough money in my account.

Then I went to an ATM to retrieve some cash and saw a new negative balance in my account.

I panicked and called my bank. I thought my account had been tampered with.

I talked to one of the tellers who explained to me what happened. All I could really say was "oops."

Apparently before I left I had written a check that was not charged to my account until after I had checked my balance.

I had no idea I was spending more than I had, until the last day we were there. That was not a happy moment.

Fortunately someone loaned me the money to take me out of the negative and the gray hairs in my head could stop growing. Now all I have left for monetary uses is my credit card which is not a good thing. I am already short on cash. I do not need debt on top of that.

I do have a job on campus as part of work study. I am glad I have it because it helps me pay for the things I need, but when the school year is over, so are those work study checks.

I need a job.

This summer I will be living on campus as a Summer Housing Assistant, so hopefully while doing that I can find a job to work at. There are a lot of places around campus where I can apply for work.

At home I am literally in the middle of nowhere. There are no stores or shops for miles. Finding a job out there would be a little more difficult than finding one out here.

Plus I have no car, so my range in job locations are drastically limited. I will not give up hope.

I am asking you my dear and faithful readers of the Campus Times, if you know of any job offers in the La Verne or Rialto/Fontana area and have any ideas about where I could work, I would appreciate it. I am not afraid of hard work.

Until then, I am just going to limit my spending for a while which is not hard for me because the only time I spend money is when I go out with friends.

It is just knowing that I cannot put money on my laundry card, I cannot buy from the vending machine and I cannot do the little things I need or want to do.

If you know about any jobs, please let me know. Otherwise, I am living the broke life.

Overall, do I regret going to New Orleans? No. It was still one of the greatest experiences I have ever had.

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Inside the mind of a jury member



ERIN KONRAD

Okay, I know it's my civic duty. I know that everyone has to take part in the system so that our country has a fair and equal judicial system.

But I have to say that I hate jury duty more than anything. This was my first experience with it last week, and I hope that I can slip through the system and never ever be called again.

I think that students should be exempt from service until the summer. I know that being a student is not technically an excuse, but I have a lot of stuff going on right now (as we all do).

It's a complete waste of my time to sit in a room for seven hours when in two months I could come in with no stresses waiting for me at school.

One of the worst parts is the people that I had to sit next to. One woman continued to talk to me even after I politely said that I was doing homework.

Hey, that was a hint that I don't want to hear any more about your recent bout of hot flashes and the exciting motor home trip you planned for your husband's 80th birthday. I'm busy.

The least I can accomplish while being forced to sit in this room is to get some reading done for class.

But if you really feel it's necessary to explain in detail your hip replacement surgery, then I guess I'm powerless to stop you.

Then the guy across from me decides that it's time to talk very loudly on his cell phone.

Buddy, it's quiet in here and you're making everyone else listen to your conversation about scheduling your colonoscopy.

I could have gone my whole entire life without hearing the details of that.

So, I wait in this drab room for hours to be called to a case…after a two-hour lunch break.

I would much rather have skipped lunch and got that tortuous experience with over faster.

But the woman across from me told me that she desperately needed to go grab a muffin.

So I spent several more hours waiting to be called into the courtroom.

Once I was there the judge wanted to explain the court process to the prospective jury members.

Yeah, I know what happens when someone says objection – I've seen "Law and Order" before.

If you don't know why there are two lawyers sitting at the table then you probably don't own a TV, have never seen a movie or have never picked up a book.

I know the day will be over sometime after 4 p.m., so I'm left anxiously waiting for the judge to stop explaining why the accused in front of me has been called on 24 counts. He must have been busy.

Unlike me, who is very un-busily stuck here trying to count the ceiling tiles without the judge noticing me.

I wish I could play my iPod but I'm pretty sure that it is against the rules of the courtroom. So I bide my time before finally being released.

The judge ultimately decides that my status as a student is indeed an excuse. So that means that I've wasted an entire day of my life that I can never get back again.

I know I'm just been called to jury duty, but I feel like I'm a prisoner. When the judge finally lets me go, I feel as though I've just gotten out of a life sentence.

Freedom has never tasted so sweet.

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Greek Week 2008

Lip sync features distinct themes

Sigma Kappa wins event



Jaclyn Dino

Junior Antoinette Borders was the main attraction in Sigma Kappa's circus-themed lip-sync contest entry. Borders, along with her Sigma Kappa sisters, won the Lip Sync event held in the Franz Athletic Court on April 25. Sigma Kappa took the trophy for winning all of Greek Week. Second place went to Iota Delta and third place went to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Francine Gobert
News Editor

The last day of Greek Week marks a time of joy, relief and one last competition.

This year's Greek Week, "A Unified Masterpiece," ended with the annual Lip Sync competition coupled with an awards ceremony on April 27 in the Sports and Science Athletic Pavilion.

"This year, for the second year in a row, we decided to combine that ceremony with our annual Greek Lip Sync competition which serves as our final Greek Week event," Chip West, assistant dean of student affairs and director of student life said.

The Pavilion was packed with students, faculty and alumni who came out to see the organizations perform and be recognized.

"That's one of the reasons I joined my sorority, so that I could come back and support them and the Greek community as a whole," Felirose Tamparong, Phi Sigma Sigma alumna, said.

The Greek community displayed their talents through the artful expression of music and dance in lip sync.

First place winners Sigma Kappa delivered a performance based on a circus theme. "Cirque de Sigma K," featuring everything you might find including a circus lion accompanied by Nelly Fertado's "Maneater," a bearded lady coupled with Stevie Wonder's, "Isn't She Lovely," mimes featuring the Black Eyed Peas' "Shut Up," Siamese twins and the candy man.

"This was my first year at Lip Sync and I was really impressed with the music and how the organizations connected them with their themes," said Tracy Bobertz, guest judge and assistant director of housing and residential life.

Iota Delta's creative board game theme earned the organization second place.

The women searched for pieces for the game Scrabble while looking through other games such as Candy Land, which featured the songs "Candy" by Aaron Carter and "Candy Girl" by New Edition, Clue accompanied by AFI's "Miss Murder," and Battleship which featured The Gap Band's, "You Dropped the Bomb on Me."

Throughout their performances the women found different letters for the game Scrabble which in the end spelled "Iota Delta."

Taking third place Sigma Alpha Epsilon delivered an unforgettable performance based on video games.

Their performance featured the men visiting different video realms in order to save the princess of "Super Mario" from Sonic the Hedgehog.

Throughout the performance the men referenced such games as "Grand Theft Auto," "Guitar Hero" and "Pokémon" accompanied with such songs as Michael Jackson's "Beat it," N'Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye" and Cutting Crew's, "I Just Died in Your Arms Tonight."

These winning organizations, along with Alpha Omicron Pi, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Sigma Sigma's performances, were judged on several categories, which included points for creativity, use of props and enthusiasm.

The evening ended with the announcement of the Lip Sync winners as well as some of the most prestigious awards.

Sigma Kappa was awarded Greek Week and Lip Sync champions, earning a trophy and a spot on the perpetual plaques for each category.

"I'm speechless; the girls worked really hard," Antoinette Borders, Sigma Kappa president, said. "When everyone thought we were going to fail, we pulled through."

Greek Man of the Year was presented to senior business major Walter Wade Worthy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Greek Woman of the Year was presented to senior communications major Michelle Ajemian of Iota Delta.

"I feel honored. It is a great pleasure to receive this award," Worthy said.

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Greek Week 2008

Students compete in tug of war

Sororities face tough challenges

Danielle Lampkin
Assistant Editor

Sororities and fraternities challenged one another in Ortmayer Stadium April 24, competing in physical challenge events, which included running relays and the infamous tug of war.

Gaining points throughout the week by participating in several activities is typically most important for sororities and fraternities.

However with Sigma Kappa's history of winning the tug of war, this event was about the bragging rights.

"Today is more for pride than points," Phi Delta Theta Ben Paine said.

During the physical challenge events, sorority and fraternity chose a team of four whose total weight could not exceed 1,000 pounds.

The organizations then raced in a 4x400 meter relay.

In order to be fair, the race was adjusted to account for gender and physiological differences.

With weight playing an issue in this event, some participants tried to drop some pounds when training for tug of war.

"I'm happy that I lost weight," Paine said. "I had a lot of military training, so I had lost weight for that too."

While some lost weight from training for multiple things, there were other teams who were dieting and hitting the gym quite hard to make the weight.

The most weight lost by one single person was 30 pounds.

As the organizations ran their 4x100 race, Phi Sigma Sigma's anchor leg, run by Tyonna Adams, injured herself with about 200 meters left in the race.

Finishing strong, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Kappa gained top three honors before tug of war began.

Dominating with their strong tug technique, Sigma Kappa started to look as if they were going to be holding onto their title a little longer.

Teams were shuffling, pulling, lifting and sitting, while some tried mocking the strategy taught by coach Wally from the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at Cal State Fullerton.

"We really work on polishing their techniques and getting them ready," Wally said.

While Sigma Kappa stormed past every organization, Phi Delta Theta won in a fought out effort, taking over the title as tug of war champions.

"The Sigma Kappa girls were doing work and smashing on everyone," Anthony Tripple, sophomore criminology major, said.

Cheers were heard on the other side of the campus after the victorious defeat and one more event of the physical challenge day still remained.

The final event for the day finished with another 4x400 relay race by each sorority and fraternity only to be told that the rule about the rubric concerning men and women was completely to throw them off.

In order for the relay winner to be determined each relay team would now have to race to beat their prior time for the race before tug.

Phi Sigma was down one team member after Adams' injury and would have to get another girl to run one extra lap.

Teams seemed hot and tired in the afternoon heat, struggling to beat each other.

Sigma Kappa determined and motivated after a big upset, ran to the finish line earning them first place in the relay race followed by Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The day brought out several organizations on the La Verne campus and other people who came out to enjoy the festivities.

"I think the sense of community is here and everyone cheering each other on is a great display of teamwork," Mario Rodriguez, housing and residential life residence coordinator, said.

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> *—Anthony Tripple, sophomore criminology major*

Lip sync...

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"It is something I have strived for my entire Greek life and I want to thank the entire Greek community."

Ajemian's family came out to support her organization and were able to witness her receive her award.

"She has worked very hard all of her life in school and I'm proud of everything she has done," Ajemian's father Tony Ajemian said.

Greek Organization of the Year, the highest honor of the evening was awarded to Alpha Omicron Pi, which has only been on the ULV campus for one year.

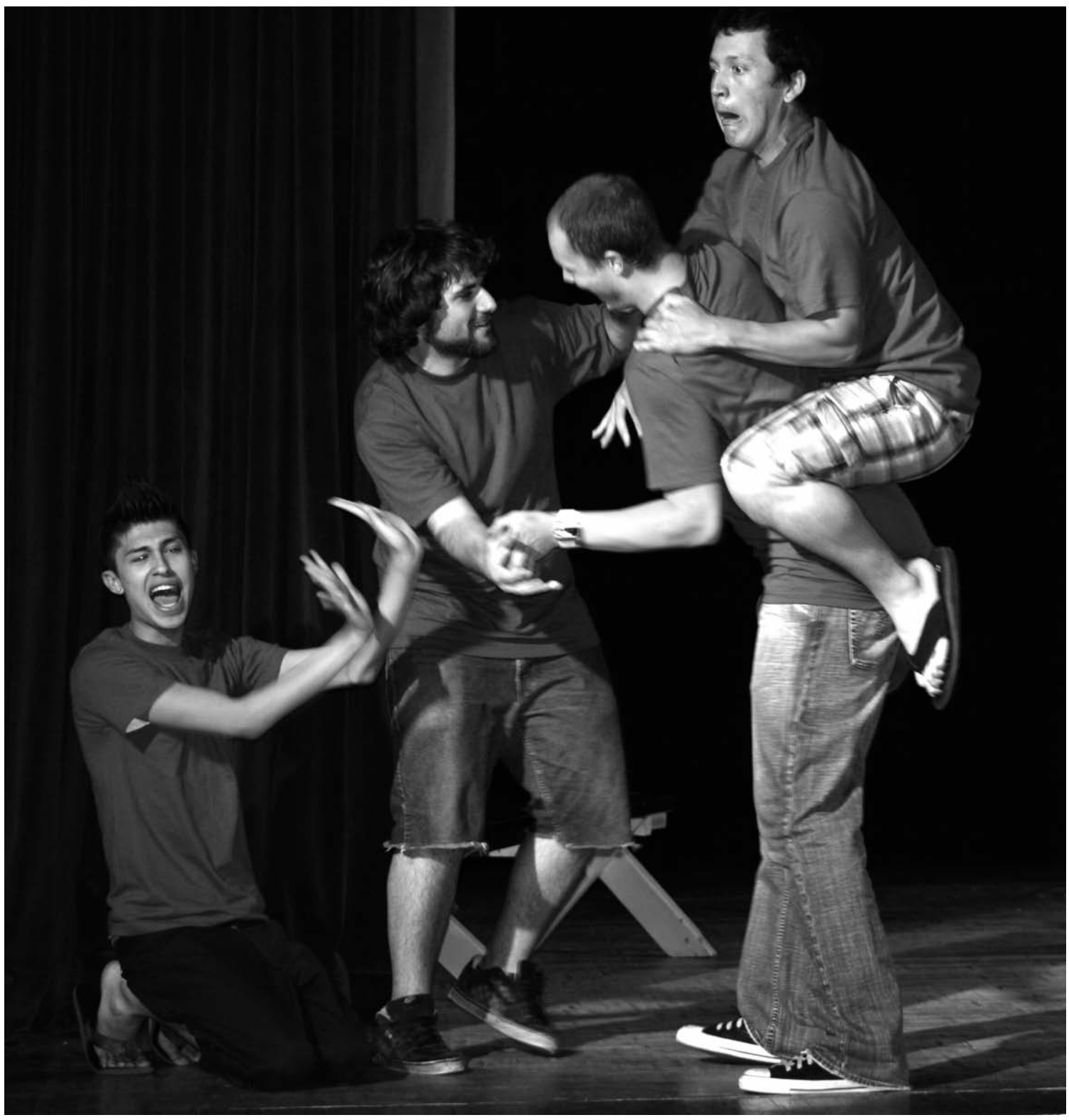
"It's hard for me to sit back and allow the selection committee to pick the organization of the year, because I get to see first-hand by virtue of my position the hard work, effort and love that goes into what it takes in being excellent in Greek life," West said.

"I would have to say this year, our selection committee could not have done better."

Other awards presented throughout the evening included Outstanding New Member of the Year, Greek Advocate of the Year, and Adviser of the Year.

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SAE acts out at Comedy Night



Lauren Pollard

Sigma Alpha Epsilon members Paul Gamst, Matt Izaguirre, Kevin Claeys and David Contreras act out the same scene in different film genres suggested by the audience as part of SAE's Comedy Night. Members of the SAE fraternity competed in improv games against each other in Founders Auditorium on Tuesday.

Parents learn literacy techniques

Sher Porter
Web Editor



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Maria Leib read a book about the life cycle of the butterfly to her two boys, Michael and Tyler Leib, under the watchful eye of junior Alicia Lopez. Lopez volunteered at the Family Literacy Fair in the Hoover Building on Saturday.

The students attending the University of La Verne on Saturday were not the usual college-aged men and women.

Parents and their children became the students as they participated in the third annual Family Literacy Fair last weekend.

The main purpose of the fair is to build a bridge between home and school by teaching parents new strategies to help their children with reading, writing and speaking skills. The children ranged from preschool to third grade.

"It's a collaboration. We're bringing the community together for the needs of young children and their families," Assistant Professor of Education Cindy Cary said.

The first part of the learning process was for parents to participate in workshops. They chose one workshop to attend while their children went to childcare.

Each parent chose from eight workshops to participate in with each workshop offering a different skill for the parents to learn.

For example, one workshop taught parents how to read wordless books.

They were required to participate in only one workshop.

When the workshop session concluded, the parents were reunited with their children.

This was the adult's opportunity to practice what they had learned with the children. They participated in a learning activity that the parents had to guide the children through.

One group read a book about the life cycle of a butterfly and then had the children recreate the cycle on paper using noodles, rice and glue.

"It's been wonderful and very enlightening," participant Judy Greeran said. She attended the fair with her granddaughter, Breanna Wheeler.

She heard about the event through her sister Robin Carder, departmental business manager at ULV.

When the activity portion concluded, the adults and kids went to La Fetra Auditorium to watch a performance by members of Kaiser Permanente.

It was called "The Adventures of Jamie in the World of Red, the Reading Pirate."

The last session of the day was the family games and activities portion, where families went outside and participated in different activities at various stations.

There was face painting, arts and crafts, bubbles and sunflower pots where they could plant their own sunflowers.

"I'm actually having a nice time," Deirdre Bowie said. "I'm going to bring them back next year." Bowie attended the fair with her son, daughter, niece and nephew.

The fair was started three years ago by Cary and Professor of Education Marga Madhuri.

They originally decided to have the event because they thought it would be a great way to celebrate the Month of the Young Child, which is celebrated every April.

They also thought it would be a fun way to bring families and the community together.

Students at the University are also involved with the fair by instructing workshops and helping with the activities.

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> *—Cindy Cary, assistant professor of education*

Each year students from the liberal studies department, as well as members of the sororities and the Future Educators Club, volunteer at the fair.

"They're always very enthusiastic about volunteering and helping us," Cary said.

Alicia Lopez, a junior majoring in child development, volunteered to help this year.

She helped promote the event, set up and helped in the workshops.

"It's something I enjoy and I love working with little kids," Lopez said.

This year around 30 children attended.

Cary said the low turn-out rate could be blamed on advertising.

Although they advertised at schools and libraries, she thinks they could have done a better job.

"I guess we did not get the word out like we should have," Cary said.

Overall the parents and children enjoyed the event and are talking about returning next year.

"And we'll let our friends know too," Greeran said.

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Commentary

Registering restricts gift giving



SUSAN ACKER

I have never liked the idea of asking for gifts. I used to hate to make Christmas lists for Santa because I always felt like I was begging.

Now, I have no problem with other people making birthday wishlists or lists to Santa. However, the lists that some children and adults are now allowed to make that are considered perfectly normal and acceptable that drive me insane, are gift registries.

Most stores offer them and most have machines that provide all of the registry information and print out a nifty list of everything the expectant mother, newlyweds or spoiled child wants.

How did anyone ever buy gifts before the invention of gift registries?

What I hate most about these registries is the little card that many now include in the invitation for the celebration.

I don't care what any modern etiquette book or Web site says about it being acceptable. It's just plain rude.

Why stop with putting the card with the invitation? Why not just call your guests on the phone and tell them that you want money so you can buy your own gifts because they are obviously incapable of choosing something you will like?

If you are getting married for example, family members and those in the wedding party are supposed to spread the word about what you and your groom would like.

And chances are that the guests you invite to your wedding know you so they are probably perfectly capable of choosing an acceptable gift. Or they are probably smart enough to figure out they need to call someone in the wedding party for information if they want to buy something from a registry.

What happened to being gracious and thankful? Our society is all about "what I want," "when I want it" and "how I want it now."

My all-time favorite, however, is the "cash only" instruction on a wedding invitation a friend of mine received.

Talk about a faux pas.

Now I know that was a bit harsh, but it is so insulting to receive an invitation with a demand of what kind of gift should be bought.

Allow me to clarify. I don't think registering for gifts is 100 percent bad.

Registering for gifts can take some pressure off of the guests because they know what to buy.

A gift registry can also be tactful. Selecting a list of reasonably priced and appropriate items is perfectly acceptable.

Registering for a $300 vanity chair is a tad presumptuous and asking for a box of condoms is just, well, gross.

Yes, I have seen both items on gift registries.

I suppose everyone is entitled to do whatever they want when it comes to registering for gifts, but there is a fine line between offering suggestions of what you like and making demands. Personally, I like surprises.

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Students groove at Skate Night

CAB hosts event in Chino

Jen McElroy
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night the Campus Activities Board held an off-campus event of roller skating at Skate Express in Chino.

The members of CAB encouraged participants to dress up in their best '70s attire, to get the whole old school roller rink vibe alive.

The night started off somewhat slow.

Due to construction on the 60 Freeway, many people were held up in traffic.

It took some people almost an hour to get to the rink, which normally would be about a 20-minute commute.

The two-hour event didn't get as many skaters as it hoped but it was still fun.

"It was a lot of fun and for a Tuesday night I can't complain," CAB Special Events Chairwoman Cindel de los Reyes said. "The people there enjoyed themselves and that's all that matters."

After Boomer's night which took place at the beginning of the school year, CAB hoped to receive a larger crowd of participants.

The event promised to let the first 100 guests in free. No one attending this event had a problem with paying, since only 60 guests showed up.

As the night rolled on, people skated around with smiles on their faces while they danced to the music.

The music varied from oldies to contemporary music.

The DJ was even taking song requests so that people could hear what they wanted.

"I think the event went well. It was pretty fun," junior broadcasting major Dionna Houston said. "I thought a lot more people were going to be there, but the amount that came was still good."

People really seemed to enjoy themselves.

Not only was the skating floor open, but some of the games were as well.

The video game and mini bowling section was open for play, and many students enjoyed their time in that portion of the rink.

Even though all of these activities remained open, the concession stand and prize table were closed.

This was somewhat disappointing for those students who may have needed a refresher throughout the evening.

With finals approaching, this was a good way to get students away from their hectic school schedule.

"It was fun and relaxing," senior criminology major Stephanie Farrell said. "It was a good way to get away from writing papers."

All in all it was a fun filled evening.

Although the turn-out was not as successful as other off campus events, students had fun, and that's all that matters.

CAB will continue to try and sponsor fun events such as this one, and they hope for an even better turn out in the future.

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> *—Cindel de los Reyes, CAB special events chairwoman*

Event celebrates Asian wellness

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A night of music and drumming filled Davenport Dining Hall Monday with the celebration of Asian Wellness Day.

Music could be heard all around Davenport. The celebration echoed throughout the vicinity, while the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company entertained the students at the University of La Verne with the music of the Asian culture.

Asian Wellness Day was an event brought to campus by Campus Activities Board Multicultural Chairwoman Toya Johnson-Moore.

"One day I just opened my calendar and saw that this month was Asian and Pacific Islander month. I wanted to put on an event," Johnson-Moore said.

The entertainment came from the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company.

This is a professional dance group that performs at the Orange County Performing Arts Center and the Los Angeles Music Center.

Three dancers dressed in bright, colorful costumes significant to the dances they were doing. This consisted mostly of dances from the Japanese culture.

The dances were serene and entertaining to watch because of the colors of the costumes.

One particular dance consisted of beautiful oriental hand fans.

Freshman Roy Merker watched the entertainment with admiration.

"All the different aspects of the music and day are good. I really like the dancing, music and drumming," Merker said.

Junior Nick Gonzalez, Phi Delta Theta president, also stopped by to watch the entertainment and enjoy some dinner with his friends.

"I love events like this. The dancing and music is very interesting to me," Gonzalez said.

The entertainment ended with a bang as they finished off their set with a Buddhist ritual of drumming.

Pamphlets were also handed out with information about the Chinese zodiac signs with descriptions of what each of the 12 animals symbolize in relation to everyday life.

Also included in these pamphlets was a background of Chinese astrology and how it relates to the moon and five elements: wood, fire, earth, metal and water.

On the back page of these same pamphlets came a guide on how to "Feng Shui Your Place: The Ancient Art of Arranging Our Living Space."

On one side of the entertainment was a table with a little workshop on how to do origami for anyone who was interested.

"I think it's a great opportunity to be exposed to different cultures," freshman Andrew Angeles said.

If you are interested in watching the Korean Classical Music and Dance Company perform, visit the Orange County Performing Arts Web site at **www.opac.org**.

For more information on upcoming CAB events, visit **www.ulv.edu/cab** or call 909-593-3511, ext. 4424.

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sure of the budget cuts but tens of thousands of classified employees like temporary teachers, custodians, food service workers, nurses, bus drivers, librarians and counselors face the prospect of being laid off.

"Our students are truly the ones that suffer," Mitchell said.

California's students are faced with the tragic loss of teachers and school programs, which can inhibit their academic learning.

Students will face larger class sizes, fewer bus routes, less adult supervision and a lack of school supplies.

Many other services related to public schools will slowly diminish because of cuts in the funding.

Eva Vargas, a Pomona High School teacher, said that after one of her students had been accepted to a California State University their acceptance was later withdrawn due to budget cuts.

She feels that this is very unfortunate for students and can really affect the upcoming freshmen.

"The budget cut is not really affecting me," said Gilberto Celis, an aerospace engineering major at Cal Poly Pomona.

At a president's lunch on the Cal Poly campus, Celis received information on how budget cuts would affect them.

Celis said that Cal Poly could not have an increase in the number of students because it would negatively affect the budget.

General courses such as English, math and science will also be limited and students will have to encounter limited options for days and times courses will be offered.

The budget may not affect seniors but can have a great impact on those applying to Cal State universities.

Admissions to college will become even more competitive in the future and changes with budget concerns will make it harder for the majority who wish to complete a college education.

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worked together, Allison, a first year ULV law student, who also earned his undergraduate degree here, felt he should have listened to his partner, Rob Ruiz's speech a little more.

"I kind of went more with what I had on paper before we spoke, as opposed to what he actually said during his speech," Allison said.

The team does not harbor much disappointment with the results of the competition.

Instead, the unique fervor which makes up the team was among the four universities in the final round of the National Championships is proof that ULV remains a consistent competitor to be reckoned with.

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Arts, etc...

HAPPENINGS

Guitar Ensemble

The Chamber Music Guitar Ensemble, directed by Michael Ryan, will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Founders Auditorium.

The ensemble includes Nicole Pond, Daira Smith, Lance Kuyper, Fred Chu, Michael Fausto, Chris Ricapa, Steve Kenzie and Stuart Stoddard.

Admission is free.

The Wire

The Wire Music and Art Venue in Upland will be featuring Trinitron Meets the Mars People, [Braille], Ghostfleet and Set to Sea at 7 p.m. today.

Admission is $8 presale and $10 at the door.

For more information visit, **www.myspace.com/thewiremusicandartvenue**.

Open Mic Night

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—Danielle Lampkin

'Hamlet' gets a modern makeover at LV

by Maria J. Velasco

photography by Seanette Garcia

Hamlet," the current theater production at the University of La Verne, surprised and entertained audiences last weekend.

The Shakespearean tragedy is theater major Sam Guzik's acting senior project.

"It was both moving and epic," Mark Vidal, student at Citrus College said.

The original four-hour show was cut to two hours for this production.

Guzik, along with faculty directors Steve Kent and Georgij Paro, thought that the original script was too long for contemporary audiences and that few people would be willing to sit through a four- to five-hour show.

The main challenge for the directors was to cut the play in a way that remained clear to the story's plot; they certainly achieved it.

"They made Shakespeare surprisingly entertaining," Vidal said.

Vidal is a prospective ULV student, who plans to minor in theater.

He said he has always thought Shakespeare to be boring, and is exited to see it in a new light.

After the show, a lot of the audience's conversations were about the visual effects and the impressive performances by the actors.

"The blood scenes were good," Nancy Padilla, sophomore criminology major, said. "They were really sneaky about it."

In the culmination of the story, the characters are in the presence of a swordfight.

The actors learned how to swordfight for this scene and used fake blood for a more dramatic effect.



Junior theatre arts major Sam Guzik presented his senior acting thesis, "Hamlet," in the Dailey Theatre on April 24. Senior Adjunct Professor of Theatre Arts Georgij Paro and Director of Theatre Arts Steven Kent directed the Shakespearean classic. The play will also be shown this weekend.

Like most great plays, "Hamlet" is not only a story of betrayal and revenge but also a story of love. Ophelia, the love interest of Hamlet, was played by sophomore theater major Natasha Velasco.

"Ophelia was really good at being crazy," Padilla said.

Being a tragedy, "Hamlet" is full of unexpected deaths, and this was what seemed to drive most of the actors to give their most powerful performances.

"When Ophelia dies and then Hamlet's mother tells everyone, the scream in between her tears was creepy," Victoria Elias, Cal Poly Pomona student, said. "It gave me goose-bumps. It was really good."

Melody Rahbari, senior theater major, played Gertrude, the mother of Hamlet.

Her performance, along with the rest of the cast, was passionate and strong throughout the production.

"The guy that played Hamlet was really intense," Elias said. "You could feel what he was feeling. He seemed real; I felt like he was really crazy, and in love and crazy."

For Guzik, preparing for the role of Hamlet was a process.

"As an actor, I have found that playing Hamlet is not difficult, it requires a lot of work, but it is not hard," Guzik wrote in his senior performance thesis. "The difficulty lies only in letting go of yourself and allowing 'The Man in Black' to come in."

Guzik's performance was so in depth that the audience sitting in the front rows could see Guzik tear up as he saw his father's ghost.

"It seems exhausting to have to act that role out," Elias said. "I can't imagine how tired he must be. And he has to do it again next week."

Another aspect of the production that

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Movie Review

No laughs in 'Baby Mama'

Erin Konrad
Arts Editor

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler are both extremely funny comediennes. However, their new film "Baby Mama" completely wastes their talents.

The premise seems humorous enough, but there are rarely any laughs. The many stars that have cameos also just make the movie seem contrived.

It is a shame that the "Saturday Night Live" duo can't fashion this comedy into a hit, but neither Fey nor Poehler can deliver enough charm to save this stale script.

The film did gross $18 million its opening weekend, making it the No. 1 movie at the box office, but it faced little competition and audiences were expecting something better from this cast.

The movie is based around Fey's character, Kate Holbrook, who wants desperately to have a child.

At 37, she decides that she can't wait forever to find a husband, and she has spent her life devoted to her job.

She discovers her inability to have a baby, and after exhausting all other options decides on the new trend of having a surrogate mother to help her obtain the family she desires so much.

In enters Poehler's character, Angie, who is a white trash girl offering to carry Kate's baby (mostly the audience assumes for the money attached.)

Their two worlds collide as businesswoman Kate tries to connect with low-class Angie (whose idea of proper pregnancy food includes Tasty Cakes and Dr. Pepper.)

Besides the leads, there are way too many stars in this film that have undeveloped parts.

Holland Taylor ("Two and a Half Men") has a minor role as Kate's mother and Maura Tierney ("ER") appears as her sister.

A slew of "SNL" cast members appear in support: Will Forte, Fred Armisen and Steve Martin.

But their characters have few lines and they make the audience wonder why they're even in the movie.

Martin stars as an over-the-top executive, Barry, who works with Kate.

His onscreen moments are not clever and seem forced.

He leaves the audience wondering why a veteran comedian like Martin would have taken this poorly written part.

The most disappointing aspect of the film is that all of the funny lines were already on the previews.

This leaves the audience waiting for more jokes that just don't come.

Fey is a great writer who turns out quality television every week on NBC's "30 Rock."

She was also the first woman head writer for "SNL," so expectations were high for this film.

However, the director and writer of "Baby Mama," Michael McCullers, should have taken a page from Fey's style and added more intelligence and less potty humor.

Dax Sheppard and Greg Kinnear also appear as love interests for Poehler and Fey, but their characters have been written so one-dimensionally that it's hard to care why they're in the movie at all.

Romany Malco stars as Kate's doorman, Oscar, but the "Weeds" actor seems more like the token black guy needed for the movie than a true character.

This movie had potential to be hilarious with these very funny women. Instead the audience barely cracks a smile.

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Television Review

Who's going to win 'Idol'?

Erin Konrad
Arts Editor

This season, the cultural phenomenon "American Idol," has offered some memorable performances, snarky comments from Simon Cowell and exciting guest mentors for the contestants.

Another fun (and much gossiped about) factor is the drama that arises with the judges. Paula Abdul got into trouble this week when she erroneously judged Jason Castro's two songs after he had only performed one. Rumors abounded that Paula seemed drunk or high, and that none of her answers made sense. The other two judges and host Ryan Seacrest jumped to her defense, but the audience is loving the antics.

But what has been truly riveting to watch are the unexpected ups and downs the singers' have gone through each week with their songs.

While the show does its best to "give back," its charity night was less successful than last year, allowing the show to return to why audiences are really watching – those off-key notes and dramatic departures of fan favorites.

The best singer has already been kicked off. Carly Smithson, the bright Irish lass, had the most range and an impressive tone to her voice.

However, the show's voters often pick personalities over singing. At this point, the remaining four still have time to win over the American people.

Here's a breakdown of the odds the remaining few have of winning.

David Archuleta—Deemed the sure thing at the beginning of the competition, his 'aw shucks' attitude is now wearing thin. He makes poor song choices for his age, and has been rumored to change the lyrics of his songs to keep in line with his Mormon background.

America wants an Idol that's actually like us…how much do we have in common with a 17-year old who has a penchant for hokey songs and humility?

The only benefit he has now is that he can pretty much sing any genre—he's been consistent with guest mentor's songs. Anyone who can sing Andrew Lloyd Webber one week and Neil Diamond the next must have some talent.

Jason Castro—This dreadlocked lothario has the clear teenybopper vote, evident from the girls that scream whenever he comes on stage. He definitely has a cool, hippie vibe apparent in his guitar-accompanied renditions of "Over the Rainbow" and "Michelle."

Although he's consistent, his best performance was many weeks ago when he did "Hallelujah." He might have peaked too soon, but he has still gotten pretty far in the competition. He doesn't have the strongest vocals out of all four of the singers, but his pretty boy looks might be enough to lock in some votes.

David Cook—He represents the best "American Idol" has to offer. His unique rocker style has set him apart, and he brings his own genius to every song. Immediate hits on iTunes include his brilliant versions of "Billie Jean," "Eleanor Rigby" and "Always Be My Baby."

The hidden tearjerker behind every performance is the orange band he always wears on his wrist. His brother is fighting cancer, and it is Cook's way of paying homage to him. If that won't get him sympathy votes, nothing will.

Luckily, he also takes enough risks with his song choices to win over those hard-hearted voters.

Syesha Mercado—She is talented, but her performances have only gotten worse since she made it into the top 10. She tries to sing the greats like "I Will Always Love You" and "Yesterday," but she can't compare to Whitney.

She lacks a vibrant personality, and often seems to just be hanging out onstage when she's performing. She could be a great singer, but at this point, she's just biding her time.

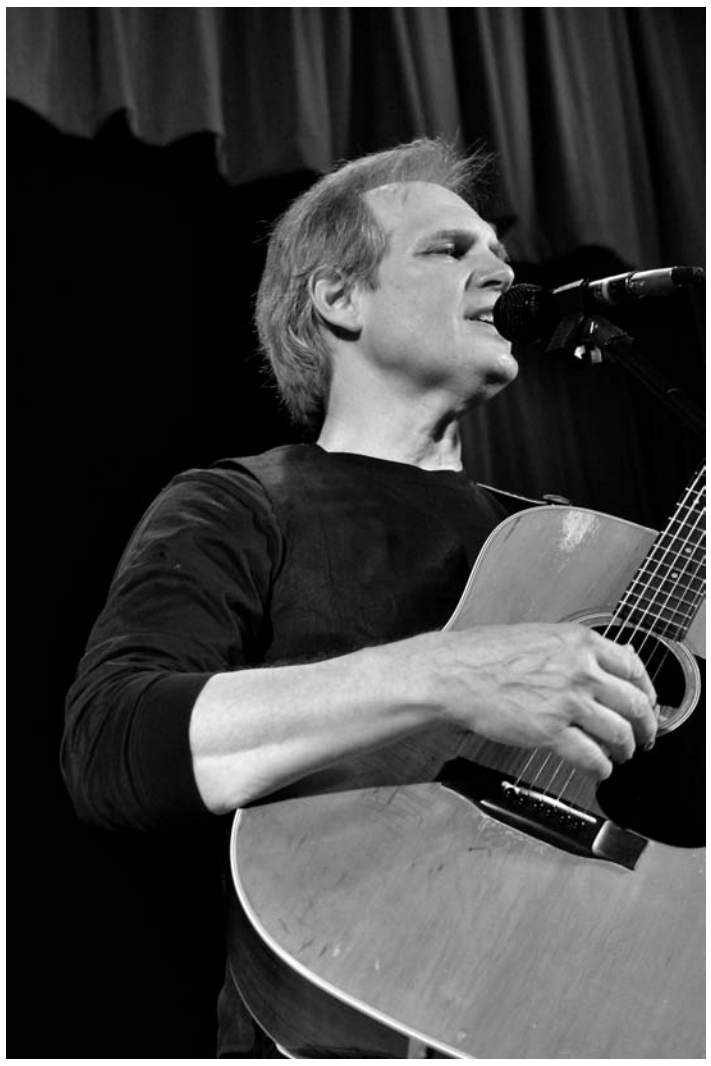
Overall, they're talented singers, but only one can win the title.

Will it be baby-faced Archuleta? Or rocker Cook?

At this point, it's still anyone's "Idol" to win.

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Greenway performs



Leah Heagy

Singer/songwriter Greg Greenway filled Founders Auditorium with music on April 25, when he performed on piano and guitar. Greenway has released six solo albums, with a variety of sounds including rock, blues, jazz and gospel.

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audience members enjoyed was the music.

"I would like the soundtrack," Vidal said.

Performed and written by Adria Barbosa-Torregrosa, the music complemented the emotion and suspense for the show.

"I was trying to mix different styles of music," Barbosa-Torregrosa said.

Barbosa-Torregrosa took classical music from the 16th century and 20th century and found harmonies and melodies to mix. He then came up with two different themes for the music.

"I brought two different themes and improvised," Barbosa-Torregrosa said.

He did not have the music completely written down, so at times he would improvise for what seemed right to the scene.

"There's a lot of silence," Barbosa-Torregrosa said. "It's a tragedy, so there is not so much music. There is a lot of music in comedies."

"The suspense, the mood was all in the music," Padilla said.

"Hamlet" will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

There will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Ticket prices are $10 for general admission, $8 for seniors, faculty and staff and $5 for students.

For more information, call the theater department at 909-593-3511, ext 4386, or visit the department's Web site at **www.ulv.edu/theatre.**

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Huigens bids farewell to La Verne

Legend to retire after 37 years



Troy Doolittle

From a shop set up off his living room, Rex Huigens enjoys rebuilding antique mechanical clocks. Huigens has been associated with the University of La Verne since 1966, first as a student and an athlete, then as a coach, teacher and administrator. In retirement Huigens hopes to spend more time working on clocks at home and fishing in Idaho.

Jamie Ondatje
Staff Writer

Rex Huigens, a hall of fame athlete, an award-winning coach and a dedicated professor at the University of La Verne, will retire at the end of this semester after dedicating more than 37 years of his life to the faculty and students of ULV.

"It's been a great venue for me to learn and grow and create relationships with a lot of people," Huigens said.

Huigens, 59, has won several awards in his years as a teacher, athlete and coach, including 1994 Coach of the Year in the West Region from the American Football Coaches Association, Golf Coach of the Year in the West Region three times in five seasons, an Excellence in Teaching Award – which he considers to be one of his most treasured awards – and the 2008 Distinguished Service Award by the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"I've always seen myself as a teacher, even when I'm on the football field or on the golf course," Huigens said.

Huigens graduated from La Verne College in 1970, and during his time as a student-athlete, he played football, basketball and golf for the Leopards.

Shortly after graduation, he took a job as a football coach at La Verne, and he has been loyal to the University ever since.

To honor his dedication and excellence over the years, he was inducted into the University's Hall of Fame in 1996.

Huigens has taught a variety of classes in the Movement and Sports Science Department and has coached badminton, wrestling and basketball at ULV.

He served as department chair for the Movement and Sports Science Department for 13 years, and currently serves as the assistant athletic director in charge of compliance.

He is best known, however, for his 25 years as a football coach and 37 years as the head golf coach.

During his four years as head football coach from 1991 to 1994, the team saw two SCIAC championships and a spot in the NCAA Division III playoffs in 1994.

As the head golf coach, Huigens has led the team to the NCAA Championships during four of the past five seasons. Last year, the team earned its highest NCAA finish, ending second overall.

"He puts so much time into (coaching), and he really cares," freshman Kevin Smith, a freshman golf player, said. "He just wants to do the best he can."

Despite his great success and many awards, Huigens has stayed true to his values as a coach and remains very humble.

"If you were to pick one word to describe him, he is a true gentlemen in every way, shape and form," Athletic Director Christopher Ragsdale said.

One thing that sets him apart as a coach is his ability to stay positive and patient, even in the face of defeat.

"Usually you wouldn't expect a coach who said 'dog gone' to get listened to, but everybody really respected him and respected the way he handled himself," said Bill Battin, a 1995 ULV graduate who played as a wide receiver while Huigens served as head football coach.

During his years with Huigens, Battin said he admired Huigens' caring attitude toward his players and the relationships he developed with them. Battin specifically recalled an overweight teammate who was appreciative of the fact that Huigens let him play, despite others' doubts.

"He was not as superficial as most coaches are," Battin said. "He was as interested, if not more interested in the quality of the people he recruited, rather than their ability."

Huigens still holds true to his unique coaching qualities.

"He has impacted me in a way that makes me always strive for more in golf and in life," Smith said.

All of his players, present and past, recognize Huigens' dedication to athletics and the individuals who participate.

"He just provides the best environment for all of his players to thrive," senior golf player Chris Davis said. "He has a lot of patience for everybody."

With the free time he will have after retirement, Huigens plans to visit his cabin in Idaho and also hopes to do some volunteer work.

"I would rather go out a little bit early than go out too late," Huigens said.

As he leaves ULV, Huigens will not only be remembered as an outstanding coach, but also as a living legend, as he has exemplified true dedication and passion during his many years at the University.

"I think I'm a better person having been at La Verne, and I appreciate La Verne for helping me be that better person," Huigens said.

There will be a reception to honor Huigens at ULV on Tuesday in the President's Dining Room at 3:30 p.m.

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Golf captures 2nd straight conference championship

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Perfection has become a common trait for the University of La Verne golf team for the past two years. The team completed another historic season on Tuesday by going undefeated in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for the second time earning them back-to-back championships.

The Leopards finished with their best score in school history by shooting 25 under par, for a final combined score of 559 in the 36-hole SCIAC championship held at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino Hills.

The title win also secures ULV a berth in the upcoming NCAA Championships to be played May 16 in Braselton, Ga.

"This was something special," junior Rizal Amin said. "We made history. To play 36 holes and shoot 25 under is amazing. We just surprised each other on how well we played."

"It's nice to know that no one has ever done that before," senior Jordan Talah said. "We have gone undefeated two years in a row and it's quite an accomplishment I think."

ULV was led by the play of sophomore Andrew Kramer, who finished the day with the best individual score on the team of 138 on 36 holes. Four other Leopards placed in the top 10, which included Talah with a final score of 141 and a finish in fourth place.

Fellow senior Chris Davis' score of 142 was followed Talah in fifth while Amin took sixth with a final tally of 143. Freshman Kevin Smith came

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Baseball moves into second place

Richard Lugo
Staff Writer



Courtney Droke

Reaching first base on a fielder's choice in the second inning, University of La Verne's outfielder Brandon Mikkelson had one run and a hit in the second game against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags on Saturday. The Leopards mauled the Stags at Ben Hines Field with a final score of 18-6, bringing them to a 22-14-1 current season record. ULV will host Pomona-Pitzer today.

Sweeping a three-game series is always nice, but with one weekend remaining in their regular season, the La Verne baseball team propelled itself into second place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference after sweeping last weekend's series against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"You never want to be in a position where you have to sweep, but we needed it," head coach Scott Winterburn said.

La Verne is currently behind Redlands who hold a 14-4 record in conference play.

The Leopards opened up the series on Friday visiting the Stags in Claremont at Arce Field.

La Verne wasted no time jumping on the scoreboard with five runs in the top of the first inning.

CMS answered back with a run in the bottom half of the inning but they would trail throughout.

La Verne had another big burst of offense in the third inning with three runs and added another run in the seventh as they cruised to an easy victory winning 9-3.

Sophomore pitcher Tim Jolly had another solid performance going eight innings allowing only three earned runs and striking out five, as he earned his fifth win of the season.

"Coming out I gave up a run but our offense picked up and our momentum wasn't slowed down," Jolly said.

ULV returned to Ben Hines Field on Saturday to host a doubleheader against CMS.

This game turned into a shootout from the onset with both teams putting up big offensive numbers, although unlike Friday's game, the Stags were the ones who scored five runs in the top of the first.

CMS took a 6-0 lead into the bottom of the second before La Verne answered with three runs of their own.

The back and forth game continued with the Stags adding five runs over the next two innings and pushed the lead to 11-3.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Leopards made their move scoring five runs.

A bulk of this came from senior designated hitter Scott Marcus and first baseman Jon-Michael Hattabaugh, who both hit two RBI singles.

Trailing 12-8, La Verne went off for another big inning in the sixth scoring four runs, highlighted by senior second baseman Trevor Boucher's three-run triple to left field.

With the score tied 12-12, the Leopards got their last at bat in the ever exciting bottom of the ninth inning.

La Verne gave their fans what they were seeking when senior catcher Ryan Jordan hit a walk off double down the left field line scoring sophomore left fielder Jason Munoz from first base.

That capped an eight-run, come-from-behind victory that the Leopards so badly needed.

Boucher led the Leopards offensively batting 3 for 5 with four RBIs.

"This was one of the best comebacks I've ever been a part of," Winterburn said. "Our guys could've rolled over when we were down but they didn't. We felt like the way our hitters hit and their lack of depth in the bullpen gave us a chance."

The Leopards got down again in the early innings of the second game.

CMS scored two runs off back to back solo home runs from Travis Nishioka and Andrew Blomberg.

Marcus' triple in the third drove in the first run of the game for La Verne.

ULV trailed 5-2 before reclaiming the lead and going off for another five run inning in the bottom of the sixth.

The Stags were down 7-6 heading into the bottom of the eighth where La Verne exploded for an 11-run outburst.

Fittingly it was Marcus' three-run home run that capped off the inning.

The Leopards went on to win 18-6. Marcus finished the game batting 2 for 4 with five RBIs.

"Coming in we knew we needed to win both games," said senior shortstop Jack Mehl. "We found a way to win and that says a lot about this team's character. I think we're gelling at the right time."

"The character of this team to keep fighting is what defined this series," Winterburn said.

Redlands face Claremont this weekend in a three-game series.

The Leopards end their regular season schedule this weekend with a series against Pomona-Pitzer which starts today at 3 p.m. at Ben Hines Field. The Sagehens will host the Leopards tomorrow for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

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forward to being a spokeswoman for my group, but it actually ended up being a great experience," Meza said.

Sarah Keagy, another ULV student, was also an adviser for the spokeswoman of her group.

"I like the fact that we had the opportunity to put together a variety of proposals, some of which will even be brought up to the UN in the future," Keagy said.

Keagy truly enjoyed her experience at the UN.

After every group presented, the judges deliberated and announced the winners. All three groups who won the forum had ULV students in them. Fatima Espinoza, sophomore, and Tyler Smith, junior, were included in those groups.

The first two days of the forum went from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the last two hours of each day saved for group meetings where the proposals were discussed, researched and written. The second day went from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. ending with the top three groups being announced.

After the groups were announced, the ATHGO staff gave speeches thanking everyone who participated. Then the ATHGO founder and event MC sang John Lennon's "Imagine" to the entire forum. They encouraged everyone to join in and even provided the lyrics up on the screen.

"I had to take a picture," Cornejo said. "It was too funny not to."

Cameras were up in the air immediately capturing this intimate and unusual moment.

"The conference was a great educational experience where we had the opportunity to converse with leaders from the UN," Keagy said.

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Softball headed to SCIAC tourney

La Verne sweeps Whittier



Courtney Droke

Tripling to right field, La Verne's Jessica Ortega reached first base while driving in three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning for her team Saturday at Wheeler Park. The Leopards gained a mercy-rule victory against the Whittier Poets with a final score of 10-2. The Leopards are scheduled to begin the SCIAC Tournament this weekend.

Jennifer Gilderman
Copy Editor

While the softball team might have started their season on a rocky note, a win over Occidental and a sweep against Whittier this past weekend, gave the Leopards a huge confidence boost.

When La Verne swept Whittier in game one, 10-2 and in game two 6-4 on Saturday afternoon at Wheeler Park, they also secured their spot in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, which will take place this weekend and decide which team advances to Regionals.

ULV increased their record to 24-16 overall and 14-10 in SCIAC. La Verne has closed the season with eight consecutive wins earning themselves the No. 3 spot in conference.

"We've been up and down all season," junior third baseman Kari Granger said. "I don't think our record reflects what type of team we are, we've worked hard and now that's paying off."

At the start of the first game ULV honored its five seniors: Jodi Lindsay, Karina Ortiz, Trisha McCormick, Jessica McLaughlin and Jenny Strycula.

In game one ULV got off to an early lead, scoring half their runs in just the first two innings.

Freshman Ashley Paul singled to start off the inning and Melissa Carlson made it to first on a bunt, while right behind her was Lindsay who also rallied with a single.

With the bases loaded, Lyndsey Padilla found a sweet spot out in right field, hitting a two-run double. Mandy Brenner added another single while driving in a run, quickly making the score 3-0 in the opening inning.

Whittier would only retaliate with one run in the top of the second. But with Carlson's RBI double and Padilla's RBI single, Whittier would have to play catch-up on the Leopards 5-1 lead.

Ortega hit a three-run triple to highlight the sixth inning. Granger belted her fourth homer of the season in the third inning.

The Leopards closed with a four-run sixth inning to seize a mercy-rule victory.

McLaughlin held Whittier to just two runs in five innings, notching her 11th win.

"Whittier gave us a good doubleheader the first time around; they gave us a good challenge," Granger said.

"But we were on fire this weekend."

And with the momentum from the first game, La Verne would need that and translate that into another win during game two.

It was another impressive second inning for the Leopards, as they scored four of their six runs, which three of those RBIs were a result of Paul's double up the middle.

However, when Whittier fought back, forcing La Verne to make five uncalled errors the women found themselves in a 4-4 tie at the bottom of the sixth.

But La Verne was able to overcome the miscues by plating two runs as Lindsay and Padilla each singled in runs to propel La Verne to victory.

Granger has said this team is very close on and off the field credits their friendship to getting them out of the hard times.

"When our energy's low were able to carry each other and pick each other up," Granger said.

"We've worked really hard fixing the glitches in our game," Brenner said. "We've made huge improvements and these wins have helped boost our confidence."

This weekend La Verne will face their biggest challenge of the season, which is the conference tournament.

This is the first time SCIAC has held a tournament of the top four teams, to see who will represent the conference at Regionals.

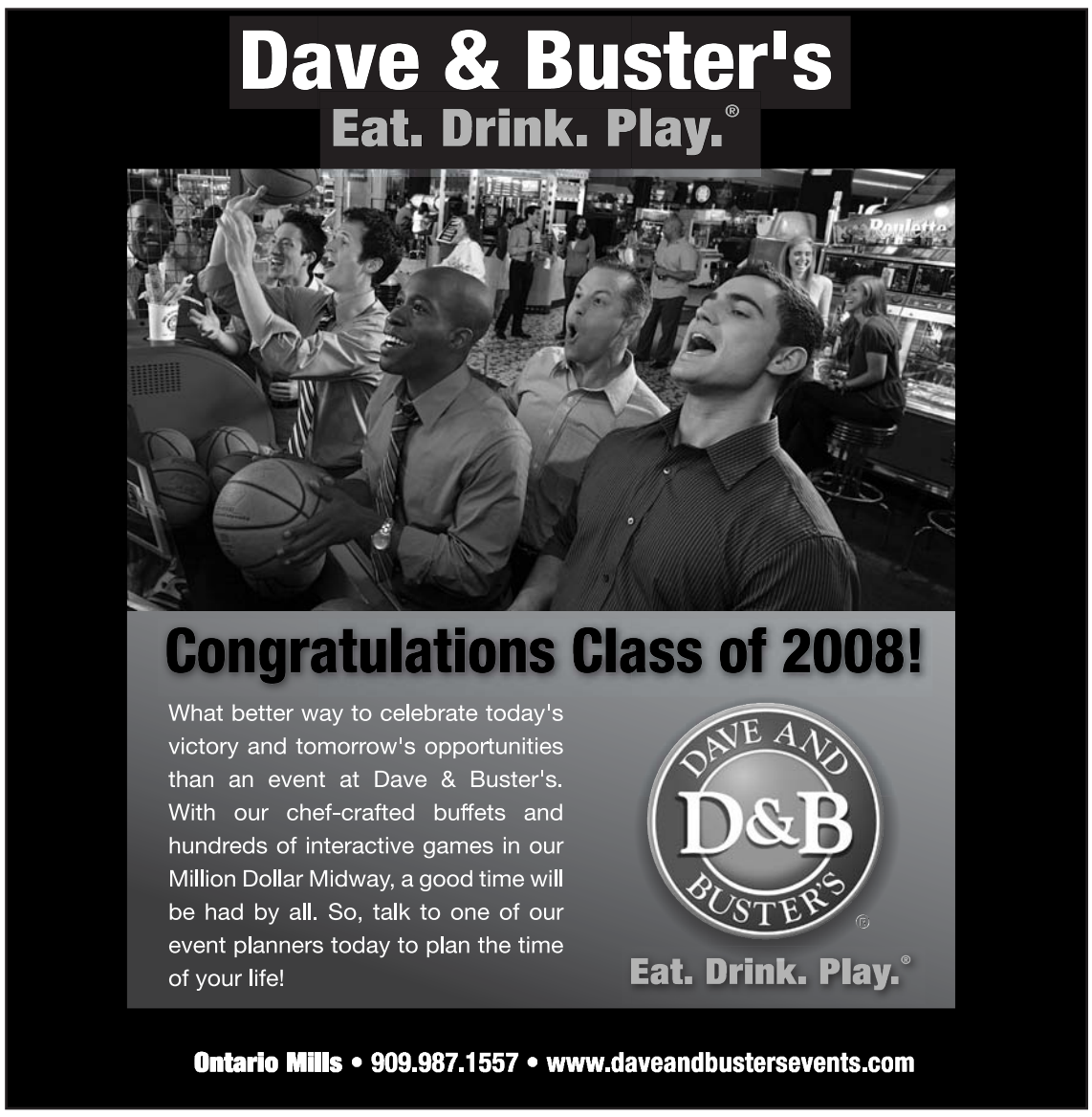
"The best thing about this is the tournament," Granger said. "This still gives us a chance."

"Our goal is to go all the way," Brenner said. "We've beat a lot of our goals but we all have faith we can win.

The inaugural double-elimination event takes place today and tomorrow at the Softball Field of Dreams at Redlands.

The Leopards will face a competitive Claremont-Mudd Scripps in the opening game.

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Nike program accepts worn shoes

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No one ever thought their old sneakers could help children in need, but the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program, introduced to the University of La Verne by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, is showing students how they can support the cause.

It all starts with old shoes, which are collected in donation boxes around campus, then turned in to Nike, where the shoes are processed into a material called "Nike Grind."

This spongy material, made of rubber, foam and fabric from various parts of the shoes, is then used to make different sports surfaces such as basketball courts, running tracks and playgrounds for children all over the world.

"It's a great way to give back to people who are not as fortunate as others," Daniel Constanza, the baseball representative for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, said.

Since the program was created, Nike has recycled more than 20 million pairs of shoes and created more than 250 sport surfaces.

La Verne's Student Athletic Advisory Committee started participating in the program three years ago along with all of the other Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schools.

The SCIAC colleges and universities compete annually to see which school can collect the most shoes to earn the "Golden Shoe Award" and bragging rights.

Before the weigh in date, which is May 15, the committee is trying to raise awareness on campus and get students to donate their shoes.

"I've seen some shoes in the boxes, but I think it can get better," Costanza said.

There are donation boxes on campus located in Woody Hall, Founders Hall, Wilson Library, Davenport Dining Hall and in Sports Science and Athletic Pavilion located near the coaches' offices.

The donated shoes can be any brand, as long as they have rubber soles, contain no metal and are not cleats or dress shoes.

The Reuse-A-Shoe Program is part of Nike's Let Me Play Campaign, which strives to build and rebuild proper athletic surfaces throughout Southern California.

The program targets low-income communities that do not have useable athletic facilities, in hopes that equal opportunity will someday be established in athletics.

Not only is the program a great way to help needy children, but it is also an earth-friendly project.

This project keeps old shoes from clogging landfills and reuses materials that would otherwise be wasted.

"I believe it is a responsibility of educators to teach our young people the importance of community service and helping those who are less fortunate, and the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program is just one avenue to do that," Julie Kline, head women's basketball coach, said.

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee plans to continue to support the program annually and hopes that awareness and participation at ULV will grow each year.

"I think in the years to come there will be more opportunities and more people will find this program useful and donate their shoes," Ashley Paul, the women's basketball representative for the committee, said.

For more information about the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program contact **dcostanza@ulv.edu** or visit **www.letmeplay.com/reuseashoe.**

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Troy Doolittle

University of La Verne junior Steve Becerra collects the shoes donated by the football team for the Nike Reuse a Shoe Program. This project turns old athletic shoes of any brand into sports surfaces for community use. Nike has partnered with the National Recycling Coalition, who is responsible for the collection of the shoes, so Nike can focus on such aspects as the actual construction of facilities utilizing the recycled surfaces.

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into a tie in seventh place with his final score of 168.

"The weather was pretty hot (on Monday) but Coach Rex (Huigens) told us to keep our focus and keep on doing what we have been all year long," Kramer said.

All the players on the team have been dedicating their last final tournaments to Huigens, the team's coach since the inception of the team.

The legendary coach will be leaving following the conclusion of the upcoming nationals because of his pending retirement.

Most of them believe he has been instrumental in establishing the ULV golf program and making it what it is today.

"It's going to be a sad loss for ULV," Amin said. "Rex has put together a great program that everyone knows about. Every time we play, it's for Rex. He's just an amazing guy and coach."

The team is looking forward to bringing home a national title for Huigens, which will be his final match as coach.

> 'It's definitely our goal and we can compete with anyone as we proved last year. There's no reason why we can't win it all.'
> *—Andrew Kramer, sophomore*

Compared to the rest of the nation, the Leopards have the depth and skill despite their No. 6 ranking in Division III.

First team all-conference performers this year include Talah, Amin, Kramer and Davis with Smith gaining a spot on the second team in addition to SCIAC freshman of the year honors.

Standing out from the rest this year has been Amin, the team's anchor and most consistent player.

Amin has already earned the SCIAC co-player of the year award and also shared the Jess Clark Sportsmanship award.

He is also one of the front runners for the Jack Nicklaus award, which is presented to the best player in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, and NAIA at the conclusion of the national championships.

"He's obviously a great player and always has been," Talah said.

"He has always been very solid and you always count on a low score from him."

"I'll be shocked if I get it," Amin said. "To get an award from a legend like Nicklaus, that's a lot. It would be real special."

Individual accolades are not going to hinder the Leopards from their ultimate goal which is a national title.

Following a mediocre start in first round last season at nationals, ULV still managed to bounce back and finish the national tournament in second place.

This year, the team anticipates their momentum and confidence should lead them to the top of the final standings.

"It's definitely our goal and we can compete with anyone as we proved last year," Kramer said. "There's no reason why we can't win it all."

"We were the underdogs last year but this season we just got to get the job done and I think we can do it," Amin said.

"The whole season gears to nationals. I think we are the best team in the nation right now despite what the polls say," Talah said. "We will win it all."

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