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Baseball earns berth to NCAA Regionals



Jaclyn Dino

Stealing second base in the bottom of the seventh inning Allen Komori pinch ran for Jason Munoz who was hit by a pitch. La Verne won May 2 against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens 8-7. After winning the conference championship, the Leopards will play in the NCAA West Regional on Wednesday, May 14, in Abilene, Texas. **See story on page 11.**

Finalists share plans for the future

Masters, Helou in the mix

Tiffany Vlaanderen
Staff Writer

With great conviction, the final candidates for the position of dean of the College of Business and Public Management argued for their potential contributions to the Search Committee on April 28 and 29.

Both candidates, Lance A. Masters and Ibrahim Helou, expressed their individual visions for the college in two separate community forums held on campus in the Howell Board Room in the Landis Academic Center.

"I don't apply for a position if I don't feel that I have the tools and skills needed to make sure I fulfill that position to the utmost possible way," Helou said.

Helou's vision of the College is simple: first thing to come to mind when people think about ULV should be the Business school.

Prospects, in regards to the face and transformation of the college in the next few years, were keen concerns among committee members.

Issam Ghazzawi, assistant professor of management proposed the question to Helou, "How do you see the vision of the Business College in five years?"

Moderators Jack Meek, professor of public administration and Constance Rossum, associate professor of marketing and management, opened up the discussions.

Questions were raised regarding Masters' leadership and style.

He is the current Senior Vice President of SAGE Scholars, an educational funding organization specializing in college savings and tuition planning and would feel honored to return to Southern California and bring his skills, educational experience and personality to shape the college into the leader he believes it has potential to become.

Helou, current associate dean of the College of Business and Public Management since 2003, has serviced the ULV community for 15 years.

Helou is concerned with establishing the college's name with distinction.

"How do we differentiate ourselves?" said Ibrahim Helou, associate dean of the College of Business and Public Management.

"When we create a story to tell, we can create a school of distinction."

Helou believes strong alumni relations will be a bridge to link the college with students to help distinguish ULV as an institution.

Fundraising success is one of many concerns the committee is taking into consideration when deciding on a candidate.

Masters' record as two-term president at Thiel University has seen charitable support of more than $30 million and increased growth in enrollment.

As a result, under Masters' leadership financial trends have reversed, costs have been controlled and an increase in student satisfaction and faculty compensation have been met.

He indicated a desire to work with the ULV College Advisory Board to develop fundraising capacity.

Helou's attempts to revise the MBA or master's degree curriculum, in response to adverse market conditions resulted in an increase of 107 to 240 international MBA students since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Helou formed alliances with U.S. language schools and traveled overseas to develop a network of recruiters in Taiwan and

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Reed appears on morning show

In a "Good Morning America" segment on May 2, Jonathan Reed, professor of religion, commented on the relics found in the "Indiana Jones" series.

The morning show presented on the ABC network questioned the factual significance of the locations and findings that the character Indiana Jones uncovers in each of the movies.

It suggested that the locations shown in the "Indiana Jones" series do have historical significance and the relics are sought after.

Reed said that much of what he told the the interview was used by the narrator in some form.

His interview process spanned over three days. Reed spoke with producers for two days before a film crew was sent.

"Deep down, you know they are looking for a sound bite," Reed said.

Of the 20 minute interview, a short clip aired during Friday's segment.

"It's a little embarrassing; my kids and wife laughed at me," Reed said.

Reed has appeared on "Good Morning America" before, talking about Biblical archeology.

– Andres Rivera

Faculty get 2.5% raises

Galo Pesantes
Editor in Chief

University of La Verne faculty will receive 2.5 percent raises for the 2008-2009 academic year as part of a salary pool increase of 3.49 percent by the Board of Trustees.

With dramatic increases in the cost of fuel and food, the overall cost of living increase is projected to be more than 4 percent.

Increasing faculty salaries at colleges and universities is a costly but necessary endeavor.

At the University of La Verne, however, which has a small endowment and depends on tuition for most of its revenue, granting raises is particularly challenging when enrollment numbers stay stagnant or decrease, which has been the case recently, administrators say.

Still the administration has and will continue to take steps to ensure that faculty are rewarded for their work and are being paid salaries close to those of their counterparts at similar universities.

"It's an ongoing effort and a high priority of mine and the Board of Trustees," said University President Stephen Morgan. "We've made progress of getting there but we haven't arrived yet."

"We are very close to the national averages and to those institutions we compare ourselves to," Provost Alden Reimonenq said.

In fact in some disciplines this is true, though faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences on average earn less than their counterparts in the colleges of business and education, as well as many comparable colleges as well, according to comparison data.

This year's proposed raise of close to 4 percent, which was supported by Reimonenq, went to the Board of Trustees Friday.

But the money just wasn't in the budget this year, the administrators said.

Every year the Compensation Task Force, which is composed of faculty, administration and selected others, compiles data to compare salary figures with other schools.

They choose to look at specific schools and colleges average when making their compar-

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ULV, Angels form ad partnership

Radio, TV spots part of program



Troy Doolittle

ULV assistant football coach Aaron Cloud gathered in the players lounge of the football office with players Blair Chavez, Jason Carpenter and Jon Farmerie. The new partnership between the University of La Verne and the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim includes three advertisements in Angel Stadium, which include an electronic ad behind home plate which is seen on TV during play.

Jennifer Gilderman
Copy Editor

The University of La Verne has launched a new advertising campaign that includes a sponsorship package with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

The package includes radio and television ads on Angels broadcasts, as well as billboards both inside Angel Stadium and in the stadium parking lot, facing the 57 Freeway.

The billboards inside the stadium include one on the left field wall and another rotating electronic billboard behind home plate that can be seen on television broadcasts.

"I hate to hear that La Verne is the best kept secret," said Homa Shabahang, vice president of enrollment management. "This will create name recognition and bring the message of academic quality to a respected community."

This sponsorship package will put the university's name literally in front of millions.

The spot behind home plate features the University logo during certain innings. It is the most expensive spot because television viewers nation wide are exposed to the ULV logo.

"The amount of people that come across this ad is uncounted for," Shabahang said. "It's priceless."

The 36-foot sign facing the 57 Freeway says "University of La Verne, celebrating 117 years." More than 240,000 people drive past the sign every day.

ULV officials say they are looking at redesigning this sign to make the print size larger and easier for drivers to read.

Inside the stadium, a 40-foot ULV billboard sits in left field next to a large Panda Express billboard.

"This sign will reach about 3 million people," Shabahang said.

The advertisements were up by opening day, and many La Verne students who attended that first game were surprised to see it.

"When I first saw the sign, I thought that the University was there, or giving things out," Lacey Wiles a junior sociology major, said. "I walked over there, then I realized it was an advertisement above a concession stand."

Wiles, as well as many other students, was not aware of this newfound partnership.

"I thought it was a little funny at first, and I wasn't sure why they would advertise 117 years. Why not wait until like 120 years?" Wiles said.

Senior Duncan Cox, a regular visitor to Angel Stadium, was so surprised to see the billboard that he even sent a picture via cell phone to his girlfriend who didn't believe him.

"I was surprised to see it at first, and thought it was perhaps a bit like a trade school," Cox said. "But the more I thought about it, I realized that it doesn't have a negative connotation and it is a good way for people to find out about the school."

La Verne officials hope that the high exposure of the ads will drive up name recognition of

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ULV journalists honored

Jen McElroy
Staff Writer

Once again University of La Verne journalism students have distinguished themselves in the national arena.

This time seven students were honored with Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards for work published in the Campus Times and La Verne Magazine in the 2006-2007 school year.

Based at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious collegiate journalism associations.

Editorial cartoonist and senior Matt Hill was recognized in three different categories:

He received first place in the Magazine Cartoon category; he won third place in the Editorial Cartoon category.

He also won a certificate of merit for his cartoon portfolio of work.

Former Campus Times photo editor and senior Kelly Rivas took both third place and a certificate of merit for Single Sports Photograph published in the Campus Times

Alumni Angie Gangi, Morgan Dobis and Sergio Sandoval were awarded a certificate of merit for Single Subject Presentation.

Katherine Hillier, former La Verne Magazine editor, also was given a certificate of merit for her Non-Fiction Column.

"It's great to be recognized by those we admire most – journalists, said Hillier, who graduated in May 2007.

"It's nice that individual writers, editors and photographers are recognized for their accomplishments," said Elizabeth Zwerling, associate professor of journalism and Campus Times chief adviser.

"Since we are a small college competing against major national universities, this recognition means a lot," Zwerling said.

Earlier this year the the Campus Times won its 12th consecutive Gold Medal award from the CSPA.

Unlike the Gold Circle awards, which look at individual entries, the Gold Medal is awarded for the newspaper's overall quality taking into account, among other things, depth and breadth of coverage, quality of writing, headlines, editing, design and photography.

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

Surveillance targeted in lecture

Academics question technology

Monica Esparza
Staff Writer

Gary T. Marx, emeritus professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Hixon-Riggs professor of science, technology and society at Harvey Mudd College, came to the University of La Verne to speak about issues involving technological control of America in his lecture "Being Watched and Watching In the New Surveillance Society."

On May 2 faculty, staff and students filed into La Fetra Lecture Hall to hear one of the world's leading analyst on the topic of surveillance and its influence of control on American society.

The lecture was sponsored by the ULV department of sociology and anthropology.

"Surveillance on TV is very influential in today's society," Jose Becerra, freshman public administration major, said.

"With the way reality shows such as 'Big Brother' being produced, we as a society need to think about how much further we want our personal lives being taped," Becerra added.

Marx began his lecture by asking a very simple question that today's society never gives a second thought.

"Who owns your way of walking? Everyone's walk is distinctive?" Marx said.

Marx described that everything done, every picture taken, every scent of the air is a part of someone's identity.

These things are just as important as where one keeps their social security card.

He went on to explain that anyone's identity is in jeopardy by simply being videotaped by someone on the street.

A slide in Marx's presentation went on to explain that "the new surveillance may be done anonymously, the context makes it good or bad and the more extensive it is, broader areas are covered."

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> *—Michael Young, Cal Poly Pomona junior*

"I never thought about things like having being taped or being spied on. The fact that technology these days makes it so easy for someone to pretty much steal your identity can make someone either more vigilant or more paranoid," said Michael Young, junior business major at Cal Poly Pomona.

He ended by asking the worldwide question of "Is seeing really believing?"

"When you think about it, you can never know that what you're seeing is accurate because of such inventions as Photoshop or people editing films to make them seem like something else really happened," said Rachel deBos, freshman liberal studies major.

On a less somber note, Marx also spoke about how technology can be used in business as a source of motivation for employees to meet a quota or implement a new rule added by management.

Marx received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

He has had several books published including, "Protest and Prejudice."

Marx was named the American Sociological Association's Jensen Lecturer for 1989-1990.

He also received the Distinguished Scholar Award from its section on Crime, Law and Deviance, the Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association and the Bruce C. Smith Award for research achievement.

Marx was the inaugural Stice Memorial Lecturer in residence at the University of Washington in 1992 and has been a University of California, Irvine Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow and the A.D. Carlson Visiting Distinguished Professor in the Social Sciences at West Virginia University.

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Salaries...

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isons. For example, the College of Business and Public Management at ULV compares other colleges with similar factors such as enrollment, faculty, department size.

Following careful analysis of all the numbers, the task force then determines if adjustments need to be made in areas that may be lacking compensation.

Calculating the raise is next, which is largely decided by how much money is left in the budget after other immediate financial obligations.

For 2008-2009, administrators are calling for a 5 percent cut to the overall budget for academic units.

Still, some faculty members who are involved in the salary process of reviewing various data are concerned about how the University of La Verne chooses to allocate funds.

They are also concerned about how the University determines faculty raises and adjustments and compare salaries here to those at other colleges and universities.

Professor of Sociology Ernie Thomson, a member of the Faculty Salary Committee – which is composed solely of faculty to advocate for faculty salary concerns – was able to determine that many of the salary numbers that should be used by the University are weighed CUPA data but recently adapted to the unweighed scale.

The result was numbers that seemed to be "better" but in fact they were not close to the averages at all. In other words, ULV's salaries.

"The obvious thing is they are using data which makes them look better," Thomson said. "They have been doing this in the past but this time we caught it," Thomson added.

> 'They are putting huge amounts (of money) into pet projects... the new student center. Those things are good for the University but not good for raising salaries and maintaining the cost of living for (faculty).'
> *—Ernie Thomson, professor of sociology*

In addition several faculty members have been displeased for some time with the ways the University has gone to spending more money on projects they feel do not necessarily enhance a student's experience.

Thomson believes that the University should be investing more in academics and less in development projects taking place on campus..

"They are putting huge amounts (of money) into pet projects... the new student center," Thomson said. "Those things are good for the university for but not good for raising salaries and maintaining the cost of living for (faculty)."

Nevertheless, Reimonenq is confident that faculty salaries here are not too far from where they need to be.

"We have a maximum and minimum market rate for professor in a given field," Reimonenq said. "It's supply and demand."

"We will continue figuring out strategies to work with inequities," Morgan said.

"It's certainly not a flat line. In order to be competitive, we need to be able to make appropriate comparisons with other colleges," Morgan added.

Though Morgan said salary increases will be closely tied to enrollment numbers.

"Certainly, enrollment drives our ability to increase pay," he added.

Though many faculty believe that it's a matter of priorities and that the University should simply devote a higher percentage of its budged to salaries.

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Master's program hosts Child Life Day

Students gain life experience

Maxtla Benavides
Staff Writer

Passionate educators and students gathered Sunday to practice caring, nurturing and attentive actions that child life specialists provide in medical settings.

A child life specialist is a trained professional who minimizes the stress and anxiety hospitalized children may face.

The University of La Verne has an extensive master's of science child life program that prepares students for careers with hospitalized children.

Leslie Anne Young, chair of the child life program, has worked as a child life specialist for 15 years.

With her wide-range of knowledge and experience, Young created the Child Life Day in order to give students real life scenarios they will experience in medical facilities.

"I tried to make the day as effective and efficient as possible for my students," Young said.

With 17 students, 17 children and 10 child life specialists, the day consisted of many fun and educational activities.

Each student was placed in a room with a child, and in some cases the parents of the child were present.

The children were volunteers and many had experienced being in a medical setting due to illnesses or operations.

The classrooms were filled with fun and creative games that students have been preparing since the beginning of the semester.

The activities were used to bring comfort to the children and to educate them on the hospital setting.

"It was a really good experience," said Stephanie Talley, a graduate student in the Child Life program from Glendora.

Talley explained that preparing for this event was a lot of work but well worth it.

"The aspect of helping children and family bond together is very rewarding," Talley said.

> 'It feels great to be that person to support them and mediate the child's situation with their medical provider.'
> *—Trisha Winters, graduate student*

A child life specialist utilizes a variety of interventions such as education, therapeutic play, family centered care, pain management techniques, care plans and grief interventions to enhance the children and adolescents' self-esteem, coping skills and independence.

"Supporting and giving the child empowerment to be a child is vital," Chole Krikac, a graduate student in child life said. "And making children understand that their illness does not define who they are."

The activities were all based on the child's needs to allow the specialist to be successful in helping the child emotionally.

Trisha Winters, another graduate student participating in the event, had a child that had experienced their tonsils being removed. Their activity was to have the child write on their body with shaving cream all of the emotions they felt about their medical situation.

"It feels great to be that person to support them and mediate the child's situation with their medical provider," Winters said.

Once all the emotions were written on the body, the child was able to go on a Slip N' Slide and wash away those hurtful and negative emotions.

Many activities like slap painting, puppet shows, origami, balloon popping, silly string spraying, and mask painting were used to help the children find comfort and be able to release their pain and anxiety.

Educational games such as a scavenger hunt with medical instruments and syringe painting were conducted, to help children understand their medical ambiance of the settings.

Sara and Anna Scna were two of the many children volunteers who attended the event.

They have been attending this workshop for three years and both agree that they have a lot of fun learning and participating in the activities.

Mark Goor, dean of the College of Education and Organizational Leadership, participated in the activities with students and children.

"It's been a real good interactive experience," Jessica Kubasak, a graduate student of child life, said.

Kubasak said that it has helped her prepare creative ideas and dialogue for these scenarios.

Most students agreed that Child Life Day has brought confidence to their learning experience.

They are now able to comfortably apply these actions to real life scenarios.

Though many children may be in hospitalized conditions, child life specialists do what they can to bring happiness and a rewarding smile to a child's face.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Latino Retreat

All ULV students are invited to attend the first Latino Retreat.

It will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

There will be activities and dialogue that will focus on personal and academic growth.

A dance will be held after the retreat from 9 p.m. to midnight.

For more information call Mario Rodriguez at 909-593-3511, ext. 4829.

'The Last Message'

The Faculty Retreat Committee and the Discernment Task Force will hold a lecture titled "The Last Message: a Thoughtful Gathering of the Academic Teaching Community to Reflect on What Matters Most," from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on May 16 in the Presidents Dining Room.

For more information, call Debbie Roberts at 909-593-3511, ext. 4320 or e-mail **robertsd@ulv.edu.**

TV and Brain Development

Dimitri Christakis will speak on his findings in the area of television and brain development at the Early Childhood Education Conference at 4 p.m. on May 9 and May 10 in La Fetra Auditorium.

For more information call Barbara Nicoll at 909-593-3511, ext. 4632.

—Francine Gobert

Finalists...

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Thailand.

"The college goes the way the MBA goes," Helou said. "I, Rita and Julius are responsible for this 105 percent increase in the number of International MBA students."

Masters is eager to work with ULV because of its student diversity and he is familiar with the area since he is a graduate of UC Riverside, Claremont Graduate University and CSU San Bernardino.

He believes his experience in specialized accreditation will help ULV gain accreditation for many of its programs.

La Verne has the foundation, as a relatively small institution, to capitalize on its potential to establish a name for itself in Southern California and throughout the nation.

Each candidate has a unique and impressive track record of experience within the University and is envisioning making this dream a reality.

The College of Business and Public Management Search Committee is in the process of selecting between Masters and Helou, and will reach a decision in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, the candidates anticipate the opportunity to help distinguish a name for the College of Business and Public Management and prominence to the University.

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Sher Porter

A forum was held on April 29 to interview candidates applying to the position of Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. Describing his plans to increase popularity of the college, ULV Associate Dean and Professor of Finance Ibrahim Helou was interviewed and the other candidate, Lance A. Masters, senior vice president of SAGE Scholars was interviewed on April 28. Pictured to the left is Associate Professor of Marketing and Management Constance Rossum.

Faculty salaries continue to suffer

There is no doubt that the average faculty salaries in American colleges and universities differ, especially across fields of study. In recent surveys the huge differences among faculty in various departments have been revealed.

At the University of La Verne, many professors are facing this challenge today. With a cost of living increase of 4.1 percent, many professors pushed for at least a 4 percent raise to keep up with inflation. However, they only received a 2.5 percent raise.

A 2004 study conducted by one professor and two students of Cornell University for its Economics of Education review, "Why Do Field Differentials in Average Faculty Salaries Vary Across Universities?" answers this question based on research collected from 75 universities.

They discovered that many schools find it is easier to have large salary differentials between fields at their university. They said that if faculty members in various fields are housed in different colleges at a university, there is less pressure to equalize salaries across the colleges versus from within the colleges.

The colleges on ULV's campus relate to this survey because faculty salaries differ greatly by each department on campus.

The Cornell study suggests faculty in some fields such as economics, engineering, law and business have more opportunities for employment outside of academics and this may require a higher minimum level of salary that the University must pay to retain these faculty members.

In relation to these fields of study, faculty who teach in the areas of humanities and fine arts are said to have fewer employment opportunities outside of academia and this greatly affects how their salaries are determined.

Despite these findings, ULV, as well as other universities, has a responsibility to their faculty to compensate them for such things as cost of living.



The American Association of University Professors releases annual reports on faculty salaries, and in their most recent faculty salary survey for 2007-08 some local colleges were ranked in the top 10 Liberal Arts Colleges in Average Salary for Full Time Professors.

These colleges included Claremont McKenna College, Pomona College and Harvey Mudd College whose professors make an average $129,000 a year. The scale was based on 1,386 institutions which cover full-time members to assistant professor positions.

With these colleges so close to La Verne, this shows there is a possibility that the needs of ULV professors can be met. Perhaps investing in an endowment for each department or having the University provide funds that can be allocated in assisting faculty salary increases.

A financial endowment would allow the University to retain a principal balance that could be built on over time and could be used to compensate faculty as the cost of living changes.

Pomona College, which is also a private liberal arts college and is ranked at the top in paying for its full-time faculty, has an endowment of $1.76 billion.

This annual fund is credited to the college's ability to attract the best students and faculty, and maintain some of the finest facilities in the country.

Each year the college only spends 5 percent of its endowment and collects gifts from alumni, parents and friends of the University every year to add to it.

ULV definitely has the fundraising potential to start an endowment as we have seen with the efforts to build the new Sara and Michael Abraham Campus Center.

If we look to other colleges who have been successful in compensating their faculty through using such efforts as an endowment, our faculty should be able to get the raises they deserve.

Greek gods get too skinny

Greek Week has finally passed and the fraternities and sororities can relax and do not have to worry about endless practices and gaining points for the week's awards.

With all the planning and preparation that goes into being the top Greek organization on campus, there comes a price: stress on the body.

In an article published by the Campus Times last week, there were some disturbing comments regarding the preparation for the tug-of-war event.

Some participants commented on their need to lose weight in order to meet the weight requirements. And while it is healthy to stay within the prescribed weight range for a particular body type, drastically losing weight over a short amount of time is not exactly healthy.

The Greek organizations should not be singled out as being the only culprits in straining the body during competitive or stressful times. Similar situations seem to be acceptable in other cases too.

Major fasting, abusing medication, extreme exercising and sleep deprivation can all be harmful to your body and state of mind.

In a study published by the Southern Medical Journal in 2002 titled "Psychologic and Physiologic Effects of Dieting in Adolescents" states that "extreme methods of weight loss can have adverse physiologic effects if not closely monitored. Electrolyte disturbances, cardiac dysrhythmias and even sudden cardiac death can result from unhealthy or extreme dieting practices."

Losing over 10 pounds in a short amount of time in preparation for an event like tug-of-war is not a smart choice. We ask that students, Greek organizations and everyone else for that matter, reflect on what they are doing to their bodies first before they do something drastic and potentially dangerous.

Greek organizations, athletic teams and others have a higher expectation as representatives of the student body at the University of La Verne. Body image and athletic performance issues will always be the norm, but the manner in which these issues are handled can be changed. In general taking extreme measures to meet a weight goal to prepare for an athletic competition or to meet a personal physical goal is not the path to take. College students should know better than to cop out and risk damage to themselves in order to appease others.

Next time the urge to lose pounds quickly or to outperform someone else in a competitive field arises, do not take the easy and dangerous way of taking extreme measures. Take into consideration what the effects of your actions will be. Is getting a little recognition from your peers really worth it?

Letters to the Editor

The *Campus Times* encourages readers to submit letters to the editors regarding topics covered in the paper. Letters should be no more than 400 words in length and are due by Tuesday at 3 p.m. The *Campus Times* reserves the right to edit letters for clarity, space and libel.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It always saddens me that some of our students don't learn the history that they need to become responsible adults. Erin Konrad's (column) "Inside the mind of a jury member" (May 2) shows that she is not aware of the many millions of people who have died to give her the right to sit on an American jury. I hope she is ignorant of history rather than uncaring because there are also millions of people who would gladly take her place in that day that she feels was "wasted."

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Life after college has begun early



GALO PESANTES

For the past several weeks, I have been applying for jobs like crazy, like most seniors getting ready to work in life after college. Mostly I have been looking for public relations jobs in sports (I know as a journalism major, I am crossing over to the dark side) because I feel I will be doing something I enjoy while still advancing my career. I've been scouring several employment Web sites that many people use and others that are more specialized in different areas.

Because I was looking for a specific job in a competitive sports field, I found that I was not getting that many responses and it was likely because of many factors not limited to my work experience, graduating from college and other qualifications. Quickly I was beginning to feel that there is no hope out there and maybe it would take a while to find a position that was ideal for me and the hiring party.

So I decided to broaden my search and look for more entry level positions. Luckily I finally got a call from a company in Whittier after applying to the job through **careerbuilder.com**. The call came out of nowhere and I have to admit I thought I faired little chance in landing the job since they were looking for someone to fill the position soon. Still the human resources representative was able to schedule me an interview with her to see how I would fit in with them.

Surprisingly I came into the interview pretty calm and controlled. I was confident that I could do the job but I would have to ask to work part-time until I graduated. First I had to take a few writing tests that quizzed my knowledge of copy editing and writing basic press releases. After answering her questions pretty handily, I knew I had left an impression on her and I was invited for a second interview with the general manager.

I have to admit that I came into the second interview a little more nervous. The general manager had the hiring power and I knew it would be a matter of being able to adjust to my schedule and giving the impression that I would be willing to get the job done. As I sat in my car extremely early for my interview, I called a close friend to get my mind off things and enter worry-free.

The interview ended up going pretty well and three days later, I was officially offered the position. We were able to finalize my salary and schedule details to end with something that was fair to everyone. Last Tuesday was my first day and so far things have been going pretty smoothly but that's not enough time to make a fair assessment yet. Still I anticipate that I am there for a reason and I think it should be a good working relationship. I do feel very lucky right now because of the stress relief.

In the end, I guess I have a few suggestions to the rest of my fellow seniors looking for jobs. When I was looking for jobs, I never really lost hope. I always had a positive attitude. We will soon be university graduates which still puts us ahead of many others applying for the same jobs. So keep that in mind. Next is to look for broader jobs and not as specific to the field you generally want to work. Essentially my plan is to gain experience with this company and hope it can translate into a more lucrative, advanced position later in my career.

Finally, do not limit yourself to where you apply or how much you apply. I know a lot of us are looking for that ideal job but look at different Web sites and places. I never thought a site like careerbuilder could be the ticket to landing a job but that just proves anything works nowadays. It might just take a little confidence, luck, a bit of broadening and searching on unlikely places to find a job that fits the profile. So far, so good I have to say.

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Stagecoach event ends in misfortune



MADISON STEFF

Last weekend had the potential to be one of the best weekends of my life. One of my friends works with a woman who won tickets to Stagecoach, a three-day country music event held in Indio, and didn't want to go.

I had been dying to go so my friend and I gave the woman a few bucks and I couldn't wait for the weekend to arrive. I couldn't sleep, I couldn't eat and I honestly had butterflies for days.

Not only was I going to hear some of my favorite musicians, I was going to scope out thousands of potential cowboys. Come on now how much more excited could I possibly be?

Well the day before we left my friend decided to bail. Lucky for me I had a few other friends going, so it wasn't really an issue.

We arrived at our hotel, checked-in and headed to the concert. I was decked out in overalls and boots and was ready for a weekend full of fun.

I must have been a little too excited because I forgot to put on socks and my feet were about to pay the price.

If you know anything about boots, you know that you do not dare wear them without socks.

The concert was amazing and I didn't realize the damage to my poor little toes until I woke up the next morning. I had about four blisters on each foot and could barely walk.

My friends and I bought some Band-Aids and gauze and attempted to play podiatrist. I managed to get my boots back on (this time with socks of course) and took off for another day of excitement.

My boots didn't last more than 20 minutes but that was about to be the least of my worries. I wandered around barefoot all day and headed over to one of the booths to say hi to an old cowboy friend of mine.

As I approached the booth, a few gals decided to start calling me names and apparently wanted to scuffle.

I'm a lover not a fighter, so I smiled a big Copenhagen grin in their direction but they didn't seem to like it very much and approached me with some more hateful phrases.

My cowboy friend grabbed me by the arm and led me away from the grouchy gals.

Not even 10 minutes later my cell phone started going off and my ex-boyfriend decided to tell me how worthless I was via text message.

I was feeling pretty down at this point in time and spent the remainder of the concert in the beer garden crying to a 45-year-old security guard.

The night came to an end and I said goodbye to my security guard and met back up with my friends. We headed toward the parking lot, unlocked the door and hopped in ready for our long drive home.

Well it was then that I realized that I had been robbed. Someone had broken into my car and stolen two purses and a backpack.

My potentially great weekend had resulted in a bloody blister, bratty broads, bull from an ex-boyfriend and a burglary.

I have spent the past few days calling credit card companies, my bank and the Indio police.

Now I think I need a little downtime, so today I am going to pick up a new fishing license and head out to Parker, Ariz. for a mellow weekend of family and fishing. I need it.

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Photo staff completed my college experience



RHIANNON MIM

Two and half years have passed since I first joined the photography staff at the University of La Verne. My freshman year seems like a far off memory.

After photographing for the Campus Times those first few weeks, I felt confident and looked forward to each new assignment. Photo staff has placed me in situations and events where I normally wouldn't have found myself.

Through the Campus Times and La Verne Magazine I have created tens of thousands of images which will be kept in ULV's archives for many years to come. There is a huge cardboard box in my room that has every issue of the Campus Times over the past five semesters.

I still remember the first issue with my first published photograph, which was from a theater production for a directing thesis. I was so proud and showed everyone I knew.

That feeling of excitement is something I still feel every Friday when the newest issue is available. I rush to the closest newspaper stand and skim the newspaper for my photo.

During my first semester I received my favorite assignment: a live concert. It just wasn't any old CAB sponsored event. (No offense, I do love the bands that come through.) Instead Cal Poly Pomona sent over press passes to a Yellowcard concert they were having in the gym.

Yellowcard? Really? I was ecstatic. They had been one of my favorite bands for over eight years.

The press pass enabled me to stand in the photo pit right by the stage, one of the coolest experiences I have yet to encounter.

This year I had the amazing opportunity to become the photography editor, a position I held with the utmost pride. For two semesters I had the privilege to work with the most dedicated photo staffers I have ever met.

It was this staff that made my job easy since they were always so eager to get their assignments. If only people could sit in our Wednesday four-hour lab session as we make calls to reporters, publicists and even Angel Stadium to get whatever information we need for captions.

Photo staff has the hardest and most dedicated workers anyone could ever meet.

We've taken last minute assignments and even created some of our own. But I would like to thank all the staffers, past and present, for helping me as I learned the ropes and those who made my editor job a breeze.

When I first entered college, I felt distant from all those I went to school with and even the campus itself.

I am a commuter and I would just come to my classes and go home. I really never had any friends at ULV and being a part of the Campus Times filled in what I thought that I was missing.

The communications and photography departments are awesome places with all sorts of people.

My experiences have given me a handful of friends with the best personalities. I finally feel at home at the University of La Verne, and for that I thank the Campus Times and all those involved.

I am sure going to miss the deadlines and the assignments, but I wouldn't take back any of these awesome experiences that have helped to prepare me for whatever life throws my way.

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Jokes fly at CAB comedy night

Comedian delivers wisecracks

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There was laughter all around the night of May 1 in Founders Auditorium, as comedian Andy Hendrickson performed well-delivered and college friendly jokes that kept the audience laughing the whole time.

Hendrickson, who has shared the stage with Dave Chappelle and appeared on various television programs such as NBC's "Night Shift," won over the crowd with his easily relatable and relevant routine geared towards college students.

The joke of the night that most audience members could identify with was about Hendrickson's over-bearing mother, who still treats him like a kid and asks him in the grocery store by the banana display if he wanted her to buy some "nanners."

"The mom jokes are always a hit or miss. Some people have a 'nanners' mom and can relate, and some people can't relate, but wish they had a 'naners' mom," Hendrickson said.

In the University of La Verne's case, the joke was a hit, and as a result "nanners" kept making reappearances throughout the routine.

Audience members also liked when Hendrickson commented about the school, like when he made a joke about Leo dollars, which sent students into hysterics.

"Is it hard for you guys to date in college?" he asked. "I mean, where do you go, the cafeteria? You have some extra Leo dollars and you want them to meet you there for dinner?"

It was these themes, such as dating, Facebook, dorm life and fast food that audience members enjoyed the most because it allowed them to connect better with Hendrickson and relate to what he was saying.

About 100 students were in attendance and kept the atmosphere alive with their comments and shout-outs during the routine.

The shout-outs, however, did not throw Hendrickson off. Rather, he thrived on the energy while he used sarcasm to connect with his audience, such as commenting about the size of the audience, and asking latecomers if he could get them anything, like a watch.

"I loved it when he commented on something from the audience because you know that it's not planned and it makes it even funnier," junior sociology major Rachel Ortiz said.

Although part of the routine relied on improvisation, a majority of it was planned ahead of time by Hendrickson himself, who confessed that he loves writing routines almost as much as delivering them.

"Now that I'm headlining it gives me the freedom to focus on writing material, and I usually have specific material for a college audience, but about 70 percent of it is the same as any other audience," Hendrickson said.

Planning ahead made for a smoother routine that gave Hendrickson a professional feel and provided continuous laughter and applause.

"I think it went pretty well," said Campus Activities Board Comedy Chairwoman Kristina Vaughn. "I think everyone who came had a good time, and that's at least 100 people who were not bored on a Thursday Night."

Other topics that Hendrickson joked about were slightly touchier, such as jabs about vegans, drunk dialing and Mexican food. However, students didn't find his material too offensive.

"I think he played it pretty safe," junior music education major Taylor Duling said. "I think if there were more people he might have added a little more, but he wasn't too controversial and I don't think he offended anyone."

Hendrickson ended the night with another joke about dating and getting lost in Southern California, then told everyone to visit his Web site and send him pictures of naners, leaving the audience in laughter.

"Of all the events that La Verne puts on, the comedians are probably my favorite; they're just so funny and entertaining," Ortiz said.

Overall the night provided free fun and entertainment and Hendrickson allowed students to let loose and laugh away the pressures of school.

"I loved it, and I thought it was very successful," Duling said. "I wish there were more comedy shows because this one was a hit."

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Bipolar children examined

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It is hard enough raising three children, but when two of them have been diagnosed with a chemical imbalance the task becomes even harder.

Kate McLaughlin, author of "Mommy, I'm Still in Here: Raising Children with Bipolar Disorder," presented her findings and experiences with bipolar disorder at the University of La Verne Bookstore April 25. About 20 people were in attendance.

"If you could snap your fingers and make it go away, would you?" McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin is a wife and mother of three children, two of which have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. They were both diagnosed at young ages with adolescent bipolarism and still deal with the disorder as they enter their 20s.

Bipolar disorder usually occurs in teenagers and young adults. The exact cause of bipolar disorder is unknown. It could be caused by hereditary problems, hormone levels, the shapes and sizes of certain sections of the brain or a chemical imbalance in the brain.

Those who have it are characterized by having drastic mood swings between being depressed and manic, which are referred to as episodes. The four main types of episodes are depression, mania, hypomania and mixed mood.

"We just need to give our doctors enough information so we can fix it," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said one in every four families is affected by bipolar disorder. Her family is one of

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Commentary

Yoga: The stress reliever



JENNIFER KITZMANN

My first yoga experience was at my local Bally's Total Fitness gym. I know that does not seem very "yogi-like," but it was an experience that I will never forget.

While I was walking through the gym, I was in search of something else to inspire my work out regime. I knew I was there to work out but little did I know that I was in for something better. I read on the schedule "Yoga."

I knew what it was but I had always pictured hippies or people posing like trees or something. It was only because I did not fully understand what it really was and never cared to.

Before I walked in, I noticed the teacher was an older man wearing a black beanie in plain clothing. We made eye contact and he looked at me inquiring about the class. I tried not to look back at him, but for some reason, I couldn't help but look back. Before I knew it I was sitting on a yoga mat between two women.

I could not help but look at the woman next to me wearing a bright pink T-shirt that said "Squeeze Me I Am Hot." On the other side of me the woman was wearing two different colored leg warmers. This was definitely not the sort of people I thought took yoga. Even though, I was wearing a ridiculous Cure shirt with rips and tears in it. I thought to myself that I was as un -yogi-like as everyone else.

The instructor entered the room; he dimmed the lights and started to instruct us with a meditation pose. The room became very silent and for one of the first times in my life, I really understood how important it was to be peaceful and aware.

Among all of the loud noise outside, the slamming of weights, and chaos outside, I understood what it was all about. Exercise was no longer running endless hours on the treadmill or doing 250 crunches a day, it was something larger than that. Yoga was about the mind. Yoga was about inner strength. Yoga was opening up my heart, body and soul.

The class was no longer about the woman's bright T-shirt next to me or the people looking in the window, wondering what the heck we were doing in a handstand position with our eyes shut. It was no longer where we were or who was watching us. Yoga was about being in the moment. Stepping onto the mat that day was an experience I will never forget.

Yoga is an ancient Indian philosophy that enhances personal growth and well-being. Although a systemic philosophical approach, yoga is not a religion, but is complementary with most spiritual paths. The physical aspect of yoga use poses and focused breathing, requiring concentration and discipline.

Anyone, regardless of body type, age, experience or physical abilities can practice yoga.

Each class has something to offer whether focused more on strength, stress relief or just mindfulness and meditation.

For example, I was in an accident the other day on the Los Angeles freeway moving from one interchange to another and the car in front of me just stopped. I had no choice but to hit the car in front of me. This is when I thanked my yoga practice.

Yoga helps you become more adaptable to life situations, like standing in a yoga pose for a long period of time in deep concentration. In yoga practice, you will try a pose on one foot and you may experience many twists and turns, as in life. If you fall, it would be okay because you are always going to have the chance to get up and try it again.

So the next time you are tempted to do something out of the ordinary, it may be good for you. You never know what life's journey has in store for you. It may not only challenge you physically but it may strengthen your mind spiritually.

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Senior conducts beach clean up

Event held at Bolsa Chica

Jennifer Gilderman
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It was more than just a gorgeous day at the Bolsa Chica State Beach on April 26, when about 75 people came out to support a "Save the Beach" event, which senior Troy Doolittle coordinated as his senior project.

Doolittle, a public relations major and beach enthusiast, spends most of his free time at their family's Newport Beach, beach house surfing and spending time with his friends.

"My advisor suggested the idea, and then I ran with it." Doolittle said. "It was stressful but fun to plan, and I knew it was for a good cause."

Residence and visitors formally knew Bolsa Chica State Beach, which is located on Pacific Coast Highway between Warner and Sea Point in Huntington Beach, as Tin Can Beach, due to the trash situation.

The first three hours of the event were focused on cleaning-up the beach.

Participants were each given a trash bag and had about a two-mile stretch where they could pick up trash.

"There was a beach clean-up earlier in the week hosted by Quicksilver, but there was still a lot of trash," Doolittle said.

Many supporters were junior high students from Sonrise School, meeting the requirements of their community service hours.

"I found a lot plastic and a lot of little pieces," Janie Darling, a seventh grade student said. "The coolest thing I found was a ring, and the most disgusting thing I found was probably cigarette butts."

For years Huntington Beach has been cleaning-up their reputation on this beach.

Bolsa Chica is one of four beaches in Huntington.

To take action first they decreased the number of fire-pits they had, then they banned smoking, and now they have trash cans that line the beach, some of which are not even 30 feet apart.

"I don't think people respect what they have, so they don't care if they leave their mess behind," Doolittle said.

The event coordinated with the Earth Day activities and by the end of the clean-up, they had collected at least 50 bags.

"I've never had anyone come to me and do this for their senior project, but I'm glad that he asked," Bill Burhans, a Park Ranger for the beach, said. "We can always use the help, and I'm glad to say it was successful."

After cleaning it was time for some free lunch and the much-awaited raffle.

Each participant had a raffle ticket in the bucket and a chance to win some cool prizes (donated by local surf shops) like a body board, skin board, wet suit, kites and more.

Doolittle and his family provided hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies.

After lunch Doolittle and a few of his friends gave out free surf lessons.

Despite the cold water many of the participants took part in the lessons, primarily the middle school girls and a few of the younger kids.

"I've always wanted to learn how to surf," Darling said. "My brother surfs and it always seems like he's having fun."

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ULV nationally.

"It's unprecedented to advertise nationally," Charles Bentley, university spokesman said. "Local universities have advertisements in local ballparks and it's not breaking new ground, but it is for us."

"For example Washington University in St. Louis (a main Division III volleyball competitor) has a standing ad in the St. Louis Cardinals stadium." Bentley said.

Angel Stadium was chosen for a reason, said Shabahang.

"We sought them, and they were just as excited about the partnership," she said.

"We're very careful on where we decide to place advertisements. This isn't a venue that distracts from our reputation."

"Any time the University can put their name out there in a good light, it's a good thing," Andrew Woolsey, a lead admissions representative, said.

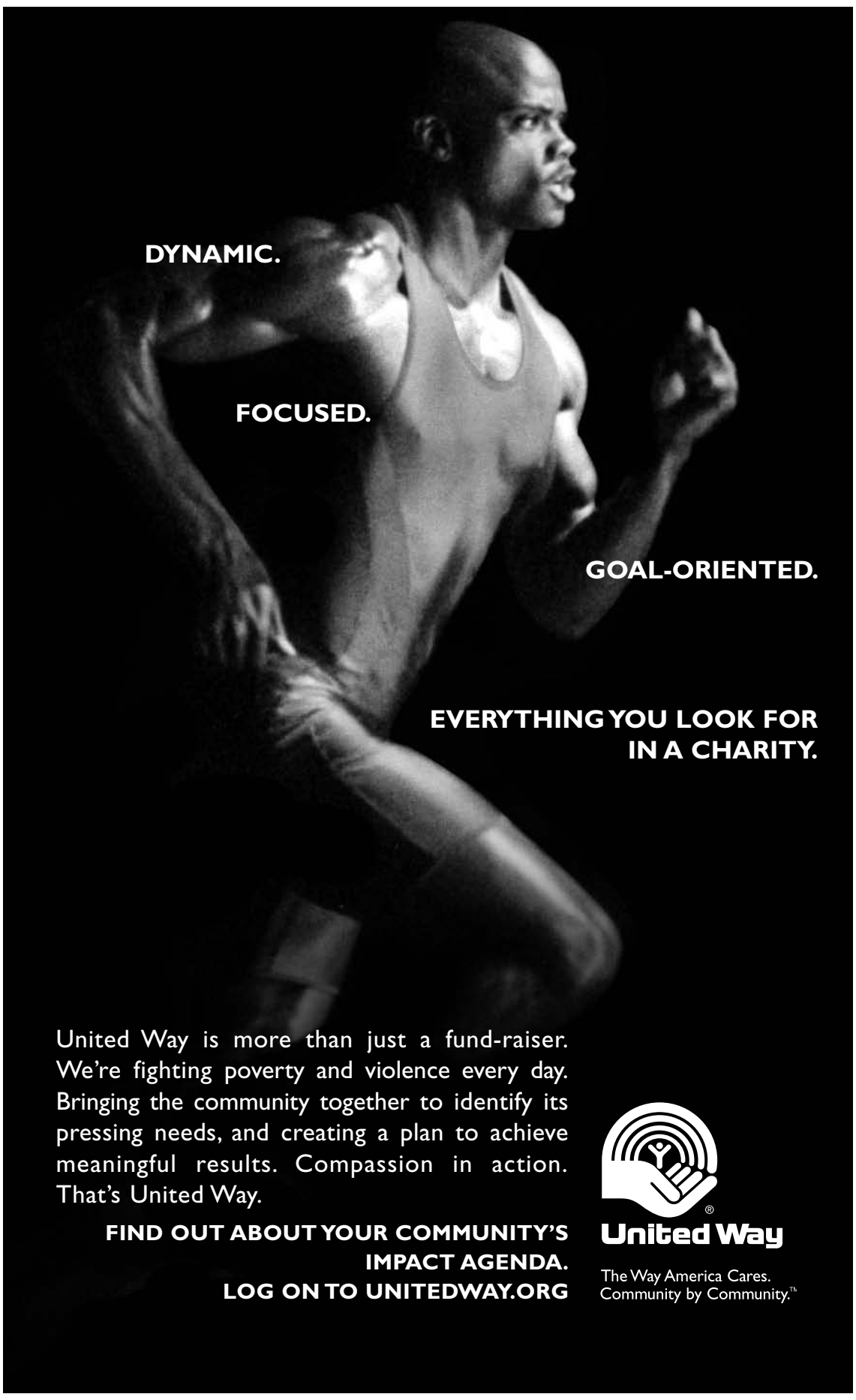
Additionally, they figured that since La Verne has a respected baseball and softball team that they might make a connection.

"The athletic department and coaches are very excited and hopes that it attracts more athletes," Shabahang said.

The sponsorship package is being funded by reductions in print and direct mail advertising, and balancing the costs between two fiscal years, as well as a price break from the Angels.

Along with the deal, the Angels will also schedule a University of La Verne Day, in which a ULV representative will throw out the first pitch and discounted tickets will be made available to students.

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HAPPENINGS

Spring Concert

The ULV Chorale and Chamber Singers will perform their Spring Choral Concert directed by Stephen Gothold at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

For more information, visit **www.ulv.edu/music**.

DJs on Campus

DJ Eddie One and DJ Showtime from Latino 96.3 will be live in Davenport at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. tonight celebrating the annual retreat held by the ULV Latino Community. The dance is offered as a campuswide dance.

Admission is free.

Art in Pomona

The Bunny Gunner Art Gallery in Pomona is currently displaying works by Michael Maas and Marsha Judd in a painting and ceramics exhibit titled "NonVerbal Communication."

Availability for viewing times are limited to 6 p.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 31.

Admission is free.

For more information, visit **www.bunnygunner.com**.

Dance Concert

The Citrus Dance Department is presenting its Spring Dance Concert directed by Diane Woodward at 8 p.m. today and at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Concert will feature students, faculty dancers and choreographers.

General admission is $12. Student and seniors are $10.

For more information, visit **www.citrusarts.org**.

Jazz Festival

The L.A. Latin Jazz Festival 2008 starring Eddie Palmieri plus the Latin Giants of Jazz with invited guests will play the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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

—Danielle Lampkin

'TNT' show delivers Dynamite fun

by Francine Gobert

photography by Rhiannon Mim



The first ever Talent No Talent Show was held April 30 in Founders Auditorium. The main act of the night was the band One Year Yesterday from Azusa. The group featured Daniel Sinner, Nate Lotz, Tyler Johnson and Matt Sinner playing tracks from their new release, "Be There For You." Senior communications major Danielle Lampkin put on the event as a part of her senior project.

Founders Auditorium was filled with local poets, comedians, singers, musicians and dancers as a part of the Talent No Talent Show on April 30.

The evening, credited to senior communications major Danielle Lampkin as part of her senior project, was filled with talented performers from ULV and the surrounding community.

Lampkin opened the show with her own spoken word poem entitled "Beats," setting the stage for the other performers of the night.

The event was complete with a disc jockey and hosted by BessKepp an alumnus of the University who hosts his own spoken word venue every Thursday called "A Mic and Dim Lights" located in the Pomona Arts Colony.

"I promised people a phenomenal show and that's exactly what they got," Lampkin said.

The event was an open forum that allowed people to sign-up as they arrived to give them a chance to participate. The performers were called up onstage in the order in which they signed up.

The ULV dance team was the first to kick the night off with a choreographed dance to the Pussycat Dolls song, "Wait a Minute."

The women helped to bring energy to the crowd that lasted throughout the night.

"We were invited to come out and perform," Tiffanie Sigal, senior speech communications major, said. "We felt good because we had a large audience."

The show offered a variety of talents, from singing and dancing to stepping and poetry.

> 'Our sorority is not as well known on campus but the audience really liked our performance.'
> *—Marlindy Braton, Delta Sigma Theta performer*

The women from Delta Sigma Theta sorority came out to show their support, and to have the opportunity to be recognized on campus.

The group included Marlindy Braton, senior liberal studies major, junior Chantel Hunley and Akeemi Croom, a senior business major who performed alongside their sorority sisters from their chapter.

"I thought it was a really good turnout; Danielle received a lot of love," Braton said. "Our sorority is not as well known on campus but the audience really liked our performance."

Other ULV student performers included Caitlin McCarthy, who delivered a traditional Irish dance that pleased the crowd; sophomore Matt Izaguirre, who read two of his own poems; and senior Monique Chambers, who performed a powerful message through her spoken word poetry.

"It went really well; there was a lot of diversity and a lot of people came out to support the show," said Adrienne Lampkin, mother of the event coordinator.

Closing the show was the special guest performers, the band One Year Yesterday, whose performance was a definite show-stopper.

The band was compared to Maroon 5 by audience members, who thought their music and lead singer Tyler Johnson's vocals reminded them a bit of the band.

"They were really good. I liked their beats and rhythm," Aracelia Sanchez, freshman international studies major said.

They opened their set with their song "Tease for Intention" from their album "Be There for You." They also performed several other songs, including their own rendition of Van Morrison's "Crazy Love."

Throughout the night raffle prizes

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Poetry lures faculty to Leo's Den

Victoria Allende
Staff Writer

Poets gathered for an afternoon of celebrating the seasons through poetry in Leo's Den to mark the beginning of poetry month on May 1.

University of La Verne professors and pastors from La Verne Church of the Brethren sat in a circle on the blue couches in Leo's Den to read their favorite poems and to share some of their original poetry among their peers.

ULV faculty who were present included Professor of English William Cook, Theater Manager Elizabeth Pietrzak and Director of Writing Kirsten Ogden.

Also participating were pastors Janet Ober and Susan Boyer from La Verne Church of the Brethren.

Everyone respectfully listened to one another as poetry was read in the intimate setting.

The participants were comfortable together and appeared to be old friends from their constant laughter and friendly support.

The event, which was coordinated by Dylan Haro, the Campus Activities Board concert chairman, had the theme of "Seasons."

"I enjoy poetry," Haro said. "I selected the theme 'Seasons' because Dr. Cook mentioned in his class that the seasons are cycles and that spring is rebirth."

Haro thought that since it is spring now and the semester is nearing an end, it would be good to have a rebirth to get students through until the end.

Pietrzak was the first to stand up and share her original poetry. She began with a series of dedications and went on to read a variety of her poems. Her descriptive words had the small group laughing at the funny and sometimes dark themes of her poetry.

"It was a nice little intimate gathering," Pietrzak said. "It's nice to get together with colleagues and new people to share poetry."

Veronica Estrada, who graduated from ULV in 2003, came to the poetry reading to listen to Pietrzak share her poetry.

"Beth is such an amazing poet," Estrada said. "It's a nice and refreshing break from life on a Thursday afternoon."

Estrada was one of the many attendees who were pleased to spend their afternoon sharing poetry.

"I don't know a better way to spend an afternoon," Ogden said.

Ogden enthusiastically shared some of her favorite poetry with the group and even made copies of one she wanted everyone to have after the poetry session. Ogden shared a collection of poetry inspired by her idea to write an image everyday, which she asks her students to try to do.

Ober, a pastor at La Verne Church of the Brethren, enjoyed reading one of her favorite poems, "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation," by Wendell Berry, along with a few others.

"It was fun," Ober said. "I love poetry. I've been reading [Berry] for twenty years."

Ober said she was invited to the event by Haro, since she knows him from church and she was happy to attend the poetry reading.

Cook also shared a variety of poems. He hopes that poetry readings will become a ritual at the University because it is a common practice at many other schools.

"I hope they make a practice out of it," Cook said. "You never find wisdom condensed the way you do in poetry."

Cook could get his wish in the fall semester if CAB hosts more poetry readings. It would be an anticipated event for those who already came out to share their poetry.

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Movie Review

'Iron Man' is solid fun

Dan Sayles
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If there's one movie to see this summer, go see "Iron Man."

This is the only way to describe the latest of the comic book adaptations to the silver screen.

"Iron Man" is about a man whose mechanical genius helps him survive being kidnapped by terrorists and helps to define his purpose in life.

The man underneath the armor is Tony Stark, played by the excellent Robert Downey Jr., who at age six, built his own engine and after his father's death, took the family company and built it into a large weapons manufacturer.

"They say the best weapon is one you do not have to fire," Stark said to a group of military officers in the rough, rugged, unforgiving land of Afghanistan in his company's demonstration of the new brand of missiles. "I respectfully disagree."

After the quite successful and destructive demonstration, Stark's convoy is attacked in a rather chilling way: his own weapons and missiles are used against the American military he thought he was protecting.

Waking up with a hole in his chest the size of a fist and with an object connected to a car battery, he is soothed by the doctor that was in the camp before him, Yaza, played by a genuinely sympathetic Shaun Toub.

He explains to Stark that the shrapnel that was still in his chest was stopped by the electromagnet that was put into the hole, using it to stop the small bits of sharp shrapnel from entering his heart and killing him.

"We have a name for people like you…the walking dead," Toub says, gesturing to the makeshift device.

Stark soon realizes the reason the terrorists have kidnapped him; they want the brutal Jericho missiles he had just demonstrated, and they want it within the week.

Stark is devastated, knowing full well that even if he gave them the missiles, they would not let him leave alive, but at the encouragement of Toub, they formulate a plan that will go on to change Stark's life forever.

There is no need to be a comic book aficionado to get into "Iron Man." Downey Jr.'s dry, witty humor comes at the most opportune times to lighten the mood and gives Stark a quality that is genuinely likable, especially when he is dealing with his less than quality robot helpers.

Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays Stark's assistant, Pepper Potts, was also outstanding, providing a believable partner to the rather eccentric Stark.

Any and all CG sequences are really hard to notice, and you can only really tell where the scenes are if you are actively searching for them.

But if you're like most other people, watching Iron Man swat bad guys away with his arm using bone-crushing force, flying like a rocket in the night and battling the bad guy, is more than enough.

"Iron Man" with Downey Jr.'s charm and likable personality, is something everyone in the audience can enjoy.

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Benefit concert is a success

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Staff Writer

University of La Verne seniors hosted a Rock For Hope benefit concert at the Roxy Theatre in Los Angeles on Saturday, benefiting breast cancer research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John's Health Center.

ULV communications majors Richard Lugo and Taryn Aguilar proved to be a great pair as they teamed together to find a venue, a charity, sponsors, bands and selling tickets to benefit an important cause.

The pair divided up the work and were each in charge of separate aspects of the event.

Lugo was the logistical director, whose responsibilities included getting a sponsorship, bands and organizing the budget, while Aguilar was the creative director, in charge of designing the Web site, creating flyers and designing a logo for the event.

This was a senior project that crossed the boundaries of the University and stepped over into the "real world," which proved to be a success for Lugo and Aguilar.

"We wanted to see if we could handle something of that caliber on our own," Lugo said. "We wanted some real world experience and it was invaluable."

The event, which brought in approximately 400 people throughout the night, ran smoothly and everything went according to plan.

The opening act of the night was the girl group, Nickname, made up of Deanna Knott, whose stage name is Honey Bun, Lauren Venerable, who goes by Show Out and LaTanya Fisher, known as 2-Tu, who got the crowd pumped up for the night.

"We do a lot of charity stuff," Honey Bun said. "We love to give back to the community."

"We are happy to be here and be a part of something very important and meaningful," Show Out said.

2-Tu also felt a strong need to come out and support breast cancer research.

"I have two family members who have cancer," 2-Tu said. "That's another reason why we wanted to do this."

2-Tu was a senior last year and can relate to Lugo and Aguilar's hard efforts to finish college.

"I hope they get a really great grade. We are just really glad to help out," 2-Tu said.

Tack, The Basco Bros., Thomas' Apartment, Blackcowboy and The Kodiacs were among the other bands to perform for the cause.

"I think it was a good turnout," Jeanne Blunt said, who came from Chino Hills to support the event. "It was good to see all those people out to support a good cause."

The event received a positive response as the crowd danced to the music and was kept entertained during band breaks with raffles and great prizes.

Through the help of sponsors, Lugo and Aguilar raffled off Tao hair flat irons and Macy's gift certificates, among other prizes, to the crowd.

Overall, the event was everything Lugo and Aguilar hoped it would be.

"It was an honor to be at such a legendary venue," Aguilar said.

While the event was a success, it was not without bumps in the road.

"It was a huge learning experience from day one until May 3," Aguilar said. "The biggest thing I learned is you always have to have a Plan B and C in place."

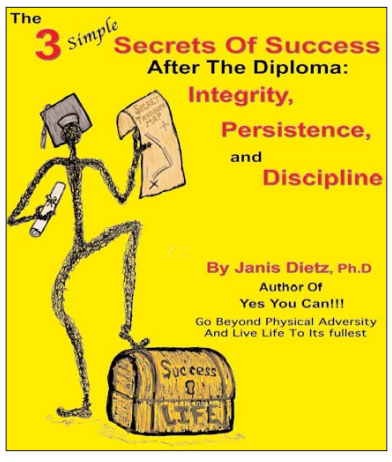
In the end, Lugo and Aguilar worked hard and their dedication paid off.

The future looks bright for the seniors who went above and beyond expectations to raise money for breast cancer research and who have changed lives all in the name of their senior project.

For more information about the Rock For Hope charity event, visit the Web site at **www.gorockforhope.com.**

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Baseball crowned SCIAC champs

Leopards sweep Sagehens



Jaclyn Dino

Assistant coaches Al Leyva and Dave Miranda and head coach Scott Winterburn celebrated as nine seniors played their last home game on May 2. After playing all four years at La Verne, pitcher Ryan Rose took the day off to rest his arm for the NCAA West Regional on Wednesday in Abilene, Texas. Rose started game three of the series against Pomona-Pitzer.

Marilee Lorusso
Sports Editor

The University of La Verne baseball team not only swept a three game series against conference foe Pomona-Pitzer, but the Leopards clinched the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title for the 19th time in the University's history.

"It was so hard to contain ourselves," senior pitcher Ryan Rose said. "When the ninth inning came around, we were ready to go (dogpile)."

The University honored the nine seniors from this season's squad before Friday's game.

Those who were honored included the seniors who have been a part of the program for four years including: Rose, Erik Beckman, Brandon Mikkelson and Jimmy Wilfong.

Seniors Scott Marcus, Trevor Boucher, Jack Mehl, Ryan Jordan and Mike Sechi were also honored for their contributions to La Verne baseball during their time with the program.

La Verne hosted the Sagehens on Friday at Ben Hines Field.

ULV went into the series knowing a sweep would be necessary to continue into the postseason.

"We set the goal as a team and we did it," Rose said.

"We could only worry about what we could control," junior relief pitcher Allen Komori said. "We knew that we had to sweep."

The Leopards were able to defeat Pomona-Pitzer with the closest score of the series, 8-7.

In an opening inning that would be back and forth between both teams, sophomore Tim Jolly got the start for the Leopards.

The Sagehens kicked off the game with two runs scored in the first inning.

La Verne was able to answer back after junior third baseman Mike Moretti and sophomore left fielder Jason Munoz put the Leopards on the scoreboard with three RBIs in the first inning.

La Verne led by four runs, with a 7-3 score, until the Sagehens answered back in the eighth with one run and in the ninth when Pomona-Pitzer rallied back to tie the game at 7-7.

"It got close in the ninth inning," head coach Scott Winterburn said.

It was down to the wire in the last inning of game one of the series, until Boucher hit a triple in the bottom of the ninth inning that would be a clutch hit for La Verne.

Freshman Eddie Kalankiewicz singled to left center field allowing Boucher to score the winning run.

Game one of the doubleheader on Saturday was hosted by the Sagehens at Alumni Field.

Junior Jesse Sweet got the start on the mound for the Leopards, but was unable to contain Pomona-Pitzer's bats as the Sagehens took a 4-0 lead after accumulating two runs in both the first and third innings.

It was in the fourth inning when sophomore Mike Belcher put La Verne on the board with a single that would drive two runs in after pinch hitting for sophomore center fielder, Demetri Mondotte.

La Verne's offense continued to gather runs as Boucher drove two more runs in the fifth after a single to right field.

In the sixth, Mehl's double brought in another run for the Leopards.

With Boucher's sacrifice fly in the seventh, senior designated hitter Marcus was able to score.

The Leopards would score one more time on another sacrifice fly by Marcus scoring senior shortstop Mehl in the eighth inning solidifying a win in game two of the series with a 7-4 victory for the La Verne.

In the final game of the series, Moretti sparked off what would be a huge win for the Leopards with a three-run home run in the third inning.

La Verne solidified their lead scoring one run in the fourth, five runs in the fifth inning followed by a three-run sixth inning and one run seventh.

Komori came in during the seventh inning to relieve Rose.

"I was just trying to get the last three outs for my team," Komori said.

Pomona-Pitzer was unable to get a rally started in the final innings of the game.

Rose got his seventh win of the season with a final score of 13-3.

"We got a chance to win the game and celebrate as a team," Winterburn said.

"I thought we played pretty consistently throughout. The difference really was Pomona-Pitzer ran out of energy and will," Winterburn said.

> 'Mentally, they'll be prepared. Physically they're ready. They've worked hard all year long.'
> *—Scott Winterburn, head coach*

Under Winterburn, the Leopards have captured the SCIAC title three times – in 2004, 2005 and now in 2008.

Winterburn said though winning the title was also dependent on the outcome of the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands series, he kept his team focused on themselves and their series with the Sagehens.

"It's all going to work out based on how we do," Winterburn said.

Redlands fell short in their series with CMS, winning only one game out of the series moving the Bulldogs to second place after leading SCIAC.

This time last season, both ULV and Pomona-Pitzer had their hopes come down to the wire as both teams were at the top of the conference standings with the decision leading up to La Verne's final series against the Whittier Poets.

However, with the winning run left on base in both the ninth and 10th innings of the final game of that series, the Leopards finished the 2006-2007 season in second place behind the Sagehens.

Winterburn said for now, the game plan is to give his team a well deserved rest so that they can rejuvenate mentally and the focus will be endurance as the team may have four to seven games in one weekend during Regionals.

"Mentally, they'll be prepared," Winterburn said. "Physically they're ready. They've worked hard all year long."

The Leopards will hit the road for the first game in the NCAA West Regionals in Abilene, Texas, on Wednesday.

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Softball advances in regionals

ULV takes conference tourney

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After finishing a strong season, the University of La Verne softball team defeated No. 2 ranked University of Texas-Tyler, 3-1, in the first game of the NCAA West Regionals yesterday.

Senior Jessica McLaughlin got the start on the mound for La Verne and held the UTT Patriots, who are hosting the tournament, to only four hits.

UTT got its only run in the bottom of the seventh during a late rally to take the game into extra innings.

However, McLaughlin and La Verne's defense did not allow the Patriots to score again.

In the eighth inning, the Leopards scored two runs to solidify their win.

La Verne will continue its postseason play in Texas against No. 3-ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor today at noon.

Last weekend the Leopards captured the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship.

After a weekend of strong playing, the Leopards were able to finish with a 3-1 record, giving them the win.

On Friday the team started off strong for the weekend.

La Verne came into the tournament as the No. 3 team in the conference, and played their first game against the No. 2 team, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

The Leopards triumphed over CMS with a 10-0 win.

La Verne gained an early lead when catcher Jessica Ortega hit a two-run homer in the second inning.

The sixth inning bummed out the Leopards even further against the Athenas.

They were able to score five runs against pitcher Julia Cruz.

Senior Lynsey Padilla and Junior Mandy Brenner each drove in a run as well.

Bringing the Leopards to their 10-0 lead was Melissa Carlson's three-run homer.

By winning the first game, ULV had one more game Friday.

The Leopards were able to come out on top with a 4-1 lead over the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens.

The Sagehens, who had already beaten Redlands earlier in the day, started off the game with a run.

The Leopards were able to come back in the fourth inning.

Senior Jodi Lindsay was able to score and tie the game on a fielding error after her and Padilla both hit singles.

Several fielding errors by the Sagehens gave La Verne the lead.

A two-run double by Ashley Paul gave the Leopards a comfortable lead.

With two wins ending Friday, La Verne only needed one more victory over Redlands to claim the SCIAC title.

Unfortunately, Redlands took the first defeat, making both teams replay each other for the conference win.

Redlands won the first game, 3-0.

Already season champions, Redlands was looking good for the final game.

Game two, however, was probably one of the closest of the whole tournament, but it brought out on top.

The Leopards started off on the right foot by scoring two runs in the first inning.

Later, La Verne scored two more in the third, when Granger hit a two-run single scoring Lindsay and Padilla.

Redlands scored one in the bottom of the third, but freshman Corbin Henault's bunt in the fifth gave a bigger gap to La Verne's lead.

However, in the bottom of the fifth Redlands scored three more runs bringing the score to 5-4.

The Leopards had a scare when Redlands Kayla Peterson was coming home, but fortunately thrown out, keeping them from tying.

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Kline named interim AD

From Staff Reports

With the departure of Christopher Ragsdale from the athletics director post, Julie Kline has accepted the position of interim athletic director for the 2008-2009 school year.

After coming to La Verne in July 2003, Ragsdale will now take the position of commissioner of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Provost Alden Reimonenq made this announcement through an e-mailed statement on Monday.

Currently, Kline serves as the senior women's administrator in the athletic department and is also an associate professor of movement and sports sciences.

Kline will still serve as the head women's basketball coach while attending to her new duties as interim athletic director.

In 2003, the Leopards took the SCIAC title for the first time under Kline's direction.

Kline has served as the head coach of the women's basketball team for 17 seasons, leading her squad to the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championship in the 2007-2008 season and SCIAC conference championships for the 2002-2003 and 2006-2007 campaigns.

Kline also served as head softball coach from 1993-2003. Under her leadership the team took four conference championships, including three in a row from 2000-2002.

She was also named All-American in basketball and softball while a student-athlete for the Whittier Poets and has been inducted into the Whittier College Athletic Hall of Fame.

Reimonenq has not yet announced a timetable for the formation of a search committee to fill the athletics director position permanently.

-Marilee Lorusso

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them.

McLaughlin's oldest daughter, Chloe, has a more severe case while her son, Michael, is less severe, but Michael has shown the most resistance toward treating himself.

Both of her children would periodically stop using their medications because of the effects it would have.

Some symptoms from using medication would be drooling, hair loss, weight gain, acne and liver and kidney complications.

Chloe would be more receptive to using her medications, while Michael would stop using those drugs and start drinking and using illegal drugs like heroin to feel better.

Of bipolar patients, 80 percent of them have drug and alcohol issues, McLaughlin said.

She does not treat those children any different than her daughter, Monica, her undiagnosed child. She does let them live at home because they are in their 20s and she does not make them take their medications. In her eyes, they are adults.

Most of her presentation consisted of answering questions from the audience.

Many of them had questions about the symptoms, medications and behaviors of someone with the disorder. Her research along with her personal experience helped answer the questions.

The Parodi family came because they saw an advertisement about it in the Daily Bulletin.

Daughter Cassandra Parodi has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder for four years and the father, Chuck Parodi, recently found out about it.

Cassandra Parodi was glad she came because the lecture helped her parents to understand what she was going through.

" (I) try to understand her ups and downs for the things she does," Chuck Parodi said.

McLaughlin did let everyone know that people suffering from bipolar disorder can live normal lives. Her daughter is considered permanently disabled, but she is married.

" If you work on it, there is an end," McLaughlin said.

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were raffled off to those who attended.

The event was a definite success, drawing people from the ULV and surrounding communities, alumni and students together for a great show.

" I wanted to show my support to my friend and I also thought this was a good event for ULV because it doesn't happen too often," ULV alumnus Bjorn Biggles said.

Biggles also enjoys spoken word poetry and thought the event offered ULV the opportunity to witness talented performers at the show.

" I was invited to the event by BessKepp," Rick Molina, a teacher from Park West High School, said. " It was a good way to bring the community together. They should hold events like this more."

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