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Construction offers opportunity

ULV seeks green certification

Lesley Michaels
News Editor

The changed traffic patterns, closed parking lots and construction noise are all birthing pains for the large building that is being erected next to the Athletics Complex.

The Abraham Student Center is on schedule for completion in late May 2009. The inconveniences and anticipation will fade once the structure is finished, for this building has no comparison on the University of La Verne campus.

Once completed, the Student Center will also enhance the campus' beauty, adding an impressive focal point.

"The building will change the campus skyline from Arrow Highway, especially because it's a three-story building among mostly two-story buildings," Chip West, director of the campus center, said.

The building will also be a milestone for environmental awareness, according to Roger Hardy's office. Hardy is the deputy vice president for major projects and campus development.

A green initiative, actively sought by ULV, implies that the building will strive to follow sustainability guidelines. The quest was led through a $50,000 grant from the architects. Gonzalez/Goodale Architects are pushing for a high level of certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System.

After the architects rendered the projected image, K.A.R. Construction has been at full tilt ever since. The steel framing is complete, and work has begun on the windows and roof, with a project phase completion date of late December.

> 'The building will change the campus skyline from Arrow Highway, especially.'
> *—Chip West, office of the executive vice president*

According to Hardy, K.A.R. Construction has been closely linked with ULV, since president Kurt Rothweiler's son attended La Verne.

K.A.R. Construction has also renovated buildings for ULV's College of Law campus in Ontario.

The impressive large building—45,000 square feet and a towering three stories above ground—is a major investment.

"The budget of the building is $21 million, which has been accumulated through fundraising," Hardy said.

The structure will be called the Abraham Campus Center,

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Steven Bier

Palm trees that were originally planted next to the Old Gym remain at the site of the Abraham Campus Center, the newest addition to the University of La Verne. The construction is scheduled to be completed in June 2009. The Center will offer new amenities to students and faculty.



courtesy of Gonzalez/Goodale Architects

An architect's rendering of the completed Campus Center depicts a showcase structure that will become ULV's hub of activity.

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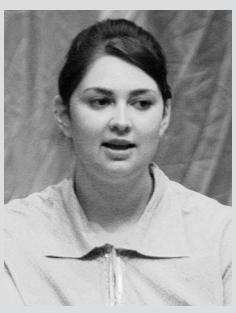

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TB scare hits campus

Victoria Farlow
Staff Writer

A tuberculosis scare prompted an Aug. 28 University of La Verne Health Center e-mail to the ULV community about a summer program participant found to be infected with TB.

The infected high school student was a member of the REACH camp hosted by the College of Business and Public Management.

ULV's College of Business and Public Management invited high school students to join them for the third annual summer REACH program, where the students are given the opportunity to experience higher education and dorm life. The camp was held July 7-25.

The Public Health Department contacted the University after the student had sought medical attention with symptoms believed to be tuberculosis.

Students and faculty members who participated in the program have been identified after a week-long process, and a selection of high-risk persons were made.

The ULV community has been assured that there is no real threat to the health of the rest of the campus.

Tuberculosis is primarily contracted by inhaling airborne bacteria while in close contact with an individual who is infected with an active form of the disease.

One cannot contract tuberculosis through contact with clothing or general items or by

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New librarians come to Wilson

Natalie Veissalov
Staff Writer



Leah Heagy

Shelley Urbizagastegui is one of two new librarians to start at the Wilson Library this year. She, along with new colleague Andre Ambrus, will assist students with school assignments, research and senior projects.

The University of La Verne has welcomed two new librarians to the Elvin and Betty Wilson Library to help enrich the academic life of students.

Andre Ambrus and Shelley Urbizagastegui began their new librarian positions Sept. 2.

Although they are new to the campus, they feel like they fit well in the ULV academic culture.

"I have felt extremely happy," Urbizagastegui said. "Everybody has been so great."

Both bring much experience and knowledge.

Urbizagastegui earned an undergraduate degree in English with a minor in Spanish, and she furthered her academic career by obtaining a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh.

She worked as a librarian for 15 years at Whittier College. She also worked as a student adviser to Native American students.

"Whittier College functions almost like the University of La Verne," Urbizagastegui said.

Ambrus also has an experienced background. He worked full-time as a librarian at California Institute of the Arts and part-time at Cal State Northridge. He received an undergraduate degree in comparative literature, and he went on to earn a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"It prepared me to become an academic librarian," Ambrus said.

Both librarians are familiar with a variety of book genres. Ambrus enjoys reading books about religion, especially Buddhism, philosophy and alternate healing. Urbizagastegui enjoys reading Native American fiction and non-fiction books.

Urbizagastegui said she left Whittier College and came to work at ULV because of the school's modern and innovative library. She credits the University with having a great reputation and excellent graduate programs. Urbizagastegui also said she likes how ULV allows librarians to interact with students on a one-on-one basis.

"The diversity is so great," she said.

Ambrus decided to join La Verne's library faculty and leave his previous job because he found out that there were more opportunities to work with faculty members at ULV.

"There are more subject areas to work with at this campus," Ambrus said.

Ambrus and Urbizagastegui both believe that ULV's library staff include a group of great individuals.

Switching jobs can sometimes be scary and overwhelming. However, beginning a new job with someone else that is also new to the faculty can make the transition much easier.

"It is nice to have a new colleague to start with," Ambrus said.

Librarians act as academic research leaders for both students and professors.

"We get really excited about helping the students," Librarian and Associate Professor Donna Bentley said. She noted that students who make contact with the librarians usually see a direct benefit in their class work.

Librarians work with undergraduate and graduate students from all of ULV's campuses, including the Ventura and Orange County locations. They assist students with term papers, senior projects and dissertations.

"We travel out to the distant campuses on Saturday mornings or in the evening," Bentley said about their additional responsibilities on other campuses.

When there are many students in need of help, it can become stressful for librarians, said Bentley. The assistance of Ambrus and Urbizagastegui is going to be greatly appreciated in the upcoming months when students come in with questions and need help.

"I am really excited to meet the students and faculty," Urbizagastegui said. "I look forward to working collaboratively in the upcoming years."

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A & S Dean's List, Spring 2008

The following students earned a grade point average of 3.75 or better in the College of Arts and Sciences during the spring 2008 semester.

Muhammad Abbas
Matthew Abrams
Susan Acker
Taryn Aguilar
Michelle Ajemian
Victoria Allende
Deborah Allison
Zain Alshamiyeh
Mohamad Rizal Amin
Ana Andrade
Juan Andrew Angeles
Edith Angeliyan
Pablo Arana
Christopher Arce
Taline Baghdadlian
Madison Bradley
Dana Brewer
Janine Brown
Whitney Brown
Madison Burga
Lilia Cabello
Leslie Cantu
Brianna Cardenas
Yasmin Cardona
Krystal Carrillo
Travis Case
Adrianna Castillo
Monique Chambers
Claudia Chavez
Jennifer Clark
Jeret Coniglio
Michael Consolo
Ashley Contreras
Gretchen Cooper
Daniel Costanza
Erin Coulter
Angela Coyle
Lauren Crosby
Ashley Cyrus
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Matthew Heyd
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Olivia Horta
Vienna Interiano
Benjamin Jenkins
Kiran Jethani
Crista Jones
Trenecca Jones
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Patrick Myers
Hannamarie Nakama
Matthew Nasont
Andrew Nguyen
Jamie Ondatje
Naomi Padron
Alma Parada
Jillian Peña
Galo Pesantes
Thelma Pinheiro
Tyler Plasch
Nicole Pond
Lance Powell
Jason Purvis
Michael Quesada
Joseph Redmon
Chris Ricapa
Mikaila Rimbenieks
Kelly Rivas
Rocio Rodriguez
Emily Romo
Alyson Rowe
Roberto Ruiz
Monique Samudio
Amanda Santos
Lynee Sanute
Jennifer Scarr
Jennifer Schiller
Dustin Sciarrotta
Megan Sebestyen
Priscilla Segura
Monique Sheppard
Douglas Skelton
John Skelton
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Jonathan Stapleton
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Chip West receives new position

Alex Senyo
Staff Writer



Stephanie Arellanes

Working under the auspices of Facilities Management, Chip West oversees the construction details of the Abraham Campus Center. The facility will include the new Leo's Den, a student convenience store, café, conference room, mailroom, office space and new classrooms. West formerly served as the assistant dean of student affairs and director of student life.

With the new fall semester, the University of La Verne has seen one of its most popular and active staff members, Chip West, take a new position and assume new responsibilities.

West, former assistant dean of Student Affairs and director of student life, has been reassigned to Phil Hawkey's office of the executive vice president to be the director of the new Abraham Campus Center. In this new assignment, West will no longer be supervising ULV Student Life activities. In past years, when Student Life activities took place, West was there. But that is not the case anymore.

"I had expressed interest in the past," West said about his new post. "I was offered the opportunity by the executive vice president, and I hit it. I thought it would be a great stepping stone."

West is one of the prime people responsible for the new Abraham Campus Center, which has been the talk of the La Verne community for quite some time.

So far, he said the responsibilities have been immense.

From dealing with furniture, alarm systems and fire safety to communicating with contractors and student staffing, West is at the reins, all in hopes of meeting the University's June 2009 opening deadline.

"I'm kind of the University rep for the project. The contractors and builders, it is just a building to them," West said.

Doug Waite, manager of student life services, said he is excited about West's newest position. Waite joins West in the new assignment.

"I enjoy him as a supervisor and enjoy working with him," Waite said. "His new duties are overseeing the new Campus Center, and I think he will do a great job."

While West's new responsibilities are to ensure the Campus Center lives up to everyone's expectations and to oversee any final details and occupancy of the building, he will not stop there. When the Center is finally finished, West will bring his knowledge and experience of student management and relations to help keep the center and University connected and flowing. The main goal is to make the Campus Center the living room, or the center of activity, at the University.

"Overall duties are being defined as they go," Waite said. "We are still in a time of change."

West agreed, explaining that as things begin to settle down and become a little more solid, his duties will be changing. He is incredibly eager to take on his new title and work with new colleagues.

"I am working with Dave Koch and Roger Hardy. Great guys," West said. "Roger is one of the smartest guys I have ever met."

In regards to Student Life and any ties he may have had, it seems that West has already moved on from his attachment to Greek life and other student activities.

"I was there for four years, and I thought it was time to move on."

For now, Barbara Mulligan is the interim director of student life, along with her previous position of associate director of student life.

West's new office is located in the Facilities office on First and E Street.

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NEWS BRIEFS

'Ort' Hospitalized

Former ULV coach and educator Roland "Ort" Ortmayer remains in hospice care in Hillcrest Homes Woods Health Services with a severe case of pneumonia. ULV's football stadium is named after this prolific and accomplished man.

Faculty Lecture

Kenneth Scambray, professor of English, will lead a presentation on "Watts Towers and Fresno's Underground Gardens" in the President's Dining Room at noon, Tuesday.

Town Meeting

President Steve Morgan, Provost Alden Reimonenq and other staff will be giving updates at a "State of the University Town Meeting," Sept. 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in La Fetra Lecture Hall.

GAS Moves

Graduate Academic Services is in a new location. It has moved from Woody Hall to the building that formerly housed the Mosaic Cultural Institute on Second Street, between D and E streets.

Parking Tickets

Beginning Monday, Campus Safety will issue tickets to any vehicles that don't have valid parking permits. Permits are required Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

—Erin Konrad

WEB EXCLUSIVES

The Campus Times Online Edition is updated with new stories every Monday and Wednesday evening.

Log on to ***www.ulv.edu/campustimes*** *for current stories.*



New email accounts for LV

Susan Acker
Managing Editor

New e-mail accounts are up and running. University of La Verne students are now able to store more e-mails and keep the new e-mail addresses after graduation.

"I like that it comes with more storage," Shannon Matlock, junior political science major said.

New accounts were made available Sept. 1. Each new address contains the student's first name, last name and ends with laverne.edu instead of ulv.edu.

"While it is Gmail, it is a ULV account," said Clive Houston-Brown, chief information officer in the office of information technology.

Houston-Brown said that the new accounts allow for 7GB of space as opposed to the 30MB available with the old accounts.

"We set up forwards in all e-mail accounts," Houston-Brown said.

Old accounts are still active, but all e-mails now sent to those accounts are automatically forwarded to the new accounts.

Students' old accounts will only be accessible for four months.

However, old e-mails from those accounts are not easily transferred, as of yet.

Matlock said she has many e-mails she cannot transfer to her new account.

"We are looking at a way to help students migrate mail across," Houston-Brown said.

Houston-Brown said it is important for students to understand that ULV student accounts are only accessible through the ULV Web site.

Students cannot access their new accounts through Google.com.

Many students were happy with the transition, but some were concerned about problems they had encountered.

"The passwords are not working," Jennifer Quezada, junior business major said.

"It is inconvenient that I cannot change my password," Matlock said.

Students originally were provided with a pre-generated password they could not change.

Houston-Brown said OIT was aware of the problem and his department was working to fix it.

Students are now able to change their passwords for the new accounts.

Some students have not started to use their new accounts.

"I have not used it yet," Steven Urena, senior movement and sports science major said.

"I just keep giving out my old address," Maritza Ramirez, sophomore athletic training major said.

With the new accounts, students are responsible for making sure that contacts know the new address before the old accounts are no longer available.

Students can access information about the new e-mail accounts at **www.ulv.edu/gmail**.

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Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

We believe in journalism as an honorable profession and, recognizing the opportunities for service to the University of La Verne, do hereby establish the following canons for governance of professional practice as obligatory on every staff member of the *Campus Times*.

I. NAME

The *Campus Times* is the official student newspaper of the University of La Verne. It is published weekly during the regular semester and funded by the University Trustees as a laboratory publication of the University's journalism curriculum. The paper is distributed free on-campus.

II. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the *Campus Times* is to publish unbiased news accounts, to provide a vehicle for the balanced expression of student opinion and to maintain strong, responsible leadership. Further, the *Campus Times* shall strive to be the mirror of the public mind, interpreter of the public intent and troubler of the public conscience.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

1. The *Campus Times* shall seek to uphold the finest standards and highest ideas of journalism, and, in particular, be devoted to truth, accuracy and fairness.

2. Realizing the power of the written word, the *Campus Times* staff members shall strive to use good judgment and sensitivity toward the protection of the well-being of the people of the University of La Verne.

3. The *Campus Times* is the information line of the University and shall be treated in a manner that reflects the personality of the campus.

IV. FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

1. Freedom of the press is to be guarded as a vital right of humanity. Freedom from all obligations except that of fidelity to the students' right-to-know is vital. It is the unquestionable right of the *Campus Times* to discuss whatever is not explicitly forbidden by law, while at the same time observing the responsibility cited in Section III.

2. A hands-off policy will be followed by University administrators, staff, students and faculty (other than the newspaper adviser(s) who serve as teachers) concerning story generation, writing, editing and distribution of the *Campus Times*.

3. The *Campus Times* will not be subject to censorship by University officials or agents unless a specific issue is deemed to include contents of a libelous or otherwise illegal nature.

V. COMMUNITY SCOPE

1. The *Campus Times* shall cover the entire scope of student activities as space allows and present a timely, unbiased and balanced representation of University of La Verne activities and events occurring on its campuses.

2. As space permits, the *Campus Times* shall strive to cover entertainment in the surrounding community, including major events on other area campuses.

3. Realizing that the University of La Verne is an integral part of the community, the *Campus Times* will report important events as news relates to the student body.

VI. FAIR PLAY

1. Publication of propaganda under the guise of news shall not be permitted. The *Campus Times* shall not invade the rights of any individual and will be restricted by the established principles of fair comment.

2. To protect freedom in the classroom, statements made by faculty members in the classroom shall not be quoted. Such statements may only be quoted with the individual's consent. However, statements made in public gatherings and in interviews with *Campus Times* staff members are subject to direct quotation.

3. Retracting false or malicious statements shall be considered a privilege as well as a duty. *Campus Times* staff members who violate this editorial policy may be obliged by the editor to relinquish their position, subject to appeal.

VII. IMPARTIALITY

1. The *Campus Times* shall not endorse political candidates or espouse political parties. However, editorial columnists shall be free to take positions on state and national political platforms and candidates.

2. The *Campus Times* shall print letters to the editor to provide an opportunity for reader opinion. Letters will be printed according to space available. When all letters are not printed, especially on controversial subjects, the editor will attempt to print the most cogent arguments made in the letters and approximately reflect the proportion of the letters received by the number of letters printed. Letters must conform to *Campus Times* policy and to applicable laws, including libel laws. All letters must be signed; however, names may be withheld upon request. Letters must be typed, no more than 400 words in length and are due by Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

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IX. AMENDMENTS

Further, the structure or existence of the code of ethics should be viewed as continually open to change and evolution. For just as the requirements and purposes of the University of La Verne are altered by time, so also its newspaper.

Gmail: Good or bad?

More storage for e-mail: great! Being able to keep your e-mail account after graduation: fantastic! Inconvenience: bad!

New e-mail accounts seem to have caused students more headaches not needed upon their return to school this fall.

The idea of having to figure out some way to save all of the important e-mails in your old account, notify everyone who has your e-mail address and remember a new password can be somewhat of a daunting task.

Asking some of us to remember our own phone numbers right now can be a stretch considering all of the stress and demands of college life—not to mention the fact that every single Web site you join requires a password. And trying to come up with a new password for the new account is like trying to solve a Sudoku puzzle with your eyes closed. It is like writing a secret code. Pick one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number with a minimum of eight characters. Oh, and do not forget that it cannot be any password you have used the last 10 times you chose a new ULV password.

What is next, retina scans to open our e-mail?

Seriously, though, it would have been nice if the accounts had been made available before the first week of school.

Students are now responsible for one more thing that is nice, but a bit bothersome.

Of course, perhaps the benefits greatly outweigh the annoyances—thus far.

There is now much more space available in the new accounts, and students can keep e-mail accounts long after graduation. Forever is a nice idea, but forever is a really long time. We will see on that account.

The Office of Information Technology was thoughtful enough to allow four months for students to figure out what to do with all of those old e-mails and get the word out about their new addresses.

And OIT is working diligently to solve problems and fix all of the bugs. We just hope that everything gets figured out soon so that our e-mail lives can return to normal.

Some students are still facing challenges, and they are unable to open their new accounts. How are students going to use the great new accounts if they can't open them? With the frequency of communication via e-mail, students rely on their accounts. College life is passing them by.

Another issue that students face with the new accounts is the differences between the old e-mail service and the new.

Our old accounts used to lock up after a certain period of time. Though that feature was inconvenient, it was one more assurance of privacy and security. On trial runs in our newsrooms, the new Gmail accounts stay open. We have accidentally mixed up our accounts when they have been left open.

That again is one more thing students have to think about every time they finish using their e-mail. Do not forget to log out; the system will not do it for you.

Well, it has problems now, everything new does, but maybe we will love it in three months. We will see.

Oh, by the way . . . faculty and staff, you are next in line, come Jan. 1.

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The *Campus Times* encourages readers to submit letters regarding topics covered in the newspaper. Signed letters (if hand delivered to our ACB office) 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. Send email letters to ctimes@ulv.edu.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Cast your vote, make a difference



ERIN KONRAD

In my lifetime, there has never been a more exciting period in political history than the one right now.

For the first time ever, an African American candidate is in the running to be President of the United States. Last week, Republican nominee John McCain named his running mate—a qualified and well-respected woman.

The role of political players has normally belonged to rich, white males.While there have been important and significant minorities represented in the government, they have always been relegated to the sidelines.

For the first time in my life, I see the mold being broken.

The candidates running for the most crucial office in our country have not all grown up with money and resources. Two actually represent the struggle experienced by so many—not everyone in America has access to an equal education, health care or a decent job.

Perhaps for the first time in decades, the United States is ready to accept that not all of our citizens can simply pull themselves up by their bootstraps. Indeed, as Barack Obama noted, some people don't even have boots.

I watched the Democratic National Convention a few weeks ago with a renewed sense of hope and duty.

I was awed by the speeches. Michelle Obama displayed the grace necessary for the role of First Lady.

Joe Biden showed a charismatic and dedicated personality, and Barack Obama spoke with a confident humor and passion that most politicians don't possess.

I was most affected by the people in the audience at the convention. These people were so moved by the rhetoric being spoken that they had tears streaming down their faces.

It was watching these "ordinary" people get so emotional that struck a chord with me.

It reminded me that I have a chance to make a difference along with others with the ability to cast my vote.

I was hurt last semester when a professor on this campus wrote a letter to the paper saying that a column I wrote about my dislike of jury service was a sign that I was ignorant of history and uncaring.

I have been a dutiful citizen—following elections and local news and voting in every election (and I've never once been arrested).

Although I've still been holding a grudge about this critique, I realized that my true love of history and hope for this country were not displayed when I sat in a courtroom, passing hours as I waited for my number to be called.

Instead, it becomes visible every time I step into that voting booth and pull the curtain behind me.

This election represents the possibilities for change.

We don't necessarily have to be in a war where our soldiers are being killed. We don't have to shell out $4 for a gallon of gas, or go without doctors' visits because we can't afford them. It is possible to hope for a better future…for everyone.

I believe that America can renew its promise of equality and its fulfillment of dreams. All it takes is the commitment to get out there and vote. I don't care if you vote for McCain or Obama—just vote.

Because it is up to every one of us to make an impact.

We all have the ability to speak our minds in this country, and it's certainly time that the youth in America make their voices heard.

Our country can prosper and flourish, even in times of strife.

We have the ability to make a better tomorrow for everyone, no matter their race, economic status or gender. In the words of Obama: "Yes, we can."

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Oops! O.J. did it again



JENNIFER KITZMANN

The O.J. Simpson trial is back again—not for murder but for armed robbery. This time, the media has little to no sympathy for the former football star. Simpson is accused of armed robbery of a Las Vegas sports memorabilia dealer September 2007.

According to Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass, the Simpson trial in Las Vegas will not be cancelled, rescheduled or postponed and she assured defense attorneys that this decision would not change. The trial will continue as planned.

The judge interrogated potential jurors whether they considered Simpson a murderer, and she asked potential jurors to put aside their feelings about his acquittal in the trial for the slaying of his ex-wife and her friend in 1994.

The judge also said jurors should avoid any media or Web content on this case or the previous O.J. murder case.

This may be a difficult task for jurors. Jurors might also find it hard to put aside their feelings about O.J.'s guilt from the 2004 trial. How will they say they don't know about the O.J. trials in 1994 for his wife's murder? Unless they look for jurors in a far away island where they have no prior O.J. trial knowledge, it almost seems impossible for anyone to have little or no opinion on the subject, especially after the recent book he wrote titled, "If I Did It."

O.J. received $3.5 million to write about how he would have killed his ex-wife and her friend had he done it. Why should we give O.J. any more of our time, tax dollars and concern? Who writes a book like that if they are innocent?

For now, 248 potential jurors have been called to serve. Only 12 will be appointed. The court has potentially picked 19; seven will serve as alternates.

Knowing human nature, some will serve with the back of the mind thought that they will get back at O.J., no matter what they promised. And for those who were up front saying they thought O.J. was a murderer? Perhaps they just wanted to get out of the five weeks of jury duty. Only the "hard-core O.J. go get him jurors" will stay in for the long haul.

The judge said if they think they're going to punish Simpson for what happened in Los Angeles, then this is not the case for them. Nevertheless, this is more like a fish in a tank full of sharks ready to eat him.

The judge also told the jury pool that if any of the jurors were looking to become famous or to write a book about the case, then they don't belong either.

I don't think this will work either, but it was a good effort.

It is human nature to be connected to historic moments and then profit from them through story telling. I can see it now: titles like "He Got What He Deserved" or "O.J. Could Not Run This Time." I think book deals will be flying after this one.

The "no sympathy" for O.J. has already spread to the Las Vegas community to other cities.

A restaurant across the street from the courthouse has a menu called "O.J.'s killer breakfast special." It is a shot of O.J., a stab of steak, scrambled eggs and cheese handcuffed with onion rings. That sounds like a loser breakfast to me.

Regardless of the O.J. history, and whether he is guilty or not, I hope the truth comes out. It is no longer in O.J.'s destiny to save himself. Johnny Cochran is no longer here to save him, and his life now lies in the hands of the people. I will be watching this trial, as I watched his last trial, just to see if the gloves really do fit this time.

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Standing by my convictions



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Self-sufficiency, responsibility and the importance of having convictions: these are all things I have learned from my life in college.

What I have spent much time thinking about and questioning are my convictions. And I have come to a conclusion.

I am standing by my convictions. I am a right-wing conservative. I am a registered Republican. I am pro-life, and I am planning to join the National Rifle Association.

There, I said it. I am standing up for what I believe.

I have to give some of the credit for my confidence to Sarah Palin—once the little-known governor from Alaska; now the republican candidate for vice president of the United States.

Though many have verbally slammed her and said she was chosen by McCain to win over women voters, she has not wavered in her beliefs and convictions.

I like that she is a proud member of the NRA, and that she is not afraid to tell people. What I like the most about her, though, is that she is who she says she is. She is pro-life and even though she knew her fifth child was going to have Down syndrome, she did not have an abortion.

Standing for what is right and what you believe in is hard to do when the right thing is often wrong in the eyes of those around you.

Many of my views are not very popular in today's climate, but one thing I have learned throughout the past few years is the importance of having convictions and standing by them.

That does not mean I am going to shove my ideas down the throats of everyone I meet; it just simply means that I am not going to be a pushover.

My education has taught me to be open to discussing ideas with others without getting defensive and upset.

I used to hate the idea of discussing politics with democrats.

To be completely honest, I used to hate to discuss politics with anyone who did not share my beliefs and ideas. I used to find it difficult to even spend time with others who had different views and ideas.

Now I understand that just because someone does not share my beliefs or ideas that does not mean that I cannot learn from them and have a meaningful conversation.

When I am open to listening to someone else's opinions and ideas, that often strengthens my convictions.

I have learned to stand for what I believe and not to waver just because what I believe is not "en vogue."

The most important thing that I have learned though, is to have convictions and to really stick with those convictions.

I'm not saying that I never change my mind or have a change of heart; I'm not pigheaded. I just feel very strongly that believing in something is important.

If you believe in a cause or an issue, don't be afraid to really stand for what you think is important.

Don't sit on the sidelines hoping that someone else will stand up and fight for what is right.

On that note, I will get up on my soapbox and remind you to vote in the upcoming election.

Voting is one simple way to make your voice heard. Read about the issues. Find out what is important to you. If you choose to sit on the sidelines, you have no basis to complain.

Who knows? Maybe your vote will be the one to make a difference.

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All's Fair in Pomona

Los Angeles County Fair celebrates its 86th year on its opening day

by Madison Steff • photography by Christina Worley

It looks like a battered corn dog and sounds anything but healthy, but this deep-fried cream filled sponge finger cake on a stick is back, and that means so is the Fair.

The Los Angeles County Fair returned to the Pomona Fairplex last Friday and will remain the city's main attraction until Sept. 28.

"I look forward to the fair every year," Alexandra Whitney, a La Verne resident said. "I have been coming ever since I was a kid and have never missed a year."

Along with the random fried foods including deep-fried Twinkies, Spam, Oreos, avocados and frog legs, the Fair has a wide variety of "normal" food.

Some people even have a food schedule when they visit the fair just to make sure they do not forget anything.

"I'm definitely starting with an artichoke, then a burrito and maybe some ice-cream. And don't forget the beer," Kelly Ince, a University of La Verne senior liberal studies major, said.

This year, the Fair has several new attractions including, "A Pirate's Life," a comedy pirate show for all ages. "A Pirates Life" is an aerial high wire show that leaves everyone laughing. After the show, viewers are encouraged to dig for buried treasure and can learn how to talk like a pirate.

There is also a new exhibit for animal lovers called the "Bark Park." At the "Bark Park," specially trained K-9s can show off their skills by conquering the obstacle course or playing a game of soccer.

The "Bark Park" also has a wide variety of pet products available for purchase. For those who like to pamper their pups, the park offers a Canine Kitchen, Woof Fashion show and Maddy's Doggie Health & Beauty Spa. There, visitors can learn to cook gourmet food for their dogs, check out the latest fashions in the dog world and learn how to pamper their four-legged friends.

One of the most popular attractions at the Fair this year seems to be the "Going Green" exhibit. "Going Green" is an interactive exhibit on living a green lifestyle that focuses on recycling and alternative forms of energy. The exhibit is designed to resemble a rainforest and includes several rare plants and animals.

"The green building was really pretty and informative," Whitney said.

If none of the new attractions spark your interest, do not worry because the Fair still has all the old favorites including rides, games, animals, horse racing and shops.

> 'After everything, we go to the home and garden section and soak our feet in the spa. It feels amazing.'
> *—Christine Sanchez, Los Angeles resident*

Christine Sanchez and her two friends call themselves experienced fair-goers and make it a tradition to come every year.

"We all like different things, so we get to see it all," Sanchez said.

This year, the fair has some of the biggest names in the entertainment business performing in their End of Summer Concert Series.

The series was kicked off with a weekend full of performances including War, Sugarland and the Doobie Brothers. Some other bands set to take stage include Jessica Simpson, KC & the Sunshine Band, the Bangles, Lifehouse and Los Tigres Del Norte.

"Sugarland was awesome," Ince said. "I'm going to see Jessica [Simpson] too, but I don't know if she'll even compare. They were so good."

They fair also offers other forms of entertainment including Monster Truck Madness, American Daredevils-Random Acts of Recklessness, Guilherme Marchi Classic Professional Bull Riders and LG World Championships of Freestyle Motocross.

When the day is done, and your feet are aching, the experienced fair-goers have some words of wisdom.

"After everything, we go to the home and garden section and soak our feet in the spa," Sanchez said. "It feels amazing."

The L.A. County Fair is open Wednesday through Sunday.

Weekday admission is $12, $9 for adults 60 years of age and older and $7 for children ages 6-12. Weekend admission is $17, $14 for adults 60 years of age and older and $12 for children ages 6-12.

Children under the age of 6 are free, and every Thursday is college day, so remember to bring your college ID and receive a discount on admission.

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Christina Worley

Following inspirational speeches at the Flower and Garden Building, (left to right) Ana Soto, representing California Assemblywoman Nell Soto, Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, and Pomona Mayor Norma Torres help with the ribbon cutting that symbolizes the opening of the 86th annual L.A. County Fair. The fair runs through Sept. 28.

CAB welcomes students back

Jennifer Kitzmann
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The Campus Activities Board began the first week of September with events to welcome students back to the University of La Verne for fall semester.

"We are planning to do many events this semester to get students back into the school spirit," Campus Activities Board Concert Chair Monica Esparza said.

Last year, many students did not participate in events planned by CAB, but board members are positive students will respond better this year.

CAB is planning to be more effective about publicizing events for students.

They also plan to schedule their events during the day so more students can participate. Commuters often leave campus after classes, so they do not attend many night events.

CAB will also cut back on the number of activities they plan, so that more money can be spent on larger events.

"Many students who commute were not able to participate in some of the events last year, but it is hoped everyone this year can be more involved," Esparza said.

"Welcome Back Week" was more than just an event to welcome students back to school. There were also activities that served to introduce students to the other clubs available on campus.

On Sept. 5, in Davenport, the Multicultural Club Council sponsored "No Spots, No Shots," where students danced, meet other people and had their pictures taken. The theme was created to encourage students to dress up in spots and Leopard prints to show school spirit.

There were also "mocktails," which are non-alcoholic shots that helped encourage students to get on the dance floor.

"It is more than just clubs getting together to have an event, but also supporting each other," Philanthropy Chair Kaitlin Eckert said.

On Sept. 4, CAB Film Chair Chris Weedon hosted an Outdoor Movie Night, a showing of "Iron Man" that helped to welcome students back to campus.

CAB estimated that more than 100 students participated in the event.

The crowd of students hung out on the steps of Sneaky Park until midnight to see the ending of the movie, and some said they wanted to see it again.

On Sept 4, Leopards participated in "Race My Ride," where students took time out from classes and raced toy remote cars in front of Founders Auditorium.

Many students, who were already stressed by the first week of school, had a hard time getting their remote cars moving in the right direction but thought it was a good way to release tension.

"It is a great way to come out and support each other and other sorority sisters," senior liberal studies major Alexandrina Velasco said. "I didn't get my car all the way around to the finish line, but it was a great way to take a break from classes."

CAB members are looking forward to a successful season with fewer events that will draw larger crowds.

They will soon be providing students with wallet-sized calendars of events, so the schedule will be readily available to all students.

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Leah Heagy

During "Welcome Back Week," University of La Verne students Ami Smith, Kristina Vaughn and Nick Gonzalez joined in the "Welcome Back BBQ" in Sneaky Park, where there was line dancing and commuters got to eat for free.

Campus Center . . .

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which is named after the primary donor, Michael Abraham, Hardy said.

Those involved with management of the project speculate that the opening of the Center will not only change the physical presence of the campus, but will also alter the feel of the campus at large. The question they pose is: Do students realize they are on the brink of re-branding the visual and social realms of ULV?

Students have been noting the visual transformations since December 2007. On the other hand, Hardy has been visualizing this transformation for more than two years.

The Student Center is designed to serve all types of students—commuters, boarders, grad students and even faculty.

One of the current limitations of the La Verne campus, according to Hardy, is that there is no gathering place for students to learn about activities and groups to participate in.

"The University hasn't had much of a center; no nexus for students," Hardy said.

The nature of La Verne—having no center for activity—makes it hard for students to show excitement for something they cannot see, Hardy said.

Once the Center opens, students will surely appreciate the cafeteria, lounges, concerts and breathtaking third floor view, he said.

Nevertheless, there are doubters. "I haven't heard anything about the new Student Center," said Jessica Hernandez, a junior athletic training major. "There is a construction banner that explains what is being built, but they should try to explain what it will have so that students can get excited about it."

West is currently working with the Student Center's architect and the construction company to establish the exact functions of the new Student Center. West is well aware of the procedures that are involved with a new building.

For instance, West works as a liaison between students' needs and the new building's facilities by administering the Owner Project Requirements.

"Prior to the construction, studies were conducted to determine the wants and needs of faculty, students and grad students who share the campus," West said. "These needs were then compared to the budget and prioritized."

As far as problems with the construction, Hardy reports that the University has been lucky not to have many complications.

"The three elements of project management are (1) whether the structure is completed on time, (2) completed within the budget and (3) that the building meets the expectations of the owner," Hardy said.

The University has no problems with the first two areas. The Abraham Student Center expects to open by June 2009. It is then that ULV's stakeholders will have a sense of whether it meets their expectations.

"Working out the details has been like a puzzle," West said. "Now the puzzle is almost complete. We just need to fine-tune it."

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On the Calendar

La Verne Days

Sunday will be La Verne Day at Angels Stadium and Saturday, Sept. 20 will be La Verne Day at Dodger Stadium. Tickets are available in Leo's Den.

IFC Info Night

An overview of Greek life, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon will be held by the InterFraternal Council Sept. 15 at 10 p.m. in La Fetra.

KULV

Join KULV on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. in Davenport Dining Hall for the final airing of KULV "The Rock." There will be games and giveaways.

Greek Life Recruitment

"Sororities Mandatory Orientation Night" is on Sept. 18 in Founders at 10 p.m. "SAE Night" is on Sept. 17 and "Phi Delta Theta Night" is on Sept. 18. Both events meet at 10 p.m at the Rock.

L.A. County Fair College Day

College students with a valid ID can gain fair admission for $5 on Thursdays.

—Jennifer Kitzmann

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HAPPENINGS

Harris Art Gallery Opens

"The stories behind the images that had almost been forgotten" is a solo exhibition of video works by Los Angeles animator and filmmaker Kelly Sears. The exhibit consists of short videos comprised of Sears' images and different collages on display in the gallery.

The exhibition will be up until Oct. 3.

Admission is free.

Carlson Exhibit Opens

The Department of Photography presents "Cape Twighlight" by Caroline Burghardt in the Irene Carlson Gallery. The exhibit displays photos of vacation homes in Cape Cod and captures the contrast of the natural from the artificial within the subjects of her work.

The exhibition will be up until Oct. 10.

Admission is free.

Glass House Concert

The soothing and unique sounds of Vampire Weekend comes Sept. 16 to the Glass House in Pomona. This New Zealand band is sure to perk your ears up and is a refreshing change in music.

Tickets are $22.50 and can be purchased at **ticketmaster.com**.

Claremont Museum of Art

Two exhibitions will be opening Sept. 21: "Multiverse" and "The Passerby Museum."

One museum explores the possibility of many universes through multiple artistic mediums, and the other presents temporary exhibitions using collections from donations.

Both exhibits will be open until Dec. 28.

Admission is $3 for adults and is free for those under 18 years of age.

Visit **claremontmuseum.org** for more information.

—Jaclyn Mittman

'Hedda Gabler' makes big impression

by Erin Konrad

photography by Erin Brockman



Joshua Prisk and Rachel Ortiz rehearse a scene from "Hedda Gabler," a 19th century play by Henrik Ibsen. Prisk played George Tesman, and Ortiz played Aunt Tesman. "Hedda Gabler" is the senior performance thesis of Tanya Wilkins, who appeared in the play as Hedda herself. The play was presented on the main stage of Dailey Theatre at the University of La Verne, Sept. 4-6.

When the lights dim, and the play has ended, audience members take a deep breath and return to the real world outside of the one the University of La Verne department of theater arts has created during the production of "Hedda Gabler."

The dramatic and haunting tone of the performance kept the audience entranced for the entire duration of the play.

The show, written by Henrik Ibsen in 1890, still holds enough universal truths to captivate somewhat hard to please college students.

"Hedda Gabler," staged Sept. 4-6 in Dailey Theater, is the story of a bitter woman who attempts to control and dominate the people around her.

She is hardly a sympathetic character, but the acting, done by Tanya Wilkins in the title role, helped to create a tense and troubled woman who is lifelike and honest.

Wilkins put together the show for her senior performance thesis, and it was most likely her drive and passion that produced such a stellar show.

In the program for the show, Wilkins said that she chose this play because Hedda is "the epitome of broken fantasies and shattered emotions that we as human beings endure in our own lives."

Without Wilkins' strong performance (acted with great attention to detail), the play surely would have hit many false displays of characters from the 1800s.

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Other actors in the play turned in great character studies.

Adam Evans, a senior theater arts major, played the central role of Judge Brack. Evans treated the audience to a skilled and subtly sleazy performance, and Jennifer Scarr, a sophomore theater major, shone as Thea Elvstead, the woman unfortunate enough to attract attention from Hedda.

Other more minor characters did seem one-note, but not for lack of effort on the part of the actors.

Perhaps one of the show's most impressive aspects was the lighting, designed by Malina Rodriguez.

The stage was often bathed in eerie blue light, creating a crazy-inspired insight into Hedda's mind. Large white sheets were hung from floor to ceiling onstage.

Scenes took place in front of the curtains, but during some parts of the show, characters could be seen behind them interacting with each other.

This opened up the set to allow for more visibility of the actors and created a truly memorable last scene at the height of the play's drama.

The production was a remarkable take on a classic play, and because it was put on within the first week of classes, the entire cast and crew should be

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‘Dark Knight’ shatters records

New Batman flick tops box office

Jaclyn Mittman
Arts Editor

“Why so serious?” asked the Joker. However, Batman fans were very serious about the most anticipated movie of the year, “The Dark Knight.”

Hardcore fans and movie lovers flocked to see the movie that premiered July 18, the hit that continues to break box office records.

“The Dark Knight,” directed by Christopher Nolan, was a huge success this summer, not only among Batman fans, but also among the general public.

The movie stars Christian Bale as Bruce Wayne and his alter ego Batman; Aaron Eckhart as Harvey Dent; and Heath Ledger as the Joker.

Ledger brought huge publicity to the movie after his shocking death in January.

Nolan’s darker take on the film makes for a very dramatic and more frightening look at Gotham City and Batman.

Ledger’s role as the Joker, a criminal mastermind who will stop at nothing, is quite eerie, particularly due to his death and his gripping performance that leaves the audience in both fear and laughter.

The Joker’s lip-licking and creepy smile makes him all the more frightening, yet keeps the audience’s attention with dark humor such as a creative and violent magic trick of a disappearing pencil.

The movie follows the Joker and the mayhem he causes in Gotham City and Batman’s attempt to stop the destruction. The Joker only proves that Batman is what keeps him going, and that he cannot be stopped.

He brings down Harvey Dent and wrecks his life in an attempt to get to Batman and destroy Gotham City.

Bale’s performance as Bruce Wayne is riveting and, alongside Ledger and Eckhart, is the cause of the movie surpassing the hype and expectations from the film publicity, which was apparent in movie sales.

According to the Internet Movie Database Web site, “The Dark Knight” made box office records in its first weekend, making it the biggest three-day opening weekend of all time with $158 million, beating “Spider-Man 3.”

The movie set a new record for the biggest opening day gross at the box office with $66.4 million.

The movie also had the biggest number of opening theaters when it appeared on 4,336 screens, as well as setting a new mark for money earned from midnight showings when it grossed $18.5 million.

There were many interesting quirks regarding “The Dark Knight.”

This was the first Batman movie to ever have a title that doesn’t have “Batman” in it.

The film also has four major scenes that were filmed in IMAX format because Nolan thought it would make it visually fascinating.

The “Batman” theme song is also only heard twice throughout the film, because the composers thought that a heroic theme that could be hummed would only take away from the complexity and darkness of the character.

“The Dark Knight” is perfect for any movie lover and is filled with action, love and incredible acting.

The film is still currently playing in most movie theaters, but not for much longer.

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being in an area that an infected individual has been because of its short lifespan outside of the body.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describe tuberculosis as a disease caused by bacteria (mycobacterium tuberculosis) that can attack many body parts but, most often, affects the lungs.

If not treated properly, tuberculosis can be fatal.

According to the Director of Student Health Services Cynthia Denne, the ULV Health Center feels comfortable and in control of the situation at hand.

After being contacted by the public health nurse in Pomona, the Health Center and business school followed the guidelines given to them.

The business school shared the names of the participants in the program with the Health Center to make sure all necessary precautions could be taken and all participants were made aware of the tuberculosis case.

The Health Center staff took action and felt the need to educate, as well as to extend their services.

They made sure students were aware that ULV offers healthcare on campus.

The Health Center offers many services for free, but some things are available for a fee.

In terms of immunizations and vaccinations, there are limited options.

A meningitis vaccination can be acquired for $85 and tetanus shots are free.

Tuberculosis tests are also offered at the Health Center.

The University’s insurance does not cover any other vaccinations, so they are not offered at the Health Center.

Despite encouragement to get vaccinated for other dangerous diseases such as meningitis, tuberculosis is not on the regular list of vaccinations to receive before attending college. However, ULV does not require it.

According to the CDC’s Web site, the tuberculosis vaccine is not readily administered in the United States.

Hundreds of ULV students live on campus, and these students need to feel safe and healthy while calling Brandt, Stu-Han or the Oaks home.

During the spring of 2005 freshman Carlos Carrazco was diagnosed with bacterial meningitis—an illness often associated with young adults in close living quarters such as a dormitory.

Like the recent tuberculosis scare, the meningitis scare forced ULV’s Health Center to make sure the University’s students feel at ease.

Denne recalled that close to 100 students took advantage of the Health Center’s services after the meningitis scare in 2005.

Fortunately, no other students were infected with meningitis.

ULV does not know if more students who participated in the business camp were infected with TB.

The Los Angeles County Public Health Department is handling the investigation of at-risk individuals.

The Pomona public health nurse has let ULV know that the student participants’ test results will most likely read positive for tuberculosis.

All of the testing could take several weeks or months.

Denne encourages students to take advantage of the services offered at the Health Center, but declares that the most important thing for students to do is use common sense.

“Students should use proper hand washing techniques often,” Denne said.

She cautions students against sharing eating utensils or drinks.

Denne said ULV students must make themselves aware and practice cleanliness.

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Top-ranked Leos start season 5-0

ULV wins at Puget Sound

Jonathan Smith
Staff Writer

Any doubts about the upcoming season for the women's volleyball team were answered as they defeated three nationally ranked teams in the Puget Sound Premier Invitational Tournament last weekend.

The Leopards also routed Caltech, 3-0, in conference play on Tuesday. They improved their record to 5-0 in the season.

The tournament was sweet revenge for the team, after beating defending regional champions Puget Sound, 3-1.

"It's always great to start 4-0," head coach Don Flora said. "It adds more meaning to the success of the season."

"The first tournament is where you see where you're at and the first to see the team chemistry," junior middle blocker Crista Jones said.

The championship game against seventh-ranked Puget Sound was the first since the emotional loss the Leopards suffered in the National Collegiate Athletic Association West Regional Championship last year.

The Leopards saw their season end against the Loggers in the Regional Championship after taking a commanding 2-1 lead to lose, 3-2.

"You can tell from our returners there was a lot of meaning behind it," Flora said. "We felt like we let a match [the 2007 loss] get away from us and we owed them that."

"We wanted to prove how hard we work and we wanted to beat them," Jones said. We knew we were the best team in the gym."

However, the Leopards saw their first game against the Loggers go sour.

After a slow start, the Leopards trailed 1-0 with a score of 25-14.

"We started off slow; we got romped," senior Brianna Gonzales said.

Led by Gonzales and Jones, the Leopards battled their way back to even the score to 1-1 after a commanding come from behind win.

"We knew what we had to do. We couldn't lower our level of play," Gonzales said.

In the next two games, the Leopards romped their way to victory taking commanding leads in both games to win, 25-14.

"Games 3 and 4 were a real statement about who we want to be in the 2008 season," Flora said.

"We got the job done," Jones said. "We took care of business."

Jones led the Leopards with 16 kills while Gonzales added 15 kills and nine digs. Sophomore outside hitter Rebecca Villanueva recorded 15 digs for the team.

Earlier in the day, the Leopards defeated another regional rival in Cal State East Bay, which was ranked 12th nationally.

> 'It's a new team with new dynamics that are very different. Our newcomers exceeded our expectations.'
> *—Don Flora, head coach*

Led by Gonzales, the Leopards tied the fourth game to make it 28-28. But the Leopards would not go away with a fight and won the game, 30-28, to win the match.

"To win Game 4 30-28 we learned a lot about how to stay in the moment," Flora said.

Also, the Leopards received a glimpse into Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play as they defeated Redlands, 3-0, on Friday.

"They're a real quality defensive team. It was a really close match," Flora said. "I thought our setter played really well."

Then, the Leopards got their spirits going after a 3-1 win over sixth ranked Trinity.

"We were able to make some changes and adapt against Trinity, which was great," Flora said.

Jones had a match-high 18 kills while Gonzales registered a double-double with 12 kills and 11 digs.

Gonzales led the Leopards during the weekend. She ended the tournament as their MVP.

Jones and sophomore Chelsea Sleight made the all-tournament team.

Flora, who is in his 10th season at La Verne, hopes to improve as the season progresses forward.

The Leopards lost six seniors, including standouts Jodi Lindsey and Tiona Hobson, this year.

However, Flora is pleased in what he sees in his new faces.

"It's a new team with new dynamics that are very different," Flora said. "Our newcomers exceeded our expectations."

The Leopards return four starters, including standout All-American Gonzales, who was SCIAC Player of the Year. Also joining her is Crista Jones, who made the All-SCIAC team.

"Brianna and Crista were stellar this weekend, yet they still have room to grow," Flora said.

In addition, Flora is happy with the play of some several key returners, like Sleight and junior Ashley Morgado.

"(Sleight) played a lot last year," Flora said. "She's a huge contributor this year."

Gonzales expressed that the biggest thing the team worked on last season was improving their work ethic. She said the team trained consistently year round since the end of last season.

The team is happy with the chemistry they have developed over the last few weeks.

"This is the closest team I played on. People don't understand how close we are," Jones said. "Each person on the team is a hard worker."

"We love each other on the court and off the court," Gonzales said.

The Leopards look to improve on their season records in the upcoming weeks. Nonetheless, the team looks to take every step at a time.

"Our motto is taking one game at a time, one point at a time," Jones said.

"The next phase is really important to train and practice at a high level to prepare for conference," Flora said.

"I really like us to remain consistent and really just focus on the little things taking it one point at a time," Gonzales said.

The Leopards hope to continue their winning streak Tuesday. when they play the Chapman Panthers at 7 p.m. in Orange County.

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Steven Bier

Women's volleyball player Mika Chan trains for the team's next game against Chapman. The Leopards are ranked No. 5 in the preseason (American Volleyball Coaches Association) poll.

Leos look to gain traction in '08

Football preps for Whitworth



Rafael Anguiano

Ten minutes before football practice began, junior wide receiver Travis Foster (No. 4) watches offensive linemen Dylan Keith, Josh Carrera, Kenny Andrew and Kyle Appleford warm up with a little tire flipping.

Richard Lugo
Sports Editor

Second-year University of La Verne head football coach Andy Ankeny is hoping to improve a program that almost went winless last season.

Improvement, growth and change were all words used by players and coaches to answer the underlying speculation around campus as to how the team will get better.

Last year's record of eight losses and one victory was motivation for everyone to work harder this off-season to ensure a successful campaign.

"We'd like to become a more consistent football team," Ankeny said. "We don't want to be such a roller coaster. We want to be consistent mentally and physically."

The Leopards hope to return to the glory days of the early '90s where they won 21 regular season games in a row and earned their first and only NCAA playoff berth.

While a winning record would be a success compared to the past few seasons, players and coaches worked during the off-season to just get better.

Another addition to the program is ULV alumnus Mark Odin as offensive line coach.

"I love these guys. They worked really hard this off-season, and they're in really good shape," Odin said. "We're extremely prepared and have improved a lot as a team."

"All off-season we worked on getting bigger, stronger and faster," sophomore right-guard Travis Arroyo said. "We're feeling really well. Our chemistry is good, and we're all excited for the season to start."

Arroyo is one of two returners, including sophomore left-guard Josh Carrera, whom the Leopards will depend on to anchor the line this season.

The Leopards lost three starters on the offensive line from last year's team, and six starters on offense overall.

One of their playmakers that they will be relying on is senior wide receiver, John Ausman, who had 22 receptions and gained 197 yards last season.

The Leopards will have a chance to showcase their new offense with the hiring of offensive coordinator Brandon Easterly.

Easterly, who came from East Texas Baptist, will be running a one back zone offense this season.

"The transition has been awesome," Easterly said. "It's been fun with the staff, the players and the community. We're all fired up. Our offense will be fast paced, we're going to get the ball snapped really soon and make plays."

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> *—Travis Arroyo, sophomore right guard*

On the defensive side of the ball, La Verne is returning eight starters. Last season's defense gave up an average of 31.7 points per game

A bright spot for the program is the returning Second Team All-SCIAC players, which includes the linebacker tandem of junior Branamier Courtney and senior Jason Carpenter, who led the Leopards last season with 70 tackles and six sacks.

Carpenter also did most of the punting last season, averaging 37.7 yards.

One of the players who is no longer with the team is kick return specialist senior Grady Thomas, who led the Leopards last year in all-purpose yards.

Thomas gained 609 yards on kick returns and 104 yards on punt returns last season.

The team, which was scheduled to leave campus at 3:45 Friday morning, will begin its regular season Saturday in Spokane, Wash., at noon against Whitworth.

Whitworth is coming off an 8-2 season that saw the school win its second straight Northwest Conference title. The team is returning seven starters on offense and two on defense.

As far as a game plan goes, the coaches and players are just excited to get the season started.

"We're very prepared and ready to go hit somebody else," Ankeny said.

"Like any good offense, we want to establish the running game early on and do what we do best," Easterly said. "We're going to protect the ball and get it in the hands of our playmakers."

The Leopards have four scheduled games at home this season, with the Homecoming game against Pomona-Pitzer on Oct. 18.

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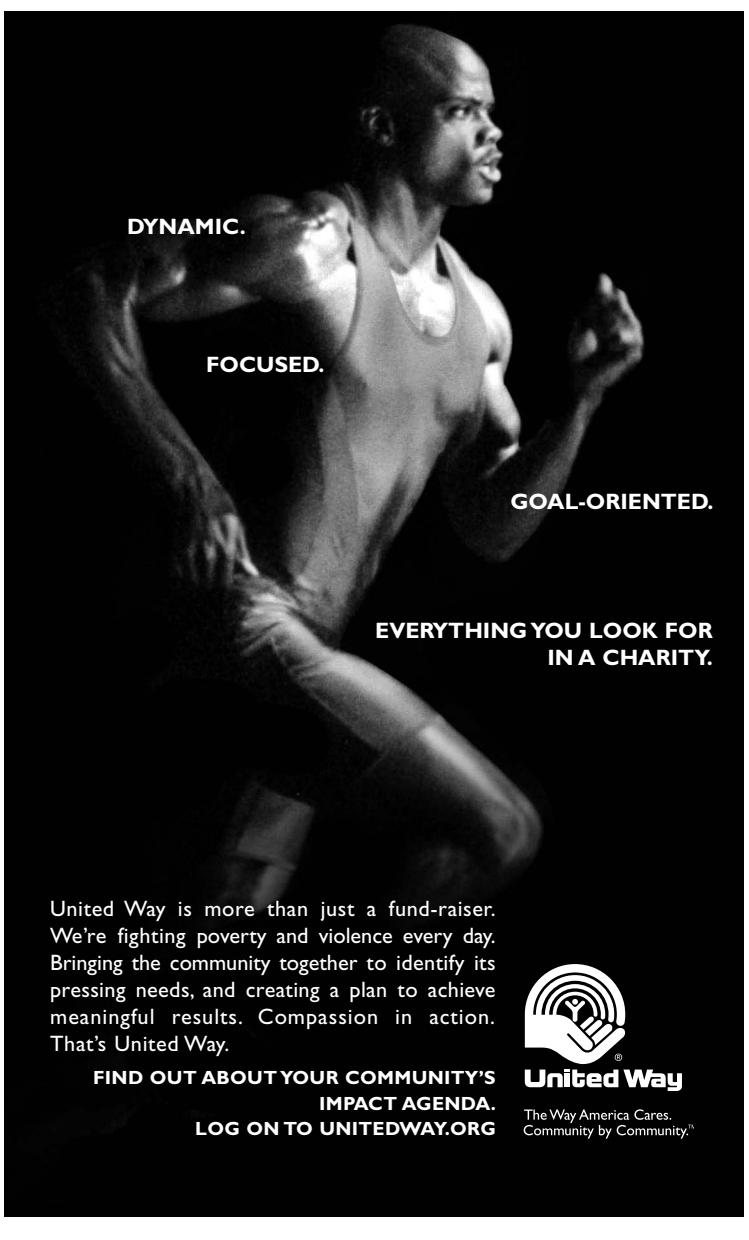



'Collision at the Coliseum'



RICHARD LUGO

It has been nearly 28 years since they last played each other. It was named by Sports Illustrated as "the top potentially season-defining game of 2008." It will set an attendance record. It will generate huge ratings for ABC, and will no doubt be an instant classic.

In what is being considered the most anticipated college football game in recent history, the No. 1 ranked USC Trojans face off against the No. 5 ranked Ohio State Buckeyes this Saturday at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Love them or hate them, the Trojans remain a dominant program that competes for a national championship almost every year. Not only do they pile up wins every year, they also schedule games against credible out of conference opponents, something that Ohio State rarely does.

This season, they may have outdone themselves by scheduling another perennial championship contender in Ohio State, which has played in the BCS National Championship Game the last two years.

Saturday's game will most likely make or break the season for the Trojans and the Buckeyes, and other top programs will be tuned in for the results. When two historic universities or football factories, as they are often called, are pitted against each other, we all gather to watch. In games like this heroes shine and legends are made.

Though the two schools have not faced each other since 1990, they are linked in history on so many levels. Ohio State and USC have played against each other in seven Rose Bowl games, are tied (along with Notre Dame) for having the most Heisman Trophy Winners with seven each and have tallied a combined 16 National Championships and 49 College Football Hall of Famers between them.

While the status of Ohio State's injured starting runningback and Heisman candidate Beanie Wells is listed as probable, it is still undetermined as to whether or not he will be effective. The Buckeyes are also expected to let quarterback Terrelle Pryor get a chance to run the offense on Saturday. Pryor, the 6'6 freshman, resembles the kind of athleticism that Vince Young and Dennis Dixon used to help their teams beat the Trojans in years past.

Either way the Buckeyes have the daunting challenge going up against one of the most talented defensive teams in the country.

Although they lost several key players to the NFL draft, Southern California will depend on linebackers Rey Maualuga and Brian Cushing to anchor the defense, which held Virginia to seven points in their season opener.

Both teams have offensive and defensive questions that will be answered.

For Ohio State: Can they travel across the country and beat the No. 1 ranked team? Can they move the ball consistently with their star running back coming off a toe injury? Can they stop an impressive looking Trojans team that exploded for 52 points against Virginia in their season opener?

For Southern California: Can their young receivers step up and take pressure off the running game? Can quarterback Mark Sanchez fill the void left by Heisman Trophy winners Matt Leinart and Carson Palmer and lead the Trojans to a BCS National Championship? Can running back Joe McKnight be the next Reggie Bush?

All of these questions will be answered in front of a sold out crowd at the Coliseum, which has not seen a regular game of this magnitude since Notre Dame came to town a few years ago with an unblemished record.

This spectacle has quickly become the hottest ticket in town. Don't believe me? Currently, the best tickets you can purchase on **www.stubhub.com** are in row 18 and are selling for $2,500 each. On a budget? Try row 94 (the last row in the stadium) which you can purchase for $388 a seat.

Like any big game, this one will be covered by the media and hyped up to include all the makings of a championship game. The Trojans and the Buckeyes will make history tomorrow.

"It's games like this that make us," USC head coach Pete Carroll said during the preseason Pac-10 Media Day.

The game will feel like a championship game, as it should. After all, the winner of this game will probably be playing in the BCS National Championship in Miami come Jan 8.

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Fall sports in full swing

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It is a new school year, a new semester and a new season for the fall sports teams at the University of La Verne.

With the football and cross country teams set to begin their season tomorrow, the volleyball, men's water polo, and men's and women's soccer teams have already begun play.

At this point, it seems that volleyball is the team to watch, having been ranked No. 5 in the CBS College Sports Network/American Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

Their record is currently 5-0, having won all four games at the Puget Sound Premier Invitational Tournament in Tacoma, Washington.

Not to be outdone, the men's soccer team has also begun the season strong, posting a 2-1-1 mark so far.

The Leopards finished their last game in a tie after two overtimes against Corban.

The men's soccer coach is Crescencio Gonzalez, who is in his seventh year as head coach. His team plays again next Wednesday at Cal Lutheran.

Women's soccer has started the season with a 1-2 record and is led by head coach Wendy Zwissler, who is in her 17th year as head coach.

While there are only two seniors on this year's squad, Zwissler remains confident that the team's early offensive production is a sign of things to come.

"We are much improved," Zwissler said. "We are scoring a lot of goals, and that's something that was not happening last season. Overall, I want us to bond as a team and work hard on the field. If we can do those things, we will be successful."

The men's water polo team has a new head coach Alex La. La, an alumnus of La Verne and former player, is replacing Tim Hugar, who served as head coach for the past 11 seasons.

"I am trying to move the direction of the program to where I feel it needs to be," La said.

"We have lots of talent and good heart. We're young and lacking in experience, but the more games we play, the better we'll be."

Water Polo lost its season opener to Concordia and currently has a record of 0-2. The team looks to improve its record this weekend in the Inland Empire Tournament.

The men's and women's cross country teams are starting the season under second year head coach Michael Atwood.

"Our goal is to improve on our finish from last year," Atwood said.

"My goal is to have at least one all-conference and all-regional player from the men's and women's team."

The men's cross country team will be led this season by senior Jasper Chang, who just missed all-conference last year.

"Jasper's looked pretty good so far," Atwood said.

While the men's cross country team members did compete as individuals last season, they did not meet the minimum number of players to compete as a team, which is something Atwood is hoping will not happen this year.

Women's cross country is also expected to improve from last season.

"The girls are pretty strong and have shown a big improvement," Atwood said. "I think we're going to show the other teams in our conference that we are tough and competitive."

Cross country's first meet is tomorrow at the Redlands Invitational.

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'Hedda Gabler'...

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extremely proud of the end result.

With less than half the seats filled on Friday evening, it was sad to note that the extensive work and long hours contributed by the cast and crew were appreciated by only a few ULV community members.

However, the play was such an impressive undertaking, that the empty seats didn't deter from the production itself.

Future shows from the Theater Department include "This Is All Fiction" and "The Madman and the Nun" on Oct. 16-18, "Noises Off" during the last two weekends in November, and "Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mama's Hung You In the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad" on Dec. 11-13.

For more information, visit **www.ulv.edu/theatre** or call 909-593-3511, ext. 4386.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Women's Volleyball, Sept. 9
La Verne-- 3
Caltech-- 0

Men's Soccer, Sept. 9
La Verne-- 0
Corban-- 0
Tie in 2OT

SCHEDULE

Tomorrow

Men's cross country at Redlands Invitational, 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 13-14

Men's water polo hosts Inland Empire Tournament, 9 a.m. @ La Verne Aquatic Center

DID YOU KNOW?

Roland Ortmayer not only coached football, but also basketball, baseball and track and field.