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'09 grads face hard job hunt

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In this tough economy many Americans are struggling to keep up with their finances and are scrambling to find any type of job they can get their hands on.

College seniors graduating this spring may be feeling even greater anxiety about entering the job force in this difficult economy.

Economics 101



One in a continuing series exploring the state of the economy

However, there is hope and reason for optimism, at least according to the University's Director of Career Services Paula Verdugo.

She offered tips for college seniors and students still in college to help them land a job when they complete their studies.

"Pre-planning starts in your freshman year," Verdugo said.

The Office of Career Services at the University of La Verne assists students in finding a job, creating a resume, writing cover letters and mock interviews.

"The first tip we like to give (to job seekers) is to be patient and positive," said Allison Nawoj, spokeswoman for Careerbuilder.com.

"Understanding that the job search might take longer."

If the job seeker is always negative, he or she will end up losing hope, Nawoj said.

Instead of sitting around worrying about the bad economy, Nawoj recommends networking.

"Networking is a great way to create that personal brand," Nawoj said.

Networking means creating a Facebook, a Twitter account and telling everyone you know you are looking for a job.

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Water polo lets one slip away



Sherazad Shaikh

Catherine Tehuitzil strikes the ball toward the goal while being attacked by Jillian Benson (No. 15) from the Macalester Scots on Saturday at the La Verne Aquatics Center. Lindsay Jones, the Leopards' goalkeeper, had 15 saves. The first quarter started off for La Verne with a goal by Elizabeth Roberts. Diane Aguayo tied the game in the third quarter taking them into overtime. Catherine Anderson eventually scored the winning goal for the Scots, giving them a 3-2 win over the Leopards.

Student candidates vie for top spot

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Elections for the Associated Students for the University of La Verne will be held Monday through Tuesday and the candidates are making sure that students do not forget to vote.

Although the University's student government has not held historically competitive elections, it seems than no students have tried this hard to gain votes.

"I think this year is the most competitive we've seen," said current ASULV President and senior Chanel Kaufman.

This year's candidates are Alan Hernandez, a senior art and music major, with Jocelyn Bravo, a sophomore business administration major, running for vice president; and Chris Kaelberer, a sophomore business administration major, with Noor Wahba, a sophomore broadcast journalism major running for vice president.

Hernandez and Bravo, whose campaign slogan is "You, Us, Our Future," are new to ASULV. They are both involved with other organizations on campus, but have not had the opportunity to be a part of the organization.

"I hope people don't think that just because I haven't been in ASULV doesn't mean I'm not willing to learn," Bravo said.

Hernandez is on the executive board for the Multicultural Club Council, Residence Hall Association and Phi Delta Theta and is on the committee to solve student concerns with the Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center. Bravo is Oaks Hall Council co-chairwoman for RHA and is a member of Sigma Kappa.

They chose to be running mates because Hernandez knew Bravo wanted to be more involved on campus.

"She's always always open minded, hard working and extremely creative," Hernandez said.

"I'm really excited to see what happens," Bravo said.

Their campaign is for change. They feel like the organization is not reaching back to the students as much as it should be.

"Because there is an apparent change that needs to happen in student government. I believe the student voice is not being heard," Hernandez said. "The pillars of the mission statement of La Verne are not being heard."

Some of their plans include working on increasing communication between administration and student life, parking issues, environmental issues, improving financial distributions and finding ways to help the University save money.

"If it's not working, then change it," Hernandez said.

Kaelberer and Wahba are both currently members of ASULV. Kaelberer is the vice president of communications and Wahba is the Senator Pro Tempore. Kaelberer is also involved in choir and Wahba is involved in Iota Delta and the orientation coordinator. Both were Orientation Week Leaders.

Kaelberer and Wahba chose to be running mates because they are close friends and feel the same devotion for ASULV. They were each other's first friends at the University and this was the first organization on campus they both joined. They felt they were a great match to run together.

"Our friendship has become even stronger because we're in ASULV together," Kaelberer said.

Some of the plans they have are increasing marketing, increase club funding, making sure senators are attending more club events and also increase communication.

"We are very passionate and serious about this," Wahba said.

Other issues and ideas that Kaufman would like to see continue are senator bonding events, creating scholarships, funding the marquee, the toilet paper, discount cards and giving ASULV more of a name to students.

Both parties are reaching out to students to try to gain their vote next week.

The campaigning started off simple with Hernandez and Bravo using chalk to write voting messages on the sidewalk and Kaelberer and Wahba writing messages on the windows of Davenport Dining Hall.

It has now escalated to balloons, posters, tee-shirts, buttons and large posters on the windows of Davenport. For the first time, they are attending club and organization meetings

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Reed illuminates life in biblical era

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"Death and Disease" was the focus of Jonathan Reed's faculty research lecture on Tuesday in the President's Dining Room. Reed, professor of religion at the University, focused on the living conditions in biblical times.

Jonathan Reed, professor of religion, shared his work on mortality and morbidity in ancient Galilee on Tuesday in the President's Dining Room to an audience of students and faculty.

"I think this will force people to recognize that religion connects to reality in a social and political sense," Reed said.

Reed has published four books on the subject of religion and is an expert on early Christianity and the sayings of gospel Q.

Reed lectured on the demographics of Jesus' Galilee and read parts of his current work in progress.

Reed began with a simple statement that the writings in Quelle, or 'Q' – which means "source" – are a collection of hypothetical sayings used by Matthew and Luke that were originally written in Aramaic, but came to be translated in Greek.

Reed then analyzed the phrases often found in the bible, such as "our day's bread give us today" and "cancel our debts for us," that when dealt with in a more realistic way actually brings out the troubles of that time.

The people's lives centered on agriculture, farming, taxes and high mortality rates that not only became part of their life, but also influenced the moves and choices they made.

At the conclusion of the lecture Reed suggested four propositions to the audience.

They were all based on his essay and the evidence he had on demographics on ancient Galilee.

The first was that there is no evidence for prosperity in Galilee simply on the basis of population growth during the construction of cities.

Second, urbanized Galilee was actually way worse off when it came to mortality and morbidity, though they were better off in wealth and ownership.

Third, migration was fueled by the lower growth rates in the city and near malarial lakes due to the high death rate in those areas.

"This fueled significant internal migration likely in the form of younger male villagers, marginal to be sure, from healthy areas moving to the cities or more malarial areas such as on the lake both of which offered opportunity for menial labor in large part because there was such a high turn over due to morbidity and mortality," Reed said.

Among these immigrants would be young men who had outlived their fathers, were looking for work and were unmarriageable, which Reed pointed out also described Jesus and his apostles.

Lastly Reed concluded that the unstable living conditions in Antipas created an unstable environment that made the family volatile and made the patriarch weak.

Reed's lecture left students with a new perspective about the subject of Christianity.

Rather than coming out of a stable household with a well-established patriarchy, he brought out Christianity as more of creation for those who were unable to have the stable household or patriarchy.

"I learned that the spread of Christianity is due in part to the health, and social situation of the region, given the evidence that people were starving, getting sick and they needed to believe in miracles to assure themselves of future well being," Fatima Suarez, a junior speech communication minor, said.

Reed's lecture was not only serious in its assumptions.

It also added humor when at one point he compared Jesus to movie character Napoleon Dynamite.

"I learned the importance of historical context in trying to understand religious endeavors.

"One thing that stood out was all the new information, such as Jesus having been in the position of a marginal unmarriageable young man compared to Napoleon Dynamite," Dylan Haro, a junior psychology major, said.

Reed talked about ideas that may become a future possibility to study.

Among these is Joseph, who seemed to disappear from the Bible; demographic reflex; and the fact that first Christian groups were part of a certain class of people who were abandoned by a patriarchy, including widows and marginal young men at the time of Jesus' ministry.

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Lecture focuses on animals

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Animals were the main concern on Tuesday night as both students and faculty gathered in West Dining Room to hear how animals live difficult lives under humans.

"Compassionate Living: Considering the Animals" was led by Zandra Wagoner, assistant vice president of undergraduate programs, and sponsored by ULV campus ministries and The Most Greatest Club Ever.

Wagoner looked at the ways humans use animals for their own benefit without consideration for the animals themselves and how that impacts our world view of certain animals.

"It was very informative and very eye opening. It strikes a nerve and makes you think about ourselves and our hierarchy," said Jonathan S. Elias, a sophomore history and philosophy major.

The main idea Wagoner attacked was that other animals were lower than humans because, as she pointed out, humans are animals too.

She also presented a list of world views that were bad for animals such as farm animals only existing for our use, the idea animals had no souls and how pets are seen as companions, not their own beings.

Wagoner then used cartoons to show the many ways humans harm animals as she said she wanted to inform rather than shock, although she used real photographs to highlight issues such as the bad conditions in puppy mills.

She also presented the room with the shocking statistic that 3-4 million cats and dogs are euthanized each year and presented that fact with a view of dead puppies in a trashcan.

"It was really good, I am really glad I came. I liked how she presented the material with awareness of who she was talking to. I liked how she was not trying to shock us, just get the information out there," senior English major Emily Romo said.

Wagoner also presented her argument for a vegan lifestyle, although she admitted that she was not fully vegan herself as it was almost impossible to stay away from animal products as they fill our lives.

When talking about factory farming, she focused on chickens unlike cows and pigs, there are no laws protecting the treatment of poultry, which meant that bad treatment of chickens, such as trashing male chicks alive was commonplace.

"What we need is better legislation for free range and farm raised animals," Wagoner said.

She pointed out how there are very simple ways to help animals such as going to sanctuaries rather than zoos, adopting from shelters and avoid buying

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WEB EXCLUSIVES



This semester, the Campus Times Online Edition is linking to blogs written by senior journalism students.These blogs can be found at ***www.ulv.edu/campustimes***.

- **"In and Around Los Angeles"**
  by Susan Acker
  A survey of low-cost adventures in the Los Angeles area.

- **"Gatsby's Go Green Review"**
  by Jennifer Kitzmann
  The Green Gatsby reviews businesses that are revamping their products, old and new, with better ideas for saving the planet.

- **"Art Attack"**
  by Erin Konrad
  An entertainment blog with reviews of local concerts, movies, plays and art exhibits.

- **"Real Style: A Guide to Shopping on a Budget"**
  by Jaclyn Mittman
  Tips on how to shop for great quality items without breaking the bank.

Colloquium addresses 'white guilt'

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Al Clark, Ashley Joseph, Ebony Williams, and Korynn Frelow listen to Chris Morales' comment on "White Guilt" at the University of La Verne's first colloquium on diversity, facilitated by Gitty Amini, associate professor of political science. The group discussed the importance of President Obama's election and the reverberations it will have on the national view minority communities.

The first lecture of the Colloquium Series on Diversity began last week with Gitty Amini's lecture surrounding the theme of white guilt.

Amini, an associate professor of political science at the University of La Verne, opened the discussion on the topic of Barack Obama's election, and whether it has changed our view about bias, bigotry and racism.

"Even though we like thinking of ourselves as a melting pot, there are still issues of race," Amini said.

Before a group of nearly 30 students and faculty in the West Dining Room, Amini began her presentation by introducing the new generation of black politicians at the March 19 event.

The Colloquium Series lecture was sponsored by the Coalition for Diversity and the African American Student Alliance.

Among those politicians discussed was Eric Holder, the first African American attorney general appointed by President Obama.

Amini branched off of Holder's idea that race is an issue not discussed often enough.

Much of the lecture centered on the question of whether the United States as a whole has truly overcome issues of racism since the Civil Rights Era and entered a post-racial society.

Despite attempts to integrate and accept differing cultural values, national events isolate minorities.

"We need to re-examine whether Black History Month makes sense," Amini said. "Congress needed to set aside a national day for minorities. Are (dedicated) months really necessary? This only isolates them."

Following Amini's initial presentation was the discussion portion of the session.

A number of topics were brought forth including the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the idea that it may be revoked.

"It seems juvenile. These are just attempts to bring down the community that have always been there," Amini said.

Also discussed was Toya Johnson-Moore's proposal that in order to be successful, the black community feels the need to mask its true identity.

"(There is) a common epidemic among African Americans," Johnson-Moore said. "Black people have to put on different faces. Is that a shame that that has to happen? Why is it that they have to put on different faces to assimilate mainstream society?"

"(They are) criticized for being too black or not black enough," Amini said.

From this, the issue turned to the discussion of skin color, and how the variations in skin color affect how different people are perceived.

Obama's light complexion was raised as a possible advantage to him in terms of winning over white voters.

Another topic that was brought up was the belief that the black community was not completely supportive of Obama during his campaign.

"Color is the first thing they see," Johnson-Moore said.

"There are two things on the table," said Richard Rose, professor of religion and philosophy. "One, whether it would've been any different if (Obama) was a little bit dark, and also, whether an increase in African American support would've made a difference."

The discussion ended on a positive note, as participants concluded that Obama was a capstone for minorities, as his predecessors proved to have taken prominent roles in politics and society alike.

"(The discussion) was good," said Cleveland Hayes, a professor of education. "It facilitated good discussions of conversations we needed to have,"

"What I liked about (this discussion) was that it opened a discussion beyond minorities," said Jason Niedleman, associate professor of political science. "It was an issue that brought together everyone. It opened up all issues and didn't have a particular agenda."

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Job hunt...

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Only 10 percent of jobs are found on the Internet, which means that the other 90 percent of jobs are found by networking, meeting people, connections, going up to people and telling employers you are looking for a job, Verdugo said.

Job seekers should make a personal tie with someone, according to Verdugo.

"It's about being proactive," Verdugo said. "The job does not come to you."

In these tough times, seniors might have to opt for a lower job than they expected or take on an internship, where they can gain experience in their field.

So when the economy does get better, they can put the internship on their resume and gain priority to someone who did not do one, Nawoj said.

"Being open-minded is very important," Nawoj said.

"If you are picky, it will take longer," Verdugo said.

"Your career does not have to start right when you graduate," said Laura Ingram Edwards, assistant director of Career Services.

"You are not going to land your dream job when you graduate," Verdugo said.

The person should work even harder at an internship or volunteer their time at a company to show the employer that they are passionate about what they do.

This might spark the attention of the employer and offer the person a job, or refer the person to another company that is hiring, Edwards said.

Some requirements an employer might want is previous experience.

Many job seekers become discouraged because of this. However, experience can come from volunteering or internships.

"Employers do not expect the graduating senior to know everything," Ingram said.

The job seeker should have a good attitude and willing to learn. The job seeker should have a "can do attitude and be a team player."

"They (employers) can teach you technical skills, but can't teach you to have a good attitude," Verdugo said.

Also, in order to be competitive in this tough job market, the job seeker must understand their own unique talents, Verdugo said.

If you do not understand what your own talents are, how can the employer understand your talents?

According to Nawoj, there are many jobs available in government, healthcare and education.

"It's certainly not impossible to find a job even though it may be more difficult than the past," Nawoj said.

Also, watching the horrible news of unemployment rates and massive layoffs is not helping job seekers, Ingram said.

The person should avoid the negativity in the media.

"Don't make it (finding a job) so frightening that you don't do anything," Edwards said. "It is not as scary if you broaden your options."

According to Verdugo, the person must always act like they are on an interview because it takes seven seconds for a person to decide if they like you.

When a person does land an interview with an employer, the person must dress professionally, be well groomed, treat the receptionist with respect, make eye contact and smile, Verdugo said.

"Make a good first impression because it will follow you," Verdugo said.

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to talk about whom they are and their platform.

"I think it shows how the organization itself is growing," Kaelberer said.

"I'm excited that there is student involvement," Hernandez said.

The other positions that can be voted on are senator-at-large, senator for the college of business, senator for the college of education and senator for the college of arts and sciences. None of these positions are running opposed, but all open positions have candidates.

ASULV is the student governing board that distributes money for campus activities and voices student concerns.

A portion of the tuition goes toward the student activity fee, which funds ASULV.

It allocates money to the Campus Activities Board to host events and pay the chairmen and chairwomen, Multicultural Club Council, Greek life, funds for clubs and organizations to ask for and ASULV with 10 percent unspent to save for future projects.

This year ASULV was projected to receive $400,680.

The members of ASULV are part of different committees to help improve the campus. Some include the Davenport food committee in conjunction with RHA, the space committee, and Board of Trustees committee. In this way, they can work to help solve or present student concerns. They have worked with choosing the new academic calendar, getting the University hour started and extending Wilson library hours.

The election results will be announced Wednesday.

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New adviser aims to assist students

Higher retention a priority



Stephanie Arellanes

Carlos Cervantes is the University of La Verne's new associate dean of academic support and retention, replacing Eric Bishop, who held the position for many years prior. Cervantes works in the Academic Advising section in Woody Hall. "I love working at Woody Hall because it has a lot of history. It was once a dormitory and now I work in it," Cervantes said.

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Carlos Cervantes is the new associate dean of academic support and retention, a position that was open for a year after Eric Bishop left.

The search committee in charge of hiring Cervantes, went through two rounds from the pool of the applicants. Cervantes was in the second group.

"He was definitely worth the wait and long search," Adeline Cardenas-Clague, associate vice president of academic support and retention, said. "He has learned a lot about ULV in a short time."

"Since he has been hired, he has definitely done everything to learn ULV culture," Andrew R. Woolsey, assistant registrar of transfer academic services, said. "He has been able to contribute a lot in a small period of time."

"I love my position," Cervantes said. "Every day is something new as I get to know the environment."

"There is never a day that goes by where I regret accepting this position," Cervantes said.

Cervantes' position as associate dean of academic support and retention entails many duties.

Cervantes is responsible for organizing and streamlining the academic advising model for the faculty, working with students to meet their academic goals and eventually graduate and help plan orientation for new or transfer students with Student Affairs.

"I want to work with faculty and strengthen the faculty advising model," Cervantes said. "I want to work directly with students so they can persist their education and meet goals that are realistic and achievable."

Since many professors teach and work on research, Cervantes is in charge of assigning the advising load to faculty members, and finding a balance for them so they do not feel overwhelmed with all their work.

Given that Cervantes advises some students, he is also in charge of helping undeclared students find a major.

"Teaching not only occurs in the classroom, but it also occurs in the advising office," Cervantes said.

Cervantes hopes to do a lot while at La Verne. He wants to meet all the need of all the students regardless of their major. He wants to try to identify with students who feel discouraged or cannot graduate for some particular reason, and deal with the issues that are getting in the way of them not graduating.

"I think Carlos' experience in advising is one that will definitely benefit the University," Woolsey said. "He brings a fresh and new perspective."

There were many reasons why he was attracted to La Verne.

First, he liked how La Verne was diverse and has a lot of minority students.

Second, he admired La Verne for its great reputation and its dedication to academic excellence.

He became aware of the position through various Web sites geared toward higher education, and one of the Web sites led him to the University of La Verne Human Resources Web site.

Cervantes received his bachelor's degree from University of Southern California in political science and international relations. He then went on to complete his master's degree in Latin American studies and finally completed his doctorate degree from USC in higher education and administration.

Although he was interested in politics and pursuing a law degree, he became interested in higher education.

Cervantes dissertation dealt with academic integration and retention.

He has accomplished a lot in his academic career.

However, there were some periods where he felt overwhelmed with his workload.

He worked at USC as an academic adviser, worked on his doctorate and had two very young children. He would also commute from Stanton to USC every day. The drive would often take two hours one way.

He was able to get through with the help of his wife, peers and close friends.

Now with this position, he is able to spend more time with his family, given that he moved near the area of the University.

He has gained back about 10 hours of free time to spend with his family and focus more on his career, Cervantes said.

According to Cervantes, advising is more than building a schedule; it is also about helping students achieve their academic goals.

The hope of having Cervantes fill this position is to have better retention and higher graduation rates, Cardenas-Clague said.

"I have no doubt he can accomplish this," Cardenas-Clague said. "I just think Carlos is a very good fit for La Verne."

"He owns a sense of professional mission that is very well suited to La Verne," Cardenas-Clague said. "He will bring very strong experience and apply it to academic advising."

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NEWS BRIEFS

Spotlight on La Verne

Spotlight on La Verne, an event for admitted students and their parents, will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. The event allows for admitted students to experience the University.

For more information, call the office of admissions at 909-593-3511, Ext.4031.

Students must RSVP to attend the event.

—Natalie Veissalov

Thieves target computers

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Two computers were stolen from separate locations on campus last week.

Early in the week a laptop computer was stolen from a music department office in Founders Hall, while last Thursday a desktop computer was taken from the Art and Communication Building.

The desktop computer, which is used by campus radio station Leo-FM, was taken Thursday evening while a student had stepped out of the room.

The thefts have put both students and staff on high alert.

They now have postings of messages cautioning a theft in both the ACB building as well as the photo lab located in Miller Hall.

Communications professor Mike Laponis' main concern is not about the lost computer though.

"Most importantly is knowing that in our midst is someone who doesn't have the best intentions," Laponis said. "A computer is just a tool on a desk, it will not incapacitate us. Our job will still get done."

Laponis also said that the department is working on getting a replacement computer.

What makes the incident peculiar is the fact that the computer stolen is a desktop model Apple iMac, an all in one unit, which consists of the display as well.

Assistant Director of Campus Safety and Transportation Jeffery Clark said his office is familiar with laptop thefts.

"You don't usually see someone with a desktop computer walking around that often," Clark said.

While Clark said that they usually remind students to keep dorm rooms locked, the staff is just as guilty.

"Everyone needs to keep an eye out," Clark said.

Senior communications major Hanna Nakama was in the middle of finishing her senior project on the computer while it was stolen.

Nakama walked out of the room and was surprised to find the computer gone when she got back.

"I thought someone had moved it to teach me a lesson about what had happened in the music department," Nakama said.

A report was filed with La Verne Police Department and is currently being investigated.

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Sales tax hike painful but necessary

Now that our country is deep into a recession, all eyes are on the economy and making the right changes to fix our situation. All states are having financial trouble during these hard times, but California in particular is having some of the worst trouble.

So, effective April 1, California will initiate a 1 percent increase in sales tax.

This act is only a section of the state's budget plan proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, which includes an increase on vehicle licensing fees, additional surcharge on state income taxes, elimination of two public holidays, and the widely publicized state worker furloughs.

It would seem easy to understand that in a time where money is tight, an increase in sales tax would not be a wise step.

The current statewide sales tax of 7.25 percent will rise to 8.25 percent, with certain counties being able to charge a higher rate. The sales tax rate in Los Angeles County will be 9.25 percent, while in San Bernardino and Orange counties the rate will be 8.75 percent.

With California currently holding the highest state sales tax in the nation, many retailers worry that the hike in the sales tax could lead buyers to look into other states or online for their shopping needs.

Additionally, high priced retailers like car dealers worry that the current trend of low sales will only get worse with the tax increase. Similar to the work furloughs, the sales tax increase is intended to be temporary. The bill passed last month proposes the increase to last until June of 2010, but voters will have a chance to extend the increase until June of 2012.

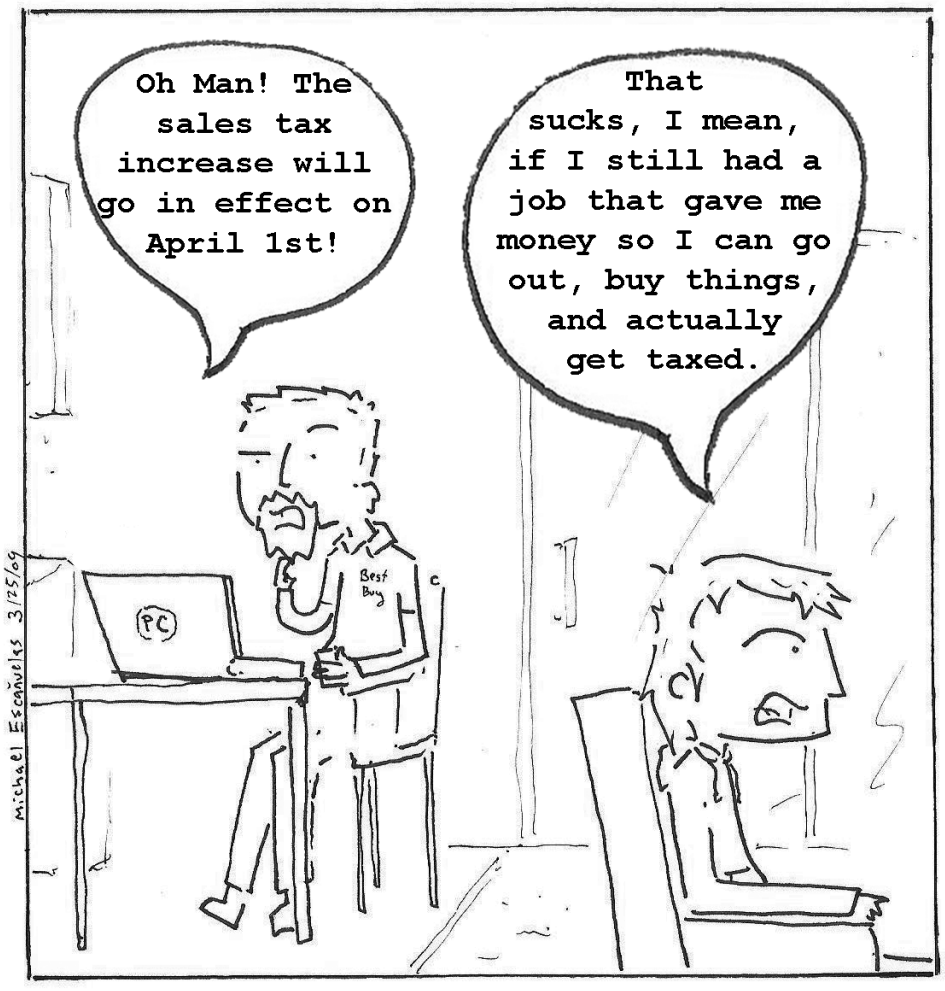
Although many Californians complain of the large increase, the sales tax increase is an alternative to cutting certain programs in California.

Unfortunately, the positive intentions of the sales tax increase are not very clear in the wake of hundreds of jobs furloughed and teachers given pink slips.

With the increase of unemployment and housing costs, it seems that California is trying its best to keep residents from saving any money in their wallets.

Although these increases are needed to keep organizations running, the clear result of progress is not evident and will probably not be evident for a while.

The coming year will hold some important sacrifices for residents and their government. While the financial sacrifices may be difficult, they are also necessary to help the state supply the services its residents need.



Addressing student concerns

Congratulations should be given to ASULV for generating some excitement on this campus through the elections.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates are working hard to get votes.

They are advertising with posters, tee-shirts, buttons and balloons. They are even attending club and organization meetings to speak to students about why they should vote for them.

This is the most campaigning there has been since the organization was officially established four years ago. This is great, because it is something that needed to happen to get students to think about their voting.

Since they are going to reach out to the students, the students need to care enough to reach back.

The student body does have concerns that it feels ASULV is not meeting and wants the next officers to meet.

One of the major issues students are voicing is finances. Many students do not know how funds are distributed within ASULV and how ASULV allocates funds throughout student life.

In fact, some students do not know that ASULV is student funded because the activity fee is a part of the tuition.

This year $270 was taken from tuition for students to use. That money goes toward funding Campus Activities Board events, clubs and organizations, the Multicultural Club Council and ASULV. After all of the allocations plus the 10 percent going to savings and $25,000 allocated to the Sarah and Michael Abraham Campus Center, there are still thousands of dollars left over. This money is meant to be saved for potential future projects but could also be used for other needs if the students knew that it was available.

Although ASULV is an open organization, it does not promote itself as such, so students do not know they can come to ASULV and ask about the budget.

Along with finances, some organizations have issues with transfers being done on time. In some instances the money will be transferred instantly and in others, it will take weeks. Some organizations receive the money faster than others. There needs to be some consistency.

Another issue students have with ASULV is the fact that it is inclusive.

Rarely any of the officers attend other school activities or club meetings.

One reason that is a problem is that it is hard for a group of people to claim to represent the students if they are not socializing with the students.

Also, it is a problem when organizations decide to ask for funding for events.

Since they do not go to the events, the do not know which events are successful, which ones need more work, what happens at the events and overall cannot make an informed decision about allocating money for events because they have never been to the events.

They also use to e-mail minutes from their meetings to organization presidents, but stopped doing that this year for some reason.

That was the main way students knew what ASULV was doing and what they were planning.

Students also have been complaining about the facilities on campus and the difficulty of reserving them. Some of the issues include reserving the new gym for the Greek Week lip sync, reserving rooms for events and most recently having to reserve places for the Campus Center months in advance because faculty and outside vendors have all ready started reserving rooms.

Although ASULV has voiced for some of these problems they have not and cannot vice them all because they are unaware of the concerns.

They have made several plans and ideas in work such as discount cards to be used at local businesses and a marquee to announce campus events.

It does seem like the two parties running this year are trying to change the image of ASULV for the better.

They want to give it more of a face to be seen and a voice to be heard. They both want to strengthen communication within organizations let more people know what ASULV is doing.

The hope is that they actually do this and that these are not just campaign promises.

This campus needs a president who is aware of and advocates for the student need. This campus needs a vice president who will reach out and requires its senators to come to club meetings and events.

It is time for a change in ASULV.

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Everyone should travel the world



NATALIE VEISSALOV

I remember the first time I went somewhere really adventurous, besides the usual trip to my uncle's house in Memphis, Tenn., or up north to San Francisco. I did not really know anything about traveling the world or what places to go to, until I was twelve years old and my parents booked a trip to my father's homeland: Turkey. From the minute I arrived, I fell in love with the city.

I must admit though I did experience some culture shock and anxiety. As I began to get used to my unfamiliar surroundings, I began to fall in love with the country, and the notion of traveling itself.

The next day as I toured the famous and historical city of Istanbul, I was in awe of how much one city could have so much to tell and offer.

As I toured mosques and ancient ruins left by the Romans, I even gained a love for world religions and history.

After exploring this one part of Eastern Europe, I moved on to Turkey's neighboring country: Greece.

I was immediately captivated by its beautiful white homes and glistening blue water. It was like it came out of an oil painting; it just seemed so surreal.

The people there had an inner glow of happiness and serenity that you just do not see back home in the United States.

The people of Greece appreciate life and take time to enjoy life. This is something we need to learn back in the states. We need to focus less on the stressful demands of our hectic lives and focus more on what is really important.

Experiencing this different lifestyle, religion and culture helped open my eyes to another part of the world I did not know existed.

I felt ignorant and immature. I was in a tiny bubble for the first twelve years of my life. When it was time to leave to go back to my usual boring routine at home, I began to feel depressed.

However, on the plane ride back home all I could think of was where I wanted to go next. I was excited to see what other place God wanted me to see next.

The following summer, it was time to plan our next trip. And my parents chose Cancun, Mexico. I had always heard people talk about their beautiful beaches. However, this city had more to offer than its turquoise beaches.

When I arrived, I experienced a drastic change from what I was used to in California: the hot and humid weather. It took some getting used to. However, I got used to it pretty quick when we arrived to our hotel and could see the turquoise color of the water.

The scenery of this country was just unbelievable and breathtaking. It is nothing compared to the rugged and dirty streets of the Tijuana, a stereotype of what some people believe the entire Mexico looks like.

The amount of activities to do there are overwhelming. I was unable to do everything. However, I was able to go snorkeling and see Cancun's beautiful marine life. It was a pretty amazing experience.

Not only was I able to experience the aquatic life Cancun had to offer, I also learned a lot about its history.

I also traveled to old city in the Yucatan peninsula known as Merida. It is famous for its history, its European architecture, and its production of henequen, which is a plant used to make rope.

I am truly grateful for being able to travel to these places. These are just some places I have been to, and there are so many other places where I want to travel.

However, time and the cost of traveling are two of the reasons that have stopped me from seeing the entire world. I encourage everyone to travel even if it is only to one country.

Although financial obstacles prevent many to travel the world, it is well worth the cost.

Traveling is something everyone should do because it allows the person to learn more about the world, become less ignorant about our world and open minded about other cultures and human beings whom we share this world with.

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Dealing with parental illness



DIANE SCOTT

In England, we have a lot of warnings about medical issues such as high blood pressure, cholesterol and cancer. Until I was 15, I thought it was all scare tactics. I mean, how could one in three people in England have cancer at some point in their lives? To me, it really did not add up.

I am lucky. I have a long living family and they are all in good health. In a way, I was sheltered from the reality of life when I was a child. However, when I turned 16, my world suddenly got a lot more real and a lot scarier.

The reason I am writing this is because April 4 is the funeral of Jade Goody, a British reality television star, who died on March 22 after battling cervical cancer.

She had a very public last year of her life and got as much money as possible highlighting cervical cancer so her two young sons had financial support when she died, which just so happened to be on Mother's Day in England.

My own mother had a very early form of skin cancer when I was 16. It was only by chance that the doctor noticed a mole looking very peculiar, as the mole was under her foot.

She had to go into hospital for it to be removed and obviously I was really worried. Luckily it was caught in its pre-cancerous stage and was easily removed.

Going with her to her check-ups afterward was almost worse in some ways as if the specialist saw it return then it would mean they might not be able to catch it. Luckily for everyone, it was caught early and hopefully will not return.

So for a few years, life was back to normal. Cancer scares were behind us; my mother was able to walk on her own without it hurting too much and I went off to university.

During this past winter, my father complained of having bad chest infections and coughing up blood. After a while he went to the doctor. A few tests later, they tell him that they think it is due to the lining in his lungs being thinner than usual due to a childhood illness and he was given antibiotics.

At the start of March, I get woken up by a phone call at about 10:30 a.m. from my father telling me not to worry but he has a malignant tumor on one of his lungs.

He also told me that the doctors were confident that the cancer was inside the tumor and easy to remove and he may not even need chemotherapy.

Since the phone call, he has had the tumor removed and is now back at home being looked after by family.

My own father has lung cancer. I still cannot believe it at times. Also, there is a big part of me that feels I should have been there for him while he was in the hospital but, knowing my father and how he is so proud of me being able to study in America, he would be upset if I came home early.

It is horrible to know my parents have been ill like this. I cannot imagine what I would have done if the cancer had been caught at a later stage.

I know there are people my age and younger who have lost parents for one reason or another, like Jade's two boys.

Let me say to anyone who has lost a parent that you have my utmost respect for being able to continue with your lives among your loss. You are amazing, as I really do not think I would be able to cope if I was in your position.

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Not even just a little nibble?



SAMANTHA SINCOCK

Cannibalism. When we hear this word the first thing that pops into our minds is a small little tribal man covered in war paint with a bone through his nose roasting a person over a huge blazing fire. But, that is not the case.

What would happen if you were trapped on a raft in the middle of the ocean, on a deserted island, or a remote mountain pass with no way out? Would you resort to cannibalism? Or just let yourself die when there is a food source right before your eyes?

We can eat certain plants, berries, and even dirt. But if we pick the wrong type of naturally grown source we could be dead in a few minutes, hours or days. Do you want to end up like Chris McCandless from "Into the Wild," who died a slow and painful death in the forest when he ate the wrong type of plant to fight his hunger? Or would you resort to consuming a safe meal, high in protein and fats, that would quickly replenish your body and sustain your life for a bit longer?

The problem with cannibalism is that the tales and myths we hear involve raids of men and women who are brutally killed to be eaten for no reason. Or crazy psycho killers who eat the people they murder because a few screws are loose in their brain. Rarely does one ever hear of the stories where cannibalism was used in a survival sense.

The Donner Party on Dec. 15, 1846, resorted to cannibalism when they ate one of their dead in order to survive the harsh winter. If the people of that wagon train had not resorted to survival cannibalism, the survivors would have never made it out alive.

In 1972 a plane carrying 45 Chilean rugby players crashed in the Andes Mountains. They tried to survive in 30 degree-below-zero temperatures during the night with only a bit of plane food. But with 12 dead in the crash, the teammates decided to eat their fallen friends to survive. After 72 days of isolation, 16 survivors beat the cold death in the Andes and it was done by cannibalism.

Now I am not saying when you get stranded somewhere to immediately commit murder and kill whoever is with you so that you can eat. But why if something has naturally killed one of your own would you not try to save yourself? I am sure they would eat you if they were alive and you were dead. Have you not heard the term "survival of the fittest?"

Honestly, if you are reading this and thinking that there is no way on this blessed earth that you would resort to cannibalism I have one question for you.

Are you Catholic?

If you are a traditional Catholic you commit the act of cannibalism every Sunday during your service through the process of communion. According to Catholic doctrine, when one eats the bread (Eucharist) and drinks the wine, it enters the body it turns into the real body and blood of Christ. Technically you are eating another person. Now, yes, while many say it is symbolic, others say it is a communion of the spirit or body.

So there you have it, one of the largest religions in the world practices cannibalism and they do not even realize it. So how hard would it be to resort to cannibalism if you are trying to survive? I think when it came down to it, every one of us would find survival mode within us and resort to this unspoken act. And don't pretend you would not.

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Professors lead Egypt trip

Group discovers ancient lives

Natalie Veissalov
News Editor

With their passion and love for traveling, Sharon Davis, professor of sociology, and Kimberly Martin, professor of anthropology, planned and organized a 13-day trip with 10 students to Egypt during January Interterm.

It was coordinated through an educational tour company, which helped keep the costs low.

"A lot of students want to travel but not for a long time," Davis said.

Students feel more secure when they are in a group, and they adapt better and experience less culture shock, Davis said.

The idea of taking a trip to Egypt came up, while visiting the pyramids in Mexico. They wanted to compare the pyramids in Mexico and in Egypt.

"As an anthropologist, if you haven't been to Egypt by the time you died, you have failed," Martin said.

Most professors take about a year or two in advance to plan the entire trip. However, Davis and Martin planned the entire trip in a couple of months.

The trip started in Cairo. They said they could see three pyramids from their hotel balcony.

At night they stared at the pyramid from the hotel's rooftop cafe as the sun set.

From there, the group flew into Luxor.

They toured ancient Thebes, went around the Valley of Kings, saw stone temples, experienced the Giza pyramids, toured Alexandria, walked through markets and took a cruise through the Nile River.

While being on the cruise for four days, the group was able to experience life on the Nile. Since most of Egypt is a desert, citizens tend to congregate and settle near the Nile since it has fertile lands.

"While on the Nile you can observe life," Davis said. "It was getting a glimpse of the rural life on the Nile."

As for Martin, her favorite part of the trip was seeing all the Egyptian hieroglyphics inside the temples. She got to view ancient pictures of gods, goddesses, feasts, war and stories of the rulers.

Sareen Zinzalian, junior chemistry major, said her favorite part was riding in the hot air balloon.

"It was a beautiful view because you could see how the desert of Egypt blended into the fertile land of the Nile," Zinzalian said.

> 'Monuments are impressive, but I really care about the humans that lived during that time.'
> *—Kimberly Martin, professor of anthropology*

"(The trip) made (Egypt) much more human," Martin said. "Monuments are impressive, but I really care about the humans that lived during that time."

The group was also able to do was ride on camels and donkeys.

"My favorite part of Egypt was riding the camel down at the Pyramids at Giza," junior criminology Fatima Suarez said. "This trip has influenced my perspective on the world a great deal."

"It was like being in a movie," Martin said. "It was just fabulous."

The people in Egypt were incredibly caring and friendly, Davis said.

The trip was even more enjoyable and smooth because of the great cooperation of the students.

All the students went along with the flow, Martin said.

"No one was whining or complaining," Martin said. "They also made sure no one felt left out."

"It was a fabulous group of students," Martin said.

Since their trip was during the Presidential Inauguration, they were able to see how another country viewed America on that historical day.

They came across very enthusiastic, with Egyptians supporting Obama, Davis said.

In the summer, the weather in Egypt can reach 120 degrees, making it one of the reasons why they took the Egypt trip during January.

Also, the rates would have been much more expensive in the summer, and during January Interterm, the tuition is free.

In the summer, the tuition would have been extra, especially for the six students who either took Core 320 or Core 310, Davis said.

"I think it was a great success," Davis said. "They got to learn it having fun because they were there and experiencing it."

Although the group read books about the country, and did two presentations while on the trip, reading or studying a culture and country is different from actually being there, according to Davis and Martin.

"I learned a huge amount, and I think students did as well," Martin said. "I wish more students could and would travel."

Zinzalian offered advice to some students who are hesitant or afraid to travel.

"Without a person taking risks, a person cannot grow," Zinzalian said. "I think that without taking that chance, you never know what you're missing out on. Just do it."

In January 2010, Davis and Martin plan on taking another trip with students, but to another country, maybe South America, Greece, India or Australia. They might do Egypt again the following year.

"We will keep listening to the students," Davis said. "We will try to make a good match."

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Kickers support kidney health



Stephanie Arellanes

Angelica Ramirez of the Parents team races to get the ball along with Sarah Sandoval of the Phi Sigma Sigma team at the Phi Sigma Sigma Kicks for Kidneys event March 18. The teams were competing for third place and Parents beat the Phi Sigs. The event was to support the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation, which benefits the National Kidney Foundation.

Film promotes election

David deBos
Staff Writer

With election season over across the nation, the University of La Verne is just getting started. In hopes of getting the word out about both voting and the candidates involved, ASULV hosted a movie night on Monday in Founders Auditorium.

The audience was treated to a screening of the 2006 film "Man of the Year," where Robin Williams plays Tom Dobbs, a political comedian who, through a series of events and a major corporate scandal, finds himself as the country's new president elect.

The character of Dobbs, who does not adhere to standard politics and believes in open and transparent process, hit a chord with some students.

Senior Matt White, ASULV vice president of public affairs, thought the film was a perfect fit because of the current elections.

"It also reflects a lot on our most recent election," White said. "It means a lot at home here for students in La Verne."

"I am a big fan of Robin Williams, I thought the movie was great," said Phil Velasco, elections commissioner for ASULV, whose job it is to over see both the campaigning and election process.

Velasco saw the event as a way for the candidates and students to interact and become an informal meet-and-greet.

"There aren't any debates or other opportunities for those running to talk to students. This gives candidates a chance to get their ideas out," Velasco said

"I want to give back what ASULV has given to me," said sophomore Chris Kaelberer, one of the presidential candidates.

Voting will be held Monday through Wednesday in three locations; the corner of C and Third streets, Leo's Den and the Johnson Family Plaza. Voting on Monday and Tuesday is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m., and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Winners will be announced Wednesday.

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HAPPENINGS

Spring Choral Concert

The University of La Verne Music Department presents the Spring Choral Concert, which will include the University Chorale and Chamber Singers at 7 p.m. Saturday at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

Todd J. Harper will conduct concert.

General admission is $5, and students get in for free.

—Natalie Veissalov

Movie Screening

The Campus Activities Board will show the film "Defiance," starring Daniel Craig, at 10 p.m. Monday in the gym.

Heartstop

Heartstop, a local band, will perform at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Davenport Dining Hall. Heartstop entered the indie rock music scene in 2005 with its EP "Short of a Miracle."

Academy Screenings

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science will show "Ochberg's Orphan's" and "The Rape of Europa" at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

These short films are part of the Academy's annual screening of contemporary documentaries.

The films will be screened at the Linwood Dunn Theater located at 1313 Vine Street in Hollywood.

Admission is free. For more information, visit **oscars.org**.

'Taste of Broadway'

"A Taste of Broadway" will feature musical selections from "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables," "Wicked," "Chicago" and "Guys and Dolls" at 7:30 p.m. April 4.

This stage show tribute will be at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza.

Tickets are $36 for students.

For more information, call 805-449-2787.

—Megan Sebestyen

Dyslexia spells creative art

Inspiration comes from disability

Lauryl Bakke
Staff Writer

Whether you love books or hate them, Claremont Graduate University has just the thing to capture your attention.

Many turned out to the Peggy Phelps Gallery at CGU to experience the mixed media art exhibit entitled "The Unwritten Works of C.M. Venice McCurdy," which incorporates how the artist has had a love/hate relationship with books throughout her life.

McCurdy, who is dyslexic, has had a fear of books due to the ridicule she received growing up struggling with a disability that many did not understand.

To overcome this she turned to art, where she excelled, and was able to allow people to view the world as she sees it and turn something that had been a negative in her life into a major positive.

Instead of giving into the fear of books, she uses them to express her creativity.

"I use books to get the message across that anyone can succeed, it just takes a little time." McCurdy said.

One of the interesting parts of the exhibit is the wall that has 26 different books carved into the letters of the alphabet, along with seven extra letters/shapes.

The seven extra letters may look like shapes to those viewing them, but they are in fact blended letters and have specific meaning to the artist.

"Seven was a significant number; they were how I sometimes viewed certain letters," McCurdy said.

On the back wall of the exhibit were 144 book covers covered in spray-paint chalk and crayon. McCurdy uses the pages of the books to think of what is going to be painted on the cover, and uses a lot of color and shapes to express that.

"It's kind of cool because it goes along with the cliché 'Don't judge a book by its cover'," Ale Velascoof of La Habra said. "Having the art on the book covers allows you to see past the title and look at the art of what's inside."

Another element of the exhibit was a sort of "maze" of book covers hung from the ceiling.

Each book cover had to do with some form of education and attracted visitor's curiosity to discover the connection or significance of the piece.

"I'm trying to find out a pattern or something with the books, I keep coming back to this piece because it intrigues me so much," Justin Rocca of Upland said. "I never thought a book cover could hold so much interest and awe."

Last but not least was the most unique element of the exhibit that allowed visitors to experience something McCurdy experienced her whole life.

Two speakers played a track repeating every 13 letter word in the dictionary, right channel to left channel, sped up to 250 words per minute, holding a very significant meaning to the artist.

Growing up McCurdy used to listen to books on tape but always sped it up to 250 words per minute never thinking it was unique.

"One time the earphone jack came out and someone asked 'what are you listening to' and that's when I realized there was something special to it," McCurdy said.

All the pieces in the "Unwritten Works" exhibit influenced McCurdy's life.

McCurdy's struggle with books influenced an entirely new creative medium which brings to light the hardships of people who have dyslexia.

This exhibit gives a whole new outlook to the simple book and instills the idea to visitors that what is inside a book can mean so much more than what is portrayed on the outside.

"The Unwritten Works of C.M. Venice McCurdy" mixed media sculpture exhibition closes Friday.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Fear of deformity discovered in sculptures



Stephanie Arellanes

Helen Garber of Los Angeles visited the East Gallery at the Claremont Colleges to view the "Dysmorphophobia" exhibit, the Master of Fine Arts Thesis of Jennifer Scrivani. The opening reception took place on Tuesday and runs through Friday.

Movie Review

Rudd searches for 'bromance'

'I Love You, Man' offers laughs

Mark Vidal
Arts Editor

There is a lot to be said about a guy who needs a best man for his wedding. At least John Hamburg seems to think so with his movie "I Love You, Man," which he wrote, directed and produced.

The always pleasant Paul Rudd ("Role Models") stars opposite Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall") in what is being identified by moviegoers and critics as a true "bromance."

So what is the big deal over a guy getting a guy to be his best man?

Is it because he cannot choose amongst his friends or choose between his brothers? You guessed it. Neither.

Successful real estate agent, Peter Klaven, (Rudd) has popped the question to his girlfriend Zooey (Rashida Jones) and after she gracefully accepts, Peter realizes that he does not have a close enough guy friend to be his best man.

What starts out to be seemingly a minor issue, turns into a mad drive of friend searching after Peter overhears Zooey's friends warning her that he will be clingy once married since he has no close friends.

Peter, who finds it easier to mingle with women than men, turns to his gay younger brother for help, who ironically appears more masculine than Peter himself.

With help from his brother and the Internet, Peter lands himself a few "man-dates," which include an obnoxious freak, a senior citizen and of course a homosexual.

Who did not see that one coming?

Not until several of his man-dates go shockingly wrong does Peter meet the one and only Sydney Fife (Segel) at the mansion he is currently trying to sell.

Sydney is an all-round friendly dude who is easy to get along with and, lucky for Peter, they hit it off almost instantly after learning they both love the rock band Rush. The search for a best man has finally come to an end.

Unfortunately for Peter, his relationship with his fiancee begins to suffer as his bond with best-pal Sydney grows.

Come on, can a man not have his cake and eat it too?

In an attempt to mend his relationship, Peter opts to end things with Sydney, which for the audience is more devastating a breakup than if it were with Zooey.

Soon enough 95 percent of the movie goes by without the words "I love you, man" ever muttered, which should make it clear to you the destiny of Sydney and Peter. The end.

Despite an unbalanced mix of sexual and crude humor, "I Love You, Man" commands laughs throughout its duration.

It was especially funny hearing the 12 second delayed laughs of elder members of the audience whenever a dirty sex joke was made. It arguably is meant for moviegoers under the age of 55.

And it was painful as much as it was amusing to watch Peter making up ridiculous dude slangs in order to act like one of the guys. Saying "totes magotes" instead of "totally" is a prime example.

Some events in the movie were underdeveloped though. Zooey and Peter's little argument towards the climax hardly justified Peter ending his friendship with Sydney.

It seemed like a poor excuse to shake things up in a storyline that was already milked.

Paul Rudd could not have been cast in a more suitable role. His charm and quirky personality keep the audience satisfied.

Whether you take your best girl or best man, you are guaranteed a laugh or two.

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Music Review

Ordinance lays down the law

Samantha Sincock
Web Editor

Breaking out of Fort Worth, Texas, the band Green River Ordinance is taking the music world by storm.

The name Green River Ordinance comes from the local law that prohibits door-to-door sales without a home-owner's prior permission. Luckily for this group of talented musicians they do not have to rely on door-to-door advertisement, their rhythmic sounds draws fans on its own.

With the EMI/Virgin release of "Out Of My Hands" on Feb. 24, listeners everywhere are discovering that Green River Ordinance is one of the must knows of rock music.

The band is composed of singer/guitarist Josh Jenkins, brothers Jamey (guitarist) and Geoff Ice (bass), Denton Hunker (drums) and Joshua Wilkerson (guitarist). Despite the fact that they are still in college, this band has the maturity of some of the big bands in the music industry.

While most kids their age were thinking about high school dances and what to study in college, these guys were writing and performing their own dreams.

This pop-rock band with a southern feel allowed their new album to build off what made the band noticed in the first place. The smooth mix of hook-laden songs can accompany any road trip perfectly, with catchy lyrics that will have you singing the words over and over again.

The songs range from fast pace rock talking about taking the world by storm. To smooth, slow melodies talking about the hardships of life and over coming them.

Similar to the sounds of Switchfoot and Fall Out Boy, Green River Ordinance is sure to be rocking on the big stage with lighters/phones waving through the air.

The guys realized that song-writing bound them together, and when the five of them sit down in a room to write a song, magic happens.

Whether it is a slow building song "Getting Older," a rock out in your bedroom "Outside," or a long drive to the beach sing-along "Goodbye L.A.," the band's memorable lyrics will be stuck in the listener's heads for weeks.

Green River Ordinance can be found at iTunes, Facebook, MySpace and many more Internet sites spreading their memorable tunes around. If you are ever in the mood to check out a new band type in their name on your Google search and learn a little more about this inspirational band.

Sticking to touring throughout the Midwest and East Coast, many are hopeful that this talented group of musicians can make their way closer to the sunny West Coast for a concert.

The band has always had a strong vision of where they would end up musically, and now is excited to see it play out. With their music scaling the charts and appearing with bands like Bon Jovi, Simple Plan and many others, this band is becoming a quick natural rock act.

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Animals...

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animal tested products.

Jay Jones, professor of biology and biochemistry, said that he was delighted to see this presentation.

"It was a gem of a presentation. The way she put it together was absolutely fantastic. I liked how it centered on isolation between us and the world," Jones said.

Wagoner said that she always had an interest in animals since she was young and as a child, she wanted to own a deer as culture told her she could possess animals.

"I hope people walk away from this presentation with the same complex questions that trouble my mind about our relationship with animals and for them to reconcile that with whatever world view they hold deeply," Wagoner said.

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Flora accepts Division I position

Coach built volleyball powerhouse

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Don Flora, the beloved head coach who has led the University of La Verne women's volleyball team to numerous regional and national awards, has resigned after 11 years.

Flora, who also coached men's tennis, has accepted a position as assistant coach at New Mexico State University, a Division I school.

The two assistant tennis coaches will take over his role.

"I was excited for Coach Don Flora," said Interim Athletic Director Julie Kline. "I think this is a wonderful opportunity for him and his family."

"It's a different time for both myself and the team," Flora said. "It's like leaving my family. The head coach (at New Mexico) contacted me, Flora said. "It's one of these things that was out of the blue."

Under Flora the volleyball program has enjoyed continued success.

Since he took the position following renowned coach Jim Paschal, the Leopards have captured nine consecutive Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conferences championships from 2000 to 2008.

During those years, La Verne won five West Region championships and four NCAA final four appearances.

In 2001 the Leopards posted their best record under Flora, winning the NCAA Division III national championship.

Flora received American Volleyball Coaches Association and Volleyball Magazine Division III Coach of the Year in 2001.

Flora is also a four-time West Region Coach of the Year.

Flora's success as a coach has spilled over into other sports as well.

Last year Flora assumed the role of head coach for the men's tennis team. The Leopards posted an overall record of 7-14 in his first season.

Flora said leaving La Verne is not easy.

"There's a lot of friends and colleagues on this staff," he said. "It's super hard thinking about leaving the day to day interactions and support of the other staff."

His athletes say they will miss him, but are happy for his great opportunity.

"I was surprised but I was happy for him because getting a position at a higher level is a big deal," senior Brianna Gonzales said.

Gonzales, a standout volleyball player for the Leopards last season, was selected to the First All-American team.

Gonzales credits her success to Flora's teaching.

"It was great, I learned so much from him," Gonzales said. "He helped me develop to play at a high level."

"It's hard because Don is a great coach and he ran a heck of a program," junior volleyball player Crista Jones said.

A a search for Flora's replacement has not started yet Kline said, but potential candidates have contacted Kline.

"This program is bigger than all of us," Flora said. "They have a chance to be stellar next season."

"We all wish him continued success," Kline said. "He's a quality coach."

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Don Flora

La Verne inducts 6 into athletics hall of fame

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The University of La Verne's 11th Annual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held Saturday at the Sheraton Fairplex Avalon Ballroom.

Amy Smith, Dominick Copas, Gina Meza, Kenny Clements, Gary Stewart, and Liz Lucsko, were the six new inductees in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I am excited about meeting such great and talented people who understand about hard work, and it's an honor to be here with them." said Ryan Figgs, a current ULV football player.

Among the crowd, were many from the athletics department including current sports players, staff members, the La Verne Athletics Alumnae Association, coaches, and administrators.

Kline, the athletics director, started the ceremony and continued to speak about each inductee along with Rex Huigens and Bob Dyer, both part of the Athletics Hall of Fame.

"Together we are stronger," said Kline starting off the ceremony.

Dyer and Huigens introduced the inductees.



Rafael Anguiano

Athletic hall of fame inductee Liz Lucsko was honored for her achievements in track and field. Lucsko and Will Darity, sports information director, move towards the rest of the inductees for a formal group portrait at the end of the night.

Clements, graduated in 2001 as a two-time All-American water polo player. He averaged nearly three goals per game through his two-year career, and was named the 2000 Division III Player of the Year by the Collegiate Water Polo Coaches Association.

"I am glad my mother pushed me to play water polo or I might not be here," Clements said in his thank you speech to the audience.

Copas graduated in 1988 and has worked as both an assistant coach for women's basketball, and currently works as part of the business department at Los Osos High School. As a baseball player, Copas was Second Team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection after hitting 14 home runs in his first season, and currently ranks third all-time in home runs and fifth in runs batted in.

Lucsko, who graduated in 2003, works as the manager of the Miami office of Industrial Color. She was one of the most

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Loury dives into Leo record book

Senior earns top honor

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An anxious and nervous diver was getting ready to compete in the men's 3-meter event at the conference finals, when a calming voice reassured him of his potential.

The swim coach approached him and gave him the pep talk of his life.

"You're the biggest prospect the diving team has, you can do this and everyone believes in you."

It sounds like a scene out of a movie, but this happened to Chad Loury, a senior television broadcasting major at the University of La Verne, and the inspirational voice that boosted his morale is John Hallman, the University's swim coach.

Loury went on to win third place in the men's 3-meter and remarkably won All-Conference honors.

Loury has won many awards in diving and has broken many outstanding records with his time at La Verne.

He not only won first place in the men's 3-meter at the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference finals, he won all conference in the 3-meter again at the finals.

"My family was there to watch me, and the mini pep talk of Coach Hallman really boosted my confidence." Loury said.

Loury grew up in West Covina and started diving when he was nine years old.



Steven Bier

Senior diving captain Chad Loury finished his college career with an All Conference Award in the 3-meter event. Loury has been diving at the University of La Verne for the past four years, and walked away with third place at the SCIAC Conference Finals in Long Beach on Feb. 12.

"I was on a team in Industry Hills for one year and then the coach quit. Three months later I joined another team, but the coach quit again," Loury said.

He eventually became a member of the Rose Bowl diving team and recalls the big Olympic sized pool they competed in.

"I remember diving off that pool. It was huge but I was not afraid," Loury said.

He attended Covina High School and was the only diver to qualify for the California Interscholastic Federation, which came as a surprise to him because the school had a very small pool.

In his sophomore year, he placed first in his division and throughout Southern California.

As the swim team captain; he led his team to a league championship.

"I remember when I was getting ready to graduate everyone was flipping out and wondering where I was going," he said.

California Baptist University was the first campus Loury was considering but after looking at the dorms, he considered other options.

"The dorms were really small and I was used to living really comfortably at home so I knew I was not going to like it there and I wanted to go somewhere close," Loury said.

"My history teacher went to La Verne and told me to check it out. After I did some research I found out that they had a diving team. It worked out for me because I get to do what I love which is broadcasting and diving."

Hallman helped make his transition easier.

"John took me to lunch, helped me with my application and showed me all the things La Verne had to offer," Loury said.

"A friend of mine was his diving coach in the Rose Bowl league, so I wanted him on our team," Hallman said. "He is a great guy with a great family and he works for the city as a diving instructor."

However, not everything went smoothly for Chad this year.

In November, he had to have surgery in his elbow and doctors believed he would be healed by February, which would not be in time to compete at the beginning of the season, but he managed to recuperate and was in the water by Jan. 1.

"I was really scared that he was not going to be able to compete, it was amazing that he won all conference," Hallman said.

"(Hallman) challenged me as a coach," Lowry said. "He said he wanted to be at a certain level and I tried my best."

The season's conclusion marks Loury's last year on the dive team.

Due to the rules, a student is allowed to play a certain sport for four years.

Although he will not be diving at school, he is still proud of his success within the program, and looks forward to following the team's progress in the upcoming season.

Adam Kazub, a junior and now former teammate of Loury is really happy to have had Loury as a captain and inspiration.

"He took me under his wing and persuaded me to dive. He is a very motivated person who always looks at the bright side of things," said Kazub.

For now Loury plans on continuing his education and is still hoping to have a future in diving.

"I am really sad that the season is over. If I want to keep diving I will have to join Club Masters Diving which is like a club for adults. Nobody wants to see me quit," Loury said. "The coach for Pomona-Pitzer always says that we have to keep diving."

"I want to thank my family, friends and my girlfriend for everything they have done for me especially before my last meet when everyone came out to see me. I just know I want to keep diving," Loury said.

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decorated track and field athletes in ULV history with seven SCIAC individual championships.

Lucsko was a three-time conference champion in the long jump and a two-time champion in the 100 meter hurdles as well as the triple jump. She earned SCIAC Female Athlete of the Year and Division III West Region Female Athlete of the Year, was a two-time All-American and was named La Verne's Jesse Iles Scafani Sportswoman of the Year in 2003.

Meza graduated in 2003 with one of the most successful careers in softball. She was SCIAC player of the year in 2001 and 2003. She is the only ULV player in conference history to be named First Team All-Conference in each of her four seasons, and was a four-time All-West Region player. She finished with a career .460 batting average and a school record 252 hits with 179 runs and 392 bases.

Smith graduated with the class of 2004 as both an accomplished volleyball and track and field player. She was the first ULV volleyball player to earn the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Player of the Year honors. She collected 348 kills in one season averaging 3.41 kills per game and a total of 831 kills in her volleyball career.

Smith also went to the NCAA Championships in high jump and javelin, while earning SCIAC individual crowns in both. She was honored as La Verne's Jesse Iles Scafani Sportswoman of the Year in 2004.

Stewart, part of the class of 1984, earned the honor as both a player and coach at La Verne. He earned All-SCIAC all four years and All-District VIII honors in his last three seasons.

Stewart received the SCIAC's Ted Ducey Award, and the Anthony P. Scafani Sportsman of the Year Award. As a coach he guided La Verne from last place to first in three years and is the only coach in ULV history to lead his team to a SCIAC title berth in the NCAA Division III basketball championship.

All the inductees took time to thank many important people who contributed to their success and talked about the way the University had changed them and made them a better student-athlete.

"An author once said 'All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten', but with all due respect, he never went to the University of La Verne," Stewart said.

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Men fall to Middlebury



Rafael Anguiano

Even though the La Verne men's tennis team lost the meet to Middlebury, 8-1, Alex Muresan still managed to make his opponents "honestly scared" of his serve. The team's next match is at 1 p.m. Friday against Puget Sound at the Claremont Club.