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Safe! Softball sweeps doubleheader



Sherazad Shaikh

Freshman Tara Allis is safe at first base as Occidental first baseman Alyssa Smith drops the ball. The Leopards won both games in the doubleheader against the Tigers, 3-2 and 9-1, on Saturday. The Leopards also defeated the Williams Ephs, 9-1, in 6 innings on Tuesday in Claremont. The Leopards have another doubleheader April 10 at Pomona-Pitzer.

Travel with caution

Natalie Veissalov
News Editor

The current situation with Mexico's drug wars has caused the United States to put Mexico on its list of travel alerts, and is now causing many universities to put their own travel warnings to prevent many college students from going to Mexico on spring break.

"While it is something you need to be aware of, it is not something tourists need to fear," Sharon Davis, professor of sociology, said. "But someone who wants to buy drugs (or looks for trouble), I would fear for them."

Mexico's drug cartels are leading a bloody and violent war with other drug cartel rivals and also with the Mexican government. Many of these drug cartels are smuggling illegal drugs from Colombia through huge semi-trucks and boats into Mexico, Daniel Loera, multicultural affairs director, said.

Many of these illegal drugs are then smuggled into the United States.

Many of the weapons drug cartels use are manufactured in the United States, and the types of guns being used are not meant for hunting rather they are designed for wars and to kill, Loera said.

Although Mexico's President Felipe Calderón has sent about 36,000 troops to secure routes in which drug cartels pass, the violence has only increased and the death rate has climbed.

The drug cartels are striking back against government officials and want the Mexican government to leave them alone.

According to a Newsweek article titled "The Age of Innocents," many innocent people have been murdered in the past year or so, even though many who are dying related to drug cartels in some way.

With the heightened security

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In tough economy, some travel deals

Megan Sebestyen
Staff Writer

Economics 101



One in a continuing series exploring the state of the economy

With spring break fast approaching, the time has come when students dream of vacations going to a far-off, sun soaked beach.

Students take road trips with their friends for a week of adventures and families embark on a cruise or stay at a resort for a break from the concerns of jobs and school.

But this year's troubled economy could make taking a vacation difficult.

"The economy has been hard on the travel industry overall," Sandy Rodley, manager of Via Verde Travel, said.

According to a survey in 2008 by the U.S. Tour Operators Association, 46 percent of Americans are reacting to the troubled economy by taking a trip closer to home.

A survey conducted by the Travel Industry Association found the average overnight trip within the United States lasts three nights and costs an average of $557, excluding transportation.

Funding a vacation is even more difficult for students, many of whom rely on a part-time job for their income.

"I know I can't do as much because work has cut so many of my hours," Nora Logsdon, sophomore liberal studies major, said.

"I'm driving less because of the high gas prices," freshman Johanna Juan said.

Travel is not just a luxury reserved for times of prosperity and those of extreme wealth. Traveling can be affordable even for students on a budget.

"People are still traveling, despite the tough times," Rodley said. "A lot of our clientele are very loyal and still seems to have the funds and the ability to travel."

The good news for those in search of deals is that major companies have extended special offers and cut rates to attract potential customers.

Disney is offering special admission packages to Disneyland like two park tickets for the price of one.

Because of the decrease in fuel prices and a lessened demand for airline travel, many airlines have reduced their fares. AirTran Airways now offers one-way tickets for $39 between destinations such as Florida to Puerto Rico.

"There are a lot of great values out there right now," Rodley said.

Rodley also said people are planning more last-minute travel.

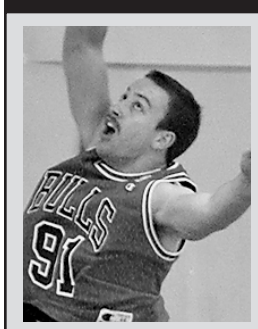
"People are still traveling and they are traveling closer to their travel dates than they normally would. Normally people talk about next summer or next year," Rodley said.

"The majority of clients are planning to travel next week or next month," Rodley said.

"All of the industry is

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ASULV leaders named

Chris Kaelberer and Noor Wahba will be president and vice president, respectively, for the Associated Students of the University of La Verne beginning in Fall 2009.

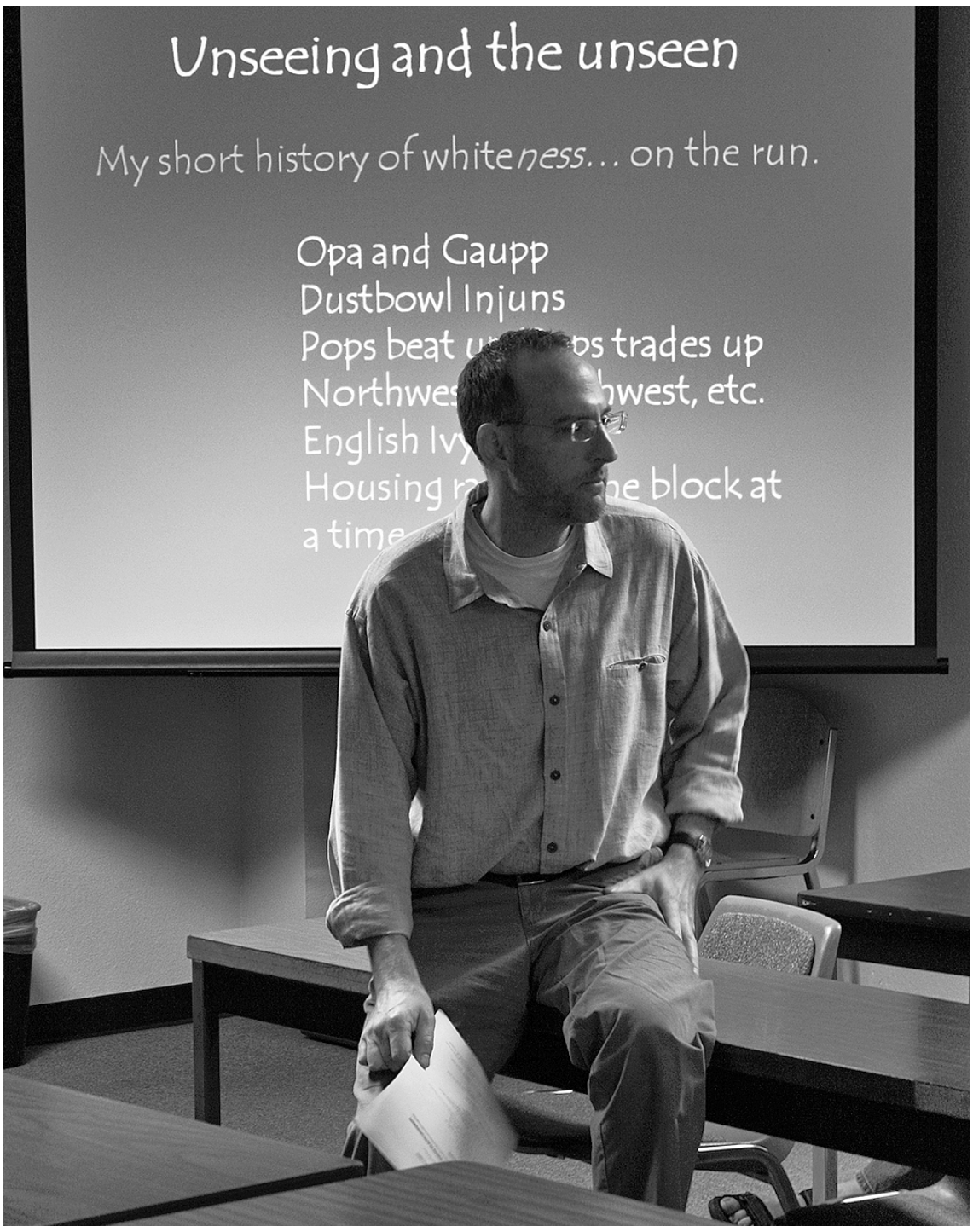
The two defeated Alan Hernandez and Jocelyn Bravo for the top student government spots.

More than 400 votes were cast, which is the largest turnout in recent years, said Angie Anderson, administrative assistant for the office of student life.

The results were announced Wednesday in the Johnson Family Plaza.

—Jonathan Smith

Race influences American dream



Rafael Anguiano

Speaking on the injustices of white privilege, Matt Witt, associate professor of public administration, facilitated the Colloquium on Diversity and answered questions. The event included a short clip from "The Matrix" and a lecture on the unity of humanity. The next Colloquium on Diversity will be May 7 about "Cultural Identity Development."

Victoria Farlow
Staff Writer

Matthew Witt, associate professor of public administration, contributed his topic of white privilege to the University of La Verne's Colloquium Series on Diversity.

In his presentation "My short history of whiteness…on the run," Witt explained that as a Caucasian male, he has experienced and enjoyed certain privileges living in the United States.

"There is an experience and there is an awareness," Witt said.

Witt also spoke about the racism that is present in home loans in the United States.

Witt presented an article by Larry Adelman from the San Francisco Chronicle in June 2003.

"Racism doesn't just come dressed in white sheets or voiced by skinheads, but lies in institution that have quietly and often invisibly channeled America's wealth, power, and status disproportionally to white people," Adelman said.

A set of New Deal programs led by the Federal Housing Administration allowed millions of average white Americans to own a home for the first time and down payments were lowered from 50 percent to 10 or 20 percent, Adelman said.

"It was not an accident," Witt said. "People of color were directly targeted."

Adelman's article explained that Federal investigators evaluated 239 regions for risk and communities with one or two black families were deemed financial risks and ineligible for low cost home loans.

"Government appraisal maps color those communities redhence the origin of the term 'redlining,'"Adelman said in his 2003 article.

Redlining is the practice of denying or increasing the cost of services such as banking, insurance, etc to residents in certain, often racially determined areas.

Witt said that blockbusting is still a problem in the United States as well.

Blockbusting is the practice of persuading white homeowners to sell quickly and usually at a loss.

That is done by appealing to the fear that minority groups and especially Black people will move into the neighborhood, causing property values to decline. The property is then resold at inflated prices.

"Americans are housing racism one block at a time," Witt said.

This month the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is accusing Wells Fargo and HSBC of forcing blacks into subprime mortgages while whites with identical qualifications got lower rates.

"HSBC ironically calls themselves the world's local bank," Witt said.

According to an article written by Jesse Washington, black homebuyers have been three and a half times more likely to receive subprime loan that white borrowers.

Witt called real wealth the American Dream but so many have made that unavailable to people of color.

"I hope in a sense if you are white like me you see that your freedoms are now in peril because they are privileges not freedoms," Witt said.

Witt is now comfortable saying that it has been his privilege to do what he has done.

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No change to housing rates

Angie Marcos
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's housing rates will remain the same this upcoming fall semester, Eugene Shang, assistant director of housing, said.

"We're trying to work with students to keep the cost of housing down," Shang said.

Beginning April 13 students will be able to reserve their rooms for the fall semester.

"It's about the experience of living on campus," Shang said, regarding the unchanged price for housing.

One new change in the housing application process is the ability for students of the University to choose their own rooms. "The University used to choose their rooms before," said Community and Resident Assistant Cassie Hobbs, a liberal studies major.

While the housing cost is remaining the same, the meal plans will experience changes, Shang said.

Although details are still being worked out regarding the different meal plans and their prices, there will be different meal plans available for commuters and law school students, General Manager Justin McGruder, said.

"Davenport will close on Saturdays," McGruder said.

It will also only serve dinner on Sundays. A continental breakfast will only be available for students in the mornings during the fall semester, McGruder said about the new changes concerning Davenport Dining Hall.

These changes will take place because of the opening of the Campus Center, which will instead offer students breakfast during the week and meals on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Students can still use their card at the Campus Center," McGruder said.

Those students who are interested in applying for housing for the upcoming fall semester need to pay a $150 fee to the Student Accounts office, located in Woody Hall. The fee, which is a room reservation fee, will cover the application and activities fees, Hobbs said.

Next, the student needs to complete a housing application, which can be found at **www.ulv.edu/housing**, Hobbs said.

The application, as well as the receipt confirming payment from the Student Accounts office, will then have to be turned in to the Housing office.

Once the application is turned in, the Housing office will give the applicant a date and time to come in for their room assignment, Shang said.

Also a part of the housing application process, 20 randomly chosen students who turn in their housing applications April 13-17 will receive a discount for the semester.

"Twenty students are going to be chosen and get five percent off of housing for the first semester," Hobbs said.

Students who turn in applications early also have the chance to win gift cards, Shang said.

For more details on the housing application process, email **housing@ulv.edu** or call 909-593-3511, ext. 4052.

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• **"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.

Al Clark sheds light on watershed

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Alfred Clark, associate vice president and professor of humanities, spoke Tuesday about the his research on the San Gabriel River Watershed.

He talked about the history of the Watershed, which is a region draining into the San Gabriel River, among other things during his lecture before students and faculty as part of the Faculty Lecture Series.

"Water is holy, powerful, soothing, beautiful, commonplace, fun, anomalous, the measure of all things, the most important compound in the universe," Clark said.

Clark has written books on different subjects but had yet to finish his book on the watershed, which is an important part to the life of Californians and in particular during a time of drought.

He began his research as his senior thesis in 1968 under the title "War over the San Gabriel," then turned it into "A Century of Dividing the Waters," and finally came to the point of calling it the Watershed.

Among the features of the watershed, it has been measured to be deeper than the Grand Canyon, and has been affected by varios periods in history, one being the Tongva era in which the natives would burn the ground near the watershed regularly and causing problems.

The people in the Californian era of the watershed would often kill the cattle leaving the erosion, and waste. There were many other eras that affected the watershed, such as the pre-human era, the mission era, the gold-mining era, and the U.S. era.

These small pieces of history affected the watershed both in negative and positive ways that we can see today.

One way that this impacted the area is the toxins put into the water after people having been polluting it for so long and how it is affecting us today as a state.

We are currently taking water, after having fought in the era of the municipal watershed, from the Colorado River, which had very big impact in the relation between the two states.

The state of California is dependent on many different sources for its water, but has yet to solve our problem in droughts and floods. Floods have been a very big problem in California despite the notion that we have deadly earthquakes, more Californians die because of flooding than earthquakes.

The lack of clean water is due to the ideas that people do not want "toilet-to-tap" recycled water; though in reality most people today do not realize we already have a similar system where we do not have clean water even in bottled water.

"When you think about it we're probably drinking the same water the dinosaurs did," Jamie Ondatje, a sophomore, said.

"This lecture highlights the ambiguity over the environment that we are trying to make better but because of the changes in the environment we really make thing worse," Michael Quesada, a senior history major, said.

Clark also pointed out that the problems with California and the possibility of a worse draught will continue if we do not change our habits or find another solution to the problems we face right now.

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Flooding the faculty lecture series audience with a river of information on the San Gabriel Valley Watershed, Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs, is preparing a book on the topic. Clark mentioned many factors that led to the degradation of the local watershed over the centuries, including the native people's fires releasing tannic acid into the soil, the unused carcasses of cows and the slight rise in temperatures.

Caring for animals



Sherazad Shaikh

Zandra Wagoner, assistant professor of religion and philosophy, talks about animal suffering due to agriculture and animal experimentation. Wagoner who reported she has been a vegetarian since her early 20s, advocates minimizing consumption of all kinds, but especially meat, poultry and dairy products.

Scientology's secret foes

Diane Scott
Editorial Director

A discussion about Scientology and its opponents was held in the President's Dining Room on Wednesday.

The talk titled "Anonymous: The Anti-Scientology Movement," hosted by The Most Greatest Club Ever, looked into the reasons behind the formation of the group Anonymous.

Dusty Witt, a senior religion and philosophy major and Club president, said that this event was different from others the club has hosted as it was his choice rather than the whole club.

"This event was all me. I had a personal interest in the subject and thought it would be fun," Witt said.

Due to his interest in the subject, Witt said that most of the work towards the presentation was organizing what he already knew.

"I was really surprised that there were so many people in the same mindset as me. I expected a lot more diversity in opinion," Witt said.

The lecture began with Witt asking those attending how they viewed Scientology. The majority of the room viewed it negatively as they thought it was a cult.

He gave a brief explanation of the history of Scientology, which was founded by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard in 1952 as an extension of "Dianetics," a set of ideas that binds together the spirit, the body and the mind.

It was also pointed out that Scientology is popular among celebrities such as Tom Cruise and John Travolta as they have the wealth, power and status needed to promote the religion.

Anonymous has only been in existence since the start of 2008 as a reaction to the Church of Scientology censoring certain videos and information from the Internet.

They have since launched campaigns against the Church of Scientology which involve YouTube videos, peaceful protests and hacking into web sites, which had certain media outlets calling them terrorist super hackers.

They also launched a leaflet campaign with messages such as "Google: Lisa McPherson" in

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Future students spotted

Julissa Cardenas
Staff Writer

Prospective students found out what life at the University of La Verne is really like at the annual Spotlight event.

Spotlight is a day dedicated to prospective students who, accompanied by their parents, can come, ask questions, tour the campus and spend a day with current University students.

The event started when students and parents were directed to the gym to hear ULV President Stephen Morgan, give a speech and a brief history of the University.

After the speech, parents and students went their separate ways.

Parents chose between three informational sessions to attend: financial aid, the University and the majors offered.

Vice President of Enrollment, Homa Shabahang, was there to greet the parents and answer questions.

"I used to work at the University of San Francisco, but what I like about the University of La Verne is the personalized help each and every student gets," Shabahang said.

Prospective students were taken to their spotlight leaders, who incorporated the students into different activities and shared their views about the University.

"This is my first time doing this and I love it. I love the fact that I can motivate students to attend La Verne, and I've just had fun all day," said Ashley Rodriguez, a junior business administration major and spotlight leader.

The students also attended breakout sessions about topics like financial aid, living on campus and student life.

"I really like that it's a school where everyone is friendly and most people know each other. I'm also thinking of going into theatre arts and this school is just about right," said Jose Arias, a prospective student from Woodrow Wilson High School in Los Angeles.

After the sessions, parents and students reunited for lunch at the Quad. LeoFM and other campus organizations and academic programs had booths that showcased what they had to offer.

The day ended with an optional tour of the campus.

Spotlight is an annual event for all prospective students. For more information, call 909-593-3511, ext. 4030

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Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend Spotlight @ ULV once each year. The event showcases opportunities at La Verne, including clubs and organizations, and academic departments. David Werner, professor of English, shows parent Terril Helander his chapter in the book, "In The Shadow of the Hunter: What It Means To Be A Man."

Students' research project honored

Susan Acker
Editor in Chief

The annual California Association of School Psychologists Convention included a panel discussion held by two University of La Verne graduate students and two professors.

Desiree Castellon and Janine Bauman, both graduate students in the education department, put a project together that became part of the discussion in Riverside, March 12.

The students presented with Jacquelyn Allen, associate professor of education and Veronica Runnels, an adjunct professor and school psychologist in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District.

"We thought their project was one of the best of the class," Runnels said.

The discussion, "RTI and Action Research: Connecting Process to Practice in Developing Consultation and Program Evaluation Skills," was about a curriculum developed by Allen for the School Psychology Program Planning and Evaluation class.

Allen taught the first class in 2007 and Runnels taught it in spring 2008.

"We think that the topic is very important for school psychologists," Allen said. "It's very important for psychologists to be able to do action research in schools to evaluate the results of interventions."

RTI, response to intervention, is a way to monitor the responses of students who are subjected to interventions in their early education years before they are put into special education classes. Response to intervention is a three-tiered system to assist students early on with academic problems that are identified.

Suggestions are made about how to address problems in an intervention.

Castellon and Bauman received an action research assignment in Runnels' class, and they worked with the Claremont school district to evaluate a reading intervention program.

"We recommended the program the school had, be expanded," Castellon said.

"If students receive interventions early, they don't necessarily need special education."

Jon Roa, a graduate student in the education department, attended the conference along with other ULV students.

"I thought it was great," Roa said. "It teaches people how to dissect a program in a school and say how it's valid."

"We try to teach students what they need to learn to be out in the field," Runnels said.

Bauman said the conference was a great opportunity to show their work.

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Jacquelyn Allen, associate professor of education, joined the faculty in 2004. Prior to coming to ULV, Allen served as a teacher, counselor and school psychologist for more than 30 years in several California school districts. Allen teaches a class to students Vanessa Gonzalez, Jaime Hines and Anna Castellanos in the Master of Science and School of Psychology program.

Opposition needs substance

We at the Campus Times have declared April "Earth Month" and with that declaration our appreciation goes out to all of those around the world who participated in Earth Hour.

The achievement to raise awareness of our growing climate crisis is highly respected and necessary.

At 8:30 p.m. local time, 200 cities around the world participated in Earth Hour and turned out their lights in a symbolic gesture to show that something needs to be done to combat the climate crisis.

Earth Hour promotes energy conservation, an economical way to save money on your electric bill and an overwhelming example of what humans can do to save our precious resources.

Eco-friendly things such as turning out lights, computers and TVs are ideas that do not only have to be exercised during Earth Hour, but are things people can do every day. Reducing the amount of electricity consumed in one's house or turning off appliances when they are not in use are proven ways to advance a green agenda.

It seems that everybody would agree that Earth Hour and the upcoming Earth Day, April 22, are necessary to raise awareness of our growing environmental crisis, and viable ways to promote a green agenda.

However, in the world's attempt to decrease our footprint on our planet, there was vocal opposition that promoted an agenda, or lack there of, that is both irresponsible and non-viable as an alternative to an ideological battle.



Conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh and Fox News contributor and KABC radio host Tammy Bruce called on their listeners to protest the notion of conserving energy and combating the climate crisis by turning their lights ON.

"Turn on every light in your house at 8:30 p.m.," echoed both Bruce and Limbaugh.

Clearly there is an ideological disagreement between those who believe that the climate crisis is real and that humans are the ones speeding up its detramental effects, and those who believe that the Earth is going through a common event that is historically cyclical. This type of difference is warranted and has a place in our democracy because everybody has a right to voice his or her opinion, whether or not they decide to acknowledge science.

But to call for wasting energy and depleting natural resources is irresponsible and ignorant.

This type of wasteful attention-getting stunt is detrimental and stupid – particularly in a time of economic struggle – regardless of ones beliefs about climate change.

However, many people were subjected to these calls of opposition and whether they carried them out cannot be known, but these voices are heard by a large number of loyal listeners; Rush Limbaugh has a massive audience, millions of listeners per week and Tammy Bruce appears on the No. 1 cable news station, Fox News.

Why call for opposition that does not promote an alternative agenda? No where else in Limbaugh's or Bruce's addresses did they offer a plan to wean our dependency on foreign oil, or try and preserve our precious natural resources.

Protests should be used to achieve a better America and advance the argument in a constructive way that helps people better understand the issues. In no way does this type of demonstration help America; in fact it hurts America.

Even if there is an ideological difference in their understanding of the climate crisis, there should not be any debate over the merits of conserving vs. purposely wasting energy.

Conserving is environmentally and economically smart, and Earth Hour was a great way to advance the discussion.

Earth Month

If your lights were out from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. last Saturday night, pat yourself on the back because you participated along with 88 countries in Earth Hour, a global event to raise awareness of climate change.

If you missed out, consider making up for it on Earth Day April 22.

To help remind you of this important cause, the Campus Times editorial page will "Go Green" for the entire month of April by featuring environmentally oriented commentary.

Starbucks wastes resources

Starbucks coffee has, for years, been pouring millions of gallons of pure clean water down the drain.

According to an article in a British newspaper last October, the coffee behemoth has a policy to keep a tap, known as a dipper well, running non-stop with clean water at every one of its more than 10,000 outlets. This ridiculous waste of pure water adds up to more than 6.2 million gallons a day – which is enough water to refill an Olympic pool every 83 minutes.

The company, which claims to have green credentials, told the British publication that the dipper well was essential to keep health standards up and bacterial growth at bay. But the company has been throwing away the most vital natural resource needed in our world.

Even with the tap at a "slow flow," it still accumulates more than about a half gallon a minute, enough for one African to survive a day in extreme drought.

When the Campus Times asked Los Angeles-based Starbucks spokeswoman Annie Austerlitz about the water waste, she replied in an e-mail:

"We recognize that the amount of water used by the dipper well is unacceptable and we have been working since 2007 to find a solution that balances the water conservation with the critical need for customer safety. In 2009, we began implementing new operational alternatives tho the dipper well system across the globe ... These methods provide a significant reduction of our overall water use."

Though she did not quantify the reduction in wasted water.

We would hope any clean water Starbucks did or still does send down the drain might be recycled. Like other recyclable products in the store.

Wait. Most local Starbucks don't even have recycling bins.

The company's merchandise comes in recyclable containers and could easily be recycled, but according to local Starbucks workers, it is routinely dumped in the garbage.

Austerlitz told us 73 percent of U.S. and Canada stores recycled "at least one or more items," during fiscal year 2007. And she added that some stores are located in "markets where recycling is greatly hampered."

The company prides itself on using post consumer product and a "shared planet" initiative to encourage greener, more community-minded practices.

Shouldn't such a company be a leader in recycling, calling for recycling in all of its stores, including those in markets where such services are less than readily available?

Imagine how many of our precious resources would be spared if all Starbucks stores across the globe recycled most of their paper and plastic products. If they placed bins in every store and encouraged customers to recycle as well. At very least, we believe Starbucks should immediately place recycling bins in each of its Southern California stores that do not currently have them. After all ours is a market where recycling is not at all hampered.

There are individuals who write the company to complain about their drinks not being made right, why not also write about how Starbucks' waste of resources is unacceptable?

Starbucks began as a coffee house that cared about its community and the world. It grew into a multibillion dollar corporation. It is time for Starbucks to take a stand – and be a leader in caring for the environment.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

My junkyard treasure



SUSAN ACKER

As I walked down the aisle of the dirt lot, my heart sank. I was not really expecting to find anything that hot summer day in the middle of July, but I had hoped, more than I had realized before that moment.

I turned and walked down another aisle of the Pick-A-Part sale lot and I saw the back of something that looked promising.

It was old, from the 1960s maybe, and it looked decent.

I walked quickly to a possibly great, car. Maybe. No, never mind. There was nothing worth looking at.

It looked okay from the side, but as I got closer I realized that the front of the car was welded on and it was not the original front of the car.

Bummer.

My search for an old car was not going well.

It technically was not a search, but more of a hope that on the off chance by some miracle a great older car with a great price was out there, I would find it.

I did not have enough money to buy the car of my dreams, a fully restored white 1962 Lincoln Continental convertible with suicide doors with cherry red leather seats.

I was looking for a basic daily driver that needed a little TLC.

After walking around the lot, I was ready to leave when a man in a hard hat came over and asked me what I was looking for.

I explained that I wanted something from the 60s, in decent shape and inexpensive. He said he had something to show me.

He went and retrieved the key and walked to the back of the lot between two of the saddest hunks of rusty metal I had seen that day.

I turned around to look at the other cars some more, not expecting to be impressed by what he wanted to show me.

And then I heard it. It took a couple of tries to start her up, but when I heard the roar of her engine I turned around to see her roll out from between the dust-covered heaps on either side of her.

I fell in love.

She was the prettiest green car I had ever seen.

I started squealing and jumping up and down.

Sal, the man in the hard hat got out of the 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme and waved me over to the driver's side.

"Go ahead, get in," he said.

I climbed behind the wheel and started to look around. Green, my favorite color, everywhere.

I was not prepared to fall in love that day, and she was not what I was really looking for, but she stole my heart with her green interior and exterior, power steering and air conditioning.

And of course the purr of her V8 Rocket engine. I was in love.

I was so excited I could hardly speak.

After lifting the hood and giving her a thorough once over, I bought her.

It has been seven months and I could not be happier.

I have started to fix her up little by little and once I get a good job and get the money to fully restore her, she will be the best 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme.

There is nothing quite like hearing the roar of her engine and smelling that old car smell.

The road has been a bit bumpy and there were moments of frustration when I could not get her started, and had to call the Automobile Club, but it has been worth it.

Though she is not perfect and she still takes a while to warm up on a cold morning, she just keeps chugging along, one mile at a time.

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Trash TV brings out the worst



DIANE SCOTT

I have a problem, a problem which I am sure is shared by millions of students the world over. I procrastinate.

I am always finding something more interesting to do than homework, and it usually involves television.

I used to do it all the time in England and it is a habit that has crossed the Atlantic ocean with me.

While I am not surprised by my procrastination, I am surprised that I am watching the same style of show that I would be watching if I was still at home.

I have what could almost be considered an unhealthy addiction to chat shows.

That would be fine if I was watching Oprah or something to that extent, but I am not.

The TV show that takes my attention away from my work and is none other than the circus that is the Jerry Springer Show.

Yes, I avoid work by watching people hit each other in front of an audience that is baying for blood, while grandpa stands at the side of the stage looking bemused by the whole situation he has created over the years.

The show, or to give it the name my roommate called it, 'Who is my baby daddy?' is addictive to the extreme.

I instantly hate most of the people that come on the screen, as they are just so stupid at times.

In what world, other than the one Springer has created, would a rather large and un-pretty woman attempt to gain support for her cause by showing her breasts to the world?

Also, what is the point of constantly fighting? These shows where they bring people on for ultimatums should be concerned with solving problems, not creating them.

I swear that the last time I watched the show, the security guard whispered in one woman's ear exactly when to attack the other woman.

If I wanted to watch wrestling, I would have turned to the wrestling channel.

While I dislike almost all of the people on stage, with the exception of Springer himself, they end up getting redeemed in my eyes as the camera turns to the audience and they get to voice their opinions.

I have never seen a group of people filled with so much hate just because they have a TV camera turned on them.

The moment audience members get a chance to talk, they throw abuse at the idiots on stage.

While even I think that the people on stage need to have their heads bashed together, there is no need for personal insults. I mean, come on. They are not exactly easy on the eye, now are they?

What is the point of having the audience speak when all they do is echo the same insults the show's participants throw at each other?

And what do I get from wasting my time watching this rubbish?

I learn that the only people that go anywhere near that show are full of hate, that security people like to stir up problems and that yes, it really is possible to marry someone who has had a sex change and know nothing about it.

Although as much as I may complain about it, I know that the next time I try and sit down to do homework in the middle of the day I will still reach for the remote and turn on "Jerry Springer", just to yell at the people on the program.

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I just might be the next American Idol



JONATHAN SMITH

If you know me, you know I love to sing. It is not a secret. I probably sing more than babies are born. I can't help myself, I love music and nothing else.

I sing in any place, at any time. I sing Disney songs in the shower. I sing N'Sync songs at rock paintings. I sing Anita Baker while walking down the street to Foothill Boulevard. I sing Stevie Wonder walking down the street to Bonita Avenue.

I sing Celine Dion songs when I am mad. I sing Muse when I am happy.

Now I started singing Chris Brown songs just to annoy my sister or any former Brown fans I come in contact with.

And if I am not singing physically, I can assure you a song is ringing in my head.

I do not know if I sing in my sleep. I probably should record myself one night just to find out. I do sleep listening to the radio and when I wake up, I am singing random songs. Maybe there is a correlation.

I like many types of music.

I do not listen to all kinds of music. I probably have a more wide range of favorites than people do. The only music I listen to less is things like heavy metal and some hip-hop. The reason for it is because I love singing so much, any absence of it would kill me.

This past weekend I visited my Mom and sister to hang out. On Sunday we headed over to my godmother's house to visit. While we were watching TV, "Purple Rain" came on and I started singing "I Would Die 4 U."

Then I heard my godsister say something in the kitchen.

"You're still singing, I see that hasn't changed." Everyone started laughing except for me.

Asking me not to sing would be asking me to rip my heart out and throw it in the garbage disposal. This description may be a little graphic, but I hope everyone feels my passion. As a little kid, I always loved singing.

My dad made a family video when I was six and you best believe I gave my best Michael Jackson at every chance I received. When I saw that red light come on, it was time for me to sing and dance my heart out.

If only Quincy Jones was there. You would probably never heard of Tevin Campbell.

Here at the University, I had time to flex the big pipes quite a few times.

I was a member of the University Chorale for two years and I had a blast.

My favorite Campus Activities Board event has always been Karaoke night and I thank CAB for keeping the event steady every semester since it started.

Last week fellow editor Sher Porter and I gave our best Peaches and Herb duet when we sang TLC's "Waterfalls" during Karaoke night. It was fun, as fun as a song about gang violence and HIV can get. It was nice to get the crowd involved and singing along.

Also, recently I got to sing Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror," at the Mr. and Ms. International competition. I do not know why I sang the song. I just remember looking in the mirror and saying 'Hmm.'

Whenever I leaved the University, singing will never change for me. Also I can assure everyone I am not trying out for American Idol anytime soon. Or maybe…

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Intramural ends with a dark twist

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Although La Verne's basketball season has come to an end, the sounds of bouncing balls, squeaking shoes and cheers could still be heard from the gym this past week as students participated in intramural basketball.

The Campus Activities Board hosted a two week tournament of basketball games that all La Verne students could participate in. Each team had to include a captain and a team name. The first four teams to sign up were awarded shirts to wear for the games.

On the first day several teams turned out eager to play.

"I am pumped up to play, because I love playing basketball and getting the chance to play people I know and have fun with it," senior political science major Paul Bennett said.

Students lined the bleachers for a chance to see their favorite team or players show off their skills on the court and the energy and excitement filled the gym.

"I am really happy about the turnout and excited that so many people are supporting this CAB event," junior business major and CAB Major Events Co-Chairwoman Naime Laskar said.

The tournament consisted of four nights. There were three nights of games to determine the standings and the final night for the semi-finals and championship game.

Instead of having an elimination style tournament, it was made into a points ranking system giving teams the chance to play all three nights.

After each night the points were tallied and the rankings were made based on which teamed scored the most points all the way down to which one scored the least.

After all three days were tallied and added up, the top four teams advanced into the semi-finals.

The first night on March 17 went off without a hitch and generated a big turnout of people coming to see what the event was all about and how good the teams actually were.

The second night on March 19, was cut short because the lights in the gym shutting off at midnight, cutting off the last few minutes of the final teams' game.

This did not deter the players, however, it just made them more competitive and determined for the next nights round of games.

By the last night of the intramurals on March 26, it was down to the four top teams of the tournament, FASTBREAK, Phi-Delts, Mon-Stars and Brizzle.

All teams were pumped up and ready to play with the title of champions so close to their reach.

"This is really exciting, I am glad this event was such a success and that my team is in the semifinals," junior Brizzle team member and CAB Vice Chairwoman Erika Barajas said.

Each game lasted 20 minutes and the team that won advanced to the finals. The final two teams to advance were the Phi-Delts and FASTBREAK. Both teams were determined to win.

"This was a fun event, my team came out to win and we made it all the way to the championship, it doesn't get better than that," junior communications major, Phi-Delta team member and CAB Films Chairman Chris Weedon said.

In the end it turned out to be a draw, awarding the last two teams co-championship titles due to campus security shutting off the lights at midnight.

Although both teams were determined to finish off the game even in the dark, it was decided to award both teams medals.

"I think everyone really enjoyed themselves. I just feel bad that there had to be co-champions. Lets hope intramural dodgeball is just as fun," senior Spanish major and CAB Intramurals Chairman Adan Jaime said.

And so as the lights turned off in the gym and the last few fans made their way out of the gym, the CAB intramural basketball tournament came to an end after a successful round of games and a big turnout.

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Stephanie Arellanes

Samuel Adams does a lay-up as John Leggett and Steven Manila of the opposing team converge to get the rebound. The basketball intramurals are composed of players who are athletic and non-athletic within the ULV community. Leggett and Manila's team defeated Adams' on March 26.

Phi Delta Theta teeters for cause

Sher Porter
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For the first time at the University of La Verne, Phi Delta Theta Fraternity teeter-tottered for 24 hours from March 26 through March 27 to raise money for their philanthropy.

Their mission for the event was to raise money to find a cure for Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis which is a fatal neuromuscular disease that over time, robs the body of its ability to walk, speak, swallow and breathe.

The disease is also known as the Lou Gehrig's disease, named after the famous baseball player and Phi Delta Theta alumnus who announced his illness in 1939.

"We can raise money and hope that there is a cure for it," Alan Weinreb, senior psychology major said.

Weinreb organized the event after witnessing other Phi Delta Theta chapters at other schools doing it. He thought it would be a good way to raise awareness and money.

"It's more so to bring an awareness to a disease that has no cure that no one really knows about," said Fernando Vallin, senior international business and language major.

After planning the event Weinreb found someone to construct the teeter-totter for him for $450, but the Associated Students of the University of La Verne helped with the cost.

Each member of the fraternity signed up to ride the 14-foot wooden structure for at least 30 minutes. They started at 11 a.m. on March 26 and ended at 11 a.m. on March 27.

"Luckily we had cushion

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Ladies night at karaoke

Julissa Cardenas
Staff Writer

Davenport Dining Hall was a scene of musical symphony on March 25 when the Campus Activity Board hosted Karaoke Night.

The event scheduled at 10 p.m. actually started at 10:30 p.m. because people showed up late.

Evelyn Castro, the special events chairwoman was in charge of putting the event together. Along with the singing and dancing, there was a "make your own nachos" table, where nachos were served. The night was titled "Na-cho Same Ol' Song."

Most of those present were women from the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. Since only about nine men showed up, it turned out to be a girls night and no one seemed to be fazed.

Roxanne Garcia, a sophomore accounting major in Phi Sigma Sigma was there to enjoy the nachos.

"I'm on the special events CAB committee and I love nachos. I just had a plate and they were good. I may sing later on if there's a group," Garcia said.

As more and more people showed up, Garcia did sing. She sang "Barbie Girl" by Aqua along with many of her sorority sisters.

Another Phi Sigma Sigma member, AnnMarie Francis a junior business administration major, sang "Spice up your life" by the Spice Girls. It was the first song of the night.

"It's a little late to eat nachos but I am tempted," said Francis.

More and more women got the courage to sing, and many got up in groups of five or more to sing together.

"Pretty Young Thing" by Michael Jackson was a song that many women got up to sing but others were happy by just watching.

"I'll sing but later on, much later. Right now I'm having too much fun listening to the other girls sing," Michelle Akahoshi, a sophomore psychology major in Phi Sigma Sigma, said.

"It's really funny to see them sing, I can't stop laughing," Akahoshi added.

"This night was really fun, I enjoyed watching others sing and I got the courage to go up there and sing. I hope there are more events like this," Garcia said.

The Campus Activities Board has many more upcoming events. For more information call 909 593-3511 ext. 4423 or email at **cab@ulv.edu**.

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Sherazad Shaikh

Ashley Rodriguez, Minerva Garcia, AnnMarie Francis, Michelle Akahoshi, Korynn Frelow, Kristina Granados and Ami Smith gathered in Davenport Dining Hall on March 25 to eat nachos and participate in the karaoke event.

Race...

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"I do not have to defend myself," Witt said.

"What we have is delusion," Witt said. "We have an image of hopelessness and freedom."

"How do you live with yourself and your white privilege," Witt said to Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs, at the end of Witt's presentation.

Witt said that it has been a privilege and that he will spend the rest of his life figuring it all out.

"I try to make every interaction with a person an unencumbered beginning," Witt said.

Claudio Munoz, professor of accounting, was impressed with Witt's opening and ability to admit that he had received privileges because of his race.

"I think that it takes boldness to recognize some of the privileges we receive," Munoz said. "To recognize it is honorable and admirable."

Munoz said that he sees Witt as a person who has enjoyed his privileges, not for himself but to share with society and to give back.

Lisa Saye, assistant professor of public administration, enjoyed Witt's overriding theme that stated freedom cannot be achieved out of self interest.

"To accurately see someone is freedom," Saye said.

"In very subtle ways privileges are everywhere," Witt said. "To be free is to confront that."

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Teeter totter...

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because it definitely hurt my butt a lot," Weinreb said.

The men had fun tossing around a Nerf football, playing jokes and trying to evenly distribute weight as they teeter-tottered.

"It's a lot more fun than people think," Mike Flores, graduate student and member of Phi Delta Theta said.

Other people outside of Phi Delta Theta also came to support and donate money.

"I think this is a great event because it's creative and unique and they're trying to educate people about ALS," Emily Romo, senior English major, said.

At night they held a barbecue for people to attend. Brian Ortega, a Phi Delta Theta alumnus, DJ'ed from 10 p.m. until midnight in Sneaky Park.

"It was awesome that there was so many (people) there to support," Weinreb said.

The event was only fun and games, it was also a learning tool. There was a table of pamphlets and information about ALS and other ways to donate.

The fraternity wants to do this event again in the future.

They hope to have another teeter-totter event to allow people to ride if they donate money.

"We wanted to bring a new tradition to ULV to raise money for ALS," Vallin said.

The only change Weinreb would make would be to have more publicity. Reporters from the Daily Bulletin and other publications came to report on the event. Weinreb thinks that this is a event that more people should know about.

"I know the news would come out for something like this," Weinreb said.

The fraternity exceeded its goal and raised more than $1000.

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Arts, etc...

HAPPENINGS

Structural Integrity

The Harris Art Gallery of the University of La Verne will present its latest exhibition, "Structural Integrity."

The exhibit will feature two and three dimensional artwork of four Los Angeles based artists.

The opening reception is from 6-8 p.m. April 14 and the exhibit will continue through May 7.

For more information, call 909-593-3511, ext. 4273.

Fab Four

Popular Beatles tribute band, Fab Four, will play a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Gardiner Spring Auditorium in Ontario.

The show will include three costume changes representing every era of the Beatles' career.

Tickets can be purchased at **brownpapertickets.com**.

For more information, call 909-621-7790.

Facedown Fest

The Glass House in Pomona will host Facedown Fest starting at 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

More than 15 bands will play at the two night event, including Sleeping Giant, War of Ages, A Hope for the Dying and The Rekoning.

Tickets are $15 and a two day pass may be purchased for $25 at **theglasshouse.us**.

'Home Siege Home'

The Ford Amphitheatre presents the world premiere of "Home Siege Home, " a modern adaptation of The Oresteia trilogy ("Clytemnestra, " "Elektra " and "Orestes ").

Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for students with an ID.

For a complete list of show times or to purchase tickets, visit **fordtheatres.org**.

—Mark Vidal

Concert introduces sounds of the world

by Carmin Hermosillo

photography by Rafael Anguiano



Todd J. Harper conducts the University of La Verne Chamber Singers and the University Chorale with accompaniment by Grace Xia Zhao on Saturday at the La Verne Church of the Brethren. The Chamber Singers performed traditional spirituals and folk songs from around the world. The group's next concert is a performance of Mozart's Requiem at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Church of the Brethren. The singers will reprise the performance at 7 p.m. May 17 at the Burbank First United Methodist Church.

The University Chorale and Chamber Singers presented "Colors of the World, " Saturday night at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

Todd Harper, assistant professor of music, conducted the concert alongside pianist Grace Xia Zhao, who teaches piano and music theory courses at the University of La Verne.

Approximately 60 people were in attendance, including students, parents and supporters.

They anxiously waited for the first song as Harper gave an introduction to the night.

Their was a sudden bellow that filled the small church and its isles as the chorale took center stage and kicked off with the William Shakespeare sonnet, "Two Love Songs for thy Sweet Love. "

It set the tone of excitement and curiosity for the rest of the concert.

In an effort to stay away from the norm of hearing song selections that come from Europe, Harper chose songs from different parts of the world.

"What I was trying to do is open up the audiences' knowledge of foreign music from different parts of the world, not just Europe, " Harper said.

"The idea here was to spotlight music from other countries, " Harper added.

Zhao's first place win in the California Music Teachers' Association solo piano competition served its right as she led the choir with the pulsation of the key strokes as she segued seamlessly from one song to the next.

The crowd seemed to enjoy each song more than the first as the concert progressed.

After a few renditions of traditional South African and Zulu folk songs the Chamber singers sang one of the spectator's favorite pieces, "Mata del anima sola " and "Preguntale a ese mar. "

"I liked the Venezuela pieces, they vocalized different instruments that are used in Venezuela music, " said Fernando Vallin, a senior international business major.

Choir president and tenor Matthew Whitem holds responsibilities to work with Harper on administration of the choir.

Although it was a lot of work he enjoyed the unique theme of the songs and welcomed the challenges of adapting to different types of sounds and music.

"I loved it, every song was different of course because they are from different countries, " White said.

"We had to adapt our sound to what we were trying to make it sound like, " White added.

The crowds ecstatic applause at the end of the show, was all Harper and the choir needed, to realize that their semester of hard work paid off.

The concert was followed by a small reception in the lobby of the church which gave the audience a chance to congratulate the choir for their performance.

Not only is Harper involved with the ULV choir, but he also serves on the faculty of Biola University where he teaches choral methods and advanced choral conducting.

The University's Chorale and Chamber Singers' next performance will be the Mozart Requiem at 7 p.m. May 16 at the La Verne Church of the Brethren.

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'Fountain' graces Tall Wall

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The Tall Wall Space, located in the Arts and Communications Building, showcased its current housing artist Chris Oatey's "Fountain " piece on Sunday during the gallery opening reception.

The Tall Wall Space accommodates a number of exhibitions by emerging contemporary artists.

What Oatey refers to as an optical paradox, the piece combines the elements of large-scale proportion along with subtlety.

"Knowing that I was going to use a piece in this space, I tried seeing how I could best use the architecture for the art. I was really interested in fountains. The fountain here is smaller; I wanted to create a bigger one for the students to enjoy, " Oatey said.

The Tall Wall Space allows artists a vast amount of space that is free for them to utilize as they wish.

The technique he used in this piece is one he uses regularly in his studio.

It is a template process that utilizes a carbon paper, and in this case, the carbon paper was of considerable proportion.

"I used carbon transfer paper. It's a process I've been using in my own studio. I'm infusing my own visual texture through this repeated art process. The (carbon transfer process) is an interesting added element, " Oatey said.

Nearly 30 people came to see the two-story spectacle.

"The actual drawing of the piece, we did in a couple of days. Putting it together took about a month. It was a very laborious process, " Oatey said.

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as 'Google: Lisa McPherson ' in an attempt to make the public look into Scientology themselves.

Jesur Habek, a junior in business public administration, said that he found the discussion interesting and liked learning about Anonymous.

"People out there are not ignorant, but they are angry," Habek said.

Since Anonymous formed, there has been a decline in the church 's membership due to its negative view across America and the world.

Germany, for example, refuses to classify Scientology as a religion on par with other well established religions.

However the question was posed that if Anonymous were to ever launch a similar campaign against Christianity, would the world view them the same way?

It was generally agreed that people would not.

The main reason people support Anonymous over the Church of Scientology is due to the censorship of the church.

Ben Vankleeck, a freshman in international business, said he learned a lot about Scientology and Anonymous.

"I had never heard of Anonymous before but I like how they fight for free knowledge and basic human rights."

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Stephanie Arellanes

Chris Oatey discusses his installation, "Fountain," with Aaron Mancini of Los Angeles. Oatey, who lives and works in Los Angeles, has been featured in several galleries including Kent State, Cranbrook Academy of Art and See Line Gallery. The reception for Oatey took place Sunday at the Tall Wall Space in the Arts and Communications Building. The exhibition will close Dec. 18.

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Oatey and his team spent the majority of their time laying out the carbon paper on the two story wall.

It was an arduous method.

Similar to a puzzle, production of the piece required patience and accuracy.

The carbon sheets had to be laid out precisely.

The gallery reception welcomed a number of artists, many of whom represented ULV 's art department.

"It 's an interesting implementation of an electronic halftone process rendered by hand," said photography department manager, Kevin Bowman.

Many in attendance were receptive of Oatey 's project.

"The exhibit is great. The image of the fountain on the Tall Wall Space is very engaging with the viewer," said senior art major Michael Gutierrez.

"The atmospheric nature of fountains compliments the wall gracefully," Gutierrez added.

Oatey has a number of projects that he will be displaying throughout the year.

He has also been chosen to participate in the Ucross foundation.

It fosters innovative artists in the fields of visual arts, literature and music.

"I am in an exhibition of L.A. artists that will be going to Athens, (opening) in the middle of May, called Edges in the West. I 'm also going to an artist residency in Wyoming," Oatey said.

Oatey recieved his Master of Fine Arts degree from Otis College of Art and Design.

His work has been reviewed in NY Arts Magazine, Artweek, LA Weekly and The Los Angeles Times.

The "Fountain" will be featured through Dec 18.

It can be viewed on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment.

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Travel...

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switching gears to accommodate people who want to travel last minute," Rodley said. "People have the money now and want to travel now rather than in six months in case they don 't have a job then."

By taking advantage of low fares and special offers, planning an inexpensive trip can be easy.

Rodley recommends that people do their homework and explore all their options before traveling.

"The trick would be to use a professional in the industry who will do the research for you," Rodley said.

"We take the time to compare prices and make sure that you are getting the best price. Consumers need to be educated before they travel," Rodley added.

Those in search of vacation packages should also allow their schedules to be flexible since airline ticket prices can vary on different days of the week.

Vacationers should also avoid tourist hotspots and instead take advantage of the local flavor of a destination.

Dining on local cuisine from street vendors and staying in a local hotel slightly off the beaten path can save quite a lot of money.

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Men's tennis drops match to Biola

Laygo, Rivas tally only point



Stephanie Arellanes

Senior Adrian Laygo of ULV charges to return a volley against Biola. Laygo and freshmen Mark Rivas provided the only point with their doubles match victory. The match took place Wednesday at the Claremont Club. The Eagles routed the Leopards, 8-1.

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La Verne was back on the courts Wednesday as they hosted Biola at the Claremont Club. However, La Verne's frustrations continued as they were easily downed by Biola, 8-1, leaving La Verne winless so far this season.

The match began with La Verne's Richie Delgado and Nick Mitzenmacher competing in the No. 1 doubles match.

La Verne's No. 1 team seemed to be out of sync as Biola jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead.

La Verne battled back in the second set taking the lead, 2-1. Biola would answer back quickly, though, reclaiming a lead, 3-2.

The Eagles did not look back as they held the Leopards scoreless for the remaining sets, winning in convincing fashion, 8-2.

"We're not executing as well as we could be," Delgado said.

Mitzenmacher replaced Alex Muresan due to his ongoing pectoral injury.

"I need to focus more on my volleys, we need to be more patient and let them make the mistakes instead of us," Mitzenbacher said.

The No. 2 doubles match was won by Biola, 8-3.

The final doubles match ended on a high note for the Leopards as the pair of Adrian Laygo and Mark Rivas came out with a victory, giving La Verne a confidence boost going into singles play.

"This win helps out a lot with our confidence, having the momentum helps out a lot, we have been struggling this whole season but we finally got it done," Laygo said.

The Laygo and Rivas doubles victory marks their first doubles victory this year.

"A win under your belt always helps improve your game from a mental aspect, I am really excited for the guys. It's a big win," assistant coach Lacy Cascadden said.

La Verne's success was short lived as the Eagles swept the Leopards in singles play with Biola winning in convincing fashion, 8-1, improving their overall record to 3-12.

The No. 1 singles match was lost by the Leopards Laygo, 6-2, 6-0, to No. 1 Biola player Colin Snow.

Rivas could not repeat his doubles success dropping his singles match, 6-4, 6-1.

"We need to do some more work on the court, we need to have a positive attitude and keep focus on what we're trying to do," Delgado said.

La Verne was also in action Friday at home against non-conference opponent Puget Sound.

The Leopards lost the match, 8-1, putting their overall record at 0-17.

In search of their first victory, La Verne will be back in action at 2 p.m. Friday, taking on conference rival Pomona-Pitzer in Claremont.

La Verne will then play another conference match against Occidental at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Claremont Club.

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Baseball stays hot; extends streak to 11 games

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The Leopards powered their way past the Whittier Poets on Friday, 14-5, to go along with a terrific pitching performance by senior Jesse Sweet, as they completed a three game sweep over the poets on Saturday extending their winning streak to 11 games.

Sweet went the distance for the Leopards, pitching a complete game and holding the Poets to just five runs on nine hits, striking out five and giving up just one walk.

It was Sweet's second complete game of the season.

"We knew they had some strong hitters but we wanted to go at them," Sweet said. "The offense was a big help, it made it a lot easier."

The Poets got on the board in the first inning when Reed Tuttle tripled and scored on an error by center fielder Aaron Coopman. That turned out to be their only lead of the game.

The Leopards would come roaring back in the bottom half of the inning with a three run home run to right field by catcher Mike Surina. They added to their lead in the second with an RBI double by Jon-Michael Hattabaugh. Sergio Munoz and Victor Pinado both added RBI singles.

The Poets would add two more runs in the fifth on an RBI single by Anthony Cappaletti but that was as close as they would get. The Leopards added to their lead with a two-run home run by Mike Moretti in a four-run eighth inning.

On Saturday, the Leopards topped the Poets in the first game of the doubleheader, 13-11, in extra innings.

Senior pitcher Grant Wheatley came into the game late and got the win for the Leopards, throwing three innings and giving up three runs.

In the final game of the series the Leopards claimed the sweep, coming out victorious, 10-3.

This time Wheatley got the start for La Verne and went five innings, giving up two earned runs on four hits.

Moretti went 3-for-4 on the day with three RBIs and sophomore infielder Sergio Munoz contributed a hit, walk and two RBIs.

The wins were the first for the Leopards (13-10,3-6) against a conference opponent this season, moving them up two spots in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings.

"We're trying to make it back to the playoffs," said head coach Scott Winterburn. "We're doing a better job at focusing from inning to inning."

The streak helped lift the confidence of the entire team but they have not lost focus on the task at hand.

Hattabaugh, who finished 3-for-4 with a home run, knows the team still has a long way to go.

"We just got to take it one day at a time and do what we got to do" Hattabaugh said. "Streak or no streak."

The Leopards open a three-game set on the road Friday at winless Caltech.

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Commentary

Will your team be left standing?



KEVIN GARRITY

Finally, the 2009 Major League Baseball season is here. All of the off-season drama, A-Rod, Mannywood, will be become secondary stories and the news can come from the field. Who could have predicted the Rays playing for a World Series championship? Who bolstered their lineup and who lost valuable pieces? Here are my picks for every division in the 2009 MLB season.

The A.L. East is going to be one of the most competitive divisions in all of baseball. Last year the Tampa Bay Rays surprised us all and beat out the Yanks and Sox to claim the division title on their way to the World Series. The Rays added a power bat in Pat Burrell and will feature a very talented and capable starting rotation. However, this off-season the Yanks didn't seem to let the economy slow down there multi-million dollar contracts to pitchers CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett and to infielder Mark Teixiera. The Red Sox did not add nearly as much as the Yankees this off-season, but return an extremely dangerous lineup that features last year's AL MVP, Dustin Pedroia. Their starting rotation includes Josh Beckett, Daisuke Matsuzaka and newly acquired Brad Penny. It should be another great rivalry year for the Yanks and Sox, but the division winner will be the **Boston Red Sox**. Wild Card: **New York Yankees**. Team to watch: *Tampa Bay Rays*

Last year the Chicago White Sox won the AL Central division by one game over the Minnesota Twins in a two team race. However, this year with the added help to their starting rotation, the Cleveland Indians should become a factor in the division. The Detroit Tigers, who many picked to go to the World Series last year, were a major disappointment in 2008 finishing the year in last place and 14-and-a-half games out of first. The Tigers didn't bolster their roster too much this off-season but their lineup is liable to put up massive numbers, the question mark on the team is their starting rotation, but they should make the division a four team race. With Grady Sizemore leading the way offensively, to go along with the emergence of pitchers Cliff Lee and Fausto Carmona and the addition of Carl Pavano and Anthony Reyes, the **Cleveland Indians** will win the AL Central division. Team to watch: *Detroit Tigers*

The AL West was handled easily last year by the **Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim** and the result should not be different in 2009. The Oakland A's usually provide a formidable opponent inside the division and the addition of Matt Holliday and Jason Giambi will help there offense, but the youth of their team poses too many question marks. The Angels lost Teixiera and their closer, Francisco Rodriguez, who set the all-time record for saves last season, but they were able to pick up reliable Brian Fuentes to fill the hole at the end of the bullpen. Team to watch: *Oakland A's*.

The National League produced the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies in 2008 in a hotly contested NL East division race with the New York Mets. The Phillies only real noticeable change is the loss of a powerful bat in Pat Burrell. Ace pitcher Cole Hammels should have another phenomenal year and get a lot of run support from one of the most powerful lineups in all of baseball that feature, Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard. The New York Mets can be viewed as disappointments the past two years, but nobody can argue with the explosiveness of their left side of the infield in Jose Reyes and David Wright. Their bullpen was addressed in a large way this offseason, adding former Angel closer Francisco Rodriguez and former Mariners closer J.J. Putz. These two additions will help their starting rotation immensely which gets thin after Johan Santana. This year the **Mets** will put it all together and have an MVP candidate in Wright lead them to the division title. Wild Card Winner: Philadelphia Phillies. Team to watch: *Florida Marlins*

Usually there are three teams in the NL Central that compete for the league crown, but this year the Cincinnati Reds should be taken seriously as well. The defending champion Chicago Cubs are still the most talented team in the division but the Milwaukee Brewers and St. Louis Cardinals always find a way to compete especially when you have perennial MVP candidate Albert Pujols playing first for the Cardinals. The Cubs stormed through the regular season, so they did not make too many off-season acquisitions. The **Cubs** should defend their division title, although it will not be easy in a highly contested four team race. Team to watch: *Cincinnati Reds*

The NL West could have been a very different division if Manny Ramirez did not re-sign with the Los Angeles Dodgers, but he did and so the edge has to go to the **Dodgers**. Look for Matt Kemp, James Loney, Andre Eithier and Russell Martin to benefit from Ramirez and become the nucleus of a very potent offense. The pitching staff for the Dodgers could prove to be their biggest problem; they lost Penny, Derek Lowe, Greg Maddux and closer Takashi Saito. The Giants pitching staff could be dynamic with Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain, Barry Zito and newly acquired Randy Johnson. The Diamondbacks cannot be left out of the conversation either with Brandon Webb and Dan Haren leading the way on the mound. Team to watch: *San Francisco Giants*.

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Mexico...

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control, drivers with California license plates coming into the border are more likely to be checked thoroughly and possibly two or three times than normally, Loera said.

Mexico wants to prevent the smuggling of weapons and illegal drugs or money from the United States as much as possible, Loera said.

Although the United States is warning Americans not to travel to Mexico and it is best to go somewhere else for vacation or spring break, some believe people should make their own judgment.

People should not live their lives in fear; however, they should be cautious, Loera said.

"I think at this time students have to make there own conscious choice and have to look at all the options; and make their own assessments," Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs, said.

"I think that whenever anyone goes anywhere, my advice is to be safe, travel in numbers and be conscious of your surroundings," Rahmani said.

"Stay where other tourists are and choose a reputable hotel," Davis said.

"(Staying in a reputable hotel or a inclusive resort) will increase the likelihood that you will be safe," Davis said.

Since alcohol impairs judgment of people and makes people make bad choices, Rahmani suggests not being drunk in public or in dangerous areas.

The person must know the consequences of alcohol consumption.

When someone is drunk, it most likely for sexual assaults, physical violence and verbal abuse to occur, Rahmani said.

"Don't party alone and leave your beverages unattended, even if it is water or a soda," Loera said.

"A drunk person is a better pick than someone who is not," Loera said.

In addition, being drunk and not making the right choices in a foreign country makes things more complicated, Rahmani said.

If someone is going to drink, then drink at hotel bars rather than rowdy bars where an individual affiliated with a drug cartel might be, Davis said.

"I want to feel like a mom and say make good choices," Rahmani said.

For those who are still going to go to Mexico for a vacation or spring break, Rahmani recommends to do your homework on where the safe areas are and find out as much information as you can, so you can make an educated and conscious choice.

"There are certain hotspots where drug cartels are very active, just stay away from those places," Davis said. "Don't get yourself into trouble or go looking for it."

Students must be aware of the current situation going on in Mexico before you go to Mexico, and research safer alternative places to travel to, Rahmani said.

"There are a lot of places to travel and to choose from," Rahmani said. "Look at all your options for spring break."

"Students must make their own choices with the information they have," Rahmani said.

Students must use good judgment and common sense in order to stay safe, Davis said.

"Do not go to places by yourself at 11 at night or go into deviant places," Davis said.

Since Mexico's economy is dependent on tourists visiting the country and drug cartels tend not to flourish in a bad economy, drug cartels normally do not aim in attacking or hurting tourists, unless a tourist does something that upsets someone in a drug cartel.

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Open Gym Hours

The ULV Athletics Pavilion will be open for all University students starting April 13, Monday through Wednesday from 6-8 p.m until Wednesday, May 16. A ULV student ID is needed to gain access.

—Kevin Garrity

LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Women's Water Polo
Redlands-- 10
La Verne-- 1

Softball
Williams-- 1
La Verne-- 9

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 3
Baseball @ Caltech, 3 p.m.
Men's tennis @ Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m.
Women's tennis @ Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 4
Baseball vs. Cal Tech, 11 a.m., 2 p.m.*
Men's tennis vs. Occidental, 2 p.m. (@Claremont Club)*
Women's tennnis @ Occidental, 9:30 a.m. (@ School Canyon)
Track and field @ Pomona-Pitzer Invite, 10 a.m.
Women's water polo @ Cal Tech, 11 a.m.

STANDINGS

Softball

	SCIAC	Overall
Redlands	10-2	13-8
Claremont-M-S	9-3	20-6
La Verne	**10-4**	**20-8**
Cal Lutheran	4-7	16-11
Pomona-Pitzer	4-7	6-18
Whittier	5-9	18-12
Occidental	1-11	12-13