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Hall due for a facelift

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New chairs and a fresh coat of paint are not the only renovations Founders Auditorium could and should receive in the near future.

Architects have drawn up extensive plans to renovate the auditorium to make it a more inviting and modern space for performances and other events.

Although few could argue that the renovation of Founders Auditorium, which is used for lectures, new student orientations and concerts, is a good idea, there are various factors that could keep the project from moving forward.

First there's the cost: an estimated $5 million to $6 million for a complete renovation, according to the architect's estimates.

"It carries a hefty price tag," said Roger Hardy, deputy vice president for major projects and campus development.

The current auditorium is not welcoming, it is outdated and has no air conditioning.

"Currently it is an embarrassment," said Phil Hawkey, the University's executive vice president.

Hawkey put all the renovations in two categories or levels. Level one renovations would include new windows, seats, carpet, paint and air conditioning. Level two renovations would complete the entire facility, and adds acoustic control and sound; relocation of the electrical system, lighting and backstage improvement.

The first level of renovation would cost about $2.5 million and the second level would cost up to $3.5 million.

"It is our desire to do the $6 million project, but all the money we can identify (in the current budget) is $2.5 million," Hawkey said.

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Rafael Anguiano

Senior chemistry and physics major Danielle Adams, holds a corn snake brought to Earth Day at ULV by Inland Valley Humane Society Wildlife Officer William Taber. Taber said corn snakes are good for pest control. Earth Day celebrations offered many activities and samples, including free plant and trees, a solar powered fan, and free caricatures.

Campus honors Earth Day

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The University of La Verne took part in Earth Day 2009 by hosting an environmental fair Wednesday.

This year's celebration combined Earth Day, Greek Week and Commuter Day where more than 30 student clubs and vendors took part in the celebration on the Quad.

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Reconsider" was the theme of the fair.

Students and community members were invited to attend the free event.

The first 200 commuter students received a free lunch and goodie bags.

"It's about getting everyone to try and recognize that we all live here on this earth and even the smallest things can make a difference," Charles Bentley, University spokesman, said.

The event was generated through the efforts of the Green Institute for Village Empowerment, the Society of Physical Life Science Scholars and the Campus Activities Board, all student clubs.

"The fact that we have been able to collaborate with GIVE and Greek Week has been great," sophomore liberal studies major Amanda McCadden said.

McCadden said she has worked since February to coordinate the event.

Senior communications major Cerina DeSouza collaborated with senior Emily Romo to publicize the event.

"For my senior project I wanted to make Earth Day a big event," DeSouza said.

DeSouza created the Earth day logo, wrote a press release and distributed posters to the students and community with Earth Day information. A blurb about Earth Day even appeared on CBS and KCAL 9 Monday.

"I wanted to bring everyone together so the community can celebrate the event," DeSouza said.

Participants brought recyclable items like cans, bottles, bags, newspapers and even textbooks. A clothing exchange booth offered students a place to donate or trade unwanted clothes.

"What's another couple steps if we can better the Earth. It's a small thing but you have to start somewhere," Bentley said.

Sorority groups made donations with the cans people brought for recycling.

"I came here to support my sorority sisters," Sarah Vasquez, senior psychology major, said.

"I do think that the current generation of students are far more aware of the ecological demands and dangers that we face. I believe also that they are very service-aware. They understand giving back," Bentley said. "I think that's very admirable. I see that across the board at the University."

Designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for Earth's environment, Earth Day was created in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson. This celebration of the planet has expanded and is celebrated by half a billion people every year in 175 countries, according to the Earth Day Network.

Earth Day has expanded substantially since in the last 40 years.

The first Earth day was an environmental teach-in on college campuses and 22 million demonstrators participated. Nelson chose April 22 as the date of Earth Day to maximize participation on college campuses.

The Earth Day Network is working to promote understanding and protection of the environment in the younger generation. National Environmental Education Week is held the week before Earth Day to engage kindergarten through high school students in environmental learning and service.

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Winning students head to Philly

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University of La Verne's Students in Free Enterprise team won the SIFE regional competition March 17 in Los Angeles. Members of the SIFE team, Walter Mansilla, Jeamnette Rodriguez, Leo Martinez, Alexis Parreira, Justin Jerry, Sarah Brown and Graham Keller will advance to the SIFE National Exposition in Philadelphia, May 10-12.

The University of La Verne's best kept secret has added yet another award to its trophy cabinet.

Students in Free Enterprise fought off tough competition at the annual SIFE regional finals, from universities such as Whittier and Pepperdine to qualify for the national finals in Philadelphia next month.

Issam Ghazzawi, associate professor of management and SIFE advisor, was very proud of his students.

"It is really good for us to get our name out there and to get the University the respect it deserves," Ghazzawi said.

Only five out of the 22 colleges and universities that entered the regional competition made it to the nationals. They are La Sierra University, Azusa Pacific University, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, University of Arizona and University of La Verne.

They will now face universities from all over America in a bid to become national champion and represent the country at the international championship in Berlin.

The competition was held March 18 at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel, where the SIFE team presented projects that they had performed over the past year.

These included the SIFE REACH business camp, where high school students made their own business plan in hope to win $1,000, a job creation workshop for Pomona and Pasadena school teachers to help their students be able to create jobs for themselves and the International Clean Water Initiative in Kisumu, Kenya.

The team, which consists of Walter Mansilla, Leo Martinez, Sarah Brown, Alexis Parreira, Justin Jerry and Graham Keller, were the first in their league to present.

"It was a little nerve wracking, I can tell you, but I felt so relieved after," said Mansilla, a sophomore business administration major and SIFE president.

Mansilla praised his team and said that unlike other universities that wrote their speech down, the team memorized their speech which made them look more professional.

"I am really proud of the presenters. All the time and hard work we put into it paid off and it felt really good to win," Mansilla said.

Leo Martinez, a freshman business administration major, said that he found the experience worthwhile.

"It is rewarding for the connections you make for future reference and as a freshman, I feel very accomplished," Martinez said.

Ghazzawi said he was looking forward to the nationals due to the media coverage it gets and the opportunities that will arise for his students.

The SIFE national competition also features a career fair with big corporate names such as Unilever, Coca-Cola and Microsoft taking part.

"This is a good avenue for many students, especially seniors, with many employers. This is the best college job fair in the U.S.," Ghazzawi said.

Historically, the West Coast has done well at the Nationals, with the University of Arizona and La Sierra University winning the last two years.

"I really believe that we have a really good team. We are no longer an underdog," Ghazzawi said.

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Commuters feel welcomed

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The University of La Verne's Campus Activities Board hosted its Commuters Day celebration on Wednesday in the Quad in coordination with Earth Day.

A club and organization fair was held so that students that live off-campus and commute can be aware of what is offered at ULV and can become more involved on campus.

CAB Major Events Chairwomen Heather Williams and Naime Laskar organized the event.

"Commuters always seem to be forgotten," Williams, a sophomore liberal studies major said. "We worked with GIVE and Greek Week to have a great event."

The first 200 commuters were offered free lunch and every commuter that attended the event received an Earth Day t-shirt and a tote bag with a first aid kit and candy.

"We hope everyone enjoys the club fair and gets a sense of La Verne's clubs," Williams said.

Shaun Centers, a GIVE supporter at its booth thought the fair was a great idea for the school.

GIVE asked students to sign up for carpool and hope to get students in contact with each other in order to do so.

"Carpooling is a really good way to get people to network and cut down on smog so we actually have mountains this summer," Centers said.

According to GIVE, commuters save an average of 36 minutes each trip by taking advantage of the car pool lane.

Junior liberal arts major Ashley Contreras commutes to ULV from Covina. Contreras does not believe she'd benefit from carpooling because her commute is 10 minutes from home.

Melissa Lew, a senior biology major, endures a commute from Arcadia and can recall one ride to campus taking two hours.

"Parking is a big problem as a commuter," Lew said.

Lew's demanding major requires her to be on campus five days per week.

She often finds herself on campus on the weekends as well.

"It's inconvenient and easy to feel disconnected," Lew said.

Lew and Contreras have both

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CORRECTIONS

The Campus Times is committed to accuracy. When we make mistakes, however, it is our policy to correct them as soon as they are brought to our attention. If you find a mistake in the Campus Times, please let us know, by sending an e-mail to ***ctimes@ulv.edu****.*

In the story "Documentary depicts environmentalist's life" (April 17), Ryan Harrison was quoted incorrectly in describing the effects of pesticide poisoning. He said, "We ingest one to two pounds of pesticides a year." He did not say, "We ingest one to two pounds of pesticides a day." The Campus Times regrets the error.

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.

Retreat helps Latinos find origins

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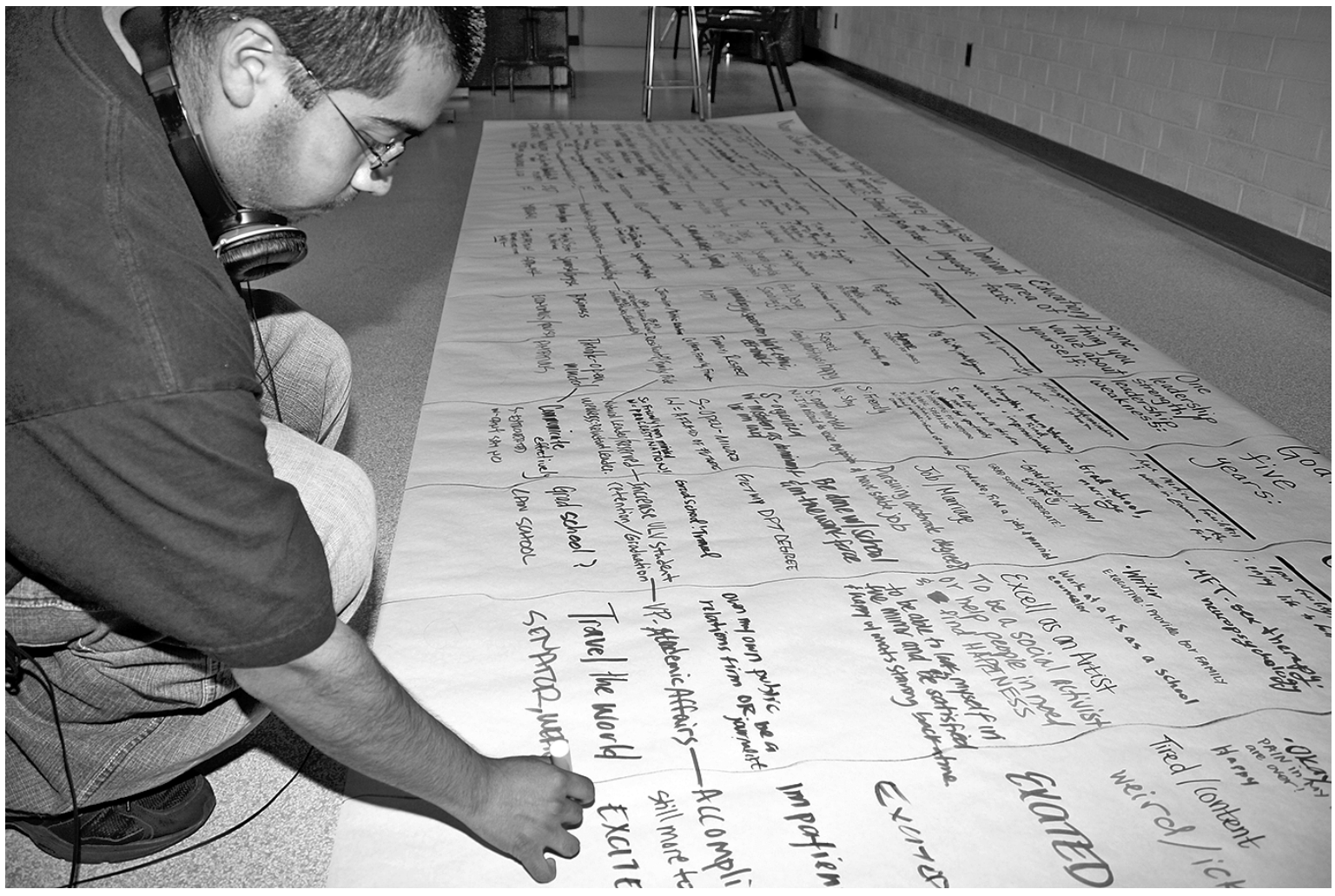

Rafael Anguiano

Recording his answers to several questions, Daniel Perez participates in the Second Annual Latin/Latina Retreat sponsored by the office of multicultural services held on April 17 in La Fetra Auditorium.

Social issues, gender roles, cultures and ethnicities were addressed at the second annual Latino/Latina Retreat April 17 in La Fetra.

Daniel Loera, multicultural affairs director, was in charge of the event which started at 1:30 p.m. and the themed, "Gana Con La Educación!" (Win With Education).

Although more students were anticipated, about 30 students attended to make a small intimate group.

There were breakout sessions where the students and faculty discussed topics on their views and opinions on racial profiling, their own perception of themselves and society's notions. Some students were there to find answers and ultimately found a little bit of themselves in the process.

Fatima Suárez , a sophomore criminology and speech communication major, was part of the planning committee and was ready to find some answers.

"I never questioned why I use my ethnic label, or why others choose other labels. I would like to know what connotations are used, and I'm ready to get this started," Suárez said.

University of La Verne President Stephen Morgan attended the event.

"As I was walking over here I thought, what a dull world this world would be if we were all alike," Morgan said. He went on to speak about the University's diversity and what it has to offer to minorities.

Along with students and faculty, Loera brought in guest speakers to educate the students on the struggles of growing up with a Latino background, by overcoming adversity and reaching their goals.

Steve Alas, Genoveva Arellano, Miriam Burgos, Roger Hernandez and Cynthia Sanchez were the guest speakers.

Alas is in the department of biological sciences at Cal Poly Pomona, Arellano is the principal at Arellano Associates Professional Consulting Services, Burgos is the associate director of corporate relations for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Sanchez is a teacher specialist and administrator and Hernandez is the mayor of West Covina.

Each of the speakers recalled their life story, and gave advice to the students in hope that the students will find their own personal success as well.

"Regardless of whether you do something or not, time will still pass you by so you might as well do something about it,"' Arellano said.

After the speeches, the group went into exercises where they all questioned their ways of making decisions and why they make those decisions. With not much time to spare, the group did not have time to address their issues to the faculty, but decided to go on the dinner part of the event.

The dinner took place at Fasnacht Court where ceviche was served along with beans, rice, salad and enchiladas. For dessert, there were churros and flan.

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Black community strives to be more united

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The fourth annual Black Student Retreat was held Sunday in the Harris Art Gallery for the 35 attendees to discuss issues in the Black community of the University of La Verne.

The retreat was planned by graduate student Gyasmine George. Richard Rose, professor of religion, brought up the idea of having another retreat at a coalition for diversity meeting and George volunteered to put it together. George volunteered to organize the retreat because she felt like the retreat needed to happen.

"I'd planned things before but not a retreat," George said. "I didn't know, I didn't care, because it needed to happen."

When guests arrived they wrote on poster papers that had different subjects relating to ways the guests thought the Black community could improve on campus.

Once the guests were settled, they were asked to split into three different groups: one group of women, one of men and one of the alumni that attended. They were asked to go to their respective rooms to talk about different issues they see in the Black community on campus and solutions to those issues.

"Because I feel that the Black community at La Verne can always be better," Britney Collins, a graduate student, said.

When all of the groups were done discussing, everyone came back together to eat and discuss as an entire group.



Stephanie Arellanes

The Black retreat was held Sunday in the Harris Art Gallery. Alumni Ms. Margaret and Donte Witherspoon joined the group to discuss ways to attract alumni and students to help keep the community going strong. The retreat was open to Black students, faculty and staff.

Some topics that were brought up were re-establishing Sister Circle, a club for Black women to help strengthen each other; reach out to prospective Black students during Spotlight Day at ULV and making contact with them over e-mail or Facebook; increase the visibility of Black faculty and staff; increase the communication and find more ways to make the Black community more visible at more events.

One of the major concerns was the ratio of Black men to Black women on campus. Although there are more women than men in general, it is especially noticeable because the Black population is smaller and most Black men leave the school after one to two years.

"I see all these women around here, but where are all the men?" Harvel Lewis, professor of sociology, said.

Some solutions that were brought up were to have a follow-up meeting to the retreat, create a plan of action, have a leaders' council/forum for all the leaders of each Black club and organization and create a calendar of events for each of the groups.

One of the ideas that is already in action is the Black Alliance for Scholarship Education. The purpose of BASE is to bring together the

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Debate team competes nationally

Students reach top 32

Jonathan Smith
Staff Writer

Spring break is usually reserved for vacation, but instead of beach umbrellas and surf boards, the University of La Verne debate team competed in the 2009 United States Universities National Debating Championships.

La Verne advanced three teams into top 32 at the event held at the University of Vermont.

"This was easily the most competitive running of the championship," said Ian Lising, assistant professor of speech and debate and debate team coach. "We drew teams from many different countries."

La Verne's B team, consisting of sophomore political science major Corey Teter and freshman Ryan Mansell, advanced to the quarter finals after defeating the National Law School of India and the La Verne A team. The team made it to the quarter finals of the event.

"It was really cool," Teter said. "When we won, it was awesome. It means that you're in the top 10."

"It not like those teams are easy to beat," Lising said. "And the fact that La Verne was represented so well is something that everyone should be proud of."

Fellow debater junior education major Brittany Lokar also went to the competition.

"I'm very happy that the other teams did well," Lokar said.

The other two teams also fared well. Graduate student Thomas Allison and junior political science major Briana Pride comprised the La Verne A while freshman Aaron Zamora and senior criminology Shana Murphy made up the La Verne C team. The La Verne C team lost to Middle Temple.

Unfortunately, Teter's team fell to current North American champions University of Toronto in the quarter finals.

La Verne also had another bright spot in the tournament. Associate director of forensics and former La Verne debater Josh Martin, received the Top Adjudicator Award. The award is given to the judge who received the highest marks from participants.

The debate teams also enjoyed more success this year. La Verne also won the Cal State Fullerton Debate Competition. Lising said that picking the teams is no easy task.

"We have such an competitive program," Lising said. "There're so many people competing for spots. It could get pretty intense."

But Lokar said the team still are friends despite the competition.

"We're all friends," Lokar said. "We hang out together."

Teter has been debating on the team for two years at La Verne. Teter said this was his first time at the national debate.

Teter said that he hopes that he can advance to 2010 World University Debating Championships at which will be held at Koc University in Turkey. Both Teter and Lokar enjoy debate.

"I love it," Teter said "I always love to talk about politics and issues and know what's going on in the world and this is a form to do so."

"I really like being challenged intellectually," Lokar said. "It's just fun to argue."

La Verne will be hosting an open individual debating tournament on May 2. The competition is free.

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Economy causes many to save in recreation

Ideas on living on a budget

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The economic downturn has people staying home, eating in, curtailing shopping and avoiding unnecessary travel.

Activities that provide entertainment are frivolous expenses for many; expenses, which can no longer be afforded.

"Now I tend to stay on campus. I go to the events here a lot more," Cassandra Gonzalez, junior criminology major said.

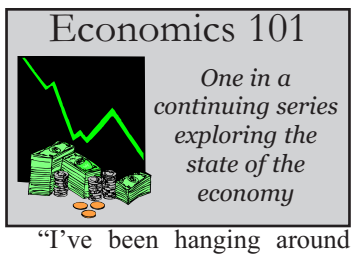
Going out for a typical evening in La Verne could cost $9.50 for a movie at Edwards Cinema, $15 for a chicken dinner at Chili's and $4 in gas.

For people who feel the need to cut back on expenses, the cost of nearly $30 for a single evening may no longer be affordable.

"I notice the prices a lot more," Gonzalez said.

According to "Tips for Living on a Budget" by **www.debtsteps.com**, fun does not always need to be expensive.

By modifying activities, taking advantage of special deals and offers, and using cheaper modes of transportation, people can cut back on spending significantly.



"I've been hanging around school and doing sorority stuff so I don't have to drive anywhere," Lisa Bakke, political science major freshman said.

Special deals are available at many area museums and attractions.

Disney is offering deals to entice visitors, including a year-long pass for $134 for locals.

Admission is free to the California Science Center that is located in Exposition Park.

This hands-on science center has imaginative exhibits including a five-story kinetic sculpture, a 50-foot robot that lectures on human biology, a walk-in microscope and a virtual reality space docking station.

The special exhibit "CSI: The Experience" will run though the end of April.

Art and architecture enthusiasts can visit the Getty Museum in Brentwood.

Admission is always free and even includes guided walking tours of the gardens and architecture.

The Glass House in Pomona has concerts featuring big name bands like the Pixies, the White Stripes, Tokyo Police Club and The Faint but charges only $10 to $20 for admission to the shows.

"I thought the pricing was very reasonable," Doug Waite, manager of student life services, said. "It gives the people in the Inland Empire a place to go."

Eating out is another expense that comes with social interactions.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans spent $156.8 billion on eating out in 2008, eight times the amount spent in 1970.

Many restaurants offer happy-hour deals where friends can share inexpensive appetizers.

Restaurants like Chili's and Applebee's have shareable appetizers for less than $10.

Debtsteps.com recommends that people share meals when dining out with friends.Local places are often less expensive than chain restaurants and offer unique dining experiences.

Shopping can be less expensive by taking advantage of the low prices of used merchandise.

More people shop at thrift stores now, Elvira Stueve, manager of Lutheran Thrift Shop said.

"We're doing well for the way times are," Stueve said. "We've seen an increase in sales."

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'I've been hanging around school and doing sorority stuff so I don't have to drive anywhere.'
—Lisa Bakke, freshman

NEWS BRIEFS

Study Abroad Fair

The International and Study Abroad Center is hosting a study abroad fair from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in Sneaky Park. For more information, e-mail the International and Study Abroad Center at **gostudy@ulv.edu**.

Faculty Lecture

Keith Schildt, professor of public administration, will give a faculty lecture titled "My Semester as a Lobbyist" at noon on Tuesday in the President's Dining Room.

For more information, call 909-593-3511, ext. 4240.

Shelter Donations

"Operation Help," a volunteer student project at the University of La Verne, hopes to assist homeless families by inviting everyone to participate in donating items to Foothill Family Shelter in Upland.

The shelter would appreciate donations such as non-perishable canned and boxed foods, diapers, cleaning supplies, and laundry soap and softener on April 27 though May 1 in any of these locations: University Advancement, Wilson Library and Leo's Den.

For more information, call 909-261-3234.

–Natalie Veissalov

Commuter Day...

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commuted since their freshman years.

Blair Nelson, a junior psychology major drives for 20 minutes from Chino Hills.

Nelson finds that being involved with her sorority Phi Sigma Sigma gets her more involved on campus.

"Being greek means getting more involved," Nelson said.

Korynn Frelow, a freshman business administration major commutes from La Puente and is also a member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

"Phi Sigma Sigma brings us closer to campus," Frelow said.

Both Nelson and Frelow call gas prices the biggest problem as commuters.

I Will Ride is an organization through the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority encouraging the Foothill Extension.

Supporters of the project that will extend the Metro Gold Line east from Pasadena to Montclair are calling it the "Brain Train."

The train will ride along 11 colleges.

"This project is full of educational opportunities as well as economic opportunities," Andrea Campbell, I Will Ride Outreach Team member, said.

The train will allow for students to get to school.

Also, the construction will bring a lot of jobs to the San Gabriel Valley.

Campbell said that all the approvals that are necessary have been received such as the environmental review process.

"We're ready," Campbell said.

Students, community leaders and college faculty are invited to Citrus College from 11 a.m. to noon May 7 to show to show their support for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension.

Transportation is offered from ULV for student supporters interested in attending the event.

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

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Tennis needs a reprieve

The cancelation of the men's and women's tennis teams has caused a stir among the coaches and players. And yet the reason for the team's cancellation still doesn't add up.

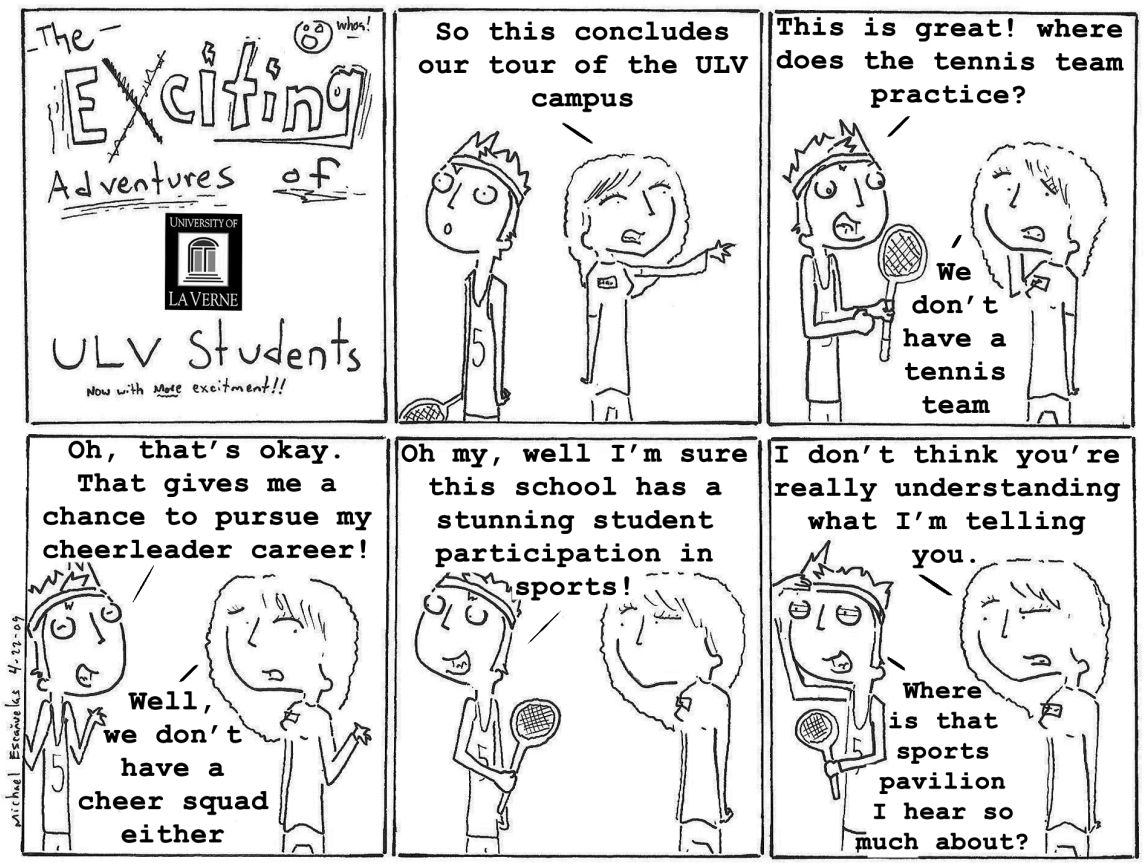
According to Interim Athletic Director Julie Kline, the reason for canceling both tennis teams was not because of the budget, it was because of facilities. Kline also said in a presentation on Tuesday, in which University of La Verne President Stephen Morgan spoke, that having no official facility for the tennis teams to play is embarrassing when touring and recruiting prospective student.

If the reason is not the budget, then providing facilities for the tennis team to practice and host games should not be a problem. Since money is not problem, the University should build a new facility for the teams to practice and play, instead of canceling the teams.

And if the budget is a problem, then the University should reconsider its priorities more closely. The University should have reconsidered the building of the new Campus Center, if it was going to jeopardize the future of both tennis teams.

Those making the decision to cut the tennis teams seem to forget that during the renovation of the Sports Science and Athletic Pavilion in spring 2006 when the basketball and volleyball teams had nowhere to practice, those teams were not cut.

It seems as though the University believes a modern Campus Center will attract and recruit prospective students to attend the University. However, sports are an important asset that attract students to a University. Canceling the tennis teams at the University will cause some prospective students to choose other schools.



When the University cancels a sport because of inadequate or unavailable facilities, it does not show a very good picture for the school. It shows that the University has no interest in its sports and its athletes.

Although Kline said that the priority is for the student athletes to have the best athletic experience possible, taking away the tennis teams does not help the situation. In the presentation earlier in the week, tennis players in the presented a slideshow, a 20 minute movie and tried to convince Morgan and the rest of the athletic department to keep the tennis teams.

However, Morgan and the athletic department continued to say the same thing and stayed with their choice of canceling the tennis teams. They were not open to changing their minds. They should be more supportive, optimistic and do all they can to save the teams.

Also in the presentation, the tennis players showed them a plan, which might help save the tennis teams. The tennis teams asked if it is possible to come back if the teams are able to get an official statement from the Claremont Club agreeing that the tennis teams can use its facilities free of charge.

The tennis teams said it is very likely the Claremont Club will send an official statement stating this. Some were optimistic and saw it as a possibility, but there were some who felt it went against the philosophy of the University.

It would be a wonderful opportunity for the tennis teams. It would be a wonderful alternative for tennis teams to practice and host games, while the University builds a new facility. It would show that the University is supportive of its student athletes. Even though they would be playing somewhere else, it is better than having no tennis teams at the University.

If the University continues to cut facilities, are other sports going to be cut and eventually canceled? If this does become a reality, what does this mean for the future of sports at ULV?

ULV should reconsider its decision and provide an alternative for the tennis teams because it shows favoritism toward the other sports. Tennis is just as important as the other sports.

Reduce your water usage

As California begins to enter its third consecutive year of drought, the one question looming over the state is what will residents do to help?

Water is used to produce every household item and food in America.

Researchers have found that the standard trash barrel holds 32 gallons of water and a mid-sized passenger car has room for little more than 800 gallons of water.

Farmers use more than 70 percent of the water in the world and when it takes enough water to fill two mid-sized cars to produce a pound of chicken and a pound of beef how can we continue to use all of this water and be fine?

The answer is we can not.

Water can replenish itself by rainfall, run-off and melting snow, but with the world population count at more than 6.7 billion, we are not going to be able to rely on Mother Nature to get the job done and provide water for everyone at the same time.

The only answer to this global predicament is to reduce the amount of water being wasted and to act quickly.

At least one large corporation has risen to the occasion and has begun doing its part in reducing its water footprint.

Starbucks has cleaned up its act to reduce the amount of water it wastes using dipper wells that constantly run. It plans to replace those dipper wells with eco-friendly wells this summer.

California authorities have set a goal to reduce the use of 80 gallons of water per person a day to 37 gallons.

A few ways you can begin to accomplish this is to reduce the use of water through simple steps at home.

An average of 30 gallons of water can be conserved if the water is turned off while washing dishes.

Plug up and fill the sink with water while shaving to reduce the use of running water.

Keep the sink off while lathering the soap on your hands or in your hair to save water.

Fix any leaky faucets, toilets or water pipes. Even the smallest drip can add up to loosing several gallons of water a day.

Water your plants and lawns at night, it will help keep them alive as well as avoid the wasting of water in evaporation.

Consider washing your face and brushing your teeth in the shower.

And begin shortening your time in the shower by one minute. Shorter showers means less water being used.

For more ideas about how to conserve water and how to be more eco-friendly, visit **www.bewaterwise.com**. The site also offers information about the second annual Spring Green Fair hosted by the Metropolitan Water District. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 7 in Los Angeles. The event is free, but if you plan to attend a workshop, you are asked to register.

Letters to the Editor

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

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Green is just common sense



SUSAN ACKER

Jumping on bandwagons and following the latest trend has been drilled into me as being ridiculous.

I do not consciously buy clothing with labels because I could not care less if people knew I wore Coach shoes that cost more than my monthly salary or $10 clearance shoes that I bought at the local Payless.

Why follow the latest trends just because everyone else does? Your motive should be to buy something or participate in a specific activity because it truly makes you happy.

But if you are just doing something because Paris Hilton is doing it, you should probably do a self-evaluation.

Like my mother always says. Would you jump off of a bridge just because someone else jumped off of the bridge?

My point is I do not follow trends. The going green trend is one of those.

I fought really hard against going green because everybody was doing it. Everybody started driving Priuses and hybrids and carrying around reusable bags. I am convinced that a lot of people were not doing those things because they care about the environment.

They were following whatever the coolest celebrity at the time was doing.

In my effort to avoid following the newest fad of being green, I did not realize I have been living a pretty green life all along and it was nothing that I was doing consciously.

It has a lot more to do with respect for others and respect for my environment.

I was taught to pick up trash and put it in the appropriate receptacle. Granted, there were very few bins designated for recyclables when I was very young, but I was still extremely careful about waste.

Today I save the plastic bags that I get and also reuse them over and over again and I have reusable bags that I have had for years.

Granted, they are not the fancy kind with the green sayings and logos on them, but they get the job done.

Energy is another area that I have not been very conscious about, but I have noticed all of those years of my mom yelling at me to turn off the lights have finally sunk in.

I now have a compulsion to turn off lights when they are left on with no one in the room.

What really scares me is that when I babysat for a friend of mine I was constantly telling her children to turn off the lights when they left the room.

Water has become something I am very conscious of as well.

My mom taught me that I do not need to have the water running while I brush my teeth, taking a 20 minute shower is unnecessary and watering the lawn is best done at night or insanely early in the morning. These tasks have just become common sense.

Being green has been a part of me for my whole life, not a trend I recently picked up.

Some of were out of necessity, but most of the habits were just common sense. Being wasteful does not make sense. When I was younger everything was used and reused. My sister and I wore hand-me-downs, we shopped at thrift stores and rummage sales and we did not leave the air conditioner on at all hours. In fact, we survived many summers without any air conditioning at all.

We have always been careful about how much water and energy we used. Being green is not hard, it is simply doing things that are just common sense. You do not have to drive yourself insane to go green and it does not have to fill your every waking thought.

So happy belated Earth Day and do not forget that every day is an opportunity for you to care about the earth.

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Under the influence of faith and confusion



MARK VIDAL

A decade ago I was a chubby fifth grader playing foursquare with friends at recess.

Today I have grown to be a less chubby version of that same kid, with the same fears, doubts and questions about the world.

In 1999 it seemed that kids my age were only concerned about playing video games and watching TV.

While I shared those same benign concerns, I remained preoccupied with more serious issues, like Y2K.

I remember hearing about people buying cases of water and food to stock in their homes in case chaos ensued when computer systems failed. I even heard about people selling their possessions and getting right with God incase the world ended.

It is not very inspiring for an eleven-year-old to be contemplating the end of the world whilst trying to learn fractions in math class.

Not until Jan. 1, 2000, could I put my mind at ease as I did not have a reason to be fearful anymore.

Unfortunately, not all my fears and doubts have definite endings like that.

Around the same time as the Y2K scare, certain members of my family showed me a graphic video of cows and chickens being tortured and abused before being slaughtered.

It was nice thinking my golden chicken nuggets were once part of a happy healthy chicken that lived a full life. But that video unveiled the harsh reality.

Since I am not vegetarian, I can never be certain whether or not the animal I consume was once tortured or well cared for.

It is out of my power, and I accept that. All I can do is pray before I eat.

Of course learning new bits of information helps with growth and maturity.

But how does one learn to filter out the significant information from all the crap?

Should I believe that Apollo 11 actually landed on the moon or follow conspiracy theorists' claim that it was a hoax? Was John F. Kennedy's assassination an inside job? Was 9/11 an inside job? Will the Illuminati take over the world? Is Dec. 21, 2012, really doomsday?

I wish I could be the man who has it all figured out and knows exactly what to say when these questions come up. But I do not have the answers and most of the time I am left confused.

They say knowledge is power but sometimes I wonder if ignorance really is bliss.

Basically I am left with a choice. I can worry about all these things or dismiss the madness on account of faith.

The latter seems like the wisest choice, even if it is easier said than done.

People who lived before me dealt with the same issues and probably never got their answers before they died.

Frankly, I do not think I should waste my time because I have some things to do.

I need to continue going to school and going to work so that I can make something of this life. If I get some answers along the way, may God help me determine the meaning.

One thing is for certain, if I sit around and absorb all the controversies, all the conspiracies and all the negativity in the world, I may very well lose my mind.

Finding the equilibrium between knowledge and faith is a daunting task but I pray to find it sooner than later.

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Who does it really hurt?



KEVIN GARRITY

The commercial says there is a storm gathering, the clouds are dark and the winds are strong.

The actors say that same-sex marriage advocates are taking the issue far beyond same sex couples, and their freedoms will be taken away.

The National Organization for Marriage is responsible for this commercial and ran it for the first time a couple of weeks ago in an attempt to impede the significant progress that same-sex marriage has made.

This commercial is a timely response to Iowa and Vermont becoming the third and fourth states to allow same-sex marriage in America, joining Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Much to the dismay of The National Organization for Marriage, equal rights for gays and lesbians have taken political center stage.

Their platform indicates that their organization is protecting children and upholding religious freedom.

This is the same platform that Californians who supported Proposition 8 took last fall when they voted to define marriage as strictly between a man and a woman.

Proposition 8 is discriminatory and unjust, and organizations like the National Organization for Marriage are taking away equal rights to people and falsely claiming they are saving the sanctity of marriage, the same type of sanctity that results in divorce half the time.

The commercial claims heterosexual married couples will lose their freedoms.

Exactly what freedoms? Will your marriage be any less different when gays and lesbians are awarded the same rights as you? Will you be any less happy with your partner?

Does spreading happiness to millions of people who had it stripped away from them take away your freedom?

Allowing gays and lesbians to marry will not affect your life. If it is your religion that it will affect, then adhere to the belief that we live in a country that separates church and state.

It is unconstitutional for citizens and the government to impose religious beliefs upon anybody in the Union.

If your faith is weak enough and allows you to believe that allowing same-sex couples the right to marriage will hurt or ruin the "moral fabric" of your religion or this country, then maybe your faith is not strong enough. To debunk the commercial, your religious liberty is not being taken away.

Later in the commercial, a woman playing a Massachusetts parent says she does not want to sit by helplessly and watch public schools teach her son that gay marriage is OK.

I am guessing that this parent teaches her son that people do not have equal rights that allow them to pursue happiness, that people do not have the right to marry whomever they want and that denying happiness to others will somehow secure his freedoms.

President Obama has said he believes in civil unions, not same-sex marriage, and will leave the issue to the states. But hopefully the recent steps taken by Iowa and Vermont will lead to other states taking the same stance.

For the sake of spreading happiness to people who only want equality, reconsider taking rights away from millions of people and realize that good marriages are bound by love, not definition.

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READY, SET, GO GREEK

Week offers competitive spirit

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Greek Week was in full effect on campus this week, with the annually anticipated event rolling out new challenges to keep the competition high.

This year's theme was "Best Greek Week Ever," taken from the popular VH-1 show "Best Week Ever."

Greek Week officially started on Monday with each organization competing in the Coming Soon competition.

Each organization spent the whole day creating movie posters that promoted Greek unity. At the end of the day, Iota Delta's poster was crowned the best.

New to this year competition was Monday night's dodge ball game, which was held in the gym.

The women kicked things off first, pitting the women against each other with Sigma Kappa against Phi Sigma Sigma and Iota Delta against Alpha Omicron Pi.

Iota Delta and Sigma Kappa easily cruised through their best of three matches and battled it out for the winner of the women's bracket.



Sherazad Shaikh

The Greek Week competition at Ortmayer Stadium on Tuesday included Kristina Miller, Jade Martinez, Kiran Jethani, Courtney Gooden, Emily Bass and Marin Hummel in the obstacle course event. Martinez and Jethani represented Sigma Kappa who placed fourth place in the overall obstacle course. Courtney Gooden and Emily Bass, representing Phi Sigma Sigma placed second.

Iota Delta freshman Lisa Bakke, who also served as her team's coach, helped lead the team to two straight wins against Sigma Kappa.

"I'm proud of our girls," Bakke said, "It's my first Greek Week, and it's really intense."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Delta Theta took the floor next, which promised to be a spectacle. But things remained one sided in the best of 7 series, with the Phi Delts dominating SAE in four games.

"We gave it our best effort and came out on top," said Chris Weedon, president of Phi Delta Theta.

To cap the night off, Iota Delta and Phi Delta Theta played each other. Like the matches before, the Phi Delts swept Iota Delta in two straight matches.

Greek Week co-coordinator Alan Hernandez stressed that while Greek Week is about competitions both physical and mental, it also helps "promote unity with in the Greek system at the University."

"It (is) all in spirit and fun," Hernandez said.

Also not lost among the week's events is service.

Each organization collected aluminum cans for recycling in which 80 percent will be donated to the Ortega Family Fund, who were part of the Christmas Eve shooting tragedy in Covina last year.

The other 20 percent is going to the Greek Week winner's philanthropy of choice.

> 'I'm proud of our girls. It's my first Greek Week, and its really intense.'
> *—Lisa Bakke, freshman Iota Delta member*

Other events held this week were the Greek Series of Pop Culture, won by Alpha Omicron Pi; Family Feud, won by Sigma Alpha Epsilon; the ever so popular Tug-O-War and Obstacle course, won by Phi Delta Theta and a comedian and inspirational message about alcohol by comedian Bernie McGrenahan.

This is a week of fun, service, competition and celebration of Greek unity. It is also about bragging rights to be the winner of the week.

The Lip-Sync and Greek Awards will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Frantz Athletic Courts.

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Stephanie Arellanes

Freshman Marla Bahloul decorates the Sigma Kappa Sorority's movie poster on Monday during Greek Week Coming Soon competition. The campus sororities and fraternities met for a movie poster competition on the north side of Founders Hall. Fortunately, E-Z UP awnings shielded the members from the 100-degree weather that day. Iota Delta was the winner.

Morgan supports child literacy

Christopher Guzman
Staff Writer



Stephanie Arellanes

University La Verne President Stephen Morgan visited Barnes & Noble in Montclair Wednesday night to conduct story time for more than 15 energetic children and their parents. He visited to promote a week-long book fair at Barnes & Noble as a fundraiser for ULV. Customers may designate a percentage of their purchase to benefit either the Literacy Center or the child care program.

Stephen Morgan, president of the University of La Verne, helped highlight a weeklong book fair with his own story-telling time on Wednesday at Barnes & Noble in the Montclair Plaza.

Morgan read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle to a group of about 15 children. The children, none older than 5, happily listened to Morgan's story while contributing to its telling.

"I love kids. I have grandkids of my own," Morgan said.

The book fair was a fundraiser for the family literacy conference held by the child development department every year at the University.

For every purchase made on behalf of ULV, Barnes & Noble donated a percentage to the University.

The literacy conference, to be held May 2, is to help teach parents techniques to bringing education out of the class and into the home.

Professor of Education Cindy Cary said that the conference helps establish a healthy educational community.

"We want to build a bridge between home and school," Cary said. "All of life's experiences can be seen through books."

Barnes & Noble has continued to do its part in sharing the world of children's education with the rest of the community.

Already on display in the store's large window is a painted paper caterpillar created by preschool students from the Fairplex Child Development Center.

"We are a business but we also believe in spreading literacy," said Barnes & Noble spokesman Jim Earhart. "The community needs to know that there is a safe environment for children to share their work with the public."

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HAPPENINGS

Open Mic Night

Students are invited to attend Open Mic Night at 8 p.m. Monday in Leo's Den.

Open Mic Night will feature performances of poetry, song, dance and comedy.

For more information, email **jazmyne.lewis@laverne.edu**.

Glass House Concert

X86 will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Glass House in Pomona. Tickets cost $10.

For more information, call (909) 865-3802.

Earth Day Event

The Claremont Museum of Art will host Earth Day from noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Visitors will learn how to make a flower garden out of recycled materials and plant seeds to take home.

Musician Joel Harper will perform from 1-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Armory Exhibit

"Under the Knife: An Exhibition Exploring the Art of Cutting" is hosted at the Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena.

The art on display is created through a use of lasers, saws and Xacto knives to sculpt, paint and draw with a variety of media.

The exhibition continues every day through May 10, except Mondays.

Admission is free.

Television Festival

The Paley Television Festival closes tonight at the Paley Center in Beverly Hills.

Tonight will feature the CBS series "Swingtown."

After the screening, visitors can attend a panel discussion and an after party. Tickets cost $45.

For more information, visit **www.paleycenter.org/paley-festival-2009**.

—Megan Sebestyen

Student art brings ambiance to Miller

by Diane Scott

photography by Rafael Anguiano



Adorning the walls of the admissions office in Miller Hall are several pieces of photographic art from a student and an alumna, including senior Michael Gutierrez and Communications Department Assistant Janice Sullivan. Paul DeLong and Maia Kinsinger, associate professor of communications, talks with Sullivan about her close-up pictures of flowers. Dion Johnson, director of galleries, heads the program seeking to place student artwork in University buildings. The gallery reception was Tuesday.

Alumni and senior project photography is now on display in Miller Hall for the University community and guests to admire.

The artwork, which had the artists' reception Tuesday, shows the works of Janice Sullivan, administrative assistant in the communications department and a recent alumna, and Michael Giovanni Gutierrez, a senior majoring in art with an emphasis in photography.

Director of University Art Galleries Dion Johnson said that he felt having strong photography works would be appropriate in Miller Hall.

"Both of these sets of photographs present beauty and mystery, and slowly reveal themselves the more you look into them," Johnson said.

Sullivan's pictures, "Macro Views 2009," are a pair of inkjet prints of close up views of flowers that focus on a tiny part of nature using vivid colors to entice the viewer's curiosity.

"I feel very honored to be part of admissions and to have people see my work when they walk in," Sullivan said. "It's nice to be recognized by the University."

Gutierrez's work focuses on light and movement, transforming New York City into the art displayed in the admissions hallway.

Gutierrez said that he took the pictures on his first day in New York City between the hours of 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.

"To experience the city, you have to walk through it. To experience life, you have to live it," Gutierrez said. "This is my way of interpreting reality and noticing what people don't always see but is always there."

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> *—Michael Giovanni Gutierrez*

ULV President Stephen Morgan said that he thought the pictures were a good choice in showing what the University has to offer.

"I'm impressed with the talent presented but as University of La Verne students, I expect them to be talented," Morgan said. "I'm pleased we have begun to distribute artwork around campus, not just in galleries."

Chris Krzak, dean of admissions, said that this arrangement was only made possible by two different departments collaborating and that the University needs more collaboration.

"I thought that we must have real art on this campus. We want prospective students to see what La Verne students can accomplish," Krzak said

Johnson said that when Krzak presented the idea of gallery works around campus, he felt that having strong photographic works would be appropriate for Miller Hall.

"As I'm working with different artists and different disciplines, I'm always looking for works that intrigue me and bring me back to look at it again," Johnson said.

Many people came to support the artists, or to view their works for the first time.

"I came here to support Janice. I love her use of color in her work," said Maia Kinsinger, associate professor of communications.

Sullivan also spoke highly of the photography department and the way the photography courses are taught.

"This department lets you explore and step out of the box and be different," Sullivan said. "Anyone who comes to this school to study photography will do really well."

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Play recalls American struggles

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The University of La Verne department of theater invites everyone to come see "Curse of the Starving Class," which opened last night in the Dailey Theatre.

Written in 1977 by American playwright and actor Sam Shepard, "Curse of the Starving Class" depicts the Los Angeles transition from an agricultural land to an urban city.

Shepard follows a Southern California farming family struggling to survive the harsh society damaged by a devastating economic climate.

"Shepard is an incredible and vivid writer who brings sadness, happiness, laughter, and awkward moments all together at once," Director of Theater Steve Kent said.

"There is nudity and strong language in this production and it is not suitable for young children." Kent added.

The play brings together the many elements of the theater experience to engage the audience with the actors on stage.

"There is a point where artichokes and bacon are being cooked on stage, you can smell it in the air," Kent said.

"A gallery of art from the seventies will be displayed on the side walls allowing the audience members to connect with real people who went through this time." Kent added.

A unique aspect of the production is the inclusion of livestock. There will be a live lamb on stage throughout the performance.

"Learning how to play off the live lamb's noises has been a great challenge for me stopping the audience from loosing focus," Kris Bicknell, who plays Weston, said.

Bicknell, who graduated in the fall will present his senior performance thesis, "Before the Red Trees Come," in May.

This play not only captures the essence of the awkward issues in the seventies, but it can connect with many people today.

"I think that this performance is extremely relevant to the current economy and we can all connect with it," Bicknell said.

"I think that this play focuses on the poverty and past in a broader frame," Sam Guzik senior theater major, who plays Wesley said. "It is going to provide less judgment and a lot more understanding."

Kent has wanted to do this production for more than 20 years and cannot wait for everyone to see how driven and incredible his team has been with the show.

"I do not care if it is a live lamb or naked man on stage to get them here in those seats; they need to see the magic and realism of "Curse of the Starving Class."

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Fox reopening brings excitement to Pomona

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Staff Writer

A star festive, ribbon cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of the Pomona Fox Theater on April 18.

It has been 78 years to the date since the theater initially opened on April 24, 1931. The theater has been renovated to nearly its original state.

"We have been involved in almost every stage in restoration as consultants and in helping with various functions," Vice Chairman of Friends of the Fox, John Clifford, said.

Friends of the Fox is a non profit organization established in 2002 that worked with the developer, Jerry Tessier, to promote the restoration of the theater.

This was not only an event to honor the historical building, which at its prime brought stars such as Lucille Ball and Shirley Temple, but also the on-going effort of the re-invention of downtown Pomona.

The sold out event hosted the grand opening as a sneak peak to members of the community such as Mayor Elliot Rothman, assembly member Norma Torres and Frank Garcia from Pomona Chamber of Commerce.

Those who participated in the night purchased a table which included dinner and access to the reception and entertainment.

The night kicked off with a ribbon cutting ceremony that began at the beginning of the red carpet and led from second street into the theater.

In keeping with the 1930s theme, antique cars were lined up on second street.

Tony award winner Carol Channing led the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"After going to the Fox, it inspired me to visit museums and explore new things," Channing said.

After the hour long ceremony, guests were led into the auditorium, which will work as a venue for concerts that can hold up to 2,200 people.

The auditorium has three tiers, the orchestra level that can be used for concerts and seating on the second and third tiers. There is also a balcony that seats 350 people located on the second floor.

Friends of the Fox worked with the city of Pomona to get the restoration started.

"What is really cool about the restoration is that they created a lot of new spaces, for example two new roof top patios," Michael Schowalter, chairman of Friends of the Fox, said.

The patios were used later in the evening for guests to enjoy dancing to a live band with a few drinks while enjoying the view of downtown Pomona.

"The Fonda Theater in Hollywood was the inspiration for the rooftop patios," Tessier said.

Guests were treated to a special slide show of the history of Pomona and a speech from the night's honored guest, Carol Channing.

Channing engaged the audience by telling the story of when she went on her first date with her first love to the Fox Theater.

Channing said that the theater was one of the reasons she became an advocate for the importance of arts in school.

While at the reception, guests also had access to see the new restaurant, which is on the corner of Second Street and Garey Avenue.

The restaurant showcased a collection of pictures of the Fox's first few years and the regular celebrities that attended.

The Fox Theater works in conjuction with the Glass House, a concert venue, which sells tickets for the theater's events.

The first event scheduled at the Fox Theater is the Smogdance Film Festival, which takes place at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow night and at 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information on upcoming events visit **www.foxpomona.com/thenewfox.**

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Retreat...

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leaders of the Black community on campus in an effort to unify the community.

"My spirit can't let things stay dormant," George said.

One of the ongoing jokes of the day was that no one had ever been in a room with that many Black people on campus.

Since the population of Black students on campus is less than 10 percent, most classrooms are not populated by many Black students.

"Because I go to a lot of other events at this school, it is nice to have an event that is just for the Black community at La Verne," Evany Brewton, a freshman psychology and business administration major, said.

The purpose of the Black retreat is for members of the Black community, including undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni, to come and think of ways to strengthen the community on campus.

"I'm just juiced about what can take place today," George said.

In late March there was a planning meeting for those who wanted to help George with the event.

George had help from many people including students Ashley Joseph, Chalena Robertson, Toya Johnson-Moore and Ryan Figgs as well as Sharon Cruz-McKinney, Harvel Lewis, Robert Lewis, Rose and Daniel Loera.

"I have a responsibility for not only getting the African Americans into the campus, but I also have a strong responsibility for getting them out," Cruz-McKinney, community relations and outreach director, said.

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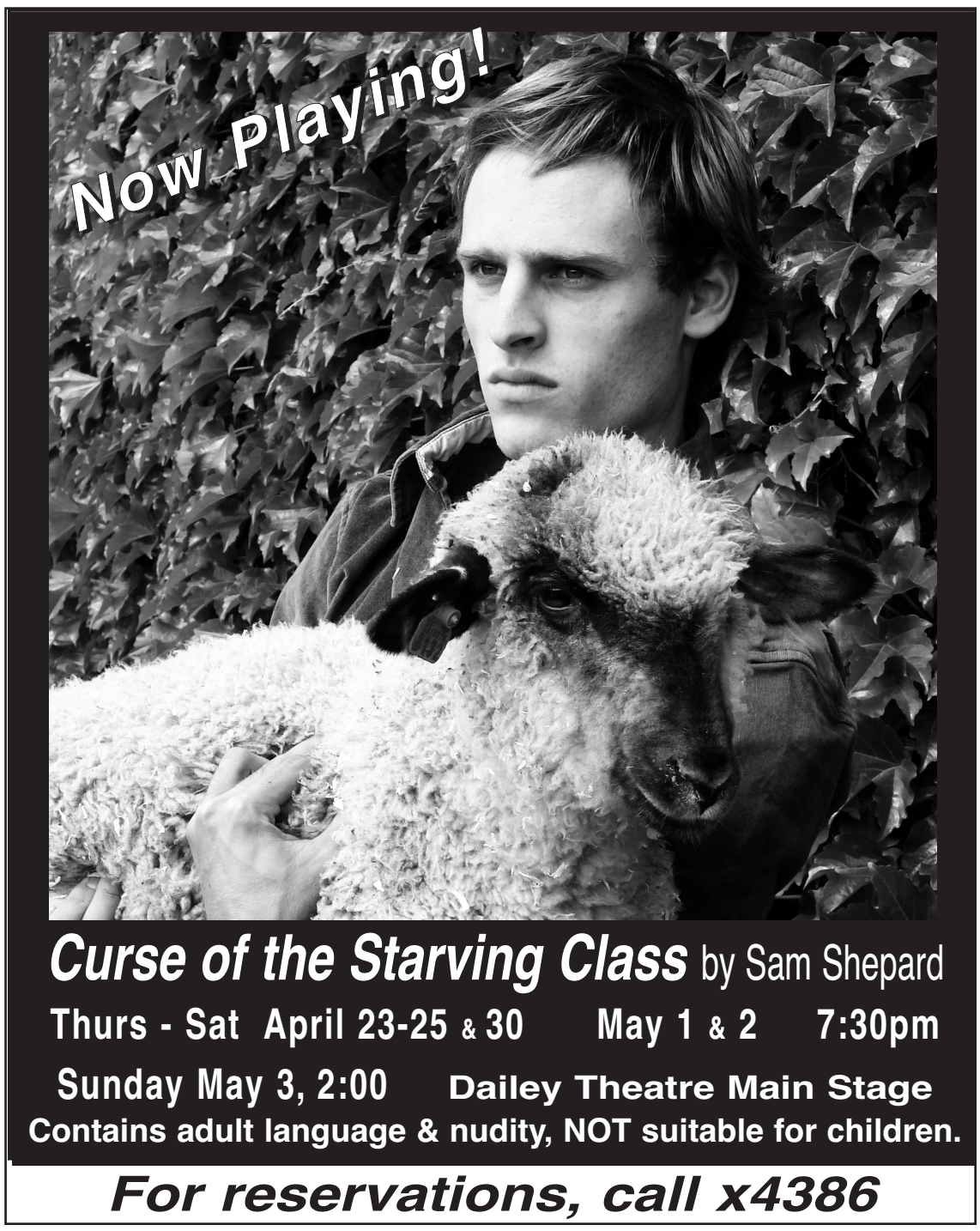

Baseball outlasts Tigers in slugfest

Leopards complete sweep

Christopher Guzman
Staff Writer

The Leopards continued their recent tear and returned to conference play this past weekend completing a three game sweep over last-place Occidental.

The wins put the Leopards six games behind first place Pomona-Pitzer in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, keeping the team's playoff hopes alive.

"Now we have to just look at ourselves and see if we really want it," said junior catcher Mike Surina. "We still have a chance, we want to win out."

In game one on Friday, La Verne came up big in the fourth inning with five runs, including an RBI triple by Jon-Michael Hattabaugh. Surina then singled him home and Donovan Petta added two more RBIs with a double.

Occidental had several opportunities to take the lead after climbing back from the 8–1 deficit by adding five runs of their own in the top of the fifth inning.

"We started to lack focus in the middle innings," said Surina. "We drifted off a bit once we got the big lead."

The two teams continued to battle back and forth in a slugfest, putting up runs in successive innings. Occidental got back in the game in the eighth inning on a two-run home run by centerfielder Nick Saraceni, to make the score 14-10.

The Leopards narrowly escaped a ninth inning jam to win 14-11 after Occidental third baseman Kevin Ozaki lined out into a game ending double play.

"We struggled a bit in the middle of the bullpen but we still pulled out the win," said assistant coach Justin Duarte. "Tomorrow is another day to compete."

The Leopards took the second game as part of a double header on Saturday behind a strong pitching performance from junior Tim Jolly who threw seven shutout innings while striking out seven. David Contreras pitched the eighth and ninth innings to preserve the 8–0 shutout.

First baseman Victor Pinado contributed two homeruns and Surina and shortstop Sergio Munoz each added one.

The Leopards took game three, 6-3, behind Hattabaugh's eighth home run of the season.

The Leopards have now won nine conference games in a row including 18 of their last 20 to improve their record to 20-12 overall and 9-6 in SCIAC. Even with the current streak of success, the Leopards still find themselves in a struggle to finish strong.

"We started off slow but were on a good streak," said Munoz. "The season is never over we're still battling."

The Leopards take on conference opponent Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in a three game set starting April 24.

They will close out the season against conference leader Pomona-Pitzer starting May 1.

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Sherazad Shaikh

Sophomore shortstop Sergio Munoz succeeds in tagging Kevin Ozaki from the Occidental Tigers late in the second inning. The Leopards skinned the Tigers and won, 14-11, on Friday. The Leopards are currently in fourth place in SCIAC.

Golfers cruise to 14-shot victory

Kevin Garrity
Sports Editor

The golf team continued their season-long success last Tuesday with a commanding 14-stroke victory over all other conference opponents at their home course, Sierra La Verne Country Club.

The Leopards, the only team to shoot under par on the day, posted a score of 279 (-5), beating out Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, which took second with a score of 293.

"We know Sierra La Verne well," Andrew Kramer said. "It's our home course so we get to play there a lot and the coaches did a good job setting it up for us."

Kramer tied for third with teammate Ryan Waring in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament No. 4 with a three under round of 68.

"Our guys are playing great right now," head coach Joe Skovron said. "Overall we putted great on the day, and that proved to be significant."

Occidental took third posting a 293 while Redlands rounded out the top four with a combined 305.

La Verne remains undefeated in conference play and as a program have not lost a conference match since 2006.

"We don't really worry about the streak," Kramer said. "We set our goals high at the beginning of the season and that consists of winning a National Championship."

"The conference is always a big deal," Skovron said. "If you win your conference championship then you get an automatic bid into the national championship. And if that happens we want to succeed at the national level, rather than just being there."

Mitch Fedorka shared medalist honors with John Morris from Claremont-M-S with a five under round of 66.

Fedorka was named Division III's No. 1 player in the nation by **golfstat.com** last week.

"I get a chance to compete with him every day and with that I am able to learn a lot from him," Kramer said. "He makes me a better player."

"It has been a pleasure coaching Mitch," said Skovron. "He is a quiet leader who leads

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Petitioners try to save tennis team



Rafael Anguiano

The administration's decision to cut the La Verne tennis teams has motivated several students to begin a petition to reinstate them. Adam Elmayer shows his support for the cause by signing the petition in front of Davenport Dining Hall on Monday as Rebecca Rodriguez and Leo Maritinez watch. As yet, there has been no official response to the petition.

Cal Lutheran swims past Leos

Regals beat La Verne, 13-4

Jonathan Smith
Copy Editor



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Junior Catherine Tehuitzil tries to block the ball as senior goalie Lindsay Jones prepares for impact on Tuesday. The final score of the game was 13-4 in favor of Cal Lutheran. It was the last home game Jones will play for the University. The Leopards will finish their season at the SCIAC Tournament beginning Friday in Claremont as they take on Pomona-Pitzer.

The women's water polo team dropped its sixth game in a row against Cal Lutheran, 13-4, on Saturday at Los Flores Park.

The Leopards could not take down the top-seeded Regals during their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference match.

La Verne drops its record to 2-21 and 1-6 in SCIAC competition, as they head into the conference tournament beginning today.

"It's tough," head coach Alex La said. "For us to be effective was really hard."

Cal Lutheran scored first on a goal by Regals' Christina Messer, making it 1-0.

Two minutes later Messer added her second goal of the game.

Messer along with fellow teammate Jane Galluzzi scored three goals during the game.

" I feel that in the beginning of the game, we were on edge," freshman Diane Aguayo said. "We stepped it up towards the end. We just step it up too late."

La Verne finally got on the board after a goal by Melinda Fairman to make it 6-1.

But the Regals went on to score five unanswered goals to extend their lead to 10-1.

"They're fast and their smart water polo players," senior Lindsay Jones said. "Sometimes its hard to compete against a team like that when you're short on numbers."

But the Leopards were able to muster some positive attacks.

"We did a lot better at minimizing the counter attack," Jones said. "I thought we did a lot better at defense than we had in the past."

"We did work on a lot of new things we needed to work on," La said.

The game marked the final appearance at La Verne's home pool for Jones.

Jones said she is happy about her career at La Verne.

"I enjoyed it," Jones said. "I had fun. It was a good experience."

Although the season is close to an end, members of the water polo team feel better about how their season has ended.

"It was obviously disappointing of course. Every one wants to be on top," Jones said. "We definitely made huge improvements as a team from the beginning."

"We have come a long way from all the games we have played so far," Aguayo said.

As the season ends this weekend, La Verne hopes to finish the tournament on a good note.

"We have been working on some new sets of plays," Jones said. "Hopefully we can make that work and make it work better for us."

La hopes that his team can implement the new strategy for the tournament.

La Verne will compete against Pomona-Pitzer in the first round of the SCIAC tournament Friday in Claremont.

"We are hoping to upset them," La said.

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Founders...

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Hawkey said the way to get from $2 million to $6 million quickly is to receive gifts and donations.

However, the economy is bad, businesses are not doing too well, and no one has come forward.

"At the very least we want to do substantial improvement in Founders Auditorium," Hawkey said.

The University will be able to do the level one renovations, which costs $2.5 million, with bond money.

However, the University will need to act fast, since the bond money must be used by July 2011, Hawkey said.

The auditorium is currently under-used because the sound system is not good, it is too hot in the spring and fall, and it is not comfortable, Hawkey said.

However with the improvements, students and faculty will use it a lot more and outside guest can use it too, Hawkey said.

"It would make a much more attractive venue to use all the time," Hawkey said. "It can be a place we can be proud of."

"This project is important for the life of the campus," Hawkey said. "It will be the largest room on campus, where about 350 students and faculty can gather at one time."

The plan to renovate Founders Auditorium has been in the works for about eight years, Hawkey said.

Since Founders Auditorium is used in recruiting new students, it is important to have a modern, updated and inviting place to attract more students and increase enrollment, Hardy said.

The renovations would benefit the entire University including admissions, student affairs, music performances, concerts and guest recitals, Kathleen J. Lamkin, professor of music, said.

"Finally, we would have a place ... where music and choir students will be proud to perform," Hawkey said.

"I think we are all very excited about this and everyone I have talked to is very supportive," Lamkin said. "I am very optimistic about the project."

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by example. I am really impressed with his game."

Sophomore Kevin Smith finished in seventh with a one over par score of 72 and senior Rizal Amin finished in the eight spot with a 73.

The Leopards are currently ranked second in the nation.

"The goals that we set usually deal with improving ourselves as a team," Skovron said. "We try to focus on our preparation rather than the result."

ULV is back on the links at noon Thursday at the Redlands Country Club.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Softball, April 17

Game 1
Claremont-M-S -- 4
La Verne --1

Game 2
Claremont-M-S -- 1
La Verne -- 10

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 24
Baseball vs. Claremont-M-S, 3 p.m.*
Softball vs. Cal Lutheran 2 p.m., 4 p.m. (doubleheader)*

Saturday, April 25
Baseball @ Claremont-M-S, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. (doubleheader)
Softball @ Occidental, noon, 2 p.m.
Mens and Women Track and Field vs. SCIAC Championships @ Los Angeles, all day

** = home*

STANDINGS

Baseball

	SCIAC	Overall
Pomona-Pitzer	15-0	31-3
Cal Lutheran	13-2	27-7
Redlands	12-6	22-12
La Verne	**9-6**	**20-13**
Claremont-M-S	8-7	16-18
Whittier	5-10	11-23
Occidental	1-14	11-23
Cal Tech	0-18	0-24