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Gun scare closes L.V. high school

Suspect had past troubles

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Bonita High School closed on April 20 due to a potential threat to students after the disappearance on April 19 of 17-year-old student Matthew Wanamaker. Wanamaker was found Saturday at an Ontario motel after he took a safe containing five guns along with $1,000 cash from his family's home. Three adults were also detained in connection with the case.

On the eve of the eighth anniversary of the Columbine shootings last Thursday, the parents of 17-year-old Matthew Wanamaker reported to the La Verne Police Department that their son was missing and their gun safe containing loaded rifles, handguns and $1,000 in cash was also missing.

News of this led local school district officials to their decision to close Bonita High School for the day last Friday.

So close in time to the massacre at Virginia Tech at the beginning of the week and the anniversary of Columbine, Bonita Unified School District officials did not want to take any chances.

"I had a talk with the chief of the La Verne Police Department and that's when he recommended to close school on Friday," said Bob Ketterling, principal of Bonita High School.

William Brinegar, a district assistant superintendent, said this was the safest decision they could make with limited information.

"The threat towards Bonita High was (made in) passing, a direct threat was not made," said Detective Dan Grabowski of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in San Dimas.

Late Saturday night the search for Wanamaker came to an end when he was found in an Ontario motel.

"At this moment he will only be charged with burglary," Grabowski said.

Ketterling would not say how the school district would discipline Wanamaker.

Along with Wanamaker, three other people were questioned by police in connection with last week's incident.

Kimberly Valazza, 44, Shane Saucedo, 24, of Rancho Cucamonga and Kent Bonilla, 23, of Fontana were held by police on suspicion of receiving stolen property.

Wanamaker's troubles seemed to have started last spring when former Allen Elementary School teacher Deborah Lynn Pence, 47, pleaded no contest for having sex with the then high school sophomore. Pence was given five years probation and had to register as a sex offender; however, she is not currently listed in the Megan's Law database.

In what seemed to have been a dramatic whirlwind for Wanamaker, according to his parents, Wanamaker was a victim of circumstance.

As for Bonita High School and the school district, they are working to improve communication skills and communication capabilities among students, faculty and the La Verne Police Department.

They are also working on instructing teachers and faculty to detect signs of emotional troubles in students and to respond appropriately.

Within the next few weeks they will be reviewing the situation and how the district, police department and high school faculty dealt with it.

Their main focus will be on how faculty discussed the situation with the kids of the Bonita High and how they can improve any flaws that were found.

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La Verne Loop attracts many for a good cause

Community races for Lupus

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On Saturday more than 100 people turned out at the University of La Verne's Sneaky Park to race in support of Lupus research.

The event, called the La Verne Loop, was a 5k-race put on by two University of La Verne students, Gabby De La Cruz and Jamie Mahoney.

"I was really excited to see how everything came together," De La Cruz said. "So many people came out and volunteered."

People clad in spandex and windbreakers gathered at around 7:30 a.m. that chilly morning eagerly awaiting the race.

Lauren Moon, Miss La Verne, was also there to pump up participants. Some walked while others jogged and ran, but overall everyone was there to show their support for finding treatments and to have fun.

Lupus is a chronic tissue disease. It affects the body's organs through skin rashes, joint pain and swelling or inflammation of the kidneys, among other things. Not all people with Lupus display all these symptoms.

But according to the Lupus Research Institute, Lupus affects about one out of every 185 Americans, making it one of the most common in the country.

The course began at Sneaky Park on Third Street and wound for 3.1 miles around the city, with long stretches on Third and First.

Along the route people cheered and gave their support for the runners.

And at the halfway point, water was available to those who needed it.

A few of the runners on La Verne's cross-country team lead the pack of participants along the course.

They all ran together most of the way until one man broke free and raced to the finish

Effrain Partido, a ULV junior, won the first-place prize for men with a time of 16.5 minutes. And, in a surprising win, 11-year-old Lexie Jackson won first place for women with a time of 21.5 minutes.

She said she ran this race because she and her family always run 5ks on the weekends and they were unable to run the San Dimas 5k, so they decided to run this one instead.

Almost all the runners came in under about 33 minutes and the joggers and walkers trickled in after that.

The sponsors of the race donated Vitamin Water, Rock Star energy drinks, Smart Water and bagels to all participants.

LVTV and KULV were both on hand to document the event.

Many people huddled around after the race and chatted, munched on the provided snacks, slowly attempting to catch their breath.

At the awards ceremony immediately following the race, Mahoney, who has Lupus herself, handed out the awards and thanked the sponsors and fundraisers.

The sorority Phi Sigma Sigma won an award for having the most participants in the race. All four of the on campus sororities were in competition for this award.

And, for first place fundraiser, Ann Orosz won for most money raised,at $650.

Overall, the event raised $7,251 for Lupus International, making it a glorious success.

"It was a really long process," Mahoney said. "A lot of people showed up and it turned out great."

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Literacy fair brings locals to books



Rhiannon Mim

At the second annual Family Literacy Fair, organized by the University of La Verne's Education Department, a variety of activities were offered from storytelling to playing croquet. Guillermo Santiago attended with his mother and little brother and sister, and won a Dr. Seuss book on the book walk at the University Mall.

ULV fundraiser is a great success

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LV Life Editor

Last week the Associated Students of the University of La Verne, the Campus Activities Board and Sodexho collected $374 in Leo dollars to donate to the Sova Center in Ontario.

"It, by far, exceeded my expectations," Sarrie Fleming, chairwoman of the food committee for ASULV, said.

Fleming was in charge of the fundraiser in which students could donate canned food or, for the week, donate money from their Leo dollars.

"Everyone needs to eat," Fleming said. "If you aren't going to use it, give it to someone who will."

The Servathon is held annually during the month of April. There are plans to continue the event at ULV.

The Sodexho Foundation has promoted the cause since 1999.

For the La Verne fundraiser, students donated their unused Leo dollars, then Sodexho took the donations from the cards and used the money to donate food and other needed goods.

In this case the donations were given to the Sova Center, which is run by the Inland Valley Council of Churches.

Aaron Neilson, general manager for Sodexho at ULV said the Servathon has been around for a while and the goal is to help less fortunate people and to help the community.

"I think that's what makes ULV special," Neilson said. "They also teach students to give back."

Neilson referred to the University's mission statement and how it reflects the importance of helping others especially in the community.

ULV's mission statement reflects four core values. Community service is one of the values. The mission statement states: "The University believes that personal service is a primary goal of the educated person. Therefore, it encourages students to experience the responsibilities and rewards of serving the human and ecological community."

Fleming said that the Center needed different sizes of diapers. The money that was raised was used to purchase diapers that were given to the Center.

Sarah Vasquez, a sophomore psychology major, donated $20.

Vasquez said she is rarely on campus and at the end of the semester has a lot left on her card, so she wanted to give back to people in need who could use it.

"We have so much that we can give back," Vasquez said. "If everyone gave a little bit, it would be worth it in the end.

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CORRECTIONS

• In "ULV debate team wins nationals," which ran on the front page of the April 13 Campus Times, it was erroneously stated that the team lost to Harvard in 2000. In fact they lost to another school that year.

• "ULV alumna dies," about the death of alumna Candace Green, on page 3 that week, misstated her graduation date. Green graduated in 2003.

• "ULV students to sing in Hawaii," which ran on page 10 on April 13 erroneously stated ULV would offer an interterm choir course for the first time. This course has been offered many times before.

Faculty, administrators update strategic plan

Madison Steff
Staff Writer

The time has come for the University of La Verne to produce a new strategic plan that will set the direction for the University over the next five years. A strategic plan is a substantial document that verifies what is important to the University and is required for its accreditation. The current strategic plan will soon expire and the yearlong process of revising it is coming to an end.

"It is revised to carry us forward setting initiatives and priorities that are critical for the success of the University," said Gordon Badovick, chairman of the strategic plan task force and dean of the College of Business and Public Management. "It is a road map of where we want to go and how to get there."

The process of creating a new and improved strategic plan began more than a year ago with a campus-wide retreat involving administrators, faculty and students.

At the retreat issues and concerns about the strategic plan were discussed. In April 2006, President Steve Morgan created a strategic plan task force consisting of six administrators to mold the new document.

The creation of the task force caused some hostility among the faculty as they wondered why they were not included in the committee or involved in the initial draft. As a result of faculty protest in March 2007, five faculty members – one from each college – were elected to the task force. The original plan was not to completely exclude faculty from the creation of the document but to involve them after the initial draft was created last summer. The faculty is still upset that they were not on the committee from the beginning and must react to an already existing document.

"It gets under our skin," Hector Delgado said, associate professor of sociology and Arts and Sciences task force representative.

Since the task force's new additions there have been quite a few changes but for the most part the process has remained collegial. The different college units on campus develop their own master plan, which is then broadly framed by the strategic plan.

"The real meat comes from the units," Delgado said.

Input from a wide variety of people was provided and it is up to the task force to pick and choose what is really important and critical.

A large portion of the strategic plan is academic oriented, focusing on student education and employee compensation. In the past years very few faculty members have been involved in similar committees and drafts. Open discussions were held on Thursday and a board meeting will be held on May 5.

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WEB EXCLUSIVES



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•Shut down of pipeline forces conservation in La Verne

La Verne residents were encouraged to limit water use the week of April 16, while the Rialto feeder pipeline underwent repairs.

Posted April 23, 2007

•A 'Garden Affair' to remember

The San Dimas Historic District hosted the 'Garden Affair' on April 21, offering antique garden and yard art, as well as sales.

•New Blog: Peer into the soul of a Russian. Visit Yelena Ovcharenko's blog on religion to learn about underground churches, communism, the KGB and current government policies in Russia.

Commentary

Media coverage of candidates is splitting parties



ALEXANDRA LOZANO

Today's media coverage of the 2008 presidential candidates is splitting parties and confusing voters. What used to be a rivalry between Republicans and Democrats has now turned into a rivalry within the Democratic Party. The coverage of GOP candidates is reported as a united party even if the candidates have different opinions and solutions to today's issues.

However, the Democrats are always portrayed as having a showdown within the party to see who's going to fight the big-dog Republicans.

Lately the media has been pitting Sen. Hilary Clinton against Sen. Barack Obama in the race to the White House.

Sure the pair are opposites: Black and white, male and female, but that's about where it ends

The Republican Party, with more than five candidates running for president, are mainly seen on TV as best friends.

The headline for the Republican Party in Guardian Unlimited reads "GOP Presidential Contenders Woo Iowans."

In the New York Times the headline reads "G.O.P. Candidates Lay Into Democrats, Not One Another" allowing readers to believe that the Republican Party is a united unit and the Democrats are not.

However, any reports about the Democratic Party reminds the readers there's an underlined battle going on.

The Wall Street Journal claims Democrat "Candidates Set For a Showdown."

And the Washington Post wants everyone to know "For Now, An Unofficial Rivalry" is emerging between Democrats.

What is going on here?

Even during the 2006 gubernatorial primary elections in California the top democratic candidates, Steve Westly and Phil Angelides, were battling not only on the debate floor but in the headlines as well.

The party couldn't get it together and votes were divided almost evenly between the two.

KABC-7 reported "The Back Story: Westly, Angelides Battle" while ultimately The New York Times were right when they said "In a Fight Against the 'Governator,' California Democrats Lack a Superhero." Back in December 2006, the Washington Post reported, "Neither Clinton nor Obama has formally declared a candidacy, but their rivalry is already the talk of the chamber, an amusing sideshow for Democrats and Republicans." As if Americans should watch out for the entertaining rivalry between the two party members. While the media is breaking apart one leading political party, the other political party appears stronger, united and more cooperative in completing their agenda.

Washington Post also reported, "During a routine vote yesterday morning, Obama and Clinton brushed past each other on the senate floor. Obama winked and touched Clinton on her elbow. Without pausing, she kept walking." There was nothing similar reported in any articles covering the Republican Party. No winks or brushes between McCain and Giuliani reported that might strike up a rivalry (and outrage) between the Republican Party.

The Wall Street Journal also reported on the battle between the bold and the beautiful of the Blue Party: "For all the attention to the top-tier contenders –Sens. Clinton and Obama and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards—the coming debates are singular opportunities for the race's media starved dark horses, notably Sens. Chris Dodd of Connecticut and Joe Biden of Delaware, and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. There, for at least a couple of hours, they can compete on a level playing field, and hope to score." Many of the Republican Party presidential nominees are also "media starved dark horses, however no newspaper refers to these candidates in the same context.

Sure the Republican Party has its own split within the party over issues like abortion, but this is nothing like the rift the Democrats gets when its candidates are split over health care of immigration. If you're a conservative, you unite for the good of the country: pro-life, troop increase. But if you're a Democrat, the stakes run high when you lean just a little too much to the left. The New York Times ran a small blurb towards the end of their story about the smallest scuffle between Republican candidates.

"And one candidate, Jim Gilmore the former governor of Virginia, drew soft boos when he mentioned candidates' names in a not-so-subtle way of suggesting that three of the leading candidates had records of shifting positions on some issues that are crucial to conservatives," reported Times.

I hate to be all John Stossel about things, but give me a break.

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I'll take 'Robin on Jeopardy' for $200, Alex

What is $10k to a ULV prof.?

Dustin Smith
Staff Writer

University of La Verne adjunct professor of communications Brian Robin recently had the opportunity to play "Jeopardy."

Robin's games on "Jeopardy" aired on April 3 and 4.

Robin was well prepared for the game and has had previous game show experience, having won on the show "Win Ben Stein's Money" nine years ago.

Robin, a self-described game show fanatic, has been trying out for game shows since he turned 18.

Robin applied for Jeopardy every 10 years, in his early 20s, 30s and most recently at 40. In January, he played two games, winning his first game and taking in a cool $8,599.

"This is something I've always wanted to do," Robin said. "It was the most fun I've had in my life."

His first game was against Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton, a graduate student from Oklahoma, and Catherine Allen, a newspaper copy editor from Indiana.

Robin attributes some of his success to strategy; he said he uses the categories to his advantage and he feels it's important to know how to use the buzzer correctly.

For his second game, which aired April 4, Robin played with the intentions of defending his new title.

His second game was against Rita Schwab-Parcel from South Dakota and Chris Possinger, a 23-year-old Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate.

Robin played a tough game, but came in second place, still winning $2,000.

His accomplishments on the demanding quiz show came after much preparation, studying, and a vigorous elimination process.

More than 100,000 people try out for "Jeopardy" each year.

First there is an online test, of 50 questions allotting about nine seconds to answer each.

Robin, a voracious learner, said he studied plenty before the taping.

He also said that he reads all the time.

Robin reads almanacs, and "The New York Times Guide to Essential Public Knowledge."

"Get your hands on as much reference materials as you can, and just read." Robin said.

Robin passed that test and was invited to Los Angeles for a follow-up and screen test.

Robin endured another 50-question test and game show practice sessions.

Eventually he was called back for the taping of his shows, to be one of the few who make it on the game show.

Those who know Robin were excited about his performance.

"He did really well," said Elizabeth Zwerling, associate professor of journalism, who watched the second of Robin's two shows. "Even though he didn't win the second night, he held his own. He's a real history and trivia buff and a very knowledgeable asset to our program."

A few students also caught his performance.

"It's cool that he knows more than just about journalism," said Troy Doolittle, a junior communications major.

Robin, a former sports reporter who currently works in sports public relations, has taught news reporting at the University since 2002,

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NEWS BRIEFS

La Verne Luau

Kanaka Hui Ohana is hosting their annual Luau next Wednesday at 5p.m. in Sneaky Park. An authentic Hawaiian dinner and dessert will be served.

Entertainment includes Hawaiian music and Island Inspiration, a polynesian entertainment group.

For more information contact Shane Rodrigues at (909) 593-3511 ext. 4275

Sing in Spring

The commencement office is looking to form a faculty and staff choir. to sing the Alma Mater at commencement.

Representatives from the all colleges are encouraged to join.

For more information contact Susan Wilson at (909) 593-3511 ext. 4157

Come Celebrate Faculty, Staff

The annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Ceremony will be held May 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Sports Science and Athletics Pavilion.

For more information contact the President's office at (909) 593-3511 ext. 4900

Risky Web site

The University of La Verne has launched a new risk management Web site.The new site features information about safety, risk reduction, emergency procedures.

Visit the Web site at **www.ulv.edu/riskmanagement/**

—Alexandra Lozano

Presidential race hits Web

Dustin Smith
Staff Writer

Presidential candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton can now be your friend on Facebook and Myspace.

With one click of "add to friends," these 2008 presidential candidates can be your friend on the Internet society web sites. Obama and Clinton are not the only ones using Facebook and Myspace, but so has Senator John McCain.

YouTube is also a popular Web site for the presidential candidates.

Candidates are posting their speeches on YouTube in case the public missed them, but some are skeptical towards its use.

"People who use YouTube are already involved," said Brian Floyd, a political consultant with Floyd & Lucsko.

Floyd isn't opposed to the use of Myspace and Facebook as campaign strategies but sees it as the "reverse of traditional campaign."

Instead of traditional campaigns strategies such as TV and radio, which reach out to the public, users of Myspace, Facebook, and YouTube search out Web sites, only allowing the information to be viewed by those looking.

Young people who use these Web site have mixed feelings about the use of the society Web sites.

"I think that's kind of ridiculous, personally," said Lorie Gates, a sophomore at Victor Valley Community College. "Myspace is taking over the world."

Erika Gray, a freshman biology major thinks it will help.

"It's cool because people complain about the youth not being involved," Gray said. "It's a smart tactic."

Statistically, people in their

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ULV Earth Day events are MIA

In light of the current, for lack of better word, bad condition that our planet is in, one would think that the University of La Verne would step up and encourage students to do something about it.

After all, the University's mission statement says: "The University affirms a philosophy of life that actively supports peace with justice, the health of the planet and its people."

However, Earth Day was Sunday. That's right, it was last week, and the University totally missed it. This would have been the perfect opportunity for students at ULV to celebrate and advocate the purpose of this day. Everyone needs to know what is going on with the Earth and why it is in the condition that it is in. Most importantly, people need to know what they can do to prevent any further harm and how to help fix the situation we're in now.

Our University is the perfect forum for this advocacy and activism. It seems as though the important causes and problems of today's world get mixed up and lost in the scheme of things.

It is humorous because according to the University mission statement ULV is all about being the change we want to see in the world, but in reality we do nothing about it. We are perfect on paper yet so flawed when it comes to our actions. We talk the talk but won't walk the walk, as the saying goes. Setting aside one day, just one day, would do so much, but we haven't.

Why is it so hard?

We have gotten so caught up with other things that we have, oddly enough, forgotten about a big part of our lives: The place that we all live.

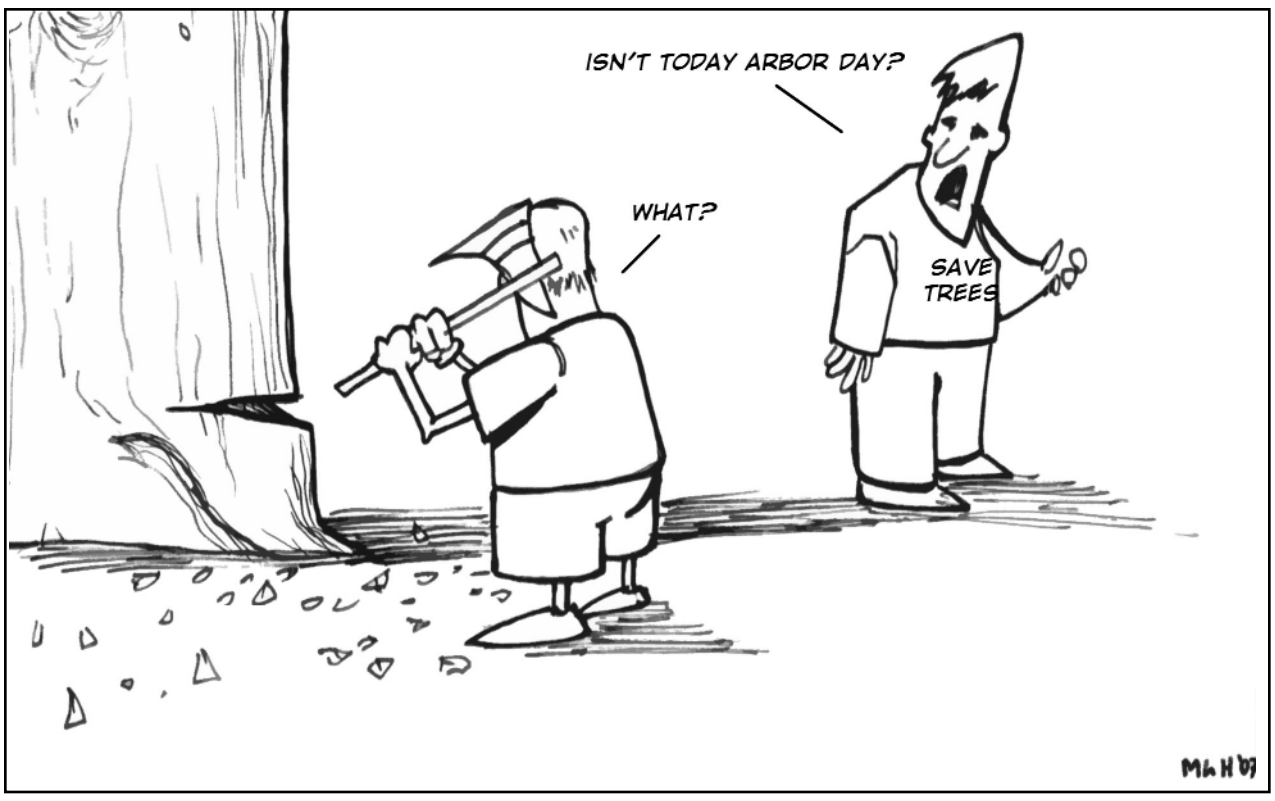
All around us we have examples of the community reaching out and trying to save our environment. The La Verne United Methodist Church held a celebration for the first time to celebrate Earth Day. Cal Poly Pomona made a celebration out of the day. The event was open to everyone and was free of charge. Participants were given a tour of the Lyle Center, took part in workshops and did other hands on activities. Claremont McKenna College also held an event: Earth Day and Climate Action on April 7. Our neighboring city of San Dimas celebrated with "Central Basin Earth Day Event" on April 14.

It seems as though ULV is behind when it comes to these types of events. This is a "core value" in the University's mission statement, but rather than actually doing something we sit here and watch everyone else make an effort.

ULV needs to step it up and attempt to make a difference.

It seems like the University is becoming all bark and no bite in terms of the environment, and if we continue this way we are setting ourselves up for disaster.

As students and faculty we cannot continue to wait for the University to make the first attempt to better our environment we need to make the effort now, and maybe by Earth Day 2008 the University will have taken the hint.



Emergency alerts lacking speed

In the wake of last week's shootings at Virginia Tech, it seems like most schools, including our own, would have learned why it is so important to communicate effectively if there is the threat of danger.

Too bad not even one week later the University of La Verne was faced with a situation where students should have been notified immediately but were instead left in the dark.

On April 20, the eighth anniversary of the Columbine shootings and just four days after the tragedy at Virginia, Bonita High School was closed due to a continuing investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department involving a Bonita student, Matthew Wanamaker.

The 17-year-old had stolen guns from his home in La Verne and disappeared Thursday evening, which lead to the closure of the school the next day. Luckily, late Saturday night, police found Wanamaker and the firearms in an Ontario motel.

Now we all know the location of Bonita in relationship to ULV and it would seem logical to think any threat to Bonita is a threat to ULV.

Well that is why when word of the potential threat got out on Thursday night, ULV students were making phone calls to warn their friends about the situation. The Thursday night Campus Activities Board Suburban Legends concert was even alerted.

We all know how fast news travels in La Verne simply by word of mouth so students across the campus were buzzing with information.

The only problem was there was no notification of the potential problem by the University. It was not until nearly 11 a.m. Friday when a school wide e-mail went out to the students. However, classes at ULV start at 8 a.m., so most students did not become aware of the threat until they arrived at school and were told by a classmate.

Why wasn't this e-mail sent earlier before students arrived on campus for morning and afternoon classes?

Although there was no suspected danger toward ULV according to the mass e-mail, students should have still should have been made aware of the possibility. Did we learn anything from the devastation of last week at Virginia Tech?

In light of the situation, was the mass e-mail even enough? Before this year's implementations of e-mail logins for computer use, many students did not have their own school e-mail accounts activated. The majority of students fail to open even their own personal e-mail accounts more than once or twice a day, let alone their ULV accounts.

Schools need to devise a way to reach students through other means such as Facebook and MySpace. If a massive bulletin or message was sent to all students, plus the mass e-mail, students would be way more likely to actually receive the news.

Measures need to be taken for students to feel safe and secure, and because we are such a small community it would be easy for the University to take these steps. Our central campus student population does not make up a quarter of the students at Virginia Tech. As a result, it is best for students to know rather than be sorry.

Perhaps, as students we need to be more avid e-mail checkers, yet the problem still remains that important e-mails are sent with no time to act. Luckily we did have not have to face any repercussions because of this late message. But to our Campus safety officials and our La Verne police department, we urge you to work together to inform students by any means possible and as soon as possible. By teaming up and working together, there is no question we can at least be aware of potential risks closer to home and take steps in preventing a disaster here at our own school.

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FROM THE EDITOR...

Put it in your backyard, not mine



TOM ANDERSON

Question: Do people who knowingly and willingly move in next door to an airport, auto racing track, railroad line, factory or any other bothersome place, have the right to whine and complain about the noise, traffic and other ill effects, especially to the point that the adjacent business is eventually run out of the neighborhood? Increasingly, and unfortunately, the answer appears to be yes.

For those still unfamiliar with the acronym NIMBY ("not in my backyard"), it basically is used to describe residents of an area who jump on the "kick-and-scream-until-you-get-your-way" bandwagon whenever a threat, real or perceived, to the area's serenity, safety, cleanliness or overall quality of life emerges. The main problem I have with the growing specter of NIMBYism (aside from the fact that NIMBYs conveniently ignore the fact that many of them chose to live next to something obnoxious) is that they are selfishly ignoring the benefits their noisy neighbors would bring or already do bring others.

Case in point: Mark and Karin Rivard, a Northern California couple who moved in next door to Altamont Speedway two years ago (the track opened way back in 1966), have petitioned local officials to impose a ban on both drifting (the hugely popular form of motorsport that originated in Japan) and overnight camping on speedway property.

Just so we're clear here: People who chose to live next door to a race track are now telling the owners of said track how to run their business. If the bans are upheld, many area speed freaks will no doubt resort to getting their high on public roads, putting the lives of themselves and the public in danger. But as long as the Rivards themselves aren't at risk, they are, presumably, perfectly okay with that.

Oh, and it gets better. The Rivards actually bought the lot they now live on in 1999, around which time Mr. Rivard constructed a motocross track for himself on the property. The family eventually built its house on the lot and moved in back in 2005.

Long story short: Marky Mark seems to have no problem with getting his own gas-powered kicks in the neighborhood, but he doesn't want anyone else coming to the speedway next door to get theirs. Gee, that seems perfectly fair…

Closer to home and arguably more damaging in the grand scheme of things is the debate over the route of the proposed Phase II extension of the Metropolitan Transit Authority's Expo Light Rail Line to Santa Monica (even though Phase I, which will only reach Culver City, won't be done until decade's end at the earliest).

The MTA wants the extension to follow the existing rail right of way pretty much verbatim, but a small but loud group of homeowners in the ritzy neighborhood of Cheviot Hills want the line routed around the right of way, which skirts the south side of the neighborhood, down the center of Venice and Sepulveda boulevards before rejoining the preexisting route.

Yes, I know, the homeowners cite reasons like safety and putting the line through areas that could get higher ridership for their making a stink, but not everyone in the L.A. Basin is naïve enough to assume those are their real motivations. Oh goodness gracious, great balls o' fire no. The real reason is that they don't want the status quo they know and love to be disrupted with all the noise, vibration and an influx of "those people" they assume would result. Sure, they know routing the line around Cheviot Hills would add to the project's cost and to the travel time, but who cares about the rest of the region?

It is this selfish unwillingness to compromise and cooperate that is setting a bad example for future generations, and will ultimately prove our civilization's undoing.

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A step in the wrong direction



KATHERINE HILLIER

Last Wednesday was a sad day for the rights of women. In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court voted to uphold the "partial birth abortion" ban act, and as a result, American women have lost some of their freedom.

This ruling is a wake-up call for women everywhere. The age of safe legal abortion may soon be over. Although the ban only affects a small percentage of abortions that take place, it is a blaring sign of what is to come. With the exit of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and the arrival of Samuel Alito, the new Supreme Court has just demonstrated that they have a new view on women's rights or lack there of.

Sadly, this court does not see abortion as a woman's right. They see it as a "moral concern," according to Justice Anthony Kennedy. This was a strategic move that was in accordance with anti-abortionists who wish to change the abortion issue from rights of women to the fate of a fetus. And now, because of the new balance on the Supreme Court, this agenda has been successful.

It's important to remember that, because of the 1973 ruling of Roe v. Wade, a woman has a constitutional right to an abortion. And yet last week's ruling has countered that right with this new restriction, and as a result they have muddied the waters for this debate.

This issue is really about women's rights. It's about not letting the government control our bodies, and it's about having the right to make our own personal decisions.

In an attempt to describe the Court's decision, Justice Kennedy claimed this ruling was basically protecting women from themselves, or from a decision that they may not understand. So he is saying that a decision such as this, a decision dealing with a woman's own body, is a decision that couldn't possibly be understood by a woman. Apparently this decision is too complicated for a woman to wrap her little brain around. This is horrific. Are we to believe that as women we cannot fully understand the seriousness of an abortion, so we must rely on the Supreme Court – eight men and one woman – to make this decision for us?

How could justice Kennedy – or any man for that matter – ever understand what goes into that decision? It is ridiculous to think that a man can fully empathize with a woman who finds herself in that situation.

The government should be there to protect women, but not to tell us how to make personal decisions. And, if it is the government's job to protect life as some may argue, then upholding this ban was the first step towards endangering the lives of women.

In countries like Mexico, where abortion is illegal, many women resort to unsafe methods for abortion and, as a result, abortion-related deaths are high.

According to the World Health Organization, unsafe abortions kill 68,000 women a year. This number is mind-numbing and shows that women will have abortions regardless of their legality. Outlawing abortion simply makes them more dangerous and raises the death toll for women in general.

Although the Court's upholding of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban doesn't outlaw abortion completely in the United States, it does open the door to that possibility. In a country that has made great strides in protecting the rights of women, it is sad to see us taking a step backwards.

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I'm not asking for your approval



ALLISON FAROLE

A little motivation seems to go a long way in my eyes. Lately, I have been feeling the pressures of graduation, getting a job, succeeding and just becoming that person you are expected to become.

But do we really know who we are supposed to be right out of college? No! And that is okay.

This milestone of college graduation has been the ultimate goal that I have been working towards for the past 16 years of my educational career.

Never did I think the day would ever come but it has and I am ready to move on with my life.

Throughout the four years I have been at ULV, I have changed my mind several times in what I was going to after graduation. First it was getting a job, then I wanted to immediately go to grad school, and now finally I decided on the Peace Corps as my post-graduation career.

During the preparation for this step, it seemed as though all agreed and rooted for me.

Yet, now that the paperwork is done and the final touches are being made those that supported me are conveniently turning their heads and declining their support now.

Some say it is because they don't want me to leave, others feel as if I am just running away and others think I need to stay home and help here.

But that is not what I want to do.

The thought of not having 100 percent support from my friends and family doesn't necessarily bring me down, but it makes it harder for me to show them that this choice is something that will benefit me.

As of January 2008 I will be heading to Africa to teach health education for two years.

Yes, a whopping two years of my life.

Part of me feel like I am a crazy but in a weird way I am following my heart.

Nothing can compare to what Africa will give me. The culture that exists there makes me feel alive.

With my travels and adventures I hope to show those that don't quite understand that this place I am about to embark on is amazing.

With this I hope to find out that this place is amazing and holds something that nothing here can ever compare to.

You can't give an opinion unless you have experienced the place, event or what not first hand.

Many are also too afraid to grasp something so different.

Until I visited Africa last year I always saw it has a far away place where no one even had the desire to visit.

Yet after my trip I realized that this far away land holds a lot of secrets and it opened up a whole knew worldview for me.

I may want the motivation from the ones that I love but I also need to remember that no matter what my friends, family or society thinks, I need to go with my gut feeling and do what makes me happy.

As selfish it may sound, you are the only one that can change you or make you happy.

At this point in my life I don't know who I am but this adventure that lies ahead of me will definitely help me to answer that inevitable question.

So as I like to say, never give up your beliefs, morals or dignity. Fight for what is right but most importantly fight for what is right for you.

So ready or not Africa, here I come.

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GREEK WEEK 2007

THE WARRIORS SQUARE OFF

Groups tug their way through 1st day of competition

Hilda Ann Venegas
Staff Writer

After some intense rounds of tug of war and lots of cheering from the crowd, the first event of Greek Week 2007 ended with Sigma Kappa sorority in the leading position.

Each time the teams were competing in the rounds, cheers from their sorority sisters and fraternity brothers could be heard from the sidelines.

Some teams even made posters which they held up when their team was competing.

Phi Sigma Sigma competed against Sigma Kappa which Sigma Kappa won the round.

Sigma Kappa also competed against Iota Delta and Phi Delta Theta.

During both of those rounds Sigma Kappa emerged victorious and loud cheers were heard after each victory.

Phi Sigma Sigma also competed against Phi Delta Theta.

Phi Delta Theta won that round.

In another round, Phi Delta Theta beat Alpha Omicron Pi.

Alpha Omicron Pi also competed against Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Sigma Alpha Epsilon won that round.

Director of Student Life, Chip West began each round by giving the teams the okay to begin pulling the rope.

Diana Westmyer and Mike Cordova, who co-chaired Greek Week, acted as referees for this event.

"I think it went very smoothly. I think it was obvious who practiced and put a lot of effort into it," Westmyer said.

The goal of Greek Week is to promote a unity between the sororities and fraternities at the University of La Verne.

"We want a healthy, good competition," Cordova said.

Cordova also said that they wanted to start out with one of the more difficult events first.

Each of the teams competing could have no more than 1000-pounds on either side.

During the competition the contestants were sitting down as they tugged and pulled on the rope.

By the end of the competition, West announced the standings were: Alpha Omicron Pi in sixth place, Phi Sigma Sigma in fifth place, Iota Delta in fourth place, Sigma Alpha Epsilon in third place, Phi Delta Theta in second place and Sigma Kappa in first place.

"I think it went well. It was better than last year and everybody had fun," James Ridings, a Phi Delta Theta member, said.

Ridings said for many participants, this is their first Greek Week.

"I think we did better than what everyone expected us to do," Ridings said.

For many of the participants Greek Week is a time to bond.

"It really made me feel united with my sisters," Tyonna Adams, a Phi Sigma Sigma freshman said.

"I think we will do well, as long as we stay together. That's what counts," Adams said.

Greek Week had a positive impact for each organization.

"I think everyone has worked really hard and Greek Week is a showcase of those efforts and it's wonderful to see all the teamwork," senior Sigma Kappa member Lauren Moon said.

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Rhiannon Mim

To kick off Greek Week, six sororities and fraternities battled it out at the University Mall in a game of Tug-of-War. Sorority sisters Lauryl Bakke and Aubry McSweeny from Iota Delta held on tight for the win against Phi Sigma Sigma in the first round. By the end of the final round, Sigma Kappa beat Phi Delta Theta to win this event.

Greeks get creative with chalk drawings

Erin Konrad
Staff Writer

The Greek Week chalk drawing contest on Tuesday evoked memories of simpler school days filled with games and recess.

Members of the University of La Verne sororities and fraternities gathered around The Rock at 9 a.m. to start their task.

Chip West, director of Student Life, spoke about Greek Week's goal of letting the students at ULV shine.

"The events showcase all of the things that Greek Week is about: leadership, creativity, community service," West said.

The chalk drawing contest allows those Greek members with artistic talent to show their capabilities.

"We picked the best drawers to help us win," Tiffanie Sigal, a junior speech communications major, said.

The six Greek organizations spread out in front of Founder's Hall with blankets, snacks, and music to keep their creative juices flowing.

Large chalkboards were laid on the grass and cement pathways and the artists worked hard on their chalk masterpieces.

The theme of Greek Week is "games" so the chalkboard drawings consisted of illustrations of board games like Life and Monopoly and scenes of football and hopscotch games.

Sigal's sorority, Sigma Kappa, worked hard to ensure that their particular chalk-drawing conveyed the spirit of Greek Week.

"We tried to incorporate all of the different organizations and the theme of games," Sigal said.

One goal of Greek Week is to shed light on the various Greek communities involved on campus.

The fraternity chapters include Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the sorority chapters are Iota Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Kappa, and Alpha

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'Fear Factor' challenges Greeks

Students tests their limits

Michelle Ajemian
Staff Writer

Students at the University of La Verne lined up in advance to see Alpha Omicron Pi, Iota Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Kappa participate in a reality television driven combination that took the contestants to the extreme mentally and physically.

"It's similar to Fear Factor in that there are three stunts," said Chip West, director of student life.

"It is a hybrid of the 'Fear Factor,' 'Survivor' and 'Dog Eat Dog' reality shows," West said.

West and the Greek Week coordinators Mike Cordova and Diana Westmyer wanted to create an event where prior strategizing could not take center stage and it could be anyone's win.

"Last year most of the events people could plan for, taking away from the f-u-n aspect," West said.

"This event you couldn't plan for," West said. "It is spontaneity and camaraderie versus strategy and stick it to you."

The events in Fear Factor would have been impossible to strategize for and was left up to the five participating team members of the organizations to compete in three stunts.

The organizations could not strategize, but they sure could cheer their lungs out.

The organizations did it often and frequently considering it was the first night event of Greek Week.

Cutting, gluing, pasting and untying were components of the first event that the Greek organizations encountered in Fear Factor.

Each organization was given a glue stick, Campus Times newspaper, piece of construction paper and scissors and had to cut out "The Game of Greek Life" April 23, 2007, and then a list all of the six organizations who were participating.

The catch was that the teams could not cut whole words. They could only take individual letters from only the headlines of that particular newspaper.

The second part of the stunt consisted of untying 75 knots on a 50 foot rope.

Once the knots were untied, the team had to run towards the doors with rope in hand to cross the finish line.

At the end of the first stunt it was Phi Sigma Sigma who crossed the finish line first.

Alpha Omicron Pi was eliminated from the festivities for coming in last in the first round.

"I was so excited because we got off to a really good start," said Monique Avila, a junior member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

Unfortunately Phi Sigma Sigma's strong competition came to an end at the close of the second round.

'Just grab, suck and bite into it. I felt citrus in my mouth and I lost my breath a few times but it's all good.'
-Samantha Dauz, sophomore Sigma Kappa member

Partners from each team had to bob for a lemon or lime in a tub filled with water.

Once they grabbed hold of the fruit, they then had to transfer it to their partner after running across the gym floor that could be compared to a slip and slide.

Phi Delta Theta finished first with Sigma Kappa and Iota Delta not too far behind.

"Just grab, suck and bite into it," said Samantha Dauz, a sophomore Sigma Kappa member. "I felt citrus in my mouth and I lost my breath a few times but it's all good."

The final component of Fear Factor involved all five of the team members on the teams from Iota Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Kappa.

The organizations had to finish a puzzle inside the Old Gym and go to three stations around campus including filling up a bucket of water at the fountain, pulling out gummy worms with their feet in a kiddie pool at Leo's Den and wrapping a roll of toilet paper at the Rock.

The members of the Greek organizations were vocal about supporting their organizations but most were anxious about not being able to see their team participate in the events around campus.

"It's nerve racking and going to give me a heart attack," said Stephanie Garcia, a sophomore member of Iota Delta.

To pass the time throughout the events, organizations did the wave, sang the song "Olé" and passed a burrito through the crowd.

When all was said and done Sigma Kappa came in first place, Phi Delta Theta in second place, Iota Delta in third place, Sigma Alpha Epsilon in fourth place, Phi Sigma Sigma in fifth place and Alpha Omicron Pi in sixth place.

The Greek Week coordinators wanted to kick off Greek Week with fast-paced events and that was accomplished through both the Tug of War and Fear Factor competitions.

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Leah Heagy

Taking the lead in the lemon bobbing race, senior Zachary Lord rushes to the finish line. Lord is a member of Phi Delta Theta. The activity was one of several in the Fear Factor event, part of La Verne's Greek Week. The event was held Monday Night in the Old Gym.



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Karaoke night takes center stage



Lauren Pollard

A crowd favorite of the night, Cindel de los Reyes performed a memorable rendition of Christina Aguilera's 1999 hit, "Genie in a Bottle." Davenport was transformed into a karaoke club as part of the CAB event hosted on April 18 for ULV students.

Katarina Woloschuk
Staff Writer

A night of singing and barbecuing took place at 10 p.m. on April 18 in Davenport.

The only dining spot on the University of La Verne campus hosted "Karaoke Night" which was sponsored by the Campus Activity Board.

The night started out with only a few interested people and then quickly grew due to the surplus of entertainment.

"I'm having a great time and I'm glad it's a good turnout," Samantha Dauz, CAB special events committee chair and biology major, said.

The night kicked off with John Smith who sang Gavin DeGraw's hit song "I Don't Want to Be" from the popular show "One Tree Hill," while the audience scarfed down honey barbecue chicken wings.

"I didn't have any food yet but it looks great," Giovanni Nabors, a liberal studies major, said.

The stage was set up with a monitor for the lyrics and a microphone for the participants to belt out their favorite song or songs.

The star of the night was freshman Cindel de los Reyes, who ended up singing seven songs by the end of the event

She sang solo and performed with the help of some of her friends.

"I felt like singing 'Genie in a Bottle' by Christina Aguilera," de los Reyes said. "She's my girl."

And that was exactly what De Los Reyes sang during her third time up.

She held the microphone to her face and let her voice out while belting out Aguilera's high-pitched vocals.

During Aguilera's lyrics "you gotta rub me the right way," de los Reyes imitated her by rubbing her bottom and winking to the audience.

Even the tech guy working the stereo system enjoyed and danced along to de los Reyes' performance.

"She's wonderful," Nabors said. "Her singing is great."

Others performed their favorite songs including "No Scrubs" by TLC, "La Bamba" by Richie Valens and "Superfreak" by Rick James.

One special song was dedicated to the male residents of Brandt Hall. The crowd roared when two performers sang Afroman's "Because I Got High." As the song finished, the audience applauded with much enthusiasm.

It seemed that "Karaoke Night" proved to be another successful event for CAB.

"I think it was a great way for people who live in the dorms to get out and have some fun," Billy Nicolini, an undeclared freshman, said.

"We've been having this all semester and this was the last time," Dauz said.

Dauz said that she could not have been happier with the success of her final effort with the karaoke event.

The entertainment from "Karaoke Night" will continue to give students more nights of pleasure starting up again some time next year.

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20s do not vote as much as the older generations.

"The 55+ drive the elections," Floyd said. "I don't think the youth will get involved."

"Kids don't care, they get bored with politics," Ashkan Abbasian said, a freshman biology major. "They'll add Clinton on Myspace because they want celebrity friends."

As of Monday, Clinton has 38,595 friends on Myspace, Obama has 18,449, and McCain 14,559. Obama's, "My Plans for 2008" speech which has been posted on YouTube has been viewed 197,359 times. The speech is three minutes, seven seconds long, and at 197,359 views, totaling way too much time spent on YouTube.

Facebook is also a place where anti-campaigns are bred. The first two search pages for Hillary Clinton have 15 anti Clinton groups available to view and join.

Obama has only six negative Facebook groups on the first two search pages.

If Myspace, Facebook, and YouTube are not successful as campaign tools, they do prove useful as feedback, and popular ways to receive information.

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Omicron Pi.

"It is a way for the Greeks to show themselves as a positive group and seek recognition among their peers," West said.

Another benefit of the week's activities is to unite the school as a whole – non-Greeks are invited to all events and are encouraged to cheer on their classmates. Solidarity is shown among the Greek members in all of the events.

"We support one another," Sigal said. "We don't want to let our team down."

While the sororities emphasized unity and sisterhood during the task, the guys spoke of another element of Greek Week that they love more.

"Competition," John Lejay, a freshman member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said. "I love to trash talk."

Greek Week is sponsored by ASULV, the College Panhellenic Association, and the Inter-Fraternity Council. Events included Fear Factor, Tug of War and a Spelling Bee among many others. The competitions began Monday and will last through Friday night's Lip Sync Contest.

The weeklong celebration also includes an educational component with a speaker on Thursday night that will address alcohol issues and the dangers of sexual assault. The team who organized the many events during Greek Week worked hard to devise activities that could get everyone involved.

"All of the various activities really tap into other personalities," West said, referring to the different strengths emphasized in each activity.

The sororities and fraternities on campus also wear different t-shirts everyday to show their camaraderie and Greek spirit. Some groups had practiced for the events in order to maximize their chances of winning.

"The Greek Week champion will receive a trophy and bragging rights at recruitment," West said.

Sigal said her sorority had a firm game plan to win as many events as possible.

"We have no mindset that we are gonna lose," Sigal said.

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Emmah Obradovich

Senior Virginia Ng drew a Greek god as part of a Greek temple, a group chalk drawing by her sorority, Iota Delta. Ng participated in the activity that led her sorority to win the best drawing on Tuesday by the Rock.

HAPPENINGS

Movie night

CAB Philanthropy will be showing "Invisible Children," a rough cut documentary film at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Leo's Den and at 11 a.m. Thursday in the President's Dining Room. For more information call (909) 593-3511 Ext. 4423.

Battle of the Bands

At 10 p.m. on Wednesday CAB will host a battle of the bands in Founders Auditorium. Come rock out to ULV's finest bands and see which one wins the battle. For more information call (909) 593-3511 Ext. 4423.

Show Support

CAB is throwing a party! From 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Thursday, Davenport will be the place to be.

Party with a purpose to support the "Invisible Children" of Uganda. For more information call (909) 593-3511 Ext. 4423.

'The Rehearsal'

The ULV theater department continues its presentation of "The Rehearsal," a play by Jean Anouilh, on the mainstage.

Show times are today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Admission prices are $5 to $10. For more information call (909) 593-3511 Ext. 4386.

Elegant fun

The Claremont Colleges Ballroom Dance Company will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at Bridges Auditorium today and tomorrow and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Admission prices are $10 to $15.

For more information call (909) 621-8032.

Rock the House

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, the Glass House will host the bands Autolux, Midnight Movies and Pity Party.

Tickets are $12 to $14. For more information call (909) 865-3802.

—Lilia Cabello

'Rehearsal' plays the Cheating game

by Priscilla Segura

photography by Leah Heagy

If you like the secret lives of the cheating spouses from "Desperate Housewives," then you will sure enjoy "The Rehearsal."

Those who are married know that marriage can be a twisted game, on one end of the court you have the polygamous crowd and on the other, the monogamous.

Both crowds are true to their distinct beliefs, to cheat or stay forever loyal, but when one crosses over to the other end the result is catastrophic.

"The Rehearsal, or Love Punished," a ULV production, portrays the very theme of monogamy versus polygamy.

The play, which opened on April 19 in Dailey Theatre, is about a married couple who accept each other's affairs. The count, Tigre, played by sophomore Kris Bicknell, takes Hortensia, played by junior Gretchen Cooper, as his mistress.

The countess, Tanya Wilkins, accepts his affair with her because aside from being an endearing woman, she has class and is well educated. While Hortensia entertains Tigre; Hero, played by Sam Guzik, keeps the countess satisfied.

Both the count and countess seem to be enjoying their polygamous game until Tigre places his eyes on a working class, sweet lady named Lucile, while rehearsing for a play.

Although the countess and mistress believe that the count's affection toward Lucile is pure infatuation, problems arise when the two realize the count is in love with the young girl. In fear of forever losing her husband, the countess plays several dirty little tricks causing Lucille to flee.

"The Rehearsal," by Jean Anouilh and directed by guest director Gerogij Paro, keeps the crowd entertained from the comical characters to the distinct scenery.

The crowd who attended the opening night seemed to

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Superficial Hortensia, played by junior Gretchen Cooper, powders her face as she whines about the part she has been given in a play; it is a part that represents all too clearly her own life and ego. "The Rehearsal," written by Jean Anouilh and directed by guest director Georgij Paro was performed in Dailey Theatre April 19-21. The play explores marriage, commitment and the occassional affair. The production will run through Sunday.

‘Suburban’ men prove ska-licious

Band sings, dances in sync

Lilia Cabello
Assistant Editor

On April 19 bands Kill the Complex and Suburban Legends rocked out in Founders Hall.

By 10 p.m. almost 100 people had crowded into the first three or four rows to sing along, dance and participate in the CAB-sponsored “Ska-looza” concert.

The first band, Kill the Complex, played well and had catchy tunes. The band consisted of four guys, each perfectly punked out in arm bands, Vans and a stylish hair cut. The lead singer sported a floppy blonde mohawk.

Suburban Legends turned Founders Auditorium into a rock inspired disco floor for an hour and a half. Each song is a dance anthem, causing the audience to writhe, wriggle and rock out.

With two guitarists and a drummer, the lead singer devoted himself completely to cracking random jokes, getting the audience hyped up and being a fun, if not funny, entertainer.

Kill the Complex kept the audience involved and excited for their brand of radio-friendly punk-emo songs.

People sang along to the songs and laughed in between.

There was a great feeling going around in Founders.

Everyone was hanging out, making friends and listening to Kill the Complex’s upbeat rock while waiting for Suburban Legends to come out.

Suburban Legends consists of six members. Vince Walker sings lead vocals, Mike Hackey plays bass, Luis Beza plays trumpet, Brian Klemm plays guitar, Derek Smith plays drums and Brian Robertson plays trombone.

On occasion, Dallas Kruse will join the group to play the keyboard guitar, tambourine and cowbell.

Most of the band members grew up in Huntington Beach, but they also call other areas home.

“We are from the OC, but I would say Santa Ana is our headquarters,” Robertson said.

Klemm and Walker said that although the band has been together several years, they did not start making music with their current line up until just recently.

“As a band, it’s been seven years,” Walker said. “But as a group, I would say it’s been a year and a half. Since about the summer of 2005,” Klemm added.

Klemm and Walker also agree that the music is what made them become a band.

“It’s not just pick up an instrument and play that. We want to take it further,” Klemm said.

“It’s the desire to play music for a living,” said Walker.

At a little after 11 p.m., Suburban Legends came out on stage. The band members took their place and with a smile from Walker, the show started.

The band played loudly. The music not only grabbed the crowd and pushed everyone to their feet, but it grabbed the musicians themselves. It was easy to see they were enjoying themselves.

The show was entertaining for everyone involved.

Beza and Robertson’s work on the trumpet and trombone was awesome.

They stretched their notes, added funky beats to the band’s already ska-licious sound and even managed to dance around.

Kruse’s work on the keyboard, tambourine and cowbell was great. He played his instruments and shook his head and behind to the music.

Klemm’s tall frame channeled KISS, Guns ‘N’ Roses and a few other classic rock acts through his guitar.

Hackey bobbed his mohawk to the music and the deep strummings of his bass, while Walker jumped about the stage, singing, dancing and acting as if he’d lived off of sugar the last few days.

After the first song the other band members were more at ease and danced around with Walker as well.

Robertson, Beza and Walker all danced in unison throughout the set, as if choreographed.

By the end of the second song, the whole band was dancing, side-stepping and jumping around onstage.

The show was energetic and funky.

Walker and his men overexagerrated their dance moves, were theatrical actors with the music, and all in all, behaved like real showmen.

At one point, every musician raised his right arm in a powerhouse circle and brought it around to strum his real, or pretend, guitar.

From their eurohawks down to their skinny jeans, the men of Suburban Legends knew how to party and wild out.

After Walker included audience participation with singing back and clapping, the crowd was in a frenzy of excitement.

Girls in tights and ballet flats and guys with long hair and tight jeans danced, spun, skipped and bobbed their bodies to the music.

The group is a fantastic mix of ska, rock, pop, disco and a variety of other things.

Each song is a dance anthem, causing the audience to writhe, wriggle and rock out. Each song hooks the listener into it, being a combination of poppy, funky crazy rhythms.

Audience member Allen Leos, a 21-year-old from San Diego, said he was visiting a friend in La Verne when they decided to go see the show.

“We went to the concert because we thought it’d be cool to see them,” he said. “I’ve heard of Suburban Legends before, but I’ve never listened to their music.”

Leos said that although he was surprised by some aspects of the show, he still enjoyed it.

“It was weird to see a trombone and trumpet, but they added another cool sound to the band,” he said.

“And I’ve never seen a rock band have choreographed dancing,” he added. “But it just really showed they took time to prepare for their performance.”

“It was really good. I even bought a CD.”

CAB Marketing and Public Relations Chairwoman Gabby De La Cruz was proud that the concert had turned out so well.

“It’s good to see so many people here,” she said. “We don’t usually get many non-ULV people at CAB sponsored events, but Suburban Legends drew a good crowd from the neighboring colleges.”

“This has been one of the biggest events we organized and we’d hoped to end the year strong. This has been a great turnout,” she added.

Klemm and Walker said that fans enjoy their shows because Suburban Legends is able to connect very well with audiences.

“We’re a high energy group. We love it when people come to our shows and get excited,” Walker said.

“We put on a good show,” Klemm added.

“We are a personal band. We like to connect with our audience for a fun, cool show.”

Suburban Legends turned Founders Auditorium into a rock inspired disco floor for an hour and a half.

Audience members danced, screamed, laughed and partied to the jams cranked out by such a wild, energetic band.

De La Cruz liked the show and looks forward to CAB events being just as entertaining in the future.

“Everyone had fun, both bands and the audience,” she said. “We hope to keep bringing great bands like these two to La Verne.”

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Lauren Pollard

Mike Hackey, bass player for the ska-rock band “Suburban Legends,” let loose during the group’s performance in Founders Auditorium on April 17. The band’s up-tempo theatrical concert, involving a trumpet, trombone and several other instruments, had the crowd gathered at the stage jumping up and down, dancing and singing along loudly with the band. Suburban Legends will be performing at the Knitting Factory in Hollywood on May 31.

The Bells' Toll on Rock 'n' Roll

Only the best for the golden boys



JESSICA & KADY BELL



"Where would I live if I were a man of golden words, and would I live at all?"
–"The Wood," Mother Love Bone

Loverock once awaited the world. Men of golden words spoke an international language, birthing a genre that became the driving force in our living and a mass cultural movement unparalleled after 1995.

Grunge was born in a garage on the Northwestern hesher scene, played at Central and recorded at London Bridge Studios in Seattle on weekends.

So-called mergers of punk, glam, and heavy metal, founders used nothing but words and music as tools of communication, wrote a billion songs and set the sick ones free; those who could not survive the hyped-up temple of the dog.

Love was their drug, but it is not what they died of.

The words "sex and drugs" are continually linked to the words "rock 'n' roll" in a crazy little thing called cliché; almost every story of band glory includes a grimy side, in which the former was taken over the latter or life itself.

And though dreams like this must die, it is hard to forget time spent listening to the golden men of rock who somehow lost their way to the dog shows.

Marking classic rock 'n' roll's downfall, grunge quickly spiraled in whirlpool fashion, sucking one hero after another into a formulaic past of fools.

Some survived, some malfunctioned.

Beginning with Green River, a band that eventually spilt into Mudhoney and Mother Love Bone (which was good for you, like Malt O' Meal for you), grunge acts became legend; a mouth of fresh sound, as ego stars with crystal sheen guitars by the names of Andrew Wood, Chris Cornell, Layne Staley, Kurt Cobain, Shannon Hoon and Eddie Vedder sang broken words in golden voices.

"We die young."

Whether attempting to live the cliché or live up to its trickster expectations, many pioneers of the Seattle scene died prematurely, killing themselves to survive, or, making the best career move possible, as Chuck Klosterman would theorize.

Exploring the rock 'n' roll death journey, Klosterman, author of "Killing Yourself to Live," comments on a mysterious musical quandary: posthumous success or the "you don't know what you've got till it's gone" concept.

Strangely, only Shannon Hoon, lead singer of Blind Melon, failed to claim death's commission; the type incurred by Kurt Cobain, pegged pack leader — the voice of the grunge generation — after an over-sensationalized self-demolition.

A brief, grief-ridden destination on the rock map, the Northwest explosion spanned less than a decade, opening on high-hopes for the Me Generation but closing in massive disappointment. A majority of its stars were forever damned; doomed to follow each other down no matter how far, as late Gin Blossoms singer Doug Hopkins would say.

If read closely, lyrics were often testament enough, the case with Hoon and many others: "And oh as I fade away, they'll all look at me and say, 'Hey look at him, I'll never live that way...'"

"This is Shangri-la, honey."

Wearing a long white leather coat, purple glasses and glitter in his hair, Wood, rock-baptized Landrew the Love Child, was born in Malfunkshun with room to spread his wings and messages of love.

Then five guys with "different hairdos, different hitops, different records" formed Mother Love Bone, trippin' on music and an EP release as Stardog champions.

Drawing loverock inspirations from Freddie Mercury and Robert Plant as a revolutionist in the grunge era, Wood captured heavy metal's fast and frantic edge, riding new ground for free as MLB ringleader. The Los Angeles Contingent promised a shiny future at the temple forefront, but his "Apple" was bitten before it dropped.

Only weeks after a month-long stint in rehab and days before his major label debut, Wood was found dead of a heroin overdose.

The Love Bone Earth Affair had unexpectedly ended.

Left trippin' on stages in Shangri-La, previously scribed words "I don't believe in smack, so don't you die on me" turned unrealized self-prophecy.

"Seems every path leads me to nowhere."

Grunge went under the knife, emerging dark, distorted and tight-skinned, with the release of Alice in Chains' "Facelift." Trapped in a timeless game of needle and spoon, Layne Staley led the genre down a hole of despair, rewriting its bible and living his own sinister rules, even after memorializing Wood's death in "Would?"

Those lessons never learned.

Rumors of chemical addiction engrossed Alice in Chains, as frequently skipped tour dates and prayeresque lyrics echoed Staley's draining dependence and intense isolation. Wearing infamy like a crown of thorns upon his head, he succumbed to depression, becoming another statistic and clarifying substance abuse rumors.

Staley was found dead of an apparent heroin and cocaine overdose five years ago. Though news of his death did not break until April 20, 2002, coroners estimated the actual date as April 5, the eight-year anniversary of Cobain's suicide.

With another Seattle legend gone, rock 'n' roll drifted into the flood again, taking the same old trip it did back then.

"Don't go on me."

Wood's death spurred a mind shaking meltdown, as the grunge collective attempted to grasp Mister Faded Glory's pain.

His legacy was commemorated in future counterparts, setting the groundwork for Temple of the Dog and Pearl Jam.

Temple of the Dog would salute Wood's musical genius, leaving Cornell with one final request for his friend and former roommate: say hello to Heaven.

Unfortunately by the time of Staley's death, grunge had outstretched its limits. Thus his passing was downplayed and deemed commercially "predictable." Only fans and loved ones mourned the bitter end of a prodigy.

So, the kings were gone but they were not forgotten.

Pearl Jam, emerging victorious from the throes of Green River, MLB and Temple of the Dog, became the face of a lost movement, looking through the mirror ball with Neil Young like "water washed diamonds in a river of sin."

"It's a surefire method to waste your life away."

Death has become an unspoken addition to the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll cliché, yet many continue to lose themselves in the smoke and barrel of self-destruction, a true nemesis easily nourished with mindless substance abuse and industry pitfalls.

We can only wonder if thee cliché rules the music world or if the music world rules thee cliché.

We don't know, but something's got to turn out right.

Grunge is gone, but is not forgotten; its forefathers could not stay here forever, but left their words on the face of today.

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Exhibit presents new perspectives



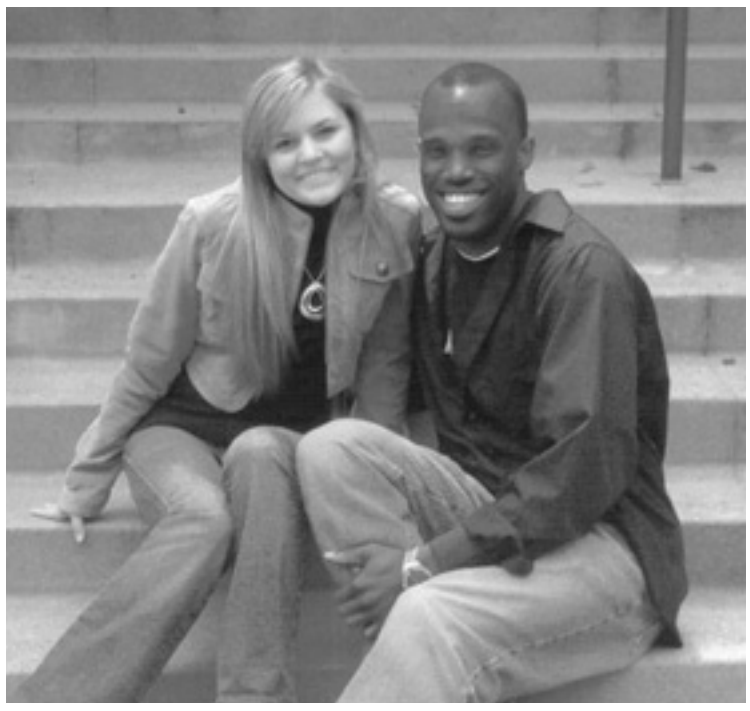
Rhiannon Mim

'Spatial Variations,' shown in the Harris Art gallery, features a fresh perspective by artists Bari Ziperstein and Jon Furmanski. A piece by Furmanski includes six photographs that are illuminated to reveal the full color spectrum.

***The shadows of juniors Michael Gutierrez and Amri Covarrubias change colors when reflected on the walls. The exhibit will run until May 4. For more information visit* www.bariziperstein.com *or* www.jonathanfurmanski.com.**

ASULV elections are here for the 2007-2008 academic year!

President and Executive Vice President Platform



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"Parking, Davenport, Financial Aid, Athletic Facilities!!!" The muttered groans of the students of the University of La Verne have gone on long enough! It is time that we be recognized! The Associated Students of the University of La Verne should tackle these frustrating issues with a voice so powerful and passionate that the only result is a change for the better. As President and Executive Vice President, we will be that dream team that leads our student body towards the ultimate goal. We were once those unheard voices, and now we have come one step closer to becoming the voices that expresses the frustrations, the headaches, the pain, and the anger of being ignored. As current members of ASULV, we know we have the experience to transform this organization into what it's meant to be—an organization of the students, for the students, by the students. Together we are experienced, we are innovative, we are competitive and we are passionate about dragging this University from its present dormant stage to a new era. Your decision for the next ASULV President and Executive Vice President is a clear black and white. If you want change, your only choice should be to put your faith and support behind the dynamic duo that is Jon Fitzhugh and Chanel Kaufman.

Candidates for Senator at Large

Make sure you vote!

Monday April 30 and Tuesday May 1 from 10a.m -2p.m. and 5p.m:- 7p.m as well as on Wednesday May 2 from 10a.m - 2p.m. outside of Davenport and Leo's Den . The winners will be announced on Wednesday at 5p.m.



Angela Parker
My name is Angela Parker and I am running for Senator-at-Large for ASULV. I would like to be a Senator because I believe I can show the interest of many students from many different backgrounds. I am aware of the growing issues on our campus such as: Davenport and the quality/preparation of the food we eat, the overwhelming problem with parking, as well as others. If I am voted into office I can guarantee that I will do whatever I can to find out what is bothering students, what we can do to alleviate these problems and to make myself available for any student to hear their input on the decisions the ASULV is making. I want change as much as the next student, and if I am voted into office I can promise I will work my butt off to make ULV a better place for students.



Elizabeth Keagy
I am currently the Senator Pro Temp for ASULV but I was first elected as a Senator at Large. This year I have been shaping the Senator Pro Temp position because this is the first year this position has been held. I am also working on an itinerary for the next Senator Pro Temp, so that they will be able to jump start the next year, with an outline of duties to build upon. I have worked to support the Senators in their projects and to represent them to the Executive board. If elected as a Senator-at-Large I will strive to continue to represent students throughout ULV. My goals for the coming year are to use the student opinions gathered this year, to move forward the proposals dealing with University Hour and the cardio and weight room. I also wish to branch out into other areas where there are student concerns.



Sarah Keagy
My name is Sarah Ellen Keagy, and I am a proud student of the University of La Verne. I am committed to improving the Associated Students of the University of La Verne. I am dedicated to incorporating student opinion in my student government endeavors. I want the best for each and every traditional undergraduate student on this campus, and my goal is to take into account as many students' opinions (on campus issues) as possible. I am ecstatic about having this opportunity to serve my campus to the best of my ability!



Vania Guevara
Hello fellow Leos, my name is Vania Guevara and I am running for reelection as Senator-at-Large for the Associated Students of the University of La Verne (2007-2008). I have been involved in Model United Nations as Vice President and I am also currently involved in Athletes in Action. In my first year as Senator, I learned immensely about our ULV community as well as issues that students are confronted with. Having acquired this knowledge I believe it will be a useful tool in my second term. I wish to continue to be a voice for the ULV students. I am adamant about accomplishing change for the better and really building our ULV community. I know it is imperative that students' concerns are brought to the attention of the faculty and administration.



Donna Ibale
Throughout high school my focus was on leadership and empowerment of the student body. As students and as citizens of this campus we often have the desire for change as our needs change. My objective as a senator, and previous experience, has been through bringing those needs to the forefront, and working collaboratively at all levels of administration and student government to reshape our experience for the better. Together we can establish a sense of ownership in our campus and utilize our power for change.



Candidates for College of Arts and Sciences



Jen McElroy
As a candidate for the Senator of Arts and Science, I would like an opportunity to better the department in the College of Arts and Sciences, and ensure more opportunities for students. As a Communications major I know the demands that this department offers. I want to make sure that students are receiving the best education possible, that is of its highest quality and meets their needs. I want to give students more of an opportunity to express themselves and have their opinions heard. This campus wouldn't be what it is today without the students that attend it. By making the students feel comfortable in their own departments it will help to further the progress of their education. I want to be able to take peoples' ideas and suggestions about learning and how the department is run, to make sure students will want to continue in their education, and be satisfied with the way they are taught.



Wendy Lopez
I'm currently a sophomore majoring in Criminology with a minor in Political Science. I have yet to become involved on campus but would like to soon change that. In high school I was involved in Associated Student Body (ASB) and was president of my class three years in a row. My senior year I was also elected President of the school. Being involved in government throughout high school I believe will be beneficial in ASULV because of my leadership and communication skills. I don't know much about ASULV yet but would love to become a part of it because of the passion and dedication I have for my school. I plan to bring creative ideas, both my communication and leadership skills, and make sure everyone's opinion is taken into consideration. I would like to know how the budget of the school is distributed and see if there's a way to better our campus. I also believe that getting commuters involved and aware of the leadership roles ULV offers is important because it will make them feel at home even when they are at school. If I become a Senator of the College of Arts and Sciences I will not just focus my attention for those who majoring in the department but the whole school.

Candidate for College of Business

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Walter Wade Worthy II
As a soon to be senior majoring in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management and Marketing my experience throughout my journey at ULV has taught me a lot. Along the way questions have been raised and concerns have been expressed. What courses should you take? Why are you taking them? What should you know after you graduate? How should these things be accomplished? Do you feel your opinion matters? These are the issues, and the issues are the reasons why positions like this exist. These positions exist because your opinion does matter and should be heard.
As the ASULV Senator for the College of Business my job is to advocate any issues that either the college of business or the students deem necessary. Hard work, dedication, a willingness to sacrifice, and a strong ability to think outside the box allow me to tackle any and every issue brought forth. My time served as your present College of Business Senator has set forth a foundation for not just me to succeed, but for us to succeed in the future. Re-evaluation of courses, better explanations of the master plan and improved communication from student to faculty are just a few of the issues I plan to take on. I value input, heed advice and take action. My name is Walter Wade Worthy II, and I have no doubt in my mind that I am worthy. The only question is, are you?

You need to be the change you want!



Candidates for College of Education



Monique Avila
Hi, my name is Monique Avila and I am a junior, Liberal Studies major here at the University. I am a very involved and determined student who would like to be your new Senator of the School of Education and Organizational Leadership. This position will give me a new opportunity to make a difference here at La Verne and it will give you the opportunity to have your opinions heard. I am a huge advocate for change, when change is needed, and I'm sure there is something we would all like to change in order better our education and our school. I have had many leadership experiences here such as Greek Coordinator in the Office of Student Life, College Pan-Hellenic Vice President of Programming and Marketing, Phi Sigma Sigma's Executive Membership Recruitment Chair and Spotlight Weekend Leader. I also held many positions in student government during high school that ranged from Senator up to Vice President. Since I am a third year student in the Liberal Studies program I think I can bring experience that others cannot, I am familiar with needs of the students as well as the faculty and I can identify with issues that have been issues since my first year. My main goal if elected will be to work with, and address, the needs for my fellow students in order for us all to have the best college experience possible.

Tia Brandt
Hello, my name is Tia Brandt and I am currently a freshman majoring in Liberal Studies. All throughout high school I was involved in student government, and at the end my first semester here at La Verne I became a Senator for the College of Education. I would like to use the information and knowledge that I gained from my semester in this position to further improve the communication between students and staff within the College of Education. This past semester I have worked hard to gather information and create plans to further allow students' voices to be heard, and I would love to once again obtain this post as Senator for the College of Education. This position is relatively new, and this past semester I spent a lot of time placing the ground work for things to come in the future. That is something I hope to further work on and allow to grow. It is with this goal in mind that I would like to create the new path to follow, one that students and faculty alike can be proud of.

Water polo beats Caltech, 20-3

Team looks to finish year strong



Emmah Obradovich

Freshman driver Sydney Blazek assisted her team in its 20-3 win over Caltech on Saturday. Eight different players scored for the Leopards. This completes their regular season games before the championship games that begin today in Redlands.

Taryn Aguilar
Staff Writer

With all the struggles they have faced, at least they went out with a bang. With a 20-3 win over Caltech Saturday, the women's water polo team wrapped up their league play in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Rounding off the season with a 1-6 record in conference, the Leopards did not end with the worst record in SCIAC.

They managed to go one up on Caltech in the win column with this victory.

"We weren't afraid to take shots; that's what really helped us," junior utility Lindsey Watson said.

"A lot of different girls played that game so it wasn't just our usual offense."

In non-conference games, ULV had a split record with seven wins and seven losses. However their league play was much more difficult but ULV still gave it a strong effort in each and every match they played with many close scores that some ended in defeat.

Many girls attribute their poor league play to the fact that they are still a young team learning to play as one and to play with more trust and self-assurance.

There are four freshman and no seniors on the team this season.

However, with five juniors on the roster, there are hopes that maybe next season will be a different story and someone will step up to the leadership position.

"I think our biggest problem this season was experience," freshman utility Amanda Fernandez said.

"Next season I think we'll pull together more quickly and have more wins."

The game against Caltech was, for a change of pace, a thrashing to the fullest. The Leopards were on their game and were not afraid to take chances offensively.

Their youth and inexperience as the team were not factors on Saturday. Their passes and plays flowed flawlessly as they treaded on and their confidence was unmatched by the Tigers.

It is possible that this confidence came from the fact that they felt they could truly play with nothing to lose.

With a 0-6 record going into Saturday's game, no one probably expected much of a performance.

The Leopards shattered those low expectations with 20 well-earned goals and 11 smiling faces in the pool. The women really looked like they were having fun out there.

With this win, they started thinking about their SCIAC championship match.

"I think we'll have a good chance against Redlands," junior driver Katie Watkins said.

"We were only down in the first half when we last played them."

"They're on our level," Watson said. "We can definitely beat them and it's going to be a good game."

Having this win under their belt will hopefully launch these women into victory in their first game of championship play and give Redlands a tough team to beat in today's first round of the SCIAC championships.

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Men's tennis finishes sixth in SCIAC tourney

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Staff Writer

The University of La Verne men's tennis team earned a sixth-place finish at the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament held April 20-21 in Thousand Oaks.

In the first round of the tourney, No. 7 ULV lost to No. 2 Redlands on first day of the tournament, 5-0.

However the team came back with a momentous win over Whittier in the next round. The victory over the Poets 5-3 was very satisfying to the Leopards as they entered the match confident.

The win positioned the team into a fifth place match up against host Cal Lutheran.

"The highlight of tournament was beating Whittier," said Steve Bergovoy, head coach. "We had lost to them during the season, but coming back and beating them when it mattered was that more satisfying for the team."

However the Leopards fell short in their fifth place match against the Kingsmen, 5-0.

"I'm very happy with the results in this past weekend tournament," said Kyle Fournier, senior captain on the men's tennis team.

"This is the best that we have done in the three years that I have played."

The Leopards split their single's matches against the Poets.

Junior Mario Backes was able to come back losing his first match 2-6, but pulled through with hard work and experience to back to back wins, 6-0, 6-0.

Singles' player Richie Delgado and Sebastian Duroux were also victorious over Whittier.

Delgado had no problem with the Poets beating his opponent 6-0 in both his matches. Duroux also made no room for mistakes winning both of his matches 6-4.

"I was very happy when Mario came back to the team," said Bergovoy. "He brought his leadership and experience to the game and for his team."

ULV proceeded to take two out of three in the doubles matches.

Top doubles team Backes and Delgado shared in a big win in their match.

They trailed behind 5-1 early, but were able to shut out their opponent and climb back to win the match, 8-5.

Also the Leopards No. 3 doubles team composed of sophomore Adrian Laygo and junior Chris Weedon emerged victorious with a 8-3 win as well.

A selected few from the team were invited to the Ojai Tournament, the longest running amateur tournament in the nation.

Yet due to some injuries and other commitments some members from the men's tennis will not be able to attend the tournament.

However the young and ambitious Laygo is attending the tournament for the first time.

"Look out for Adrian [Laygo] next year," Bergovoy said. "He is hard working, passionate about the game and is great for the future of ULV men's tennis."

The team is also looking to bounce back with new head coach Don Flora, who will take over the team next season.

"Our season was a long hard fought season, said Bergovoy.

"The season results were due to the young, inexperienced team that we carried this year."

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Concussions can occur in all sports

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You're at the top of your athletic career, playing the best you ever have, when all of a sudden – Bam! Concussion.

Baby, you're out of the game.

An estimated 350,000 American athletes sustain a serious head injury each year.

But that just counts those who lose consciousness – some concussion experts, like Gerry Gioia of the National Children's Medical Center, put the overall number as high as 3.8 million per year.

The possibility of a concussion is something all athletes have to face.

So what is a concussion, exactly?

Brain tissue is soft and surrounded by spinal fluid and encased in the skull, which serves a protective cap.

When someone suffers a head injury, that tissue can slosh around inside and hit the skull, which can cause bruising of the brain, damage to nerves and tearing of the blood vessels.

All this can result in temporary loss of normal brain activity, otherwise known as a concussion.

There are certain sports where the likelihood of a head injury is higher, like football, boxing and hockey.

But concussions can occur in any sport, even those that may normally not be considered dangerous.

Even major league baseball, which isn't meant to be a contact sport, has been hit with a few time-outs for its players.

Take major leaguer Corey Koskie, third baseman for the Milwaukee Brewers, who has not been able to play since July of last year due to a concussion-related injury.

Koskie has suffered dizziness, nausea, blurred vision and extreme exhaustion that have greatly affected his career.

These are only a few of the symptoms that result from a concussion. Headaches, sensitivity to light, difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions and feeling anxious and irritable for no good reason are also indications of a concussion.

At the University of La Verne, head injuries are taken seriously by the athletic department.

"Each of our concussion players are seen by our doctors," said Joanna Engel, director of athletic training services. "Our protocol is symptomatic, and there are about 10 different protocols."

The athletic department takes other precautions, such as impact testing that tests reaction time, memory of words and shapes, hand/eye coordination and a symptom score of 25 to 30 different symptoms.

"We do have a computer-based program that provides some assessment of concussion symptoms, but this is only used as a tool, not as a mandate to allow the athlete to return to play," said Paul Alvarez, athletic training clinical supervisor.

Alvarez also emphasized how crucial it is for athletes to be honest about past concussions, even minor ones.

"A repeat of even a minor head trauma can result in a catastrophic condition known as second impact syndrome. This is where the brain, still swollen from the previous injury, suffers a subsequent injury that causes further swelling in the brain case," Alvarez said.

How serious can this be?

"Death, or a permanent vegetative state are the result," Alvarez said.

Indeed, many players are inclined to be less than forthcoming with the truth, simply to stay in the game.

What many do not realize is how much they are really risking.

There is a sense of frustration that an athlete may feel with a concussion, because it is an injury that you cannot really see.

With fractures or sprains, you see splints, casts or at least bandages. With a head injury, it is important to note the changes in behavior, emotional health and overall well-being.

Concussions cannot be prevented, but there are precautions that can be taken.

"We wear protective headgear and mouth guards, as well as teach proper technique," said Christopher Ragsdale, director of athletics.

"It's really more about what we do when injuries of that nature occur."

It is vital that athletes trust and follow the advice of professionals in order to ensure a healthy recovery.

No matter how big the itch to play is, in the end, it is better to be safe than sorry.

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'Rehearsal'...

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have fallen in love with Zach Johnson's character, Villebosse.

Villebosse is a little guy with a big heart for the countess who always gets pushed around. His recurring line, "Are we rehearsing or not?!," never fails to get a few laughs from the crowd.

Although Villebosse may be the funniest character on stage, Johnson believed otherwise.

"I didn't want to play him, I read the first lines and I didn't want to do it, he seemed boring," Johnson said. "But as I started reading the script, I realized he was a really funny guy."

The second act featured a change of scenery. The crowd took a short field trip to Lucile's bedroom in the Cabaret Theatre.

Once the scene ended, the crowd took a behind the scenes trip back to the Daily Theatre.

Candle light guided the way to Dailey and allowed the crowd to feel what it was like to be part of the play.

While the crowd was given one easy minute in the limelight, the cast rehearsed for several weeks to be in the spotlight.

In those six to seven weeks, a couple of the actors fell in love with their characters.

"I love Lucile, she is stronger than any other," said Jessica Swapp, Lucile's character.

Like Swap, Wilkins also fell in love with her character. "I love her, she's manipulating, well I don't like being manipulating but she's a strong, powerful yet fragile woman," Wilkins said. "She has different layers…like her dress."

Swapp and Wilkins were able to transform the respect and love for their characters into an outstanding performance, such so that both were invited to spend next year in the elite Guildford School of Acting in England.

For those who are interested in seeing the different layers of every character, the play will be open until Sunday.

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Baseball loses 2 of 3 in series

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The University of La Verne baseball team fell to Cal Lutheran, 7-5 on Sunday afternoon.

Prior to their Sunday matinee game, ULV had split their two away games to the Kingsmen on Saturday. La Verne lost the first game 13-5, but came back to split the series at 1-1 in game two with a final of 3-2.

"It was a tough series," said shortstop Jackson Mehl. "It was hard to go down like that that but we still got a shot."

The following day, the Leopards took lead in bottom of the third. With two outs, outfielder Brad Licher got picked off first base when Kingsmen pitcher Danny Caldwell used a fake pick off to third base then threw to first.

However, Licher stood in the pickle long enough for Kyle Johnson to steal home.

With the Leos in lead 3-0, Kingsmen quickly came back at top of the 4th with a run bringing the score 3-1.

The Leopards kept the lead with starter Ryan Rose battling with hitters all afternoon.

In the bottom of the fifth, infielder Trevor Boucher got a hit to the right side, allowing Jason Munoz to score moving the score to 4-1.

In the eighth inning the Leopards lost the lead by giving up four runs. Kingsmen narrowed the gap 5-2 before reliever Grant Wheatley came in for Rose.

With six hits and five runs, Cal Lu fought back to take the lead 6-5.

Mark Simmons was brought out of the bullpen in ninth inning for Wheatley. The Kingsmen did not slow down momentum as outfielder Lee Ellis hit a solo home run to left field. As a result, Cal Lutheran was able to protect their lead for the remainder of the game.

The Leopards could not gain back the lead, losing Sunday's home game, 7-5.

"Destiny of winning first in conference is still in our hands," Simmons said.

"We are going to keep doing what we are doing to finish off the season."

Leopards still hold the first place seat in SCIAC with a 13-5 record in conference. The remainder of the season holds a final match-up against Whitter.

The series will begin today at 3 p.m. before returning back to Ben Hines field for their final two match-ups of the season.

"We realize what's on the line this weekend," Munoz said.

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Leopards split pair with Cal Lu

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After taking both ends of a doubleheader from the Occidental Tigers on Saturday (19-0 and 9-1), the Leopards softball team remained upbeat about its senior farewell game, which came at its last home game, a doubleheader against the Cal Lutheran Regals on Sunday.

Getting off to a rocky start, the Leopards fell short in the first game, 4-3.

Not letting that affect them, they came back and rallied in the second game, taking the game into nine innings and eventually winning when catcher Debbie Bugarin hit an RBI single, driving in outfielder Stephanie Garcia.

"We hung in there, fought hard and remained united as a team that's what got us our victory," said first baseman Jodi Lindsay.

The whole game proved to be as exciting as its finish.

In the beginning of the second inning, Cal Lu got on the scoreboard with a lead off home run.

Infielder Lindsay Padilla, who led off the second inning for the Leopards, answered the call and hit a home run of her own, making the game an even score of 1-1.

"A lot of people stepped up today, which was essential because we needed that win," said junior infielder/outfielder Trisha McCormick, who is currently out with a stress fracture.

"We weren't going to let Cal Lu get away with another win on our senior game and last home game."

In the fourth inning, both teams scored, leaving the game tied at 2-2.

The Leopards then capitalized on an error by Cal Lutheran shortstop Susie Nicoll, which led to outfielder Melissa Carlson scoring for the Leopards.

After a bloop single and fielder's choice, Cal Lu struck back in the top of the fifth inning with consecutive runs, making the score 4-2.

In the sixth inning, pitcher Kelly Ince replaced starter Jessica McLaughlin to finish the game.

Outfielder Morgan Dobis drove in first baseman Jodi Lindsay with a long double off the fence, making the score 4-3.

This inning also proved to be pivotal for the Leopards as they made their comeback.

Padilla again stepped up to lead the Leopards with a single that drove in Dobis to tie up the game.

The Leopards fought hard until the very end, which was the ninth inning when Bugarin hit her single winning the game, 5-4.

"We knew as long as we stayed focused we would make every play count and we would walk away with a 'W'," said pitcher Karina Ortiz.

The Leopards hope to take the momentum from this win to today's game at Whittier and Saturday's match up at Pomona-Pitzer, which will be the final two games of the regular season.

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Rhiannon Mim

La Verne played doubleheaders against Occidental April 21 and Cal Lutheran April 22. Leopard pitcher Jessica McLaughlin only allowed one hit in the sixth inning against Cal Lutheran. La Verne swept Occidental, winning both games, 19-0 and 9-1, due to the mercy rule. After losing the first game to Cal Lutheran, 4-3, La Verne came back in the second game, 5-4, bringing its overall record to 20-16. La Verne will play away at Whittier today.

Women's tennis competes in SCIAC championships

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The women's tennis team finished in fifth place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournaments last weekend in Eagle Rock.

The tournament being postponed helped senior Katy Nash want to work harder and work hard she did.

Nash went undefeated in her five matches going 2-0 in singles and 3-0 in doubles.

"I really did my best this season the coach did a good job coaching," said Nash a speech communications major, who has played tennis for 10 years and who has been on the women's team since she was a freshman. "I was a lot more relaxed."

In their first round of the tournament the women's team suffered a lost to the host team Occidental 1-5.

That first loss, however, did not get the ladies down. They came back to win their next two rounds against Whittier, 8-1, and Caltech, 5-4.

Nash rallied for five hours in her singles' match against Caltech.

The team ended the season by winning the Sportsmanship Award.

In addition, senior Jessica Baker was also named to All-SCIAC second team.

"It was a long tournament due to the delays," said Baker a movement and sports science major who has played tennis for 11 years and who has been on the team all four years.

"I couldn't be happier with the results."

Junior Lacey Wiles is also happy with the results and she has already begun to think about next season.

"I plan on practicing and working hard this summer," said Wiles, a philosophy major who has been playing tennis for 10 years and this is her first year on the team.

"I want to come in better prepared next season."

As she is set to graduate, Baker wants her remaining teammates to keep up the hard work and train adequately in order to prevent injuries.

ULV has dealt with a lot of injuries this season and many of players had to step their game up to help the team.

"It made us stronger to be given a higher spot than what we would usually play," said Nash.

Next season expect a more focused and improved women's tennis team.

As for the rest of this season, some of the ULV women are competing in the ongoing Ojai tournament.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Golf, April 24
SCIAC #4
La Verne – 1st Place (281)
Claremont – 2nd Place (302)
Cal Lutheran – 3rd Place (304)

Baseball, April 22
Cal Lutheran – 7
La Verne – 5

SCHEDULE

Today
SCIAC Championships
Women's water polo vs. Redlands
@ Redlands, 1:45 p.m.

Saturday
Baseball vs. Whittier
@ La Verne, 11 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

The record for the most major league baseball career innings pitched is held by the Hall of Famer Cy Young, who compiled 7,356 innings in 21 seasons.