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In the zone



Sara Kirk

Michelle Congleton, owner of The Body Studio in the Claremont Village, attended the Stress Free Zone Wednesday at the University of La Verne, and presented a yoga session open to student participation. Congleton has been teaching yoga for 15 years.

Dreier denied honorary degree

Kenneth Todd Ruiz
Editor in Chief

In a public relations blunder for the University of La Verne, the faculty assembly voted Monday to deny a motion that would have conferred an honorary doctorate to Congressman David Dreier, who delivers the graduate school commencement address later this month.

After a spirited debate the assembly did vote to award the doctorate to another commencement speaker, journalist Patt Morrison, but cited several objections over Dreier, including concerns about the timing.

"I think it was short-sighted of the faculty," said Don Pollock, professor of communications. "Dreier is not only our representative, but arguably the most powerful member of the House of Representatives and the University had a chance to forge an alliance. Other faculty let their politics color their judgment."

Dreier, a 12-term congressman, is up for re-election in November. Several faculty said they did not want the University making a partisan gesture.

"Sometimes you have to make hard choices," said Hector Delgado, associate professor of sociology. "From conversations I've had, people voted against it because he's in the middle of a campaign."

"My major contention is that this is a political year and that it put the University in a very awkward position of seeming to endorse one candidate over another," said William Cook, professor of English.

Several faculty members, however, voiced support for awarding Dreier the degree, arguing that concerns with the conservative Republican's politics should be secondary.

University President Stephen Morgan described Dreier as an important ally for ULV. He credited the 51-year-old Republican for helping the University avoid a $6.9 million fine last February for illegal recruiting practices.

"David Dreier has been very responsive to the University of La Verne," Morgan said. "Dreier and his staff were instrumental in resolving the issue with the Department of Education in a satisfactory manner."

Before the vote was put to discussion at the faculty assembly, Jay Jones, director of the office of instructional technology, suggested they table the motion and not vote on the issue.

"Congressman Dreier is an important person and someone who could help us fulfill the mission of the University," Jones said. "Getting a positive vote was unlikely. To make a proposal like that was not well thought out."

Delgado agreed that the assembly would have been wise to avoid voting on the matter.

He said the University should revise its guidelines for awarding honorary degrees to exclude actively campaigning politicians. He said faculty were conflicted on this matter and such a policy would give them a guideline to fall back on.

Of the four speakers for this year's commencement ceremonies, only Dreier and Morrison were nominated for the honorary degree. The nomination process started in the

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ABA accreditation is unlikely for law school

Bailey Porter
Managing Editor

University officials said they will continue to push for American Bar Association accreditation for the College of Law, despite recent news that their third attempt had been unsuccessful.

While they have yet to decide their next move, University officials will continue to financially support this effort to gain provisional accreditation, ULV President Stephen Morgan said Tuesday.

"They have turned us down for preliminary approval," Morgan said.

In October, a site evaluation team visited the law school and reported its findings to the ABA accreditation committee. Last month Morgan appeared in front of the education committee of the ABA in Baltimore with Executive Vice President Phil Hawkey, Provost Dick McDowell and Dean of the College of Law Donald Dunn.

The law school was found deficient in three of the 55 standards set up by the ABA to grant provisional approval, down from the six cited during last year's attempt.

Low LSAT scores and bar passage rates were identified as problems for the school's bid, as was an inadequate long-term accreditation plan.

"When it identifies the ones you know you have to work on, you can focus," Dunn said.

This is the school's third attempt at becoming ABA accredited. The quest was taken up in the mid 1970s, Morgan said, but it was abandoned until the law school moved to Ontario and the board of trustees approved the pursuit again last year.

For the past 30 years, the law school has been California Bar Association accredited.

However, ABA accreditation allows for a much broader appeal, Morgan said, in attracting more students and allowing students to take the bar exam and practice law anywhere in the United States. Currently, a ULV law graduate can only practice law in California.

"We believe that our investment in this quest for ABA is an investment in the future of the University," Morgan said, adding that it would establish the only ABA approved law school in the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire.

McDowell said the region needs a nationally accredited law school with a commitment to recruit Southern California students.

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Students to pay for incomplete paperwork

Nila Priyambodo
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Beginning in the fall semester, University of La Verne students will be required to pay a $150 late fee if they fail to make financial arrangements to pay their tuition and fees by the first week of classes.

According to Lori Gordien, controller of the accounting department, if the student has a balance not covered by financial aid and the student has not made any arrangements to pay the bill, either in full or with the FACTS Payment Plan, the fee will be assessed to the student and added to the bill.

"This allows students to make financial arrangements earlier, secure their registration and confirm their classes," Gordien said. "We are hoping we don't have to assess it very often. The goal is for students to not have late payments and have everything completed so they can confirm their classes."

The $150 fee was discussed for four months by various groups, including the Web registration committee, senior management and the Board of Trustees.

"Other private and public institutions assess this type of fee to students who fail to make financial arrangements too," said Leatha Webster, director of financial aid.

Many students complain about the loss of paperwork by the Office of Financial Aid, but Webster said that the Office of Financial Aid has been reorganized.

"The Office of Financial Aid is up-to-date on the processing of all financial aid awards for the 2004-2005 award year and the processing time is now less than two weeks from the time a student's file is completed until the student receives the award," she said. "Financial Aid has also reduced the amount of paperwork required for students to complete the financial aid application process."

Despite the improvements, many students, like junior liberal studies major Amanda Ochoa, disagreed with Webster.

Ochoa has submitted the FAFSA electronically numerous times, but the Office of Financial Aid said that it never went through.

"I don't want to be fined for something that isn't my fault," Ochoa said. "Technology has its glitches and we should not be penalized for it."

Afraid of having to pay the fee after her pension was cancelled due to a paperwork mix-up with the Office of Financial Aid, freshman undeclared major Cynthia Aromin, took out an early loan to pay the remaining balance.

"We shouldn't have to pay the fee if the loan takes a while to process," Aromin said.

Junior psychology major Michelle Fletes also needed to take out a loan after her financial aid was denied because of a mix-up with the paperwork.

"They should take it into consideration that loans are going to take time to process, that some students are putting themselves through college and that they need loans to get by," Fletes said.

However, Gordien assured students that those with pending financial aid, such as loans, grants and scholarships, will not be fined.

Only students who fail to pay the remaining balance after all financial aid has been considered, will be required to pay the $150 fee.

On the other hand, many students still feel the fee is not necessary.

"I'm disappointed," Fletes said. "We already pay enough for the tuition."

Poster session highlights diversity



Jessica Valerio

The University of La Verne's Campus Diversity Initiative held a poster session last week on Faschnacht Court following the town hall meeting. Loretta Rahmani, dean of student affairs (left); Daniel Loera, interim director of the Institute for Multicultural Research and Campus Diversity; and Vitonio San Juan, assistant dean of students at the College of Law, were among those who attended the event.

With a grant from the James Irvine Foundation, the University is working to create a learning community that supports diversity. The poster session was designed to "offer information to the students of the University and for students to be aware of their success," Loera said. The grant is the third of a series of grants from the Irvine Foundation to address quality of life and academic issues in a way that supports the University's diverse community.

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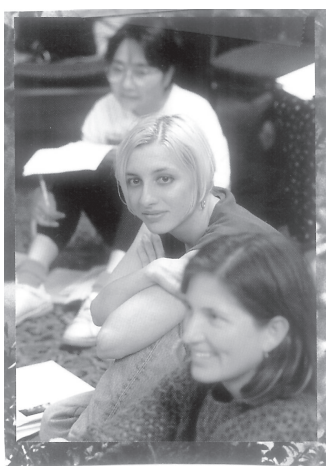

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Accountants earn dollars, accolades

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Awards from $50 to $2,000 were presented at the University of La Verne's Society of Accountants eighth annual academic awards banquet Saturday at the Pomona Valley Mining Company.

The lively atmosphere brought together students, faculty and alumni.

The banquet recognized the academic achievements of the members of ULV Society of Accountants.

The night started off with a warm welcome by the president Kevin Burns, a senior accounting major.

"He has received the highest offer by an accounting firm, graduating right out of four years of college," said adviser Claudio Munoz.

"Our society focuses too much on the bad that people do," Munoz said. "It's great to recognize the good that these people have done."

The night was filled with fun as the festivities began with the dean of college of business and public management, Gordon Badovik, addressing the attendees and was then followed with dinner. Door prizes were also given throughout the night such as ULV t-shirts and gift certificates.

Accounting club secretary Michelle Fontanez and public relations officer Tiffany Trinh gave an overview of the events that took place during the 2003-2004 year. Then acknowledgements and certificates of appreciation were given to those who supported the Society of Accountants throughout the year. The 2003-2004 board members were recognized and then the installation of the 2004-2005 board was activated.

"This year has been so easy because of the work that the E-Board has put in," Burns said.

Vice President Valerie Godoy, next year's president, won $500 for the Presidential Academic Award.

"This is great for my resume and a great way to network," Godoy said.

"I joined last year and I love being on E-Board," said Pamela Tomas, treasurer.

The awards given were based on involvement in the club, G.P.A. and seniority. "A student who is a senior and has a 3.5 has more weight then a freshman coming in with a 4.0," Munzo said.

"I feel honored," said junior Kopono Kobylanski, recipient of the club's Academic Award. "This is my third year in ULVSA and a lot of good things have come from it."

The club has over 55 members and continues to grow. The accounting club has monthly meetings where speakers address various topics.

"These meetings help with interviewing, communication, interpersonal work, job accusation, resumes, networking and people skills," Munoz said.

The club has two big events throughout the year– the winter formal and the end of the year banquet. The winter formal

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Pollutants invade indoors

Julie Kim
Staff Writer

Most Americans know about the dangers of outdoor air pollution, especially near cities and industrial areas; however, the air that you breathe inside your home – as well as in your office, stores or other indoor areas – is becoming more and more polluted.

Pollution from vehicle exhaust, emissions from factories and use of chemicals contribute to outdoor air pollution.

Ozone action days, which warn you that outdoor air quality is unhealthy, are common in many areas.

During ozone action days, people are encouraged to limit their time outside; and those who are considered "at risk" – young children, the elderly and those with respiratory problems–are encouraged to stay inside.

But is the air inside any better?

People in America currently spend about 90 percent of their time indoors.

This is a major concern if you spend most of your time indoors, especially during ozone action days, when you're told to stay indoors in order to limit your exposure to air pollution.

The Environmental Protection Agency has cited that many people have greater health risk when they are inside than when they are outside.

EPA studies show that household products like paint, varnish, wax, cleaners, de-greasers, disinfectants, certain kinds of air fresheners, cosmetics and hobby products produce about a dozen organic pollutants.

These are chemicals that contain carbon and are two to five times higher inside homes than outside. And it does not matter if the home is located in a rural area or in a highly industrial area.

So that means that no matter where you live, it can be hazardous to your health to be inside.

Indoor pollution sources that release gas or particles into the air are the primary cause of indoor air quality problems in houses. When pollutants are outside, they have a lot of air to dissipate into, but pollutants inside of a house cannot dissipate as well because there is a limited amount of air.

When you combine pollutants in a limited air space with the fact that most houses are not built to bring in "fresh," or outside air, the air in a house can quickly become contaminated.

What can you do to prevent or control pollutants from contaminating your indoor air? First of all, you can work to eliminate or control the source(s) of air pollution.

This can be done by sealing off or enclosing the source by sealing paneling and asbestos-containing material and removing wet carpet. Adjustments can be made to stoves, space heaters and furnaces to decrease the amount of chemicals that they put off.

Secondly, you can improve the amount of ventilation within your house. With this approach, you increase the amount of outdoor air that enters your house. Contaminants are removed or reduced when inside air is "exchanged" with outside air.

Most home heating and cooling systems, including forced

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the region tend to recruit nationally, he said.

"We believe that our investment in this quest for ABA is an investment in the future of the University," Morgan said.

He added that ABA accreditation would establish the only ABA approved law school in the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire.

The evaluation from the ABA is currently being analyzed to determine the plan of action, Morgan said.

"There are so many things to look at in terms of what is best for the long run for the College of Law," Dunn said.

The school's options include continuing with the process as is and appearing in front of the ABA council in June with an interpretation of the three standards or ask for an abbreviated timeline before the site team's next visit, Morgan said.

Another option, said Fred Slabach, dean of Texas Wesleyan University, is to appeal the ABA's decision and if turned down threaten litigation.

Slabach, whose law school announced in April a $6 million expansion of their facility after gaining full ABA accreditation five years ago, said this is rarely the option chosen by law schools.

Morgan would not rule out the possibility of litigation but would like to see the school continue working within the ABA's process.

"I would never say never. But we certainly have wanted to participate in the process as the ABA has outlined it," he said.

Meanwhile, despite cutbacks to many of departments on the main campus, the University has already invested millions of dollars into the law school over multiple years.

A $630,000 budget has been set aside for next year to maintain the holdings and media in the law library alone.

This figure is up from $300,000 a few years back, said Avo Kechichian, ULV treasurer.

According to Morgan, the University pays $25,000 to cover the expenses of the visiting team when the school applies for accreditation.

The University has invested heavily in the law school, he said.

"We have subsidized the law school in its quest for ABA approval," Morgan said.

"It's a big deal," McDowell said, "It's a bet on the future of the region and the University."

Currently the law school is not bringing in any surplus, Dunn said.

In 1998, the law school's revenues and expenses left a surplus of $491,000, which the University retained, he said, but "there's not enough revenue (now) to match expenses to move toward ABA accreditation."

Next year, the University will contribute $3 million to the law school, he said.

However, as Slabach points out, the changes that need to be made for accreditation to occur do not have to be costly.

It could be a matter of changing academic standards or the method of instruction, Slabach said.

Morgan agrees that the three standards are addressable without any added cost.

Increasing the LSAT scores can be mended through financial aid – giving bigger awards to students with higher scores, he said, and the bar pass rate is effected in correlation with the scores.

"On the last three administrations of the bar examination, our students have actually done better than 25 percent of the ABA approved schools in California," Morgan said. "So it's an interesting standard they're holding us to."

Enrollment in the law school is 185 students and is expected to increase to 250 this fall, Dunn said.

Dunn said making revisions to the college's plan for the future is a matter of articulating a plan incorporating the ideas from the ABA.

One of the main problems, officials find, is that the school needs high quality students and higher numbers to get accreditation but need the accreditation to attract these types of students.

"In a sense it's a catch 22," Morgan said.

"Generally you subsidize heavily in your quest for ABA because you can't really charge tuition that's competitive with ABA schools," he said.

"Certainly the financial pressures must be taken into consideration as we look at this quest for ABA," he said.

"We've made substantial progress since the last visit," Morgan said.

A decision on the direction the school will take will be made in late May or early June, McDowell said.

"The next move is ours," Dunn said.

Clubs want deer but get mountain lions

Ken Colby
Staff Writer

Attempts to attract deer by local country clubs and housing complexes have also been successful in attracting other wildlife: mountain lions following their food supply.

Residents of La Verne neighborhoods are being warned to watch out for mountain lions after several sightings in the area recently.

"Sightings over the past year have all occurred near or adjacent to bodies of water such as rivers or creeks," said Lieutenant Marty Wall of the Northern Los Angeles County region of the California Department of Fish and Game. "The cats will follow their food supply, so areas which are attracting deer are attracting mountain lions as well, that's how the food chain works."

Police and animal control officers handed out warning fliers after a big cat was spotted in a tree late last month in the La Verne area, but he does not think it is necessarily a reflection of more cats in the area.

"Every year we have the same issue with mountain lions, I don't understand how it still surprises people," La Verne resident Michael Halberstam said. "We built our homes over theirs and it's natural for them to seek food where they once lived."

"I have lived in La Verne for 30 years now and never seen a mountain lion, people who have seen them should consider themselves lucky," he said. "That's a rare animal to see in the wild."

Wall said there has been an increase in reported mountain lion sightings recently. Sightings can be confirmed in a variety of ways, such as clearly identifying tracks, testing hair samples caught on fences, measuring claw marks and tooth marks on fresh kills and photographing the animals with heat and motion activated trail cams.

People who do see mountain lions or suspect there may be one in their area should contact the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Service as soon as possible. Do not wait a few days after seeing something before you call, by waiting a day or two, it is too late to do anything.

In addition to contacting Fish and Game, residents should also contact the La Verne police department.

If you encounter a mountain lion here are a few suggestions that may save your life. Do not run. Running will trigger a chase mode for the mountain lion. Make sure you stand upright. The bigger you look, the less likely a mountain lion is to attack you. Slowly back away and keep eye contact. Keep the animal in your vision so you can see where it is and what it is doing. Do not make any threatening gestures, but talk loud and make noise.

If you're in an area where you suspect a mountain lion might be, make a lot of noise when you walk, so you don't just happen upon the animal.

Awards canceled

Michael Myers
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne's annual academic awards ceremony was canceled this year following budgetary and scheduling problems.

"This awards ceremony has been canceled due to a variety of things," said Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs.

"The ceremony is too long; it lasts about four to five hours in length," he said. "In the past, students collected their awards and left, leaving no one in the audience at the end of the ceremony."

The second issue, Clark said, is that the University is asking all departments to reduce the spending funds towards the end of the year.

"Scheduling has been another issue of concern," Clark said. "The staff was not sure on when to have this ceremony, during the day, at night or on the weekends."

"All students have different schedules and other priorities and we don't want to leave anyone out of the ceremony that deserves to be there," he said. "We are deciding on how to make it better, faster and make it so that the parents of the students getting the awards can attend also.

"Basically there is a bunch of issues that has caused this ceremony to be canceled," he said.

The awards were distributed to the departments to be handed out to the respective students.

"I am disappointed that the academic awards presentations were canceled, senior biology major Victor Delgado said.

"I am excited each year when they come up," he said.

"The faculty is surprised that some of the awards have not been handed out yet," Clark said.

The English department passed out the awards to their students at the Shakespeare party they had a few weeks ago.

Other departments might follow suit.

"I know that the plan for some colleges next year is to pass out their academic awards at the faculty meetings they have each month," Clark said.

U.S. gambles with global reputation

From the ashes of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and in particular, from the ashes of the war fields in Afghanistan and Iraq, rises a new threat to the United States that cannot be fought with weapons.

Actually, every shot fired from a United States weapon will give this conflict nothing but new ammunition.

This threat does not come from any country or terrorist group, but from our partners in international trade and diplomacy.

A survey conducted last year with 42 countries showed that anti-American attitudes have increased since Sept. 11. The initial wave of sympathy has blown away with the United States' attacks on Afghanistan and – even more – Iraq.

Recently, the first results of a U.S. presidential election poll of people in countries other than the United States shows President Bush's approval rating at 4.5 percent.

But the increasing dislike of our country does not come from Bush's politics.

The United States is still respected and admired as the leader in technology and economical achievement, but majorities in almost every country resent the spread of American influence and culture.

And even nations that supported the United States in its strike on Iraq in the beginning, like Spain, drew back their troops from Iraq.

The main reasons for this can be found in three fields: the U. S. politics of isolation, the worldwide media-delivered view of the United States and the fear of losing culture as a point of national identity.

The war in Iraq divided the world into pro- and anti-American - with the majority aligned with the latter - is the government's decision to enter this war without the United Nations.

A major reason for that is the fact that Bush stressed from the very beginning of his first speech in front of the United Nations that his country would invade Iraq, no matter what the United Nations decided.

By this, Bush isolated his country from the decision process and started cutting the ties between the United States and the rest of world.

Taking the diplomatic route, giving the United Nations inspectors more time and working out a solution hand-in-hand with the international community would have made the war easier and would have brought the world together.

But instead the United States went virtually alone against Saddam and – even worse – asked the United Nations for help in building up the country after defeating the enemy.

The second reason why Anti-Americans take over worldwide is the media-created perception of the United States.

During the war, the picture delivered by the world-wide media was not of Americans engaged in healthy debate, but the picture of a country full of ditto-heads following their leader blindly.

European TV ignored those opposed to the invasion. Americans were not portrayed as a thoughtful, divided public, but as people in the streets saying, "We don't understand this war, but he is our president, so it must be right."

In addition to that, the arguments in favor of invasion were buried under perception that Gulf War II was just unfinished business left by George H. to George W., act two of their fight for oil.

Currently, images of the torture of Iraqi prisoners also leave a nasty aftertaste that the U.S. troops might continue the very things they threw Saddam out for – torturing people without any regard for human rights and the law.

Besides all war-related reasons for the world to dislike the United States stands the worldwide fear of culture loss as youth on every continent trade their national identity for the new, hip and trendy American way of life.

For several centuries, American culture has run over the rest of the world like an ice-cold Coca-Cola runs down a thirsty throat. Worldwide, the image for youth comes from movies and music in English and from Hollywood and New York.

As part of the global anti-war protest – which was huge and little reported here – youth in more and more countries get returned to embrace their heritage and celebrate their own culture.

Of these three reasons, the back-to-culture movement is of little concern to the United States, but the increasing isolation and negative media portrayals are.

Unfairness in the international media may be hard to fight. But opening our minds and arms to other cultures and involving them in the world-issue decision making processes is absolutely necessary.

We must stay a part of the world community, which is more than just the United Nations.

Globalization is not a short term win-win situation. To be part of the world the United States will face short- and long-term sacrifices.

The benefits are solely long-term, but they might be the only way to fight terror – not with weapons that create more hate, but with open arms, minds and mouths that create diplomacy and peaceful solutions.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Regarding Julie Kim's article of May 7, "Annual athlete turnover a trend in ULV sports," I have two comments. First of all, whether intended or not, the implied message of the article is that there is a problem with student-athletes dropping out of sports at ULV. I think a bigger problem is the number of students who drop out of ULV, period. Over four years, our dropout rate is about 50 percent. In other words, when you are in a freshman class and look around the room, half of you will not be around for graduation. I am sure that our student retention rate is directly related to the same factors cited in the article – time management, finances, and/or ability to get along with faculty. However, one of the factors that keeps students coming to La Verne in spite of these obstacles is being engaged in the life of the University. Being in theater, music, athletics, Greek life, residence hall life, and student government to name a few, puts students in with a cohort of fellow students and faculty/staff mentors who take an interest in individuals and their problems, and this seems to help retention rate.

My second comment again concerns the implication that student-athlete dropout is a problem. There are more positive things to focus on than a perceived problem with student-athlete dropout rates. On April 29, approximately 80 athletes out of almost 400 who compete representing the University of La Verne were honored with a lunch – not for athletic excellence, although many have earned those honors as well. This lunch was to acknowledge those student-athletes who have achieved a 3.5 GPA as well as participated in sports. The student-athletes were joined by invited faculty and staff members who have had an influence on the successes of the student-athletes in the classroom. At the University of La Verne, our student-athletes are students first. This is shown by the academic achievements of those who put out the extra effort to not only represent our University, but to succeed in the classroom as well.

Paul Alvarez
Professor of Movement and Sports Science

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Josh Martin's letter supporting gay marriage [May 7]. I feel the overwhelming need to speak up on behalf of those who oppose it. Perhaps it is time for the silent majority to stop being so silent.

The biggest inherent problem I see in this movement is the contradiction that exists in the plight for liberation. Homosexuals seek equality. They want to escape from being labeled and categorized. However, a predicament arises because this same group exhausts the term "homophobic". A person cannot disagree with their lifestyle without somehow being deemed hateful and fearful. These same people who so adamantly seek equality turn around and label those who have different convictions and do not comply with their mindset. It's funny how that works.

So I tend to question how many people so truly oppose homosexuality yet quietly step aside in fear of being categorized themselves. If that is how a group seeks liberation, then that is the true tragedy because those who oppose are being compliant solely to appear politically correct.

Yes, heterosexuals have devalued marriage themselves. Yet it is still my personal right to disagree with homosexuality in the same manner as I disagree with premarital sex. That does not mean I see individuals through those two filters. If anyone would take the time to sit down and dig to the core of each side, maybe we could get beyond name-calling. So until people know why they believe something rather than conveniently following the crowd, let me know how it is at the bottom of the cliff.

Desiree Whipperman
Senior

Letters to the Editor

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When words do not suffice



KENNETH TODD RUIZ

Brutality and horror dominate the headlines. Discussions of murder, torture and decapitation replace water cooler small talk. At stake is what this all means for us as Americans.

Sadly, we really do need to care about what the rest of the world thinks. Even those who choose to never leave our supersized island are affected.

For myself and others who like to fly dozens of ours to meet other people, it will make for much in the way of redundant conversation.

As an American abroad, you represent all that is portrayed as American around the world. In other places people tend to be voracious news readers, and like to talk about issues. With headlines dominated by the United States, most rarely let an opportunity to talk to an American pass.

Wherever I went in early 2000, the mono-dialog was about the contested election between Bush and Gore. In late 2001, I had more conversations about Sept. 11 with complete strangers than I care to recall. I'm not looking forward to my next round of travels with the same glee. Wherever I go, the sole topic that will dominate every conversation will come down to one word: torture. And what can I say about that? That it's nothing compared to a few vicious a-holes who decided to cut off the head of an American?

That logic may fly on the AM dial, but away from this continent it sounds empty. Trying excuse the behavior of our state because it is "not as bad" as the misdeeds of a few of the worst guys in the world is pathetic. We are supposed to stand for something better than that, not a lesser of evils.

Same for our mass media. Someone recently suggested I should appreciate that our press is much freer than that of, say, Pakistan. I don't think just being better than Pakistan is enough. We increasingly shy away from reporting that might "disturb" people. If disturbing things are happening across the world, is it enough to just say so? Show me, don't tell me.

With a few images trickling out from what threatens to be a deluge of thousands, some argue that the public is too intelligent to need to see such images. They say "everyone knows war is horrible." The implication is that seeing such images will shatter our IQ and compel them to such irrational acts as reconsidering their opinions. Shudder.

For the most part, this comes up most frequently when images such as photographs or video footage are involved.

We seem to have peculiar sensitivities. Reading in print that the invasion and subsequent occupation of Iraq has killed more than 1,000 Americans and about 30,000 Iraqis is too abstract and intangible to have any resonance. Express that information with a few pictures or footage, and it becomes real.

While images are certainly subject to manipulation and distortion, they can offer the least filtered version of what is happening. Printed words are far more malleable and capable of spinning reality.

They argue that to show certain things is motivated by politics, avoiding the logical next-step that not showing things would also be a political decision.

Some cry foul over what they call attempts to "politicize" issues. They say people are trying to politicize the war in Iraq, politicize the prison torture, politicize flag-draped coffins. Exploiting the malignancy of the word political. Like other code words, politicization seems to be a euphemism for debate, discussion and most troubling of all, disagreement. If politicizing means that we the people might have a clearer picture of what is going on and thus might want to have a say, then "politicization" sounds downright democratic to me.

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Preparing for life's changes



BAILEY PORTER

I do not envy the seniors as they rapidly approach graduation – the day that marks considerable change for them as most cease being students and head into uncharted territories.

Already I am finding ways to extend my stay here at ULV past the traditional four years – which isn't too difficult given my double major work load that I willingly jumped into because I couldn't bear making the choice of one over the other.

Really that debate over whether the University requires too many general education classes also works in my favor because it gives me a reason to need at least one extra semester to finish.

And it is not that I don't want to continue to grow – and graduation will most definitely bring new paths into focus – it just seems that right when things seem to come together, another bend is formed in the road, and I have to adjust to something new.

There's that saying that change is a good thing, but I can't help but dread it and the unknown that opens up as change sends us catapulting into a new direction.

Sometimes I get worried that I am not capable of thriving in the world outside structured academia.

For as long as I can remember, school environments have been central to my life. So what happens when I don't have the luxury of spending hours poured over some novel or – dare I say – interesting textbook, my livelihood depends on the stories I write and there are no more term papers to write? Okay, I won't miss that last one.

I get solace knowing that as a journalist I will have to learn about many different facets of the world as I go on assignments to cover stories about topics that I know nothing about.

Already, as I learn my craft writing for this paper, I find myself taking lessons on subjects I would not otherwise study: the instance of cervical cancer in women, the PATRIOT Act, the politics of an actor-governor and the accreditation process for a law school.

With that English degree in there I hope that gives me the excuse to still find time to read the works of the greats who have paved the way in unforgettable storytelling over time.

I'll just say I'm doing research for the book I will write one day.

The concept of what's next is a scary one. At least as a student I have the variety that I crave.

There are too many disciplines that spark my interest and I am a little apprehensive knowing that eventually I will have to choose which one takes precedence.

That is probably one of the reasons I want to go to graduate school. I enjoy the possibilities packed into a single classroom with so many diverse thinkers- people who can share their ideas and ultimately get you to think about things from a different perspective, a perspective you didn't event know existed.

Sometimes I drive home from class pumped with energy from an engaging talk. I don't want to leave that behind.

When it becomes one week before my graduation, I hope to embrace the possibilities that come with the next step.

Seniors remain true to what has driven you to success up to this point and ultimately do what makes you happy, challenges your way of thinking and others' and keeps you open to the winds of change.

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I'm not your puppet



MELISSA BETSY LAU

"Melissa, you're a bitch," said one of my roommates last night.

And I enjoy being one, so here I go.

I hate when everyone tells me how to live my life or how I am supposed to feel about certain topics. My emotions are valid and here is how I really feel.

Just because I listen before I open my mouth to speak does not make me apathetic.

My quietness does not imply lack of intelligence or lack of opinion, yet some people in my life assume that it does.

Sometimes this involves the same people who contradict themselves by claiming that they stand for one thing, but then carry out actions that indicate otherwise.

These are the same people who tell me that I would be much happier if I changed my entire life, when they are not even brave enough to change their own unhappy one.

Or the people who brag about how noble they are that they are still your friend, or that they chose you out of the crowd or that you are lucky to be in their presence.

Sure, I respect those with strong opinions, although I may not agree with them. However, when their actions do not match their convictions, I cannot take them seriously.

Everyone is guilty of contradicting themselves at some point in their life, and I admit that I am just as guilty.

However, standing up for something requires backing it up the entire way, not half.

If you claim to be a feminist, be a feminist. Complaining about the use of a "sexist" term and then using it later in everyday dialogue is contradictory to the purpose.

And to the others who think that they are too good, I can live without the arrogance. If you really want to go down that road, then let's take a closer look. Maybe you should be lucky that I listen to your nonsense.

I appreciate those looking out for me, those who care. I know there are a lot of people who want to protect me. And although I refuse to admit numerous things to myself, I will admit that I need those people in my life. I appreciate them for their support, but I do not appreciate them dictating what I should do with my life.

I cannot believe when people tell me what they think I need in my life. "Melissa, why don't you do this?", "Melissa, why don't you do that?" Hey, why don't you shut up; you are hurting my ears.

I do not need you hand fed to me, I'm not a toddler. Let me discover what my likes and dislikes are, let me decide what I need and for God sakes let me be me.

People cannot conceive what I am capable of or what ideas are cooking up behind these semi-Asian eyes. They have no idea what I am thinking about their pointless opinions about sexist comments, claim to nobility or pathetic words that feed their ego.

You cannot configure me into whatever you want; I am not Lambchop nor am I a lump of clay.

People need to stop focusing on what they want to change about others and worry about their own flaws.

Or maybe people are just that perfect that they don't need it. Before trying to improve someone else, work on yourself first.

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New shop lights up Old Town LV



Sara Kirk

Janet Manley wicks her own homemade candles in the back of her new shop on D Street, The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory. Manley is a self-taught candle maker, who studied computer science but wanted to start something new once her children left for college. She took about two years to come up with the idea for the store and six months to open it.

Julie Kim
Staff Writer

There is a new home-specialty store in town that is sweet to the senses – a welcome addition to this downtown's low-key lineup.

The month-old The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory is the newest addition to modest array of stores and restaurants that make up Old Town La Verne.

But people are already spreading the word about its lineup of fragrant candles, hand-embroidered linen and all-natural soaps.

From the custom-built counter to the carefully selected sets of tissue paper, gift boxes and bags, owner Janet Manley, 52, has been there for the entire six-month journey of building and opening the new store.

The San Dimas resident came up with the idea of starting a shop while bored at home.

"I'm a very creative person," said the Cal Poly Pomona computer science major. "I do oil painting and cooking and gardening, but my back couldn't handle that last one anymore.

"I just needed to get out and do something."

Doing something resulted in going to embroidery trade shows and needlework training seminars.

She also taught herself how to make candles.

"It's much more complicated than people think. Everything needs to be right – the temperature for the fragrance, the measurement, the wick, the color…"

For example, too much scent could stop the candle from burning efficiently, Manley said.

In addition, the original dye chips for the coloring look completely different from the finished product.

But her attention to fine details is what makes The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory so exclusive.

"It's all about personalized service," she said. "It's hard to find custom-made gifts for under $20."

In fact, the customer can go so far as to request specific fragrances for the candles and soaps, and even adjust the colors.

The client can even ask for special designs on towels and other fabrics for events such as weddings and anniversaries.

> 'Have you ever been to a dorm room that smells good?'
> *– Janet Manley, owner of The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory*

Even some of the supplementary items in the store, which Manley gets from all over the nation, are personalized products.

The Factory offers multiple hand-made goods: potpourri from Julian, Calif., hand-painted soap dishes – including one with a baby duck backstroking on the base of the dish – and vegetable glycerin soaps in various patterns and scents.

But some University of La Verne students like Nicholas Pulido, a sophomore music major, and Erica Holmes, a freshman psychology major, didn't think the Factory is beneficial to students.

"I would rather have a shopping center in La Verne," Holmes said.

Manley, however, keep college students in mind.

"Everybody needs soaps and candles… and we have a lot of things under $10," she said. "Have you ever been to a dorm

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Students overworking to make ends meet

Juggling jobs school, friends is exhausting

Julie Kim
Staff Writer

For typical college students with jobs, life can be both the best of times and the worst of times. There are fraternity parties to attend, football championships to win and new friendships to create.

On the other hand, there are problems with fatigue, sleepiness, stress and piles of make-up homework.

Although America might be suffering from a job shortage, work for college students in 2004 is on the rise, said Paula Verdugo, assistant director of the University of La Verne's Career Development and Placement Center.

A 2002 report by the Higher Education Project of the Washington-based State Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) agreed: 74 percent of all full-time college students work at least one job.

Amy Fontenot, a junior psychology major, works about 30 hours per week for both her on-campus job at the Student Center and a second one at On the Border restaurant in Chino.

"I also take 15 units," Fontenot said.

In addition, 84 percent of those employed students work to fund themselves through school, according to the same survey.

In fact, the average cost to attend the University for the 2003-2004 academic year was at least $20,500 for full-time, traditional undergraduates, said Leatha Webster, director of the financial aid department.

Claudia Bass, student accounts supervisor, added that part-timers paid $585 for each unit in the same year.

Freshman Connie Elejalde, undeclared, works nine hours a week shelving books at the Wilson Library for work-study, almost a must for most private school attendees.

Students, by nature, are stressed out from classes, said Kirstyn Chun, a counselor at the University Counseling Center. But they also have to deal with moving out, fitting in at a new school, paying off loans and working, she said.

According to Chun, prolonged or long-term stress can lead to several ailments: digestive and reproductive problems, failure to ovulate, asthma, adult

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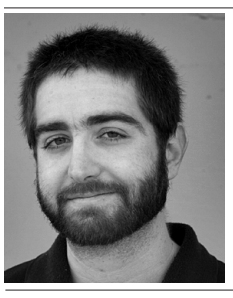
Feedback

Non-smokers are just afraid to die



TAYLOR KINGSBURY

In the latest California legislative effort to completely criminalize cigarette smoking, the state Assembly is considering a bill that would allow police officers to issue citations to smokers who light up in their car with a minor present.

Surely we can all agree that smokers are disgusting people who deserve the slow, agonizing death their wretched addiction yields, and if we were to rid the world of these vile individuals, we would surely evolve toward a utopian society and live in harmonious bliss with one another.

I couldn't agree with you more; smokers are filthy degenerates, for sure. I can say that for a fact since I have been a smoker for 10 years now, and you certainly won't find a bigger waste of life than the smiling buffoon at the top of this column.

But, just for the sake of argument, let's consider that as human beings, and I use that term loosely, smokers are being unfairly targeted for discrimination, and maybe the regulations being imposed upon us are a tad unfair.

If I had kids, I certainly would not smoke around them. But, if I wanted to light up in the car with them in tow, I feel it is my right to do so.

"But, the kids!" you're no doubt shrieking. "What about the kids? They can't choose whether they want to be around smoke or not. What about their health?"

What about it? If that's really the concern here, perhaps we should start petitioning the state Assembly to mandate what parents feed their kids, how much exercise they get and what time they go to bed. After all, all of these factors contribute significantly to a child's health.

Of course, there is the greater concern of general public health, which we use as leverage to malign smokers with such regulations. Though there is very little conclusive evidence to indicate that walking past a smoker on the street will give you lung cancer, we are greeted with outward public contempt.

I recall one woman I encountered at Burger King, who overheard me mentioning smoking to a friend of mine, and saw fit to tell me, "I had an uncle who smoked since he was about your age," dramatic, condescending pause, "he died of lung cancer." Appeased, this 200-pound plus stranger waddled to her booth to power down her double Whopper with cheese and onion rings.

Another girl confronted me in front of my work, where I was enjoying a 10-minute breather. After an extended bout of exaggerated coughing, she chided, "it's illegal to smoke in California." "Not outside," I corrected her. "F**k you, you're going to die," she responded smugly.

She was so satisfied when she walked away that she didn't seem to notice when the wad of spit I launched at her splattered against her back.

I could go on for pages, but I'd rather use this time to correct some common misconceptions about smokers that may help persuade you that we do not deserve your anger.

First of all, we're not sitting around waiting for someone to tell us how bad smoking is for us. I'm well aware of lung cancer, and I am confident that if I live long enough for it to overtake me, I will have had a very full life. You may think we are dumb for smoking, but most smokers are smart enough to understand the label on our packs that says, essentially, "don't smoke these; they'll kill you." If the concern of my loved ones is not enough persuasion for me to reconsider my habit, then the inane pontifications of a complete stranger isn't going to turn me around, so save it.

Second, we have no desire to pollute your lungs with our smoke, or influence your children to take up the habit. We're not Jehovah's Witnesses, and we're not out to recruit anybody to the cause. If my smoking bothers you, don't talk to me while I'm smoking; we'll chat when I'm done. And, if I'm a bigger influence on your children than you are, that's your problem, not mine.

Third, you're not going to get lung cancer by walking past me on the street. If you operate an automobile, you launch far more toxic chemicals into the air than I do. If I'm covering your mouth with mine and exhaling my hits down your throat, you may have problems, but if that's not the case, stop glaring at me when you walk by.

Fourth, there is such a thing as a considerate smoker. When non-smokers ride in my car, I do not light up without first asking if it will bother them, and if they say it doesn't, I still roll my window all the way down and hold my cigarette outside between hits. Also, those are not my cigarettes that you see scattered all over the ground in front of the ACB.

I strip out my cherry into nearby dirt, then throw my dead butt into a trash can. So, leave us alone.

If I see an overweight person eating a Twinkie, I don't tell them that it's going to kill them, so please allow me the dignity of poisoning my body any way I choose.

It's bad enough that we have to pay for the commercials that tell everyone else how awful we are for being smokers. It's worse that the places we are allowed to smoke are decreasing at a rapid pace. Now, the state Assembly wants to dictate who can be there when we smoke.

What's next? Citations for anyone who drives past a school or playground while smoking?

Maybe I'm crazy, but I think that if I can buy cigarettes legally, I should be able to smoke them legally.

If you get anything from this, I hope it will be the knowledge that smokers are not bad people. We're just people who smoke.

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Lip synch is the final word for Greek Week

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Staff Writer

All of the Greek organizations showed off their spirit and talent in Lip Sync, the final event of Greek Week, in a packed Founders Auditorium Saturday night.

Sigma Kappa won the contest in the closest ever competition, said co-coordinator Jill Hundshamer, only to come out in a three-way tie for the overall title of Greek Week champions with Phi Delta Theta and Iota Delta.

"The energy from all the Greeks was great. There was a great turnout of everyone's friends and family," Phi Delta Theta member Brian Ortega said. The night was full of entertaining acts as each of the groups took the stage and performed select songs that tied into each of their themes. Themes ranged from Sigma Alpha Epsilon's "King of Pop," to Phi Delta Theta's inventive "Year in Review and We're Back" to Sigma Kappa's "There's no Place Like Hollywood."

The groups were judged on lip syncing ability, originality of theme, evidence of the theme throughout, if there was one person on stage at all times, creativity and time limit.

The night was full of energy, and pride. It was evident all the effort each of the organizations went through choosing a theme, practicing and getting the skits approved.

"All of the organizations represented themselves well," said Eugene Shang, one of the judges for the event.

The audience saw everything from an impressionistic dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to Prince in a velvet suit to more than one performance of the William Hung version of "She Bangs."

"I was happy to see the number of participants and the enthusiasm people had for the week," Hundshamer said. "It was rewarding to see people's excitement with the amount of work we put into putting it together."

The winner of Penny Wars, the group philanthropy project and second scoring event of the week, was Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The fundraiser raised $3,329 for the White Cane Society.

"The presentation of the money to the White Cane Society was the best part of the night. More than anything it brings pride and prestige to the University," Shang said. "It is the embodiment of what Greek life is all about."

Candles...

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room that smells good?"

Candles at the Factory range from about $2.30 to $18. Tealights, tiny 3/4-inch candles, are $1 each.

The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory also sells charming complementary products such as candles shaped as slippers ($3.50) and cactus plants ($10) and tiny floating candles that look like colorful peppermint candies ($8 for a tube of 6).

But the cost-efficient standout is the gel candle by Primal Elements, which looks like a colorful bowl of glittery, waxed cubes. It costs about $5.50 for one hefty-sized portion, and comes in shades like pink, yellow, green and dark red.

Manley's personal favorite is the cupcake-scented candle, which really does smell better than anything you could buy at a bakery.

However, Pulido pointed out that candles or any open flames are not allowed in the University dorm rooms.

Even still, broke college students can afford one of the most-requested soaps, E. Barrett's French milled. Prices range from $1.75 to $5.75 and come in varieties such as lavender, wild rose and verbena.

In addition, Manley's soap creations are all natural and contain special herbs and essential oils, which come directly from the fruit or flower. Each product fulfills a special need, whether it be lathering or moisturizing.

Additionally, other decorative pieces include candle spiral tealight holders ($12 for the small-sized), fizzling bath oil balls ($7.95) and the popular tealight lanterns ($9), which also come in shades like blue, green, pink and clear.

Although she hasn't advertised yet, the new business owner has been doing very well with The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory.

"In fact, several customers come in several times a week," Manley said.

She already hired a part-time employer because of the large number of regulars.

Manley partly attributes her success to people's changing needs. Decorating is a way to help slow down your fast-paced life, she said.

"What better way to relax than to light some candles and have nice-smelling things in the house?"

For more information call (909) 392-4909 or visit The Candle, Linen & Soap Factory on 2310 D St. It is opened Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Juggling...

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diabetes, osteoporosis, arthritis and clinical depression.

"In an ideal world, students would set realistic goals," Chun said.

Verdugo agreed, "If it's possible, I would recommend students not to take in too many hours."

In addition, many students – especially the ones who work hours like Fontenot – do not get enough sleep.

Still, "I like being busy," Fontenot said. "My life isn't overwhelming."

Ultra-busy Josh Martin, a sophomore speech communications major who works two jobs, goes to school full time and plays several sports, echoed the same sentiment: "I like what I do. If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't be doing it."

Many of ULV's students also feel as though they can handle the workload.

According to Laura Kiralla, director of the Career Development and Placement Center, the center serves about 500 to 700 job-seeking students per month. The seemingly anxiety-free lives of the Leopards do not surprise Verdugo.

"I've been impressed at the level of their commitment," she said. "It's amazing seeing students doing a lot for their young age."

Arts, etc...

HAPPENINGS

Chamber Music Concert

Timothy Durkovic directs a performance of ensemble instrumental pieces at 8 p.m tonight in Founders Auditorium. Admission is $5 for ULV students and $10 for the public. For more information or to reserve tickets call Ext. 4921.

WADE Beats

Catch the exciting beat of ULV's West African Drum Ensemble, with special guests performances by Ensemble KuKu and Raynor Carroll, at 8 p.m., on Monday in Dailey Theatre. General admission is free for ULV students and $5 for the public. For more information call Ext. 4921.

International Desserts

Stop by Sneaky Park and taste some desserts and sweet foods from other cultures between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on May 19. Presented by the International Student Organization, the event is free. For more information, call (909) 525-6114.

New in Carlson

Eight ULV photographers will showcase diverse explorations of their craft in the Carlson Gallery. Featuring work produced this semester, the exhibit's opening is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday at the gallery in the ground floor of Miller Hall.

'Summer Shakedown'

Listen to the Brian and Sara Show on KULV 107.9 to win summer prize packs, including mini golf from Boomers, sundaes from Baskin Robbins, burgers from Carl's Jr. and sandwiches from Quiznos. Beginning May 18 and running through May 28 every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., be the designated caller at Ext. 4777 when the lifeguard yells "Adult Swim, Outta the Water" and win.

-Nila Priyambodo

ULV drum ensemble, kids Beat the skins

by Adrianna Gardner

photography by Caroline Franke



The University of La Verne Kids Music Club, an ongoing series of educational concerts, featured the ULV West African Drum Ensemble last Saturday. Under the direction of instructor and ensemble founder Steven Biondo, far right, the rhythms of West Africa were brought to the children through interactive activities.

On May 8, the University of La Verne's drum ensemble drummed while local children pounded out the sounds of West Africa to the University and its neighbors.

Under the direction of music technician Steven Biondo, ULV's West African Drum Ensemble was the latest group to be featured in the music department's "kids club" series. It was an interactive concert combining music and education on the history of West African drumming.

"It was good to learn about this cultural thing. I really enjoyed this," said junior television broadcasting major Carlos Palermo.

Palermo both performed and helped the children participate in the various drum rhythms.

The first rhythm played, Bariti, is usually played for village celebrations like weddings and births. Ideally, singers and dancers would be present, accompanying the drummers.

"We're working on that," Biondo said to the audience.

Founders Auditorium was filled with vibrations and sounds as shakers and several drums introduced the art of drumming and its history to the children in the audience.

The history of West African drumming begins in a specific area with the Malinté people, a group that consists of present-day Ivory Coast and Nugene citizens, to name a few.

Taught by oral traditions, many people dedicate their lives to learning this instrument, Biondo said.

"This is certainly one of the newest, and my favorite group," said assistant professor of music Scott Farthing as he introduced the ensemble.

> 'It was great. I want my grandchildren to carry on the tradition of music. It was a good experience. Now I can go home and practice.'
>
> *—Rosie Contreras*

Visual aids, showing the proper spelling for the names of the drum, were given to the audience.

Names like "dununba" (the daddy drum), "kenken" (bell), and "kenkene" (baby drum) were seemingly onomatopoeic-matching its name with the sound it makes.

Some rhythms required audience participation, which was fun for grandmother of two, Rosie Contreras and her grandchildren Eugimio Sias, 3, and Thalia Sias, 4, who were visiting from Texas.

Contreras has dedicated a room in her home to the culture and saw the event as a good learning opportunity.

"It was great. I want my grandchildren to carry on the tradition of music. It was a good experience," said Contreras who has a family tradition of musicianship. "Now I can go home and practice."

Other rhythms played were, "Moribayassa," which uses six different voices and "Kuku," which was played when women come back from fishing.

In comparison to an orchestra conductor, this type of drumming relies on signals in the drumming patterns, Biondo said.

It was his vision for the ensemble to incorporate the history of West African drumming with a class.

"There would be no drumming without a people," Biondo said.

The experience of performing in this concert series was as valuable for the ensemble as for the audience.

Freshman English major Darnell Gilbert said it took off a lot of the pressure off that would otherwise be present before a performance.

"It was fun. It was different. We could relax this time and have some fun," Gilbert said.

The ULV West African Drum Ensemble will perform again Monday at 8 p.m. in Dailey Theatre.

For more information, contact Farthing at Ext. 4918.

PRISM says farewell after 25 years

Bailey Porter
Managing Editor

It was a bittersweet 25th anniversary for one of the University's two literary magazines as PRISM held a poetry reading and celebration May 4 in the President's Dining Room.

The magazine's adviser Janice Johnson and many staff members, including editor Toni Rodriguez, who are leaving the magazine this semester.

"It's sad," Rodriguez said. "I'm going to miss being able to create something so many people contribute to."

Rodriguez, who has held the editorial position for three years and has been contributing for four, graduates in May and plans to become a high school English teacher.

Co-editor Dan Tucciarone is also graduating this spring and found working on PRISM as a chance to see how people apply what they learn on a platform that allows students to attempt to express themselves and learn their craft.

Johnson, associate professor of ESL, is leaving the magazine after five years and the school after 11 years.

She has accepted a position as the director of the English language school at Concordia University in Irvine.

Introducing the evening, Johnson paid tribute to her mentor and friend, Carol Fetty with a poem titled "Indomitable Majesty." Fetty headed PRISM and contributed to the publication for more than 20 years and turned it over to Johnson when illness took her away from her work at ULV where she was an English instructor.

"She devoted her life to language. She played with language and taught it and was a writer in her own regard," Johnson said.

The 25th edition features new poetry, prose, drawings and photography from students, faculty and alumni as well as staff favorites from previous editions.

"It gives people an idea of how PRISM has progressed over 25 years," Johnson said.

Contributing writers and artists are invited to the annual event to share their work in front of an audience.

The PDR is transformed into a venue for the arts as each year's theme is expressed in the decorations that fill the room. This year, board member Michael Ramsey's cover art was the inspiration for a jungle setting complete with columns of ivy reaching down from the ceiling and soft pink flowers as centerpieces.

Ramsey, a sophomore computer science major, has been drawing his whole life, he said, and was flattered that his art was chosen for the cover.

Each year the staff collects submissions from October to early March and meets as a group to critique the work based on a number scale.

Submissions are kept anonymous during the reading, Johnson said.

Jennifer Wray, senior English major, said she looks for submissions that reflect a sense of purpose from the writer.

"When people have a strong voice that comes through," she said.

Johnson said the board also considers choosing a fair representation of the varying subject matter that is submitted.

She said that the board never decides on a theme beforehand but allows the work to dictate the direction that each issue takes.

Those present at the reading seemed to agree with the board's decisions on what pieces to publish this year.

"It's very powerful and moving," said senior liberal studies major Angela Torres. "And I don't know if that's enough to capture it."

Torres attended the event to fulfill a class requirement and was familiar with the magazine from reading copies displayed in Miller Hall. She said hearing the poetry out loud made an even greater impact and she is considering submitting in the future.

"To hear it is, Wow! It adds so much and brings it to life," she said.

For Brian Armstrong, leadership development and transition program director at the University, this was his first time contributing to the magazine with a poem titled "Poetry Genesis."

"I have gone through a lot of growth this past year and I decided to go public with my poetry and share it with the La Verne community," he said.

Armstrong has been writing poetry for 15 years and usually draws from five categories for his work: love, lost love, darkness or his "venting," nature and life, he said.

"I'm honored and glad to be included," he said.

With only one board member who is not graduating or leaving the school, PRISM will not continue in the future in its current format. However, "It has been a wonderful adventure," Johnson said, "And part of the history of ULV."

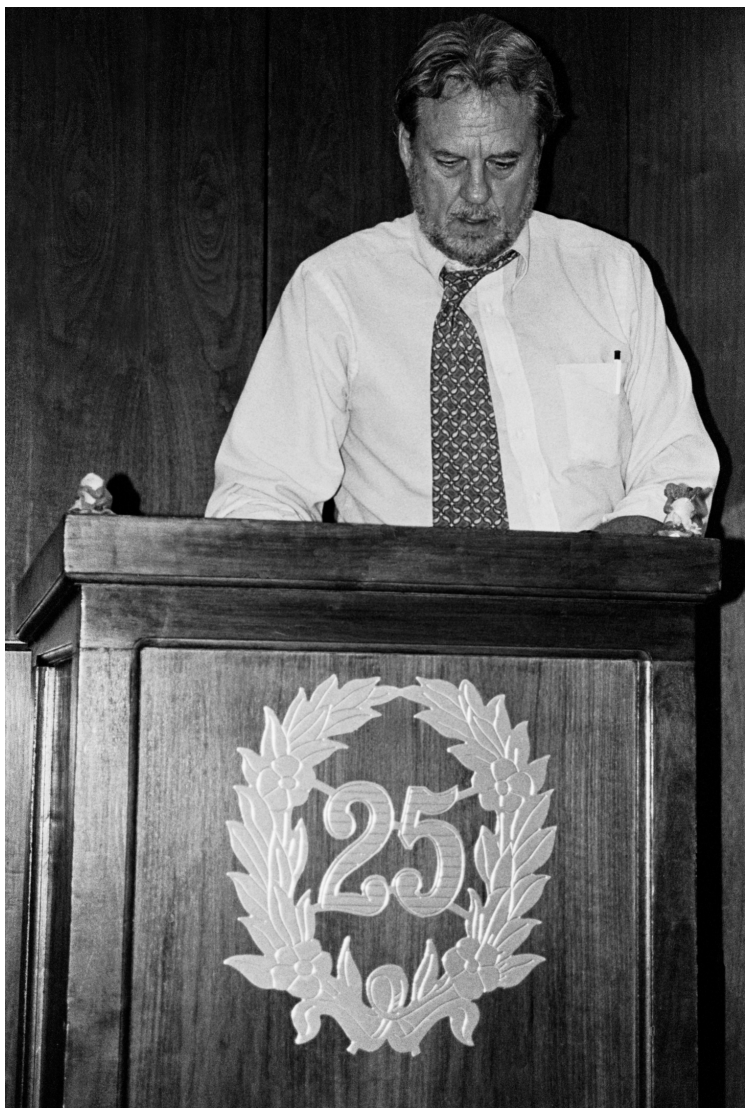
"It's not like it could be a continuation of this staff, but it has been 25 years and it's not like it belongs to me," she said. "Even though the format keeps changing, the need for an outlet for students and staff to create should always exist.

"It would be nice for the tradition and history of the University to continue to be PRISM, but that will be up to those who come afterwards."

Tucciarone encouraged contributors to take part in whatever "incarnation" the magazine takes in the future. He said that if another group were to take over, it would be the death of one and the chance for PRISM to continue on and become something new.

"It will be a great college memory," said Shannon Nicholas, a senior English major who has been a board member and contributor for four years.

"A prism reflects; it takes on many forms from many angles and that's what PRISM does," Johnson said. "It represents the many facets of how we can view creativity."



Jenna Campbell

Reading his poem "Harvest," Kent H. Badger participates in the 25th anniversary party for PRISM magazine. Badger, a professor of health services management at the University of La Verne, is no stranger to PRISM. Many of his poems are found in past editions.

Spring Show proves dance team is back

Ken Colby
Staff Writer

A packed Founders Auditorium was the scene of the University of La Verne dance team's Spring Show held April 29. Fifteen quality acts, ranging from hip-hop style dancing to guitar sing-a-longs, thrilled the audience, who were frequently moved to clap, cheer and sing along with the performers.

The two-hour show, which raised nearly $300 for the Dance team, was the culmination of months of planning by team captain Rachel Leber.

"It took a lot of patience and hard work to get this event to happen, but afterward all that hard work was well worth it. We exceeded our fund raising expectations," Leber said.

Weeks of rehearsals were held prior to the show, to make sure every step was right, and every act was on target.

"The girls on the dance team put in so many extra hours preparing for this show, we practiced three days a week on top of our regular dance team practice. We used a few recycled dances but the majority was newly choreographed dances which took many hard hours to get perfect," Leber said.

This show had many talented singers and dancers, but not all were ULV students. The girls who stole the show were Mia Celeste Velasquez, Casandra Ventura and Sydney Wiley, who together have a

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Tenor, pianist take poetic license in several tongues

Amby Sarabia
Staff Writer

Soothing sounds of the piano were heard coming from Founders Auditorium Friday night, accompanied by strong vocals as tenor Jonathan Mack and pianist Timothy Durkovic entertained their audience.

Setting the mood for the night, the duo performed a series of 16 songs which were derived from poems written by Heinrich Hein. While the songs were sung by Mack in a different language, the barrier did not interfere with holding the audiences interest.

"You can tell what he is saying through his expressions," said Eva Hinojoza, a music transfer from East Los Angeles College.

Eager to see the two perform Bestie Evans drove from Arcadia to attend the concert. As a member of the choir at the Good Sheppard Methodist Church located in Arcadia, Evans was encouraged by her choir leader to watch Durkovic play.

"He is an excellent musician," she said. "I have been following him for at least a year."

As a teacher at the University as well as at the church, Durkovic attracted many spectators.

"His performances are always good and he is so talented," said Lola Malone, member of the church and long time follower of Durkovic.

Durkovic has performed as a soloist, in orchestras as well as with other musicians as was the case Friday night.

Mack, a lyric tenor who has performed with the Los Angeles Opera for 18 years, joined Durkovic on stage as he intrigued the audience with his expressions and one of a kind voice.

After performing the first 16 songs in German, Mack went on to sing nine more songs in English.

Audience members sat motionless watching in awe as the tenor sang his heart out.

Hinojoza was eager to see Mack perform as he once taught her current voice teacher, Carol Stevenson.

"He is just a wonderful performer," Hinojoza said. "He never breaks character and he is so expressive in everything he does."

Playing in tune with each other, the two musicians proved they were talented in their areas of music.

Dorkovic's fingers were difficult to follow as they moved at a speed which was interesting to watch.

Mack was in his own world as his bellowing voice could be heard throughout the halls of Founders Hall.

"They were both so energetic and passionate," Hinojoza said.



Jenna Campbell

Tenor Jonathan Mack performed with pianist Timothy Durkovic, the music department's artist in residence, Friday in Founders Auditorium as part of the Celebrity Concert Series. Mack, who sang songs including "My Beloved is Mine and I am His," and "Sail On, Sail On," has traveled throughout the United States, Europe and Australia as a recital, concert and opera singer.

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combined age of 19. They performed in two acts. The first was a flawless choreographed hip-hop routine that had the crowd on its feet.

The second was the finale and involved everyone.

"Those girls were amazing, they're so young and danced so well," said Nicole Unrein, a junior psychology major.

"I couldn't be more proud of my girls who helped make this such a success," Leber said.

This show was to let the ULV community know the dance team is back and here to stay.

"The event is just a starting point for this team, we have bigger and better things coming, just know the dance team isn't going anywhere, we're back and here to stay," team member Sistina Smith said.

Faces in the crowd were in awe after every act. There was never a dull moment in the show. It kept going and kept everyone's attention along with it.

"The show was good, very entertaining," said Andy Monroy, a sophomore philosophy major.

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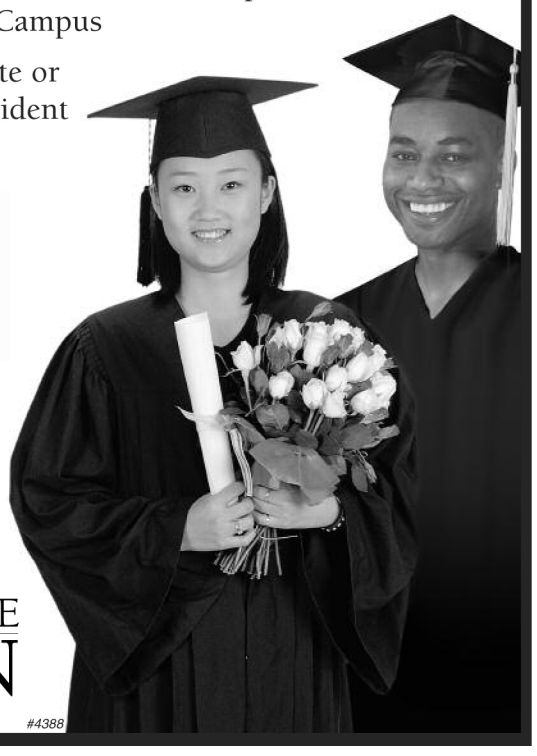

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Softball falls in Regional action

Sara Lupu
Staff Writer

The University of La Verne softball team's season ended last weekend when it was eliminated from the NCAA West Regional Tournament held at Hart Park in Orange. The Leopards were defeated Friday by Linfield College and Cal State Hayward.

After losing to Linfield, 5-2, the Leopards moved into the consolation bracket where they faced Hayward in an elimination game and lost, 5-0.

The game went five scoreless innings with the teams trading hits until the bottom of the sixth when CSUH catcher Heidi Weil singled to center, scoring designated hitter Dana Kuwahara. The Pioneers did not stop there as Hayward shortstop Jennifer King hit a grand slam off of La Verne pitcher Mary Olson.

The Leopards had one more chance in the top of the seventh to come back, but fell short on a controversial third-out call on junior catcher Amber Guerra at first base that was questionable whether she beat out the throw.

"The pitchers, Amanda and Mary, did a great job for us but we weren't scoring runs," head coach Robin Haaker said. "Our bats weren't going like they usually do, and our balls didn't have eyes, because even when we were hitting the ball, nothing was dropping for us."

In their first playoff game, the Leopards met with Linfield from Oregon, whom they had defeated twice this season.

In the fourth inning, the Wildcats went up 2-0 after a couple of hits, that were quickly answered by Leopard Kelley Silagyi's two-run home run, her 13th homerun of the season.

But the Wildcats were not finished as they had two previous loses to avenge. In the fifth, Leopard fielding errors allowed two runners on the bases and Linfield's Amy Hammons took advantage with a three-run home run.



Adam Omernik

The University of La Verne's Elaine Martinez is safe after shredding Jennifer King's sock with her cleats with her slide into third during the top of the fourth inning in ULV's game against Hayward, last Friday. Hayward ended the Leopard's season as CSUH advanced in the NCAA West Regional competition. King got her revenge later in the sixth inning when she hit a grandslam to take the game out of reach for the Leopards, 5-0.

"We didn't hit as well as we have been hitting this season, I guess we just weren't on Friday," Guerra said. "Hopefully this will drive us and give us something to work towards for next season."

The Leopards lose only one senior, returning a strong core to defend their conference title and go deeper into playoffs.

"I definitely think that these losses in regionals will give us more of an incentive to get back here next year and go even further," Haaker said. "Only two of the girls had been to regionals before, so now that the rest of the girls have had a taste of it, they know what it feels like and want to come back to get it done next year."

Although next season seems a long way off, the Leopards will start preparing this summer for next year's goals.

"We can see how much we grew together in three months, and we want to keep playing together because it will just make us stronger for next year," junior A.J. Taggart said. "Winning conference was great this season, but we have more goals to take care of next year."

The team is looking into summer leagues so they can continue playing and working out together to keep some of the momentum that they accumulated this season.

"This was a transitional year for us, competing as a young team, but I felt good about the things that we accomplished and with the results of this season," Guerra said.

"Overall we had a great season and the girls did wonders for this program," Haaker said. "They were underestimated by a lot of people because of our small squad, and so the girls came out with a nothing-to-lose attitude that ended up proving a lot of people wrong."

La Verne gets out of expensive hockey business

City council votes to shut down facility

Chrissy Zehrbach
Sports Editor

After four years of declining enrollment and mounting losses, the city will close the doors on the La Verne Hockey Club.

The club will officially close its doors May 31. The last activity at will take place May 16.

At an April meeting, the City Council decided to get itself out of the hockey business and close down the facility for good.

In 2000 the city took over what was then the Wayne Gretzky Roller Hockey Center, hoping to turn it around, but only succeeded in losing increasingly more money each year.

According to the staff report presented at the April meeting, the city lost $60,000 the first year, $120,000 the second year and $132,000 in year three.

> 'Not all kids play football, basketball or baseball. All the other kids who want to play hockey are at a disadvantage.'
> *– Bonnie Parker, La Verne parent*

"This year we're looking at losing $250-300,000," said Bill Aguirre, director of Parks and Community Services.

The decision was made to shut down the club before an more monetary losses.

Community members are not happy about the decision.

Club participants have voiced their opinions. Some even attended the April 5 meeting to try and sway the decision, but with no avail.

"Parents as well as the participants spoke to me" City Manager Martin Lomeli said. "Their concern was that it's a good activity, obviously a positive activity, and they would have to go to Upland or West Covina. It's been a good facility and a good environment for kids to be involved in."

Although the lease on the building ends in 2008, it was not feasible for the city to continue.

California's state deficit is more than $50 billion, Lomeli said.

"The city is looking everywhere it can to reduce operational costs," he said.

The club has also had to deal with competition from new hockey facilities in the area.

"With the increase in competition with Upland and West Covina, we would have to be in the hundreds team-wise to break even," Aguirre said.

The building owners also have expressed a desire to sell the facility, the report stated.

New management instated at the club

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La Verne not on par at nationals

Matt Paulson
Special to Campus Times

Riddled by single-hole and back-nine falters and the haunting memories of past national letdowns, the University of La Verne golf team has pieced together a lukewarm performance to grind itself into seventh place at 44 over par total, 5 over through nine holes at press time yesterday in the fourth and final round of this year's national tournament at the PGA at Oak Valley in Beaumont, Calif.

After a mainly famine or feast season, the Leopards stood in fifth place after the third round at 39 over par, 17 strokes back from leader Gustavus Adolphus. This standing marked a drastic improvement in nationals from the last two years, in which the Leopards finished 21st last year and 20th the year before, but was still somewhat mediocre compared to the their triumphant expectations coming into this week.

"I think we came here to win, and I came here to win," said senior Joe Skovron, who led ULV after three rounds, standing at 7-over-par and in a tie for 13th place. Skovron stood in 16th place at 3 over par through nine holes in his fourth round at press time yesterday, for 10 over par total.

"We haven't played terrible. We haven't played great. I think we're good enough to win here, but everything has to go your way to win a national championship," he said.

And everything did not go La Verne's way this week. Hiccups causing double and triple bogeys were too prevalent on the respective Leopard scorecards to lead to a top spot on the podium.

"One bad shot at the wrong time does it," said Joey Murray, this season's Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference co-player of the year. Murray struggled on the greens – his usual Graceland – to post rounds of 78 and 77 the first two days.

His biggest falter was at the final hole of his third round, when he stood at even par and miss-hit his approach into the water from more than 200 yards out of the left rough. A three putt later, he walked off the hole with a triple-bogey seven and a 3-over-par 75.

"It just seemed like the shot to hit," Murray said. "I wanted to get in at even par and try to feed off that (in the final round)." Murray also made a double bogey on the fourth hole in his third round. He stood even through nine holes at press time yesterday, to stand 14 over total.

"You'll shoot alright out there if you don't hit the high numbers," said Andrew Garcia, who was ULV's model of consistency the first three rounds, shooting 36-39—75 the first two days and straying slightly to fire 38-37—75 in the third round. Garcia was at 1 over par through nine holes yesterday, 10 over total to tie for 16th place along with Skovron.

The back nine also proved specifically difficult in the Leopards' hopes for a championship. Skovron averaged more than 1 under par on the front nine, but struggled on the way in, averaging almost 4-over-par on the back in his first three rounds.

In his third round, Skovron had it to 2-under-par through 11 holes, which placed him momentarily in third place individually for the tournament. But six bogeys in his remaining seven holes carded him a 34-42—76 and dropped him 10 spots on the leaderboard by the time the day was over.

Through three rounds as a team, the Leopards played the front nine nearly two strokes better than they played the back, a trend that seemed to be affecting everyone, as the five statistically hardest holes in rounds 1 and 3 and the three hardest in round 2 were all on the back side.

The national tournament is exceptionally unique from conference tournaments where not all the team's scores count. It entertains the luxury of throwing out a few. In nationals, everyone counts.

Freshman Nathan Logan, who found his way onto the starting squad with a late-season push, fought butterflies early to fire an opening-round 83. He rebounded to shoot 75 and 76 in the second and third rounds. In the fourth round, he stood at 1 over through 12 holes, for a 19 over par total at press time yesterday.

Brad Booher did the opposite, opening with a 74 and dropping fast in the second and third rounds with respective numbers of 81 and 84. In Booher's fourth round, he stood at 8 over through 12 holes, for a 31 over par total at press time yesterday.

But the Leopards remained optimistic about the remaining portion of the tournament.

"If we keep playing well, we'll be (in the top 10)," said head coach Rex Huigens. "I don't feel bad at all."

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in June 2003 was helping bring business back up, but came a little too late.

General Manager Kevin Nash relocated his family from San Diego to manage the club. He said at that point they discussed plans in terms of 12 to 15 months down the line.

"We've more than doubled business and they're closing it only eight months since I've been here," Nash said.

Nash said there were only 42 teams at the time he took over and there are now close to 85. The club had also begun to implement tournaments, which they had never done before, as well as birthday parties and open skating time.

"Bottom line, we just didn't have enough teams at the facility to offset the cost," Aguirre said. "Some of the things they were proposing weren't realistic."

Nash said he felt the club just needed more time.

"I understand they're losing money, but at the same time ...they really didn't give it a chance. We were where we needed to be," he said. "People were looking forward to returning to playing. This facility has had problems in the past, but everyone was pretty satisfied.

"But they have to do what they have to do," he added.

Some recognized that participation was on the rise from the previous year.

"When Kevin first took over they gave him a time frame, but they didn't allow him to get there," said Bonnie Parker, a La Verne resident and mother of three, who has played at the hockey club with her family since it opened. "They shortened his timeframe and that wasn't fair."

The decision has not gone without opposition from other parents.

"We did meet with some opposition. They felt that the facility was on the right road and they should be given more time," Aguirre said.

Nash said the parents' main concern was that there is "no place for the kids to go. They'll end up on the streets."

Out of the 750 people who participate, 500 are kids, Nash said.

The participants themselves are concerned about the club closing.

Dustin Newton, 16, called the closing of the club "a complete outrage." He and his friend Justin McAulay, 16, started played hockey at the club before it was taken over by the city, back when it was the Gretzky Center.

"It didn't change much, I don't know why they're closing it," McAulay said.

Like many participants, they will have to seek out one of the competing clubs in the area to continue playing hockey.

"The location helps because it's here in La Verne. It's hard to travel to the other facilities," Parker said as she sat watching her son play in a championship game.

"It's been really good for the high schools and middle schools in the area because it's so close. Not all kids play football, basketball or baseball. All the other kids who want to play hockey are at a disadvantage," she said.

While it was an advantage for the kids, the club was not a financial advantage for the city that funded it.

"The thing is, Kevin is a great manager and hockey is a great sport, but we were losing too much money and something had to be done," Aguirre said.

Pollutants...

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air heating systems, do not mechanically bring fresh air into a house (whereas many commercial units do), so you will want to periodically open your windows and doors.

You can also turn on window or attic fans. If you have a window air conditioner, periodically run it with the vent control open, which will bring in outdoor air. Local bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans will remove contaminants directly from the room where the fan is located and bring in outdoor air at the same time.

Take care to increase ventilation when performing activities that produce intermittent pollution (such as smoking, hobbies or cleaning). If possible, perform these activities outside, where the pollutants can be dissipated more quickly. Ask family and friends to smoke outside. Open windows or turn on bathroom and kitchen vents while cleaning. You can also use a room fan to direct air towards a window or door when you are cleaning or using chemicals.

Lastly, you can use air filters, cleaners and purifiers. There are many models from various manufacturers, ranging from individual room units to whole-house systems. You will want to look for a couple of things in your air cleaner: how well it collects or removes pollutants from your indoor air, and how much air is affected by the cleaning or filtering element.

Cleaners that work on air that passes through the unit will need to be moved from room to room frequently; and cleaners that filter the air in the air space can purify the air in an entire home without filters and quarterly maintenance.

Most, but not all, air cleaners remove particles from the air and are limited at removing gaseous pollutants, so find out the capabilities of the unit you are considering.

Indoor air pollution does not have to be a scary thing.

If you take the proper steps to reduce and prevent air pollution, you can breathe easier in the areas where you spend most of your time.

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gives the club a chance to take a break, eat food and relax. The awards banquet is meant to honor a year's worth of hard work.

"I am really impressed with this year's E-Board. Year number eight has been great. We have a really talented, hard-working group," Muñoz said.

"After a year's worth of work, this ends up a work of art. This club welcomes everyone here at La Verne to join and you don't have to be an accounting major to be in the club," he said.

Dreier...

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provost's office but required faculty approval.

Provost Dick McDowell said they had thought it would be approved.

Several professors voiced strong opposition to wording in a biography for Dreier published by University Relations and included in the nomination for the doctorate. They said they could not support the motion because it would endorse the language of the biography, portions of which were identical in wording to Dreier's Web site.

"It's unfortunate the vote came the way it did," said Al Clark, associate vice president of academic affairs. "Unfortunately the biography that was presented on Rep. Dreier did not focus on the service essentials of the honorary doctorate."

According to University guidelines, honorary degrees recognize "the record of achievement of selected persons whose standing in society and record of service are meritorious and, at the same time, to bring honor to the University when a recipient accepts the honorary degree offered him/her."

These guidelines also require that "candidates should be those whose lives and record of service are in keeping with the ideals of the University of La Verne."

Some faculty said that Dreier did not meet this qualification.

The University faced a partisan predicament 21 years ago when it considered a bid to house the Richard Nixon Institute. After fervid debate the Board of Trustees rejected the offer and the institute went to

Dreier was unavailable for comment regarding Monday's decision.

"David Dreier is a consummate professional and has been in politics a long time," Morgan said. "He is used to people who share and don't share his opinions. I'm sure he will continue to have a positive working relationship with the University of La Verne."