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Museum celebrates cultural history

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Located at 2157 Second Street in La Verne, the Jaeger Museum is a resource that students can access for free.

For the past decade, the museum has held hundreds of artifacts that have been graciously donated from collectors and even saved from previous homework from students.

Upon walking in, the main room is filled with large cabinets, going from floor to ceiling carrying textiles, cultural wear from China and Mexico and baskets.

In the back of this room, tucked away is one large cabinet filled with display collections of bugs collected dating back to 1931, all from previous University of La Verne students.

In two other side hallways, more cabinets lining the walls with taxidermied animals, various specimens in jars and a large collection of plant life from the past hundred years.

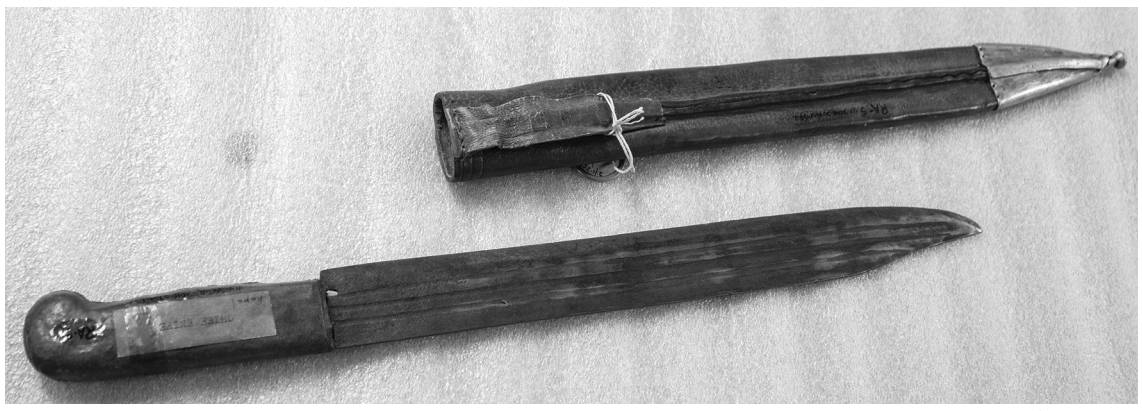
"There are collections that people have put together during their lifetimes," said Al Clark, retired professor of humanities and volunteer at the Jaeger Museum. "When they get to the point of not going to be around a while… they look for a place to donate and fortunately we were the ones that received them."

The museum is also home to many different gemstones donated from scientists, and a large Sequoia tree piece that dates back hundreds of years.

Just by booking an appointment, any student on campus could look at anything featured in the museum, and receive the history from Clark.

Biology professors Jennifer Clarke and Victor Carmona use the museum for both teaching and research, all while helping Clark to go through his collections.

"(Al Clark) makes it so easy for us to find what we need, get what we need, and bring it back," Clarke, professor of biology said. "I couldn't teach my class without this place, I really couldn't. I could not do it. This is such a place for good material."



Anthony Eramya

This African knife from Nigeria is part of the Cultural and Natural History Collections at the Jaeger Museum on Second Street. The knife is believed to have been made and used in the early

Clarke, for a few times now, has been looking through the specimen found in jars and changing the liquid as well as using them in her classes for students to study. It helps her students to be able to study an animal and then go out into the field and recognize the same animal quickly. On the other side, Carmona uses the space with a small group of students to aid them in thesis research and real-life experience.

"I am a field biologist, I work with collections all the time," Carmona said. "I saw an opportunity for students to get introduced to research and get an experience you will never get in the classroom … because the amount of learning done here is exponential."

Carmona and the students have been meeting for about four weeks to go through the bug collections and place them in different groups for their research.

In addition to the building, many places on campus feature pieces from the collections in display cases, like the saber tooth tiger in the Campus Center or cases in LaFetra Lecture Hall.

"This place matters more than we think, and there's really not a lot of majors on campus here that couldn't apply something to it," Taylor Puno, recent graduate of the ULV, said.

To book an appointment to see the museum, email Al Clark at **aclark@laverne.edu**.

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Community mourns the life of law librarian

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The University held a celebration of life ceremony for assistant professor and law librarian Jennifer Argueta, who died Aug. 17 in a car accident.

About 50 community members remembered Ms. Argueta for her warm, quiet, comforting and kind soul.

The service included family, friends and colleagues, who knew Ms. Argueta in both personal and professional settings.

"She'd always been the woman I had been looking for when I was a young man," said Raymundo Argueta, Ms. Argueta's husband. "Being able to be a part of my wife's life in any way was so perfect for me."

"She always reminded me that no matter what, I have to do my best to see the good in everything, even though this world forgets how to treat each other with kindness and respect, " Raymundo Argueta added.

Ms. Argueta was persistent in her career. She worked closely with the law school students and assisted in research and database concerns.

"I knew her primarily in a professional role – she was an excellent supervisor," Kenneth Rudolf, retired director of the law library, said. "She dealt really well with her staff. She was a good trainer, and yet she did it without drama and was able to bring people along and do it very gently and nicely."

Rudolf shared a story about Ms. Argueta's favorite birthday tradition.

Ms. Argueta was born on March 14, 1982, which happens to fall on Pi Day. While colleagues would eat pie on the occasion, Ms. Argueta would take the day off to eat cake.

When someone needed a shoulder to lean on, Ms. Argueta was that shoulder.

"In a difficult time, I think of her eyes, because every time she looked at me, it's the kind of understanding look," said Amy Jiang, interim co-dean of libraries and learning common. "It's a very touching moment. You feel like she knows what you're thinking."

Jiang, who spoke at the ceremony, said the news about Ms. Argueta's death hit her hard when she received the call.

Ms. Argueta was like an older sister to Jiang and understood her with such grace," Jiang said.

Jiang would open up to her about her own children asking for advice.

"She's an older sister, and so she had her sister, and then for me I have two daughters," Jiang said. "We laugh about the experience we sometimes went through."

Speakers said Ms. Argueta cared deeply about others and strived to help those around her.

"The one thing I want other people to learn that my wife taught is to stop treating people in a level that you presume," Raymundo Argueta said. "She never saw anybody the way they were, she waited until their actions determined their personality."

Ms. Argueta was family-oriented and was driven by supporting her loved ones.

"She was just a very grounded person, and I can see that she was so rooted in her family and community," said Karen Beavers, librarian, and research and instructional professor. "There's just sort of a groundedness, … a steadiness."

There are different lessons and meaningful experiences that people who knew Ms. Argueta will carry forever.

Ms. Argueta had a light that lit up an entire room, her friends and relatives said.

Her gentle spirit was truly unique in the way she carried herself through the span of her life, they said.

As candles were lit one by one in front of a picture of Ms. Argueta smiling in a garden, an overwhelming amount of comfort filled the room by people who loved her most.

"She was the beauty, and I was her beast," Raymundo Argueta said.

"Because of the way she was, she really asked me to let my demons out. She loved me and took care of me. She took care of our children, she took care of everybody."

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Dakota Campbell from Anaheim and Kasey Cordova from Cerritos pick out a pumpkin Saturday at the Cal Poly Pomona pumpkin patch. Other attractions offered included a corn maze, sunflower field, hay ride and cow train. / photo by Mia Byington

Happenings

'Parallax'

The Harris Gallery is showing "Parallax," an exhibit featuring watercolor works and hand drawings by University of La Verne Professor of Art History Jon Leaver and sculptures handcrafted by Professor of Art Keith Lord.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Admission is free. For more information visit **artsci.laverne.edu/art/exhibition_tag/harris-gallery**.

Creative Writing

The University of La Verne creative writing program will hold a reading featuring three student writers at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Ludwick Center Sacred Space.

Creative writing majors Jeremy Evans, Sara Dawidian and Gummy Procida will each present their original work, followed by discussion.

Brass Ensemble

The Pomona Valley Brass Ensemble will perform ragtime, marches and jazz at 12:15 p.m. on Friday in Balch Auditorium on the Scripps College campus. Doors open at noon.

Admission is free.

For more information visit **pomona.edu/academics/departments/music/concert-calendar/friday-noon-concert-series.**

'Architectural Pottery'

The American Museum of Ceramic Art is showing "Architectural Pottery: Ceramics for a Modern Landscape," an exhibition highlighting the influence of mid-20th century architecture and design by California artists. AMOCA is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The exhibition runs through March 2, 2025. For more information visit **artrabbit.com/events/architectural-pottery-ceramics-for-a-modern-landscape**.

—Thatiana Gibbs

Drag queens serve lip-sync skills and fabulous costumes

Performance art allows for self-expression

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The Inland Empire got its first look at "Erotica A Drag Show Revue," hosted by drag queen Ruthless Envy, on Sunday.

O'Donovan's Restaurant and Pub at 101 E. 3rd Street in downtown Pomona held 25-50 free-spirited spectators in their underground venue.

The 21+ event hosted drag queens, who put on a show that lived up to its name.

Drag queens Marlow the Fish, Satanna and Kelly K, and came to entertain and that they did.

Full makeup one could only guess takes hours of preparation and perfection.

Elegant outfits, mostly dresses, had all the extra dazzle you can think of.

Drag queens changed outfits between sets, getting ready to come back out and give the audience more.

Drag is by definition performance art that uses costumes, makeup, and more to create exaggerated forms of gender expression to challenge and critique so-called gender norms and imagine a more gender fluid and inclusive future.

"I used to perform in high school," drag performer Kelly K said.

"I wanted to perform again, get on stage."

Afterward, drag queens interacted with fans, friends, and family alike.

"It's that sisterhood, familyness, that togetherness – everyone appreciates each other and what they do," event organizer Charde Espinoza said.

"A lot of people don't have family, and you get to build your family from within," Espinoza said.

The underground pub had a hole-in-the-wall feel to it, offering 26 draft beers and an extensive pub food menu.

Drag performers danced, lip-synced, and drank, all while interacting with the crowd.

Cash tips were collected from fans, with well known pop songs blaring over fired-up cheers from the crowd.

> 'Doing something confrontational is beautiful, brave, and courageous, and everything that we are supposed to be doing right now.'
> *–Rose Prime, a guest at the show*

A DJ and changing disco lights added to the ambiance and mood.

"It pays my bills, and it buys me nice things," Kelly K said.

Many fans had the opportunity to place money in drag queens' waistbands and cleavage.

Bills that hit the floor were picked up by designated tip collectors and later given to the performers.

Drag is about more than the money; but for some, there are mental and spiritual benefits to performing.

"There is a point where it becomes therapy for me," Envy said.

"I've been doing this in a way that lets me express myself in different ways."

"You don't know what to expect," Espinoza said.

"I've been to probably hundreds of shows in the last year, and you don't know what somebody is going to bring."

Those who care about drag see it as a mode of artistic expression—another medium for people who aren't always heard to be heard.

"Doing something confrontational is beautiful, brave, and courageous, and everything that we are supposed to be doing right now," Rose Prime, a guest at the show, said.

Drag gives people the opportunity to explore every aspect of themselves and be whoever they want to be, without worrying about societal constructs or judgments.

"I'm not trans(gender), I'm just myself," Envy said.

The community as a whole seems friendly and accepting of one's identity.

However, many drag performers are there to get paid, and that can cause some scuffles.

"My experience with the community has been very intricate and humbling," Envy said. "We're all trying to get paid at the end of the day, so people get upset."

"The way I see it, it's live theater," Espinoza said.

People will always find ways of expressing how they feel, and it is human nature to do just that.

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Cosmic Comedy show takes local focus

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I&I Brewing in Chino hosted a two-hour Cosmic Comedy night featuring performers Mario Rodriguez, Damon Monday, Jonathan Bird, Robyn Finch, Greg Sanchez and Zach Miller on Sunday.

About 20 people attended the intimate event.

With self-deprecating humor about things like drugs, failed marriages, parenting, and other touchy topics, all six performers adapted and improvised to appeal to individuals in the small audience.

The most well-liked set was Greg Sanchez's act focused on generational trauma and awkward encounters.

At one point he talked about dealing with badly behaved kids in a restaurant.

Alyssa Elsenpeter, a friend of comedian and host Zach Miller, said she showed up to support her friend.

"I go to comedy shows often," Elsenpeter said.

"It's … fun to see them somewhere local," said Hillary Munch, another friend of Miller.

All of the comedians in Sunday's show were from Southern California.

Monday, who is based in Pasadena, said he has been working in the entertainment industry since he was 17.

He shifted from music to comedy in the past few years.

As a comic, Monday said, he likes to tell personal stories the audience can connect to their own lives.

Event organizer and comedian Zach Miller put the show together.

Miller, who has been performing in comedy clubs for 20 years, said his first major stand-up comedy competition helped him see his strengths and weaknesses as a comedian.

"I first did comedy in Pittsburgh in July 2003," Miller said. "I was terrible at stand-up comedy, I know that now 20 years later."

But he stuck with it, he said, adding that he believes comedy is the ultimate form of free speech.

"We can say the things no one else can say. We're the jesters," Miller said.

"The king can't kill us because the king just looks stupid.

"I feel like my material is built for any crowd," Miller added.

"But when I'm in Chino I definitely shout out to Stater Bros."

Cosmic Comedy can be seen at several venues across Southern California.

For more information visit @thecosmiccomedyshow on Instagram.

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Pumpkin Fest features fun

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Visitors at Cal Poly Pomona's Pumpkin Fest on Saturday debate what pumpkin to take home. The festival is open until Oct. 27 and the hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends at 4102 S. University Dr. in Pomona.

The Huntley College of Agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona is hosting its annual pumpkin festival this month, from noon to 7 p.m. Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 27.

The festival this year boasts 40,000 pumpkins, a sunflower field, corn mazes, and a farm-animal petting zoo.

The attractions also include hay and train rides, duck races and a kid's corn maze. The petting zoo has sheep, cows, a calf and more than 20 goats.

AgDiscovery Lane near the petting farm features agricultural themed demonstrations and displays, including beekeeping, weaving and a worm farm.

Vendors on hand last weekend offered handmade, artisan crafts – including crystal bracelets, aprons, handbags and more – for sale, as well as a variety of paint-your-own booths.

The marketplace offered a variety of desserts and snacks including funnel cake, ice cream shaved ice and kettle corn.

Additional food vendors included Robin's Woodfire BBQ, a variety of Mexican food vendors and more, alongside hay bales and shaded picnic tables where guests could relax and enjoy the yummy fare.

"My grandparents have never been to a pumpkin festival, so it's a great experience for them to have before returning to their home in Mexico," said Saraih Alvarez, a high school student from Moreno Valley, who attended the fest last weekend with her grandparents and other family members.

"I love working for the festival," said Annie Cirino, whose Pomona-based Rag Dolls with Love table was there last weekend for the ninth year. "We look forward to being here and meeting different people, especially the kids."

"This is my second year at the Pumpkin Festival so it's been a great way to promote my small business," said Daniela Vergara, owner of Shop Thoughtful Threads, which sells customized apparel, glassware, accessories and pet portraits for people and pets via pop-ups across Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

"I usually come every year with my family, but this year I decided to bring my boyfriend to experience the event," said Aaliyah Felix, a business major at Cal Poly Pomona. "I like taking pictures, and the food is always good."

In addition to the Pumpkin Fest activities, the Cal Poly Pomona Farm Store, which sells produce grown on the University farm and various of gourmet food and snacks, is open this month Friday through Sunday exclusively for Pumpkin Fest guests.

Admission to the fest is $10 on weekends and $5 on Fridays.

For more information, visit **cpp.edu/pumpkinfestival**.

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Cal Poly Pomona's The Bronco Pep Band performed Saturday for their school's annual Pumpkin Festival. The fest was started over 30 years ago, and has an attendance of up to 120,000 people every year. This year they have 40,000 pumpkins to choose from.



Olivia Ayala from Covina feeds a goat Saturday at ARGIscapes on Cal Poly Pomona's campus during Pumpkin Fest. The petting farm consists of goats and sheep, and visitors may purchase feed at the entrance of the attraction.

CAB event celebrates Mexican music

Margaret Contreras
LV Life Editor



Chris Rodriguez

Conjunto Caspian band members Eduardo Gutierrez, Jorge Hernandez and Alfredo Guerra perform one of their corridos on Tuesday's Noche Latina hosted by the Campus Activities Board on the Citrus Lawn. Mexican traditional music was played by the band as students were served Mexican food and drinks like tacos and horchata.

The Noche Latina was in full swing Sept. 27 on the Citrus Lawn.

The Campus Activities Board held the event in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 5 to Oct. 15.

Music played by the live band playing banda music, Conjunto Caspian, could be heard throughout campus.

Noche Latina event coordinator and sophomore business major Emily Melkonyan brought the first banda ever to a CAB event.

"I am the music coordinator for CAB and we never had a banda play at an event," Melkonyan said. "I saw the opportunity to bring one on campus for everyone to enjoy."

Once the students checked in at the designated table, they were given a colored wristband. The bands allowed them to order food.

Tacos and aguas frescas were provided by the Los Angeles catering company Ask 4 Tacos.

The line of students wrapped around the pillars between the Citrus Hall and the dining hall.

Sophomore psychology major Carolina Lopez was impressed with the number of events honoring Hispanic Heritage Month this year in comparison to past years.

"Last year, I remember them having only one event and it was only for the Dia De Los Muertos," Lopez said. "It's great they have these other events to celebrate."

The Conjunto Caspian was a full five member band playing Spanish music with stage lights changing to multiple colors.

PBG Entertainment provided a photo booth for attendees to take photos.

The photo booth had props for the attendees to hold while they took their photos. The booth itself was inflated and enclosed for privacy.

"The events that they have been doing this year feel more diverse," sophomore psychology major Irene Aguilar, said. "We got to see more Hispanic and Latin cultures represented in these events. Like at one of the events there were Salvadoran pupusas and Argentinian empanadas."

There was also a table for the Homecoming Court. This gave opportunity to the attendees to vote for the nominees by scanning a QR code.

They had a picture of the nominees and a small biography about them on the table to help put faces to their names.

Round tables with seven chairs were set up on the lawn to allow students to eat and enjoy the live music.

There was a space provided between the tables and the band to give attendees an opportunity to dance.

People would come and go from the event.

Around 150 students were at the event.

Throughout the crowd, you can see attendees enjoying themselves by dancing while they waited in line for their tacos.

People were even singing along to songs that they were playing.

"We just keep getting better and better each year," Melkonyan. "People seem to enjoy it even if you are not Hispanic, like myself I am actually Armenian."

This year with the multiple events the campus is doing to honor Hispanic Heritage Month, students hope other heritages will be represented in the near future.

"For Asian American And Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I only remember them doing Lunar New Year," sophomore psychology major Ashlee Lam said. "I hope they continue to do more and not just for Hispanic Heritage Month."

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Mocktail Masterpieces is creative de-stressor

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The Campus Activities Board hosted a Mocktail Masterpieces event in the Campus Center Ballroom on Monday.

Aiming to provide students with a fun and relaxing experience, this was a PG version of the typical night out. The event blended creativity and connection, offering students an opportunity to unwind with friends while sipping on mocktails and creating their own art.

Catered by the University's Bon Appetit, roughly 50 student attendees were treated to an array of refreshing mocktails. The drinks of the night included a Starry Soda base with flavors of Lavender, Mango, Mint, and topped with candy garnishes.

The highlight of the evening was a painting class led by the talented speed painter and artist, Evan Struck. After discovering speed painting in middle school, he became fascinated with the art form. Speed painting challenges artists to complete an entire piece within a limited time, usually 5-10 minutes.

In addition to his performance art, Struck offers painting classes called "My Masterpiece." His "My Masterpiece" series, which offers in-person painting experiences for groups, was the foundation for the evening's activity.

"A lot of the attendees that come to these classes have never painted before," Struck said. "The goal is always to be able to offer a good painting experience, especially for students who have never picked up a paintbrush before. With the designs that 'My Masterpiece' offers, it's always an experience that is fun and enjoyable, and easy to create."

For the night's painting project, participants were guided on a design called "Forest Reflections." The piece featured a glowing sunset lowering over a quiet forest and lake, with rich shades of purple, red, and pink.

The collaborative and relaxed nature of the event made it a great way for students to decompress after a busy week. The sense of accomplishment by the end of the class was ubiquitous, with guests proudly showing off their version for a group photo.

"I love painting, so anything art related is a de-stressor from all things school related," Abigail Ampong, sophomore biology major said. "I'm definitely excited to see any of the events, they're fun, I go with my friends and we have a good time."

Struck's classes are perfect for beginners and are available for groups of all sizes to book, which adds a layer of accessibility to the art world.

"I think it looked like fun," Mackenzie Castaneda, health administration graduate student said. "I really like the different events they've put on so far. I feel like they cater to everyone."

CAB's stage chair Danika Noriega organized the evening's event. As stage chair, Noriega specializes in bringing live performances – music, comedy, or, even art – to the university community.

"I noticed on campus we have been having the stereotypical stage stuff like comedians and musicians, so I wanted to bring something different," Noriega, senior business administration major, said. "I think it's really cool that I get to bring something new to campus."

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Volleyball sweeps in SCIAC opener

Leopards celebrate Ray's milestone

Jonas Holt
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The no. 9 nationally ranked Leopards got back to their winning ways in their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener at the Frantz Athletic Court on Sept. 27 with a commanding 3-0 sweep (25-20, 25-10, 25-19) of the Caltech Beavers.

The win comes after a challenging 1-2 outing against multiple nationally ranked foes Wisconsin-Whitewater, Washington University (St. Louis), and Cornell College (IA) at the Washington University Bear Invitational in St. Louis.

Before the match, junior outside hitter Mya Ray was honored for surpassing 1,000 career kills during the Bear Invitational out in St. Louis the previous weekend.

"It was really special, especially being here at La Verne. It's such a proud moment for me, seeing all my hard work pay off," Ray said.

"Having my family and teammates there made it even more meaningful, it was a moment I'll never forget."

Ray, a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American selection in 2022 and 2023, is a cornerstone of the Leopards' offense.

Ray received a special plaque in a pregame ceremony, celebrating her milestone achievement.

She currently sits at 1,082 career kills, which places her sixth all-time in La Verne's storied volleyball history.

Ray added to her impressive tally against Caltech, finishing the match with nine kills, seven digs, and three blocks.

The Leopards were determined and poised to bounce back from their two losses as they came out firing in the first set, opening with five straight points, including an early kill by Ray.

"Obviously you don't like to lose, but you sit back and learn from it," head coach Jeff Hendershot said.

"We learned some hard lessons in St. Louis so we've been working to fix the issues and make changes like we did today."

The Beavers responded, chipping away at the lead and eventually tying the set at 15-all.



Emily Casillas

Graduate student libero Kaitlyn Patterson and freshman defensive specialist Tova Craig react to a hit by Patterson in hopes for a point to get closer to victory on Friday at the Frantz Athletic Court. The Leopards finished the game with a win, 3-0.

However, a well-timed timeout and strategic plays helped the Leopards regain their rhythm.

A double block from sophomore outside hitter Lauren Gott and junior middle blocker Kat Bloomer gave La Verne a two-point advantage, and a kill from senior outside hitter Allison Whiteman pushed the lead to 18-16.

The Leopards then pulled away with a five-point run to make it 24-19.

> 'Having my family and teammates there made it even more meaningful, it was a moment I'll never forget.'
> *—Mya Ray, junior outside hitter*

Junior setter Vanessa Marquez set up Ray for the final kill, sealing the first set, 25-20.

"We have respect for everyone in this conference, we just have to focus on our side and make sure there's no drop off and play up to our high standards and level," Marquez said.

The second set saw the Leopards take firm control early, with Bloomer contributing an energy boosting kill for the first point, followed by a Beaver error that made it 5-1.

Junior outside hitter Lexi Giacobbe added back-to-back kills to extend the lead to 7-1, and from that point on, it was all La Verne and there was no looking back.

The Beavers struggled to find any rhythm, and a block by sophomore middle blocker Zacky Coaston put the Leopards up, 15-4.

The Leopards continued to steamroll the Beavers in the second set taking it 25-10 and gaining a commanding two sets to none lead over the Beavers.

"We just had to remember who we are as a team and take it play by play and we'll be fine," Gott said.

With La Verne comfortably ahead, coach Hendershot rotated in players who don't typically see much action, giving them valuable court time.

Even with the new lineup, the Leopards continued to dominate.

"Just because they don't always play doesn't mean they aren't working hard and doing their part in practice," Hendershot said.

"Any time we have the chance to get those players on the court, we want to, it's great to see them contribute, and we love giving them that opportunity."

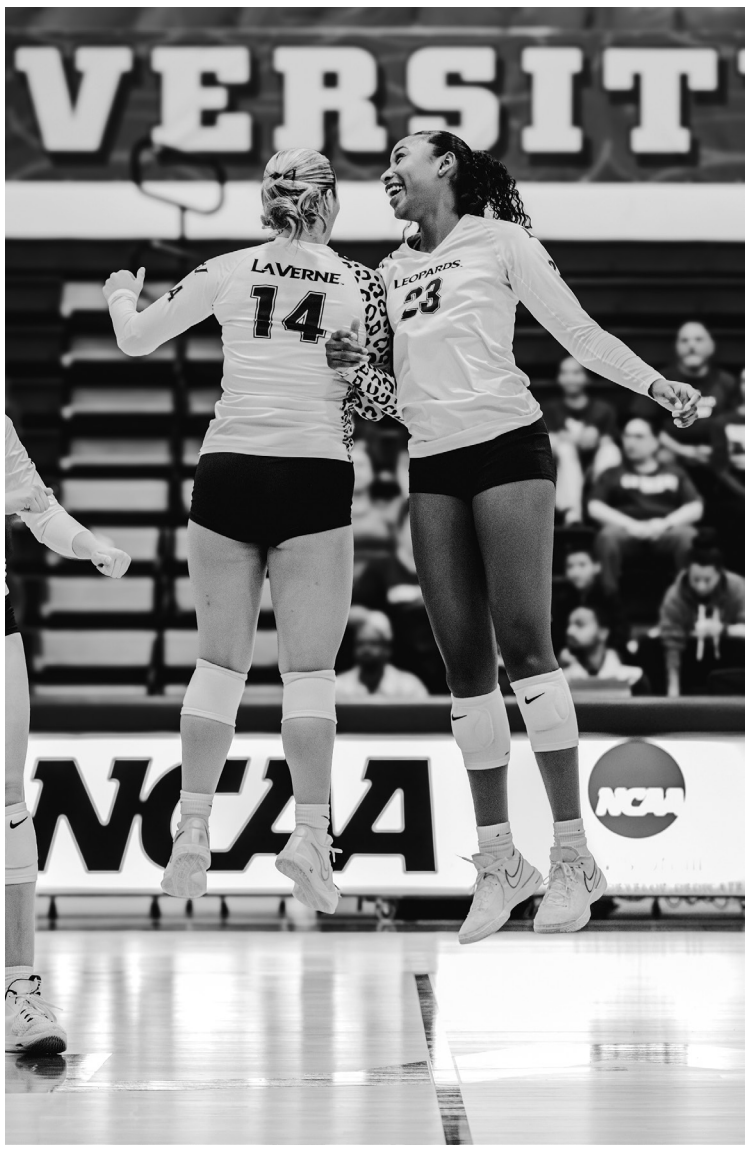
The Leopards controlled the tempo and methodically outplayed the Beavers to cruise to a 25-19 victory in the third set, completing the sweep.

With this victory, the Leopards improved to 9-2 overall and 1-0 in SCIAC play.

The undefeated SCIAC record didn't last for long as the Leopards were upset by Whittier on Saturday, 4-1 (20-25, 25-9, 24-26, 18-25).

However, the Leopards then bounced back with a dominant 3-0 sweep (25-16, 25-18, 25-19) over the Chapman Panthers on Tuesday evening at Frantz Athletic Court.

The Leopards are now ranked No. 14 in the country by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with a record of 10-3 overall and a 2-1 in conference.



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Junior outside hitter Lexi Giacobbe and junior outside hitter Mya Ray show off their handshake right before game time on Friday at the Frantz Athletic Court. The Leopards dominated the game entirely and came out with a big win against the Caltech Beavers, sweeping them 3-0.

They return to the court at 7 p.m. Friday in Thousand Oaks to face the Cal Lutheran Regals.

They then return home at 7 p.m. Tuesday to host the Redlands Bulldogs.

The Leopards sit in second place in the SCIAC standings right behind the undefeated Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas, who are 9-3 overall and 3-0 in the SCIAC.

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Leos lose 1st SCIAC match to Caltech

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Junior defender Anthony Bastidas takes possession of the ball to get a clear look for a potential goal against Caltech on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. The Beavers dominated the Leopards in the match winning by a score of 4-1.

The men's soccer team lost to the Caltech Beavers, 4-1, on Saturday evening at Ortmayer Stadium.

Over 60 people came to watch the match unfold under the stadium's bright lights.

In the opening of the match ceremony the Leopards had players escorted by a local team called La Verne Lazers Boys Soccer Club. After the ceremony, the boys soccer club stood on the sidelines with the athletic management staff helping in game time activities.

The Leopards came out slow in the first half, giving Caltech opportunities to capitalize on mistakes.

"The main strategy was to just play a complete 90 minute game with correct execution of what we had worked on… that didn't happen," head coach Trevor Persson said. "They scored when we didn't."

Persson noted that this game is just a bump in the road and knows the team's potential.

They hope to get better in the areas they struggled in and to learn from their execution, while looking ahead to their next game away against Chapman.

"We came out really slow, the other team were on us from the start of the game and overall we just played really bad in the first minutes," senior defender Michael Duran said. "But in the last two games we played really well and this game we just kind of fell off a little bit."

The Leopards had 12 attempted shots with five shots on goal and converted one goal. Junior midfielder Fernando Munoz Jr. was the only scorer for the Leopards, with an assist by senior defender and midfielder Kimson Martinez.

Senior goalkeeper Hector Duenas-Peña led with four saves, with freshman goalkeeper Marcus Lewinsohn made two saves.

"We knew how (the Beavers) would start off…being an aggressive and a hardworking team, it was expected," Duran said. "Ultimately it was up to us to match that intensity, but we failed in doing so."

Caltech kept the Leopards under pressure throughout the game, being at the right places at the right time.

A Leopards penalty gave the Beavers an opportunity to score their first goal in the first half by Caltech junior forward Ishaan Mantripragada in the 26th minute.

Around eight minutes later, Caltech senior midfielder Alex Gogola scored their second goal at the 33rd minute to put an end to the first half leading 2-0.

"I thought we gave a really good speech at halftime," Persson said. "I thought we had some really great points, but at halftime we are just trying to reorganize and re-energize. Our message was that we need to get back to what we had been working on because we didn't have a good first half. We weren't making major changes, we were trying to get them back to being focused."

After halftime, Caltech junior midfielder Etienne Casanova met the back of the net two more times within 10 minutes, to push the lead to 4-0.

"Honestly it took us a while to kind of build towards the end. I saw the last 15 minutes change in the team's chemistry and after their first two goals," junior forward Juan Martinez said. "We needed to learn how to readjust ourselves and build our morale up just to get back in the game, but there wasn't enough time."

In an attempt to make a late comeback, the Leopards found the back of the net in the closing minutes of the match.

Munoz scored the first goal for the Leopards in the 83rd minute, with an assist by Martinez.

"What was going through my mind was just getting the ball and hoping to get another three goals in, overall I was ecstatic even though we were losing," Munoz said. "Overall the first half stings, going down so early by two goals, but we tried to go into the second half trying to put two on the board, but only came out with one."

With the loss the Leopards are now 2-1 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and 3-6 season overall.

They return home and look to bounce back at 7 p.m. Saturday against Occidental.

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Men's water polo falls short against Chapman

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The men's water polo team faced off against Chapman on Wednesday at the La Verne Aquatic Center looking to avenge a loss to the Panthers earlier in the season.

La Verne and Chapman faced off in the Loyola Marymount Mini-Tournament on Sept. 7, when the Panthers won, 18-9.

This time around the result was the same, although the score was closer. La Verne fell to Chapman, 19-15.

In the first period of the game, La Verne started off strong with a goal from graduate attacker Alam Chang-Barnuevo at the 6:03 minute mark. Chapman responded with their own goal soon after.

At the 5:32 minute mark, La Verne scored another goal from sophomore attacker Jordan Baker. Chapman then responded with a goal of their own to even up the match. They continued to trade off goals until the 1:45 minute mark when Chapman went on to score three unanswered goals. Freshman center defender Vaughn Freiermuth scored a goal for La Verne at the 4:33 mark. Chang-Barnuevo went on to score again at the 2:02 mark finishing the scoring for La Verne in the first period.

The first period would end with Chapman in the lead, 6-4.

The second period kicked-off and Chapman started off the ball. Eric Bates, senior goalkeeper, started the half with a big save. He would go on to have a couple more big saves in the second period.

"I thought they were directed towards me perfectly. We funneled the defense towards me, which is great," Bates said.

However, those big saves in the second period were not enough. In that period Chapman scored five unanswered goals, which increased their lead to 11-4 by half time.

"I mean it was really tough." head coach Pat Beemer said. "We talked about Chapman being a high-scoring team and we knew that we were going to have to put up a lot of goals on the board and to have a second quarter where they went five nothing was tough to come back from."

The third period started with an exclusion for Chapman, which led to an early goal by Chang-Barnuevo, tallying his third goal of the match. La Verne would begin to mount a comeback during this quarter, scoring seven goals to Chapman's three.

Later in the third, Baker stole the ball and drove down the pool. He was able to turn it into a goal for La Verne.

La Verne would get some big-time goals from graduate center Peter Trinh, who converted two penalty shots in the third period.

"I am a leader on the team, so whenever I can put away big shots in big moments, I think it riles up the team and riles me up too, especially in a game where my shots weren't falling that much in the first half," Trinh said.

Bates was also able to come up big for La Verne. He saved several penalty shots by being able to get wide with his arms to stop the ball.

"We rallied back and made a couple of adjustments with personnel and a couple of adjustments defensively," Beemer said. "That really, the third quarter, I think was a 7-2 quarter for us which is really what we needed and we knew coming into the fourth, that we're going to have something like that again, but kinda fell off at the end."

The fourth period began with a goal from Chapman. Then the Leopards scored back-to-back goals from Chang-Barnuevo and Baker. Trihn would also score another goal.

"I think seeing a couple go in during the second half boosted my confidence going the rest of the way," Trinh said.

The Leopards scored four goals in the fourth quarter, but would ultimately fall short. Chapman's five goals in the quarter would bring the final score to 19-15, giving Chapman the win.

"I am really proud of that second half effort," Beemer said.

With this loss, the Leopards fell to 0-2 in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

"Going forward, it can give us confidence we can come back from any deficit," Baker said.

The men's water polo team will play in the Gary Tovar Tournament at the La Verne Aquatic Center this weekend.

They will face off against UC Merced and Johns Hopkins on Friday, then tackle Air Force and Connecticut College on Saturday.

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Football drops third straight game

Defense stumbles in first half

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Liberty B. Garcia

Sophomore running back Elijah Duckworth tries to juke out Pomona-Pitzer senior linebacker Nicholas Kaufman to try to get a first down on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. The Leopards lost their third game of the season and first game in the SCIAC, 27-20.

The Leopards lost their first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football game against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens, 27-20, on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium.

After a double overtime non-conference loss against Puget Sound, the Leopards had a losing start to their SCIAC play.

"Right now we have a lot of new guys in new spots learning their positions," head coach Chris Krich said.

"We just have to make sure we're coaching our players right and playing quality football."

The first quarter was all Saghens with a touchdown, interception, and field goal putting them over the Leopards 10-0 by the end.

Defense was a big key for the Leopards to get back in the game.

After another touchdown from Pomona-Pitzer, a sack by defensive lineman Manav Bhagat and linebacker De Lante' Moore during the second quarter was where the defense was able to shake the stadium, bringing a lot of energy back into the game.

Sophomore linebacker Devin Martin shared how the defense kept their heads in the game after constant pushback from the Saghens.

"Trust, brotherhood, and belief in our defense and offense," Martin said.

"We thought we were down by a lot, they only scored 10 points in the second quarter, and look at what the final score was."

After a string of offside penalties by Pomona-Pitzer for a total of 15 yards, sophomore quarterback Jordan Hernandez was able to walk in the Leopards' first touchdown of the game.

Another feeling of hope for the Leopards was presented before the first half ended, with an interception made by senior defensive back Vicente Zepeda, resulting in a touchdown.

However, the touchdown was called back due to an offside penalty against the Leopards, returning the ball to the Sagehens.

The play ended the first half resulting in a score of 17-7, Pomona-Pitzer.

The Sagehens struck first during the third quarter with a touchdown.

However the Leopards answered back with a touchdown on a pass to junior wide receiver Isaiah McNaught-Thornton.

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> —*Chris Krich, head coach*

"We got momentum, we felt we were ready to come back and just executed from there," Hernandez said.

The Saghens had the last laugh with a closing touchdown, ending the third quarter with a score of 27-14.

The fourth quarter heated up starting with La Verne on offense and multiple penalties on both teams.

Offside and pass interference penalties hurt the Sagehens and allowed a touchdown for the Leopards made by junior running back Malcom Perry. The extra point was no good.

The tension within the stadium became extreme as the score was 27-20 in the Sagehens' favor.

Pomona-Pitzer players became vocal on the sidelines, chanting "let's go defense" during La Verne offensive plays.

The ending of the game seemed very abrupt with an interception by the Sagehens, resulting in the 27-20 final.

Senior defensive lineman and long snapper Justin MacArthur made a comment on the second half and how it could have gone differently.

"We knew that if we just kept playing the way we were playing, we would pull it out in the second half," senior defensive lineman and long snapper Justin MacArthur said.

"If the game was longer, I think we would have won."

The Leopards are now 0-1 in SCIAC play and 0-3 overall.

Their next game will be at Redlands at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Volleyball, Sept. 27
La Verne - 3
Caltech - 0

Men's Golf, Sept. 27
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps - -12
Chapman - -4
La Verne - -4
Individual
T2nd, Jay Wing, -3
6th, Manuel Huerta, -2
10th, Patrick Lagura, E
T11th, Lincoln Sinclair, +1
T11th, Shreyas Kumaresh, +1
T11th, Jason Bustos, +1
T18th, Trevor Ruiz, +4
T20th, Thomas Aung, +6

SCHEDULE

Friday
Men's water polo vs. UC Merced, 12:20 p.m.
Men's water polo vs. Johns Hopkins, 5:40 p.m.
Cross Country @ Pre-National Invitational, Indiana, 6:45 p.m.
Volleyball @ Cal Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Cross country @ The Master's, 7:30 p.m.
Men's water polo vs. Air Force, 9 a.m.
Men's water polo vs. Connecticut College, 3:40 p.m.
Football @ Redlands, 7 p.m.
Men's soccer vs. Occidental, 7 p.m.
Women's soccer @ Occidental, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Volleyball vs. Redlands, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	Overall	SCIAC
Claremont M.S.	9-3	3-0
La Verne	**10-3**	**2-1**
Whittier	9-4	2-1
Redlands	6-4	2-1
Cal Lutheran	5-5	1-1
Chapman	6-6	1-1
Pomona-Pitzer	6-6	1-1
Occidental	3-7	0-3
Caltech	3-9	0-3