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Issam Ghazzawi, associate professor of management, discussed " From Bad Bosses to Broken Marriages: Exploring the Impact of Abusive Supervision on Work-Family Conflict and Intention to Divorce" Tuesday in the Lewis Center classroom before an audience of roughly 20 University of La Verne community members.

When people have a toxic work environment, they may potentially bring the toxicity home, Ghazzawi said.

"Bad supervisors contribute to emotional dissatisfaction and (often) conflict at home," Ghazzawi said.

For his research Ghazzawi surveyed hotel workers from Jammu and Kashmir, a union territory of India. He did two studies.

"The first study we got 20 managers who work in the hotel industry to listen to their experience with abusive supervision and their relationship to the employees," Ghazzawi said. "The second study was based on usage of the large database to test our study hypothesis."

Ghazzawi was inspired to create this study following a discussion he had with his research partners, who are based in China, India, and Malaysia. He said toxic bosses will always speak positively about themselves without disclosing any negative information about themselves.

"Do you think that in an interview we or the person that is applying for a job is going to tell you anything bad about him or herself?" Ghazzawi said. "They want to make everything beautiful."

Ghazzawi said that toxic bosses do not understand that they are not the center of their employees' lives. Initial study findings found that emotional exhaustion caused by a leader's behavior led to increased conflict at home.

Ghazzawi added that Generation Z is working positively towards eliminating more toxic work environments.

"They are different from our generations," Ghazzawi said. "And I believe that we are (moving) in the right direction to minimize the toxic work environment through the new generation who like to have an emphasis on harmony."

Al Clark, emeritus professor of humanities, who attended the talk appreciated Ghazzawi research.

Clark said he dealt with an abusive boss at one point in his career.

"It was a very difficult situation," Clark said. "I was trying to think how much that might have impacted my home life and I suppose it did…It was a very difficult time in my life."

Tony Salehpour, La Verne alum who attended Tuesday's lecture, said that people remember the toxicity of bosses, and that positivity often gets drowned out by toxicity.

"Some people were difficult for a number of reasons and they make the biggest impact unfortunately and you remember the daggers rather than the flowers," Salehpour said. "We should remember the daggers and the flowers."

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Isaam Ghazzawi, professor of management, presents his study, "From Bad Bosses to Broken Marriages," on Tuesday in the Lewis Center Classroom. Ghazzawi's research in progress focuses on the impact of how bad leadership in the workplace can negatively impact one's family dynamic.

New California laws promote strong gun safety

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Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a total of 23 gun safety bills into law recently as California continues to lead the nation in gun safety.

Newsom was surrounded by gun control advocates, Attorney General Rob Bonta, lawmakers and many survivors of gun violence, while signing these bills.

"I think all of the laws we enact to regulate is a step, because I think the ultimate goal is to have your people, your population feel safe, so they don't feel like they need these things," Linda Bartelt, adjunct education professor, said. " Perhaps with some of these stepping stones we can get to the real project, which is what is going on with our society that makes it violent."

These measures cover the issues of pricing of firearms, education, and prohibiting open carry in certain places. The passing of Senate Bill 2 means that gun-owners must be over the age of 21 and they are prohibited from carrying firearms in school areas, on public transportation, and in medical facilities.

Assembly Bill 28 will impose an 11% tax increase when purchasing a firearm and ammunition.

The money received will go into school safety and various violence prevention programs, including that of removing guns from domestic abusers.

While signing the bills, Newsom expressed the importance of gun safety laws, saying they do work and that California has a 43% lower gun death rate than the rest of the country.

" I don't think any one human being should have the capability of going out and killing 100 people in one fell swoop with an assault weapon or grenade launcher or whatever, where is that line? It should be common sense," education professor John Bartlet said.

Other bills that were signed by Newsom included microstamping bullets used in handguns for easier traceability when investigating a crime and strengthening limits on where people are allowed for public carry.

A few also deal with purchasing and owning multiple firearms, the handwritten test will also be able to be taken in multiple different languages including Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Dari and Armenian.

Most of the laws are set to decrease the gun violence California has overall, with a specific emphasis on schools, as they come in response to the many school shootings that happen every year. However, most of these policies are already being implemented at the University of La Verne.

"In essence, the weapons policy is that nobody can have firearms on the campus. I can't have firearms on campus," Jerry Espinoza, assistant director of Campus Safety said. " I don't think any of the legislation that has passed affects this because, there's existing laws already, and the University has this policy."

While ULV may not be impacted by the various laws, Jessica Marchant, an elementary school teacher at Sycamore school in Claremont, believes that these laws may help to soothe the worries of students at the younger grade levels.

" At the beginning of every school year, I ask my students to write me a letter…and every year there are a number of kids who express concerns about school shootings," Marchant said. " We really need to move forward as a society of putting the lives of children… ahead of people's right to do whatever they want with a gun… I think there's always more that can be done, and we shouldn't stop until they don't happen anymore."

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Sophomore defensive back Jomar Brown prevents Cal Lutheran senior wide receiver Cade Cadam from receiving a pass in the end zone at the Homecoming game evening on Oct. 12. La Verne lost to Cal Lutheran, 31-17. / photo by Chris Rodriguez

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Author shares intersex experiences

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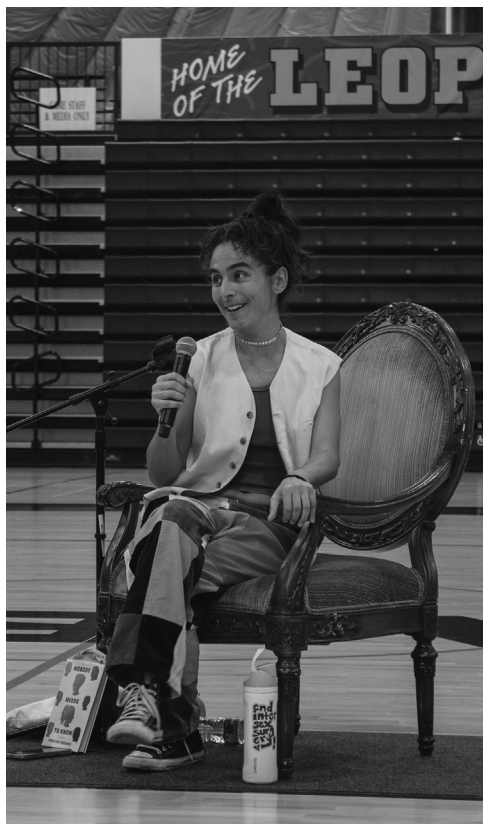



Anthony Eramya

Pidgeon Pagonis discusses their book "Nobody Needs to Know" at the annual One Book, One University lecture. Pidgeon shared their story of being born intersex on Wednesday in the Athletics Pavilion to a group of over 100 students and faculty.

Author Pidgeon Pagonis discussed their book – "Nobody Needs to Know: A Memoir," which is about their journey as an intersex person – during the annual One Book, One University lecture Wednesday.

All freshmen at the University are reading Pagonis's book in their writing classes this semester.

Pagonis lectured twice on Wednesday, once for the freshman writing classes in the Sports Science and Athletic Pavilion, and again for the entire community in Morgan Auditorium.

Pagonis began their second lecture explaining what it means to be intersex.

"Intersex is when somebody falls outside society's predefined binary," Pagonis said. "Intersex, I like to say (is) 'Born too cute to be binary.'"

Pagonis described what being intersex is like, beginning with development in the womb, and they used their own life's journey and their book to help the audience understand.

"All babies start off with what is called bipotentiality," Pagonis said. "The tissue that's called gonadal tissue will either become ovarian or testicular."

Pagonis explained that for some, the gonadal tissue will not become expressly ovarian or testicular, leading to an intersex identity that falls outside the gender binary society accepts.

Throughout the description of the process of gonadal tissue development, Pagonis used jokes to keep the topic light, allowing the audience to laugh along with them during the discussion.

Later, they cited some statistics regarding intersex people. Currently, there are over 20 intersex variations, and the known percentage of intersex people is between 0.5-1.7% of all people.

Shortly after giving these statistics, Pagonis shifted gears and discussed what the life of an intersex person is like once they are born.

"They use surgery and hormones, and tell us stuff against our will when we're little kids to force us into the mold of normal girl or normal boy," Pagonis said. "In reality, everything they do to us is abnormal. In the pursuit of normality, there's the production of abnormality."

While these surgeries are a choice parents make for their children, Pagonis explained that often parents are pressured by doctors into these surgeries. Pagonis described how parents frequently told by doctors that their child may develop cancer, or about the difficulties children may experience remaining intersex.

Pagonis showed a short documentary detailing their own experiences discovering they were intersex.

The documentary is titled "A Normal Girl," and features clips from throughout their life with interviews with the people involved in their life.

In the documentary Pagonis describes their experiences with struggling with gender identity, and the various surgeries performed on them.

There was a particular one they described that took place at age 11, where they found themselves feeling largely different after a surgery that was supposedly on their bladder.

Pagonis described struggling with trusting their parents, and the effect that had in their life upon finding out they are intersex.

Pagonis emphasized that the true threat is the doctors who pressure parents into these surgeries and conduct them on children.

"I want to end these surgeries that doctors happen to use," Pagonis said. "These doctors are still doing this every single day in my city of Chicago and throughout the world. Every single day kids are getting surgeries and intersex gender mutilation."

Audience members found themselves appalled by the prejudice intersex people have to endure.

"I read the book, but it's still shocking that the doctors do that," sophomore Spanish major Alondra Ortega said. "I think there needs to be a lot of change, because they're hurting a lot of people with this."

After the video, Pagonis answered student questions. To close the lecture, they read an excerpt from their book.

"If there's one takeaway I want you to take from this lecture, it's this: 'Scars don't form on dead flesh, and scars are indicative that we are alive,'" Pagonis said.

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New state law eschews legacy admissions

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Gov. Gavin Newsom last month signed Assembly Bill 1780, banning private colleges across the state from considering legacy students when accepting students into a university.

A legacy student is a student who is applying to a college that a relative has attended before, thus giving them a leg up when being considered.

In some cases, that student may be picked over an identically qualified student because of the history with the school.

California public colleges already do not consider legacy students when admitting students into their school, so the law focuses on private institutions, in an effort to level the placying field in higher education across the state.

This law comes in response to a June 2023 U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning affirmative action, the use of race on an application, when considering college admissions.

As a result, AB 1780 argued that legacy admissions are another way that students may be admitted into a school because of a connection they have vs. their own merit.

The bill was supported by organizations including Class Action and Campaign for College Opportunity, two groups that have a mission of equal and equitable admissions for all colleges.

"We did a big listening tour around campus in the fall, talked to students from all across the country and found out that by far, the number one thing they wanted to organize around was legacy admissions," Ryan Cieslikowski, lead organizer and co-founder of Class Action said. "So we got them all to a room and decided on a strategy for ending it."

At the same time, Joshua Hagen, vice president of policy and advocacy with Campaign for College Opportunity, was having the same conversations with many people from across the country.

"Once you remove affirmative action from admissions officers, it becomes a really unfair leg up that you cannot consider these students' backgrounds in those ways, but we can still give them a leg up based on who in their family went to college and if somebody wrote a check or donated," Hagen said. "That's really where, at the national level, conversations around moving away from legacy and donor admissions happened and pretty quickly that picked up steam in California."

This law will officially go into effect on September 1, 2025, however Campaign for College Opportunity will be monitoring the admissions in this coming season to see which colleges are moving in the right direction.

Additionally, as a part of AB 1780, private institutions are required to submit a report to the Department of Justice and Legislature to make sure they are complying with the law.

"The reality is that it will not have a very significant impact on La Verne," Alaina Dunn, vice president of enrollment management, said. "We're definitely a place that is proud to have many multigenerational families, lots of folks have parents or grandparents who came here. But the reality is that we're admitting people on their merit."

Laura Evans, director of financial aid, echoes these statements.

The University of La Verne already does not consider legacy when admitting students.

"Our whole goal is increasing accessibility," Evans said. "We want to increase the number of students who can attain higher education because they want to and not have things like cost or limitations be a factor…I think getting rid of legacy admissions is one of the things, especially for those leading institutions, that definitely brings more fairness to the process."

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Homecoming features family fun, royalty



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In honor of Homecoming weekend, the University hosted its annual Homecoming street fair on Oct. 12.

The fair featured a variety of booths from students, alumni organizations and local businesses. During the festivities, there was also a 5k run for those willing to participate and the crowning of this year's Leo Royalty.

"I want to design things that I would wear and bring diversity to products that offer something unique," Isaak Serrano, a University of La Verne alumnus and current small business owner of Kaasi, said.

With his degree in computer science and computer engineering Serrano designs 3D art such as pots, earrings, candle and controller holders as well as watering cans.

All sold at affordable prices ranging from $8 to $25.

As for fare, the fair offered barbecue provided by alumni-owned So Cal BBQ & Catering.

With the option of outdoor table seating, many enjoyed their meal on the grass picnic style as they ate while catching up with old friends and classmates.

There was also a kids' carnival, where the youngest community members got to enjoy a photo booth, face painters, balloon artist, carnival treats and crafts led by La Verne's child development program students.

The carnival also featured a petting zoo including a pig, a rabbit, a duck, a pony, sheep, chickens, a cow and a few goats.

At the Ludwick Center, a celebration corner allowed guests to mark their special milestones, such as a new job, a birthday or the joy of Homecoming.

They got to strike a pose in a 360 photo booth and pick up a commemorative pin that indicated what they were celebrating.

The Ludwick Center lawn featured Magic Makers Mart Pop-Up, a vibrant mix of small businesses and local artists.

"I've always been into tea and holistic health," said Samantha Ybarra, owner of Eve's Enchanted Elixirs, based in Los Angeles, who was on hand at the event. "So once I started creating my own tea blends I combined the two to create accessible wellness products for people to help promote (affordable) natural alternatives and mind, body wellness.

The admissions office led a campus walking tour.

Senior business administration major Kennadie Gonzales and senior psychology major Mikaylay Dacpano were named this year's Leo Royalty and were awarded leopard statues and crowns.

The Leopard Royalty Float was revealed at 1:15 p.m. on Oct. 12 in front of Founders Hall, and this year's Homecoming Leo Royalty was during the parade.

Founders Hall was decorated with balloons of the school's colors, orange and green.

The parade theme was Old Hollywood.

The full Court of Leos also included senior kinesiology major Alyssa Kinsey, senior journalism major Michael Hill, and senior business administration major Jimena Suavez.

To celebrate, the full Court of Leos took pictures in front of Founders Hall and rode the parade float after the two royals were revealed.

As the parade commenced, various student organizations were active in front of Founders Hall on Third Street, where the majority of the festivities took place.

Clubs, sororities, fraternities, and other organizations had floats and booths which included food, drinks and more.

"It's been awesome seeing a small town like La Verne have such an active presence with everyone coming together," said Kunal Naik, La Verne graduate and lawyer, who attended the fair.

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Clockwise from top left: Kennadie Gonzales, center, and Mikaylay Dacpano, right, react to winning Leo Royalty on Oct. 12 on the steps of Founders Hall during the Homecoming festivities. The rest of the Court of Leos included Alyssa Kinsey, Michael Hill and Jimena Suavez.

Alumnus Isaiah Meija holds one of the many chickens at the petting zoo at the Homecoming street fair on Oct. 12. The Homecoming street fair also included face painting and balloon animal booths, and was followed by a parade and crowning of the Leo Royalty.

Senior Director of Extended Learning Jaimie Rush explains her program to a visitor at the Homecoming street fair on Oct. 12. La Verne's extended learning program that offers non-degree courses and corporate training programs to prepare students for career advancement or personal growth.

A goat eats grass at the petting zoo for the Homecoming street fair on Oct 12. At the petting zoo there was a range of animals including goats, chickens, a pony and many more.

Kennadie Gonzales and Mikaylay Dacpano, front, were crowned as Leo Royalty at Homecoming on Oct. 12. The rest of the Court of Leos included Michael Hill, Alyssa Kinsey and Jimena Suavez.

Junior biology major Alaa Shilleh, sophomore criminology major Lily Carredano and freshman political science major Olivia Montoya-Lopez represent Phi Sigma Sigma sorority Oct.12 during the Homecoming parade. The parade took place on Third Street in front of Founders Hall and featured various clubs and organizations on campus.

The University of La Verne welcomes alumni, current students and the community for the Homecoming street fair on Oct. 12. The street fair had many vendors and activities for the whole community to take part in.

Water polo drops key SCIAC match

Leopards can't hold on to lead



Liberty B. Garcia

Graduate student center Peter Trinh tries to protect the La Verne goal from a rival Sagehen on Wednesday night at Haldeman Pool in Claremont. The Leopards took home a 17-12 against Pomona-Pitzer.

Justin Ries
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The men's water polo team dropped a Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference matchup on the road against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens, 17-12, on Wednesday evening at Haldeman Pool.

La Verne came into the game with an overall record of 7-14 and a 2-3 record in Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play.

Pomona-Pitzer came into the game with a record of 10-9 and a 4-1 record in SCIAC.

"One of the things we talked about is really being patient in our offense and finding the right shot at the right time," coach Pat Beemer said. "I think in the first half we did extremely well there."

"I think it was just our mentality switch, especially coming into this week, instead of hoping we play good or hoping for the best outcome for us," graduate student attacker Peter Trinh said.

"I think all of us now are with the same mindset of coming out to compete to win."

In the first period, Pomona-Pitzer jumped to an early lead over La Verne.

La Verne responded with a goal by sophomore attacker Nicolo Burno and then a penalty shot by Trinh to make the score 2-1 La Verne.

Pomona-Pitzer tied up the game at 2-2, then Trinh responded with another goal for La Verne, making the score 3-2.

Twenty seconds after La Verne took the lead, Pomona-Pitzer responded by tying up the game once more at 3-3.

In the second period, Pomona-Pitzer scored first off an exclusion by La Verne.

Graduate student attacker Alam Chang-Barnuevo got the scoring going again for La Verne in the second period off a good defensive stand.

"It felt positive," Chang-Barnuevo said. "I think we were on a good run feeding off each other both offensively and defensively."

Sophomore attacker Jordan Baker would help La Verne take the lead by getting three goals in a row all on the left side.

After Baker's first goal, Pomona-Pitzer would respond with a goal of its own.

Baker's three goals would put La Verne up by one at half-time.

"When I had those three back-to-back-to-back it felt really good and I think it was able to help me through the rest of the game," Baker said.

Going into the third period La Verne led 7-6 and looked to keep the momentum.

> 'We went away from what was successful and played a little rushed and panicked which led to a four-goal stretch against which is tough to come back from.'
> *–Pat Beemer, head coach*

Trinh answered with an exclusion goal after Pomona-Pitzer scored to put La Verne back on top by one.

After Trinh scored, Pomoma would get two more goals to take the lead.

Before the quarter ended La Verne countered with three more goals, while Pomona-Pitzer scored three goals as well.

The third period ended with a score of 12-11 Pomona-Pitzer.

In the fourth period, it was all Sagehens. Pomona-Pitzer was able to capitalize on La Verne's mistakes on the defensive side.

Freshman center Esteban Rivera scored in the last minute from the right side but it was too late for La Verne.

Pomona-Pitzer won, 17-12.

"We went away from what was successful and played a little rushed and panicked which led to a four-goal stretch against which is tough to come back from," Beemer said.

With this loss, La Verne's record falls to 7-15 overall and 2-4 in conference play.

They look to bounce back against Cal Lutheran at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Las Flores Pool at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

The Leopards return to the road on Wednesday at Redlands.

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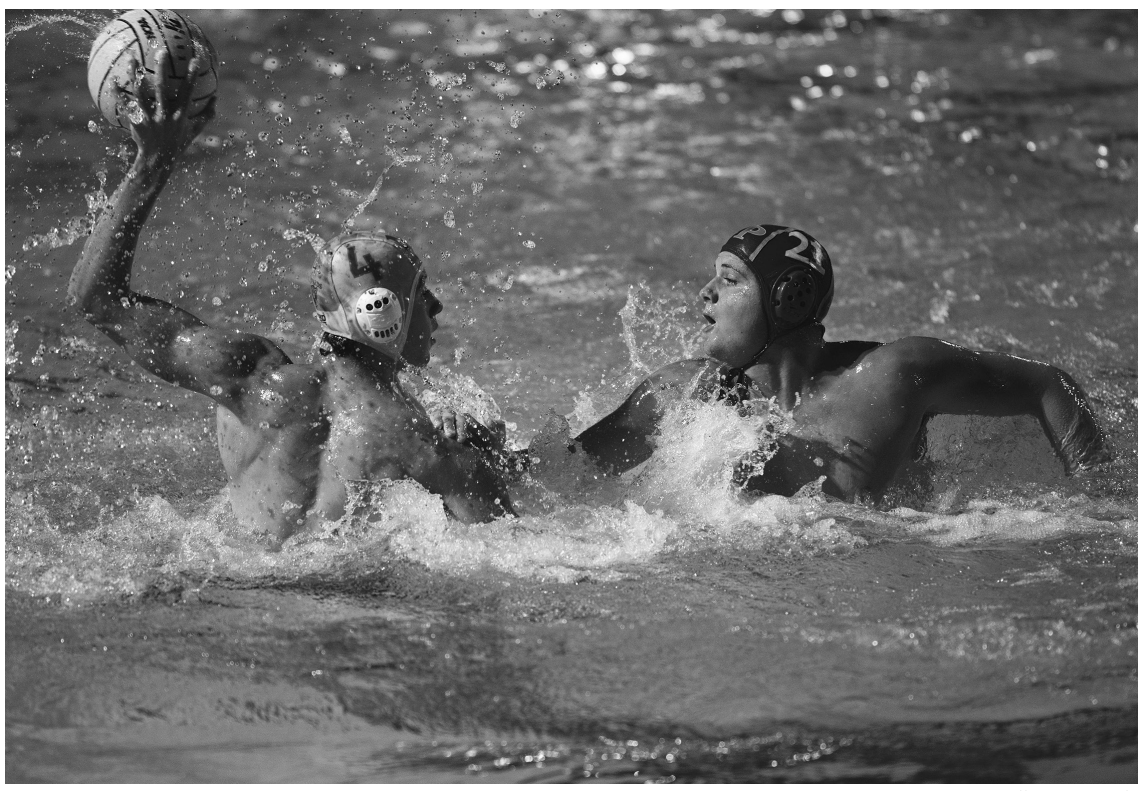

Liberty B. Garcia

La Verne sophomore attacker Jordan Baker comes face-to-face with Pomona-Pitzer senior utility Andrew Plaschke on Wednesday night at Haldeman Pool. Taking home a loss of 17-12, the Leopards hope to redeem themselves Saturday against Cal Lutheran at the La Verne Aquatic Center.

Cross country preps for SCIAC

The men's and women's cross country teams delivered strong performances at the Highlander Invitational in Riverside, with eight of the Leopards' 18 runners setting personal records on the challenging Ag/Ops Course.

The men's team secured a 10th place finish out of 20 competing teams, while the women's team placed 18th out of 24.

Both teams faced tough competition from schools across NCAA divisions, NAIA programs and junior colleges, giving the Leopards valuable experience ahead of the postseason.

Leading the way for the women, sophomore Marissa Hehir clocked a time of 22:35, finishing 69th overall in a competitive field.

Sophomore Lizbeth Garcia set a personal record of 23:18, a performance that now ranks ninth on La Verne's all-time list.

Other standout performances came from junior Ryleigh LaRue, who improved her previous best by an impressive one minute and forty seconds, finishing at 23:53, and junior Madison Bravo, who posted a new personal best of 24:19, improving by 1:11.

On the men's side, sophomore Fernando Cortez Jr. paced the team with a personal record of 25:33.

Sophomore Finn McClure and junior Zyeir Shabete also set new personal records, finishing at 25:37 and 25:48, respectively.

This top 10 result marked the third time this season that the men's team has earned a top 10 finish, underscoring their growing consistency.

Looking ahead, the Leopards will continue their season at the SCIAC Championships, hosted at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea on Nov. 2.

—Jonas Holt

Leopards keep playoff hopes alive

Ethan Anderson
Assistant Editor



Jonas Holt

Sophomore midfielder Alexander Bastidas takes a shot on goal against Chapman at Ortmayer Stadium on Wednesday evening. Bastidas' shot was saved but senior forward Adan Villarreal cleaned up the rebound and tapped it in to give the Leopards a 1-0 lead in the first half. The Leopards took all of their momentum and scored again in the second half, as they would go on to win the game, 2-0.

The Leopards won a hard-fought Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference match against the Chapman Panthers on Wednesday evening at Ortmayer Stadium, ending in a 2-0 clean sheet shutout.

Fifty spread out fans were in attendance at Ortmayer Stadium. Another 10 were in an unofficial student section behind the south net.

The match started with the ball seeming to find a home on the Leopards' defensive side of the field.

"The first five minutes was trying to adjust to the tactics we'd set up for them, there was a little struggle attacking," associate head coach Mike Ditta said.

The ball took turns on both sides of the field, and the Leopards had an opportunity 10 minutes in but were called offsides.

Senior forward Adan Villarreal had a shot on goal saved by Chapman junior goalkeeper Alex Glynn.

Ten seconds later, senior defender Angel Loza had a shot and missed.

"Our work and energy rate was very high tonight," head coach Trevor Persson said.

At the 27th minute, the Leopards were in shape to score, but were again let down by an offside call.

They had another scoring opportunity five minutes later, and senior forward Maximillian De Anda, pressured by Panther defenders, missed.

"In the last six games, it's one little mistake that ends up costing us the game," Persson said.

Chapman found themselves offsides before creating more offense when senior Chapman forward Jonah Friang had a shot on goal.

Senior goalkeeper Logan Reese blocked the shot and tallied a save, keeping the match in a deadlock.

"We like keeping them out wide, we don't like letting them into our zone in the middle," junior midfielder Joshua Mezquita said.

"Moving your feet with the player and not biting on easy feints."

The Leopards held the ball for a few minutes, then sophomore midfielder Alexander Bastidas took a shot on goal that was saved by Gwynn.

The Panthers either felt pressure or fatigue, subbing out seven players towards the end of the first half.

Multiple other opportunities came their way with one shot off the goal post and another saved by Reese.

"We played the full 90 minutes well, they had nothing on us," Villarreal said.

With less than a minute in the half remaining, Bastidas assisted Villarreal in the biggest scoring play of the night.

"As soon as I saw Alex get the ball I knew he was shooting it, I was there to put it in and I reacted well," Villarreal said.

Within the first two minutes of the second half, the Panthers had two shots, a shot off the woodwork and a miss over the top of the crossbar.

The Leopards found themselves down field with possession of the ball and a chance. Loza made his adjustments and found the back of Gwynn's net to extend the lead, 2-0.

"Fire, energy, and hunger," Ditta said of the Leos' attitude entering the match.

The Panthers looked to respond with some authority and barreled downfield with an opportunity to score.

Reese had something to say about it and made a save off a shot on goal from senior Garrett Lindfelt.

The Panthers made more substitutions and missed five shots and with less than 15 minutes left, the Panthers had a chance to score on a penalty kick that was missed.

"It's an educated guess, I usually look at his knee and that can tell me where he is going," Reese said.

The Panthers made four more attempts at scoring and were not able to pull through, ending the night with a big Leopard victory.

Reese said the team already had post-victory plans.

"We like to get rowdy, get together, play some music, and get food, usually In-N-Out." Reese said.

The Leopards are 4-11-1 overall and 3-6-1 in SCIAC.

They will travel to Pasadena to face Caltech at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Women's soccer defeats Redlands



Emily Casillas

La Verne junior forward Megan Llopis tries to get around Redlands senior midfielder Elena Pinto on Oct.16 at Ortmayer Stadium. La Verne will host Occidental, at 7 p.m. Saturday



Emily Casillas

La Verne junior forward Megan Llopis fights for possession of the ball against Redlands Bulldogs senior midfielder CJ Akroush during the teams' match on Oct. 16 at Ortmayer Stadium. The Leopards swept redlands and took the win to keep their postseason chances alive, 2-1.

Football drops Homecoming game

Martin shines on defense



Chris Rodriguez

Sophomore defensive back Jomar Brown prevents Cal Lutheran senior wide receiver Cade Cadam from receiving a pass in the end zone at the Homecoming game at Ortmayer Stadium on Saturday evening on Oct. 12. La Verne lost to Cal Lutheran, 31-17.

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The Leopards were unable to secure a win against the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen on Homecoming weekend, losing 31-17 at Ortmayer Stadium.

The Kingsmen neutralized the La Verne defense, scoring on their opening drive of the game.

Cal Lutheran added two more touchdowns, taking a three score lead in the second quarter, 21-0.

After a fumbled ball by sophomore quarterback Brian Rudden, sophomore running back Mason Uribe recovered the ball, scoring La Verne's first touchdown of the game.

The touchdown ended the first half with the Kingsmen in front, 21-7.

The Leopards carried their momentum into the second half where they would be receiving the kickoff, taking the field with an optimistic outlook.

Uribe opened the half where he left off, rushing for a 55-yard touchdown in the third quarter for the Leopards, making it a one score game at 21-14.

Uribe was the rushing leader of the game for the Leopards, gaining 70 yards.

"It was a really good start to the second half," Uribe said.

"We were down by a little bit and just needed that spark."

Following back-to-back touchdowns by the La Verne offense, the Kingsmen responded on their next drive with a touchdown, caught by senior wide receiver Desmond Thompson, to extend their lead to 28-14.

The Leopards' defense were able to step up during the second half, with sophomore lineman Marlin Brown and sophomore linebacker Devin Martin both recording sacks.

Martin set a single game season high in tackles with 11.

The sophomore's energy on the sideline was electric, passing that energy onto his teammates.

"We were all smiling and laughing," Martin said. "We never stopped talking about being in the game."

Heading into the fourth quarter, Martin was able to recover a fumbled ball forced out by senior linebacker De Lante' Moore.

The Leopards' intense pace continued until Rudden threw an interception into the end zone.

However, there was a penalty marker thrown on the field. With the Ortmayer Stadium awaiting the call, the officials announced a Kingsmen defensive holding penalty negated the play resulting in a repeat first down.

After the suspenseful drive, the Leopards had to settle for a 33-yard field goal from sophomore kicker Jayson Lopez.

As the game clock trickled down the Leopards never let up, taking every opportunity to stay in the game.

From deep in the La Verne end zone, Rudden completed a 42-yard pass to junior wide receiver Isaiah McNaught-Thornton.

Unfortunately for the Leopards, it was not enough to win their Homecoming game, resulting in a 31-17 loss.

"The goal is to just win," senior defensive lineman and long snapper Justin MacArthur said.

The Leopards fought hard against the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags on Saturday at Fritz B. Burns Stadium but lost, 57-14.

"Just keep fighting," Rudden said as a message for his team, "We're so close we just gotta keep improving."

The Leopards' losing streak continues with an updated record of 0-6 and conference record of 0-4.

The Leopards now look ahead to grab their first win at their next game against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens at 7 p.m. Saturday at Merritt Field in Claremont.

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> *—Brian Rudden, senior quarterback*

LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Men's Water Polo, Oct. 19
La Verne – 15
Occidental – 14

Women's Soccer, Oct. 19
Pomona-Pitzer – 4
La Verne – 0

Football, Oct. 19
Claremont – 57
La Verne – 14

Men's Soccer, Oct. 19
Claremont – 1
La Verne – 0

Volleyball, Oct. 22
Chapman – 3
La Verne – 2

SCHEDULE

Friday
Volleyball vs. Cal Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Saturday
Men's soccer @ Caltech, 11 a.m.
Men's water polo vs. Cal Lutheran, 11 a.m.
Women's soccer vs. Occidental, 7 p.m.
Football @ Pomona-Pitzer, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Women's basketball vs. Orange Coast, 6 p.m.
Volleyball @ Redlands, 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Men's soccer vs. Whittier, 7 p.m.
Men's water polo @ Redlands, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

	Overall	SCIAC
Claremont M.S.	14-4	8-1
La Verne	**15-4**	**7-2**
Pomona-Pitzer	12-7	7-2
Whittier	14-6	6-3
Redlands	8-8	4-5
Chapman	9-11	4-5
Cal Lutheran	8-9	3-5
Caltech	4-14	1-8
Occidental	3-13	0-9