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Administrators discussing arming Public Safety

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Chapman administrators are discussing the possibility of arming Public Safety officers because of an apparent trend in school violence and active shooter incidents,” Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba wrote in an email to The Panther.

It is not yet clear when Public Safety officers would be armed, if at all. Harold Hewett, executive vice president and chief operating officer, wrote in an email to The Panther that the decision to arm officers would include “serious consideration of the views of all affected constituencies.”

“As of now, there is no institutional process underway to deliberate whether, in response to campus shooter incidents that have received national attention since the tragic Virginia Tech shootings, Chapman’s Public Safety Department should become armed, and we are not planning to initiate such an inquiry at any time in the near future,” Hewett wrote.

Burba said that faculty senate President Gordon Babst, a political science professor, asked him to present his opinion about Public Safety carrying firearms at a March 17 faculty senate meeting. Babst declined to comment for this story.

“I am providing information about my belief that Public Safety officers should have the tools necessary to properly protect our community from violent and life-threatening criminal acts,” Burba wrote.

Currently, Public Safety officers have access to pepper spray, handcuffs and collapsible batons, Burba said. Burba said that his suggestion to the faculty senate has not yet entered into any formal decision-making process, but that there are other campuses in the U.S. that arm their campus police. According to 2012 statistics from the U.S. Department of Justice, about 75 percent of all four-year institutions, both private and public, with student populations of more than 2,500, have armed officers.

Faculty senate is a monthly meeting of elected representatives from each academic program. Meetings are open to full-time faculty members only, and evenings and minutes are emailed to all full-time faculty.

About 30 Chapman students are members of a Facebook group called Chapman Against Guns on Campus, which was created April 5. Dylan McGale, a junior film production major who is one of the administrators of the group, posted about the March 17 faculty senate meeting.

“The obvious rebuttal to this argument is the more logical idea of having a couple of guns in a locked safe within Public Safety’s headquarters to be used for real emergencies only,” McGale wrote on the page. “I know many who have been intimidated, chased and assaulted by Public Safety.”

Burba was not available to comment on McGale’s Facebook post, but Dean of Students Jerry Price said that in the past two years, the university has received one complaint from a student who said that he or she had been assaulted by a Public Safety officer. Price also said that chasing is part of the duties of officers. Price could not release specifics about the complaint due to confidentiality.

“The notion that ‘chaos’ is somehow an indication of hostility or dereliction of their duty is incongruous to me,” Price said. “I mean, they have to chase people. They chase suspects.”

Kylie Asato, a sophomore sociology major, said that the idea of Public Safety having guns is “terrifying.”

“We've had one active shooter case in the two years I've been here, and they partnered with the Orange Police Department anyway, so why would they personally need guns?” Asato said. “They aren't a police force, regardless of how many of them retired from it.”

Burba said that Chapman Public Safety officers are non-sworn officers, which means that they do not take an oath to support the Constitution, the laws of the state of California or the city of Orange, like a sworn officer of the Orange Police Department would.

In order to carry firearms, Burba said, Public Safety officers would need to participate in the California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services certification and training program, which involves 64 hours of initial training, ongoing annual qualifications and demonstrated proficiency with the firearm they will be carrying.

Today, more than 80 percent of our department are former or retired sworn officers, or have responsibly and safely carried firearms while on duty for other communities, and possess literally hundreds of hours of training,” Burba wrote. “We would require additional training well in excess of the state minimums, again, because that is the standard of skills and proficiency in all other aspects of our Public Safety personnel.

While the exact costs have not yet been calculated, Burba estimated that equipment and training may cost about $800 to $900 a year per officer.

Jamie Altman contributed to this report.

Proposal to restructure student government senate passes

Sabrina Santoro | Assistant News Editor

Almost 21 percent of the student body cast their votes in a constitutional election to restructure the student government senate, with 88 percent voting in favor of the proposal, said Director of Elections JusticeCrudup.

The voting period for the election opened March 29 and was originally scheduled to close April 2 at 10 p.m., but 20 percent of the student body is needed to vote to validate the election. Only 95.9 percent had voted by then, so the Election Committee extended the election by one day.

More students voted in that one day than they had all week.

“We pulled out all the stops at the last minute because we thought we weren't going to make that cut,” Crudup said. “We had six senators go out to each dormitory and knock on doors, go to the cafeteria and ask each student if they cast their vote. We had iPads out and free candy and buttons, so we did a lot of things the last night.”

Out of 6,094 eligible voters, 1,266 total students voted by the extended April 3 deadline. Between March 29, when the election opened for voting, and the original April 2 deadline, 47 percent of the total voters, or 597 students, cast their votes. On April 3, 53 percent of the total voter turnout, 669 students, voted.

“Since we were not in the double digits at 9 a.m. (April 2), we decided that the Election Committee needed to come together, get some things done and get out there,” Crudup said.

Student government spent at least $3,000 to promote the election. Director of Public Relations Mady Dewey said that she spent $1,500 of the public relations budget on an ice cream social that brought about 150 students. Dewey also advertised for the election through social media marketing, fliers and word of mouth.

Crudup said that he spent $1,500 from the elections budget for on-campus food vouchers, which were valued at $10 each, to give to students in exchange for voting.

The proposal on the ballot was one that would change the student government senate’s structure by lowering the total number of senators from 29 to 16.

There will now be one academic senator representing each school, compared to two currently. There will be one senator for lowerclassmen and one senator for upperclassmen, instead of class senators for each year. There will also be five senators for student organizations instead of three.

The senate approved putting the proposed amendment on the ballot at the March 3 senate meeting, after President Annabell Liao vetoed a previous similar restructuring proposal because she didn't think there was enough “deliberation over feedback that the students provided.”

Instead of overriding Liao's veto – which would have required a three-fourths senate vote – the senate decided to approve a similar restructuring proposal that would also reduce the number of senators in student government.

Senators and members of the executive council, including Liao and Vice President Tyler Porterfield, agreed that the changes proposed to be effective.

“We feel like we need to restructure (the senate), especially make it smaller,” Porterfield told The Panther in February.

Spencer Kasell, a sophomore television writing and production major, said that she voted in the constitutional election because she was asked to by a friend in student government.

“Not many people know anything about what goes on with (student government) because not all that many people find themselves wholeheartedly approving of them, which is kind of similar to the U.S. government,” Kasell said. “Honestly, there isn't too much they could do. We're not in a very active campus in that right.”

More students voted on April 3, the final day of the election, than had voted all week. Student government spent about $3,000 on an ice cream social and free meal vouchers in exchange for student votes.
The university was notified April 2 that a Chapman student had been diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, Associate Dean of Students DeAnn Yocum Gaffney wrote in an April 5 health advisory email. Meningitis B, the strain that the student was diagnosed with, is not typically covered by the general meningitis vaccine that students should have received before entering college, Yocum Gaffney wrote.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the tissue that surrounds the brain and spinal cord, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats said that Student Health Services distributed 52 doses of an antibiotic in the Student Union April 6 to treat those who had verified contact with the student who contracted meningitis. That time period was originally allotted for students, staff and faculty to receive a free mumps, measles and rubella booster vaccine, after nine students were diagnosed with the mumps this year.

This is the first case of meningitis that Deats has seen in her 11 years as director of student health, she said. “The university basically pulled (the student’s) classes and contacted any students that were in those classes and professors that would have potential exposure from the student,” Deats said. The university also contacted students who had been on an extended spring break trip with the student.

The student has been released from the hospital and is no longer contagious, Deats said. “(Meningitis B) is a newer strain, and (there is) an additional vaccine to just protect against this newer strain,” Deats said. “Being that we’ve had a recent outbreak, certainly we can look into mandating (the vaccine) in the future.”

The Orange County Health Agency said that the risk to the student population is fairly low, the email said. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been about 4,100 cases of meningitis and about 500 deaths associated with bacterial meningitis from 2003 to 2007.

Symptoms of meningitis include the sudden onset of a fever, headache and a stiff neck, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms of bacterial meningitis typically appear within three to seven days of exposure. Bacterial meningitis can be deadly, Deats said.

Deats said that bacterial meningitis is more dangerous than viral meningitis, because it is an infection and must be treated with antibiotics.

According to the National Meningitis Association, five college campuses between 2013 and 2016 had cases of meningitis B.

From January to June 2015, seven students were diagnosed with bacterial meningitis at the University of Oregon. One student died. At Princeton University, there were nine cases of bacterial meningitis from March 2013 to March 2014. A Drexel University student who came in contact with infected Princeton students died. In late 2013, four students were diagnosed with bacterial meningitis at the University of California, Santa Barbara. All students survived, but one student had both feet amputated.

The email recommends that anyone who thinks they are experiencing symptoms of bacterial meningitis go to an emergency room for treatment, as doctor’s offices and urgent care facilities are usually not equipped to diagnose the infection.

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Portable stations will allow students to charge phones anywhere

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Students will soon be able to charge their devices anywhere on campus with the addition of a station that houses portable chargers iPhones, laptops and other technology.

The station will be installed in the area near the Amazon lockers on the first floor of Argyros Forum in the next few weeks, said Speaker of Senate Mitchell Rosenberg, who proposed the idea.

"Students often complain that they can't charge their devices outside of Starbucks, and logistically, you can't add outlets there into the concrete," Rosenberg said. "(The charger) is completely portable. You use your own charging cord. You can take it to Starbucks, you can take it to class, anywhere. It's a very easy way to address the problem students have voiced."

The station, powered by the technology company Omnicharge, will be about a foot and a half tall and will include nine portable chargers with two USB ports, a full outlet to charge a computer and the ability to charge an Android phone by setting the phone on the charging unit, Rosenberg said.

"The charging station will be accessible to students through an online portal and an iPhone app. After creating an account, students must provide credit or debit card information to prevent theft and to charge late fees, if necessary. Rosenberg said that each charging unit is about the size of the palm of a hand. The charging unit will be available for up to four hours at a time, Rosenberg said, and students will get notifications for when the unit is due.

Student government voted unanimously March 31 to co-fund the station—which costs $3,227—with Information Systems & Technology. Student government will pay for 50 percent of the station, at $1,613.55. IS&T will also be responsible for paying a $50 recurring cost, which covers the overhead operating costs of the company.

"If we wanted to pay the recurring cost, we would have to re-approve each time (in senate meetings) for each fee, so it makes sense for IS&T to cover the technical cloud cost," Rosenberg said. Freshman public relations and advertising major Hadley Childress said that she would use the charging units. "My phone’s about to die right now, but I need to stay in the library and work, so it’s definitely a struggle to keep all my devices and stuff charged," Childress said. "I think a lot of people would use these, since they’ll be in a central point on campus, so students wouldn’t have to go all the way back to their dorms or houses if they live off campus." Rosenberg said that the installation of additional charging stations will take place within the next few months.

Student government split the cost of the charging stations, which will allow students to charge technology anywhere on campus, with Information Systems and Technology.

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A new residence hall, located at a historic packinghouse site on Cypress Street and Palm Avenue, is set to be finished by the fall of 2020 or 2021, and will provide 402 beds. In an effort to decrease the number of students living off campus, President Daniel Struppa wants to eventually require all freshmen and sophomores to live in university-sanctioned housing, he told The Panther in September.

Provost Glenn Pfeiffer said that 38 percent of students are living on campus this year. The new residence hall would allow approximately 44.5 percent of students to live on campus, according to numbers provided by Robert Pankey, the director of institutional research.

"I think it will make a significant impact on our ability to accommodate more underclassmen, especially sophomores," said Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Mike Pelly. "I know many students and parents ask about housing availability over four years and I believe they are most concerned about the first two years. The extra space will alleviate that pressure."

The dorms will be called the West Residential Village, and construction at the site has not yet begun. Pfeiffer said that there are currently 6,168 undergraduates. Of that number, 1,307 are freshmen and 1,372 are sophomores.

Pfeiffer said that the university aims to house at least 50 percent of students on campus planning and operations, because of Price’s attendance, the university proposed winning an auction for the project on Feb. 15, focused on the design, site layout and landscaping. Initially, the proposal was brought before the committee in November.

According to the agenda from the Feb. 15 meeting, the university proposed the project in three phases. The first is to demolish non-historic parts of the packinghouse, like a shed near the southern area of the property. Chapman has also proposed the relocation of "two historic accessory buildings to the north end of the site.

The second phase is to construct the residence hall, which will be a 123,961 square foot building that will provide up to 402 beds for student housing. The original plan included 410 beds, but was altered by the university to reduce the "scale of the project," Olsen wrote.

"Students also expressed interest in the addition of ethnic studies minors and introducing more classes to represent diverse identities."

Matthew Ghan, the senator for the School of Communication, said that because of Price’s attendance, the committee gained a new perspective on how to work with campus administration and move forward with legislation. "I think it showed people the validity, and it showed people the fact that administrators do listen," Ghan said. "Although it may take a very, very long time for something to happen, they listen."

While Price’s attendance was well-received, Price said during the event that he understands there are some topics that students would rather discuss without university administration present.

Before the event, Price was concerned about students not wanting to contribute to the conversation with administration in attendance, Corpus said, adding that she was glad he accepted the invitation. "It’s really cool that it was a bit more relaxed, and Dean Price was super down with just hearing everything and telling his point of view," she said.

Corpus said that there were more people at this town hall than at last semester’s event; three faculty members and five students participated at last semester’s town hall.

"We hope that this grows into something bigger," Corpus said. "Though (the attendees) are the small population, they are just the voice of the bigger population."
Censored senator resigns from SGA

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Junior Ahmad Al-Bunnia resigned from student government April 3 after serving for three months as a student organization senator.

Prior to his resignation, Al-Bunnia had been censured – a formal disapproval in front of the senate – at the March 31 student government meeting for not meeting the minimum attendance requirements outlined in the senate operating procedures.

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“H e’s pretty vocal and active when he’s actually here, but at the senate meetings he’s for everything, so I’m also in favor of the censure,” Scheinman said at the March 31 meeting.

At Large Senator Nico Scordakis opposed the censure because he didn’t think it was fair that Al-Bunnia wasn’t present at the meeting.

“I would like to have him speak on it before I just jump to any assumptions about why he hasn’t been coming,” Scordakis said.

Two other student government senators have been censured this academic year. Sophomore Class Senator Elliot Gardner was censured for his absences, but the censure was denied by the senate due to an oversight in documents that were later amended. Argyros School of Business and Economics Senator Adam Frey was censured for absences April 7, but it was also denied by the senate because of a miscommunication he had regarding absences.

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According to the student government operating procedures, censures are issued by the president and speaker of senate, and then approved or denied by the full senate.

Frey is the third senator to be censured this academic year. Sophomore Class Senator Elliot Gardner was censured in October, but it was denied due to an oversight in documents that were later amended. Former Student Organization Senator Ahmad Al-Bunnia, who resigned April 3, was censured for missing three senate meetings, two office hours and one committee meeting.

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Women in Focus conference spotlights female filmmakers

Kate Hoover | Staff Writer

The Folino Theater was filled with female empowerment April 7, as the annual Women in Focus conference directed its attention to a panel of five female filmmakers.

The conference spotlighted Niki Caro, Sydney Freeland, Kelly Fremon Craig, Catherine Hardwicke and Haifaa Al Mansour – who are all directors – on their experiences being women in the film industry.

“Women are paid 80 percent of every man’s salary, even with the celebration of Equal Pay Day on April 4. ‘We must stand tall in our vigilance’, especially now,’ Rose said.

After Rose introduced each woman, the panelists shared their behind-the-scenes experiences on directing various films. Cartsonis, who produced major films such as ‘What Women Want,’ ‘The Duff’ and ‘Aquamarine,’ moderated the conference and, in an interview with The Panther, shared her experiences in the industry.

“Whether you’re male or female, there’s going to be a challenge,” Cartsonis said. "The same disparities exist in government and in the corporate world as exist in media. The reason that the media is more important to correct is because media can have a huge influence on corporate and governmental jobs … We have the ability, with our films, to get inside people’s heads and change their hearts and minds." Cartsonis offered advice for female college students who are preparing to enter the film industry.

“It’s not a dress rehearsal, so do exactly what it is that you think you want to do, focus on it and just do it,” Cartsonis said. “The second piece of advice is, once you get the job, do your job like you’re not afraid of being fired. And if you are fired, shrug it off and go on to the next thing that you can learn from.”

Hailey Pryce-Shidler, a freshman screenwriting major, said that she looks forward to inspiring others with her work as a woman in the film industry.

“I learned that no matter how hard it gets, you should always just give 100 percent and devote yourself to whatever you are doing. If there’s a will, there’s a way,” Pryce-Shidler said. ’The entire time, I thought of the saying, ‘She believed she could, so she did.‘ I thought that was one of the biggest takeaways from this."

The annual Women in Focus conference was moderated by film producer Susan Cartsonis, left, and had a panel of five directors. From left to right, Haifaa Al Mansour, Niki Caro, Sydney Freeland, Kelly Fremon Craig and Catherine Hardwicke.
What’s next?
Seniors consider their options for after graduation in May

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Jordan Weitzman, a senior digital arts major, has wanted to work in animation since she was 12 years old. When she graduates, she plans to work full time as a production assistant at DreamWorks Animation.

About 70 percent of graduates from the class of 2016 are full-time employees nine months after graduating from Chapman, according to the Career Development Center. The majority of graduates went into business, entertainment or education, while some also took time off or traveled before joining the workforce.

“Major has given me the opportunity to learn all the skills I needed to make my dream of working in animation become a reality,” Weitzman said. Her job at DreamWorks starts in a week and it will continue as a full-time job once she graduates.

For a production assistant, you need to know how an animated show is made, so knowing the programs and how exactly it is made is what Chapman has taught me,” Weitzman said. She found this job opportunity through a student from Chapman who works at DreamWorks in Los Angeles and passed on Weitzman’s resume.

“I had an internship at Nickelodeon, which is where I practiced the skills I learned in my classes and ultimately how I got this job,” Weitzman said. Although Weitzman is excited to start her career in the real world, she has fears about leaving college.

“The realization that I won’t have to be in school anymore. “Come in and get the information, it won’t be scary anymore,” she said. “Fear comes from the unknown and if you can actually help you, be real and honest: Don’t be afraid to be honest: Including what you hope to learn from the internship in your application is not a bad thing. Just because you don’t know how to complete certain tasks the internship is asking for, does not mean you won’t get it. Mentioning it can actually help you, because you look more willing to learn new skills. If it is outside of your comfort zone, express that too.”

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Graduating, but still not done with school

44 percent of Chapman seniors consider graduate school their primary goal after graduation.

Gracie Fleischman | Staff Writer

As Faith Ann Marie Escalera stepped off the plane to start her spring break, she received an acceptance email to Chapman’s 4+1 integrated undergraduate/master’s of health and strategic communication.

“Even if I don’t end up working in that area, I think it will make me more competitive when it comes to looking for jobs,” said the junior strategic and corporate communication major.

With graduation fewer than two months away, Chapman seniors are looking to the future. About 14 percent of seniors said their primary goal is to continue their education leading to the Career Development Center.

Some students begin taking graduate classes while still undergraduates in the 4+1 program. The program consists of 24 available degrees ranging from food science to international studies and it allows students to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years.

Other students choose to leave Chapman for their graduate studies to attend other universities to pursue master’s, law, nursing or doctorate degrees.

“I already love Chapman so much, especially now that we have the School of Communication,” Escalera said. “I trust the graduate program, because I’ve made a ton of connections with the professors.”

Escalera said that she never dreamed of continuing her education, because friends and family told her getting a master’s in the area of communication might not be availability, said assistant director of career education, Brittany Deneau.

According to Deneau, students can help guide prospective graduate students by offering one-on-one appointments are available during which the Career Development Center can go over personal statements and general strategy.

“You need to pay close attention to deadlines for testing, because there might not be availability.” Deneau said.

“Just keep swimming: Student teaches children in Nicaragua how to swim

Astharsha Singharam | Senior Writer

Standing on the beach of Corn Island, Nicaragua, freshman political science major Hannah Richardson found it strange that she and her family were the only ones there. When they were on vacation, she witnessed the burning down of a small home, which was owned by a family who lost their 8-year-old daughter in a drowning incident the previous summer.

A woman named Darcy Loy, who owned the hotel where Richardson’s family was staying, explained to her why there was no one at the beach.

“She told us how nobody knows how to swim because they’re afraid of the water, so drownings happen a lot and that nobody has ever done anything to help it,” Richardson said.

This vacation in 2012 led Richardson to create the Big Corn Island Swim School, where she teaches children how to swim and raises money for the swimming program and education system. The school has two more instructors, who graduated from the program and now help other children learn to swim.

Q: Why did you create the Big Corn Island Swim School?

A: I originally created it for my Girl Scout Gold Award, where we had to complete a huge project. I’d been on vacation to Corn Island the year before. Nobody knew how to swim, and I thought, ‘What the heck, that’s strange.’ So I did my Gold Award project there, and it basically blew up. I was getting a lot of publicity for it and a ton of donations, so I thought, ‘I have to keep doing it, I can’t stop now.’

Q: Who contributed to the creation of the school?

A: My community in (Brentwood, California) was a huge part of it. I did a swimsuit drive and all the donations were from my community. I didn’t have to buy anything except items for my badge holders. When I returned home the second time, I had a local swim school donate $2,000 to my swim school, so that was another huge contribution. My mom is also a flight attendant, so I didn’t have to pay for flights.

There’s only one pool on the island and it was owned by a hotel, so I couldn’t use it since that would be too many people in one tiny pool. Instead, I had to go to the ocean. The first two (visits), I didn’t have a building so I would have to haul all the supplies (noodles, goggles, swim suits, etc.) back and forth. The last two times I’ve been, Darcy donated a building to me, so now all my stuff is there.

Q: What are your lessons like?

A: When I started, we did the basic 30 minute lessons with groups of six to eight children. In the beginning, (groups) were based off of age, but now it’s based off of level. Lessons are a week long, every single day, and after lessons there is an hour of play time. Friday at the end of the week, I test them by taking them out one by one and asking them to perform the different skills.

Q: What’s your favorite part about having a swim school?

A: Getting to know the different cultures. Within Corn Island there are so many different layers that I get to see. I get to know the kids on a level they never got to know before. I would say that the most special part is seeing their progress. One boy who started with me three years ago, he was 14 years old at the time, never swam in his life and he’s now teaching for me. So cool to see that they were never given this opportunity and now that they are, they can pursue their passions. They’ve grown so much, and I love them so much.

Q: How is the program growing?

A: For the longest time, I wanted to make it into a nonprofit and I just never did, so now I’m actually doing it. It should become a nonprofit any day now, which I’m super pumped about. The nonprofit is called Corn Island Children’s Foundation, and it’s going to include my swim school as well as the schooling system there. I would like to include the educational system now because I feel like right now the swim school is at a really good place. It’s self-running and hopefully I’ll get more instructors. That’s where I want to take it.

Q: How much money have you raised? How can people donate?

A: I’ve raised a total of $4,000, and people can donate at GoFundMe.
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"Do Not Open" was released April 7. THE PANTHER

I didn’t really mind The Chainsmokers at one point in my life. Full disclosure: I danced to the One," the first song on the album, "Do Not Open," the first song on the album, until it was a vacuous bubblegum pop anthem. Its optimism was keeping my head up every night. Don’t wanna wait up every night. She wants to break up every night. Don’t wanna wait until she finally decides to feel it. She wants to break up every night.

However, the part of this album that hurt me the most was the less-than-creative lyrics. It’s not the boring beats, or the poor vocals. No, it’s the fact that Coldplay, my favorite band from middle school, is featured on one of the album’s tracks, "Something Just Like This," a vacuous bubblegum pop anthem about nothing in particular. Its first verse starts out with Chris Martin, the lead singer of Coldplay, singing about reading ancient legends and myths, then putting Batman and Spiderman in the same category as Achilles and Hercules. These first few lines of the song, unfortunately, are a representative of for the entire album: They don’t make sense. The next song that I really disliked on this album is called "Young." Or maybe it isn’t. I can’t really tell, because all of the songs on the album start with what seems like the same three notes. It’s a somewhat peppy track, laced with lukewarm acoustic guitar. The lyrics weave a riveting tale of someones car getting wrecked, sneaking out to meet at a bar and the singer getting beaten up by someones father. Sounds like a killer Friday night, right? Add in some weird vocals that sound astonishingly like a tone-deaf bird, and you’ve got yourself a song that somehow already has more than 4 million views on YouTube. I’m going to close this review by acknowledging that I’m the minority with my intense aversion to this album. All of the new Chainsmokers songs that have been uploaded to their YouTube channel have about 11 million views combined, as of April 9. So don’t take my word for it. Listen to the album yourself. Just don’t dance to one of the songs, film it and post it on Facebook. That won’t end well for anyone.

Crumbs Doughnuts is located at 1525 E Katella Ave. Orange. Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 5 a.m. - 9 p.m, Friday 5 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Crumbs Doughnuts was reopened April 8.

When Crumbs Doughnuts started to pop up on my Instagram feed, I assumed it was just another fad that looked trendy but wouldn’t taste good, but I was very wrong. This place deserves all the hype. It was $3.50, which was a bit pricey since a dozen doughnuts at Krispy Kreme is $8. However, unlike Krispy Kreme, the doughnuts at Crumbs Doughnuts are handmade, making them more expensive.

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All the toppings made the doughnut very aesthetically pleasing and easily an "Instagrammable" item because it is a unique-looking food. Even though I didn’t eat it until I got home, the cronut was still very warm and soft, which means they are keeping their doughnuts fresh and that they are making them daily. The warmth of the cronut made the chocolate icing melt and become almost like hot fudge. The croissant aspect helped balance it out so it wasn’t sickeningly sweet. The store itself was decorated very chic. There was a black wall with white writing all over it saying things like "Nothing but doughnuts." This shocked me because black walls can make a store look cramped and uncomfortable, but in this case, it worked and added to the trendy feel that Crumbs has.

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Global citizenship should start on campus

Olivia Harden
Opinions Editor

It’s nothing new to any Chapman student that our school expects us to become active global citizens. The Global Citizen’s Initiative defines a global citizen as “someone who identifies with being part of an emerging world community and whose actions contribute to building this community’s values and practices.” The university requires this by expecting us to complete the global citizens cluster of classes, which is made up of a community service requirement, a language requirement and a global study requirement. This credit can also be made up of a semester abroad or two travel courses. While this program has good intentions, I can’t help but feel that it doesn’t translate into results on our campus. While it is important to be active in our global community, a portion of Chapman’s population tends to be apathetic about issues that affect the Chapman and local community.

When President Donald Trump attempted to ban travel from predominantly Muslim countries, there was student outrage that led to a protest which attracted 400 people. However, the momentum following enormous protests such as those has been minimal. The White Identity and Allyship workshop held by the Cross-Cultural Center has seen minimal turnout, with at most two students in attendance. This time last year, Orange City Council was able to pass a stricter noise ordinance after only a handful of Chapman students came to address the council.

Many of my friends, who have identified with various marginalized communities, have often addressed that they have felt unsafe in academic and social settings on this campus because there is minimal effort from others to educate themselves and be respectful of the differences that shape their identities. While Chapman has made more attempts to create more initiatives to engage students, the effort is lost if the student body at large refuses to become engaged in the issues that affect minorities who are a part of the student body.

My concerns stretch beyond students to staff and faculty, as well. It is bizarre to be in a classroom discussing issues about race, only to have everyone look at me and the other students of color in the room. There is almost an expectation that I’m the only person in the room capable of thinking about the experience of race, because it is expected that I am used to being uncomfortable. Yet, my professor does nothing to engage the entire classroom in the discussion.

I understand the importance of being comfortable. Thanks to: planes, the internet and other technology, we are more connected to the rest of the world than ever before, and the part we play in that is on us. However, it is equally important to address the problems that are happening on our campus and in our own backyard. It is pertinent that we remain engaged in issues even after the shock value has passed. Members of marginalized communities don’t get to turn off their concerns for their safety. As allies and as a community, we should consistently be engaged in their concerns as much as Chapman expects us to be engaged in the issues and politics of the global community.

The 20 percent requirement works as a measure to ensure that at least one-fifth of the student body is engaged in the democratic process. That benefit is invalidated if the only way student government can get its constituents to participate is through bribery. With more than 30 students involved in student government, there is plenty of manpower available to reach the different communities on this campus.

This isn’t the only constitutional change that has been proposed by the senate. A similar proposal to the one that was just passed was vetoed by student government President Annabell Liao because the senators ignored the student feedback given about a change in the number of senators. The 181 students who responded to the survey said that they, for the most part, wanted student government to stay the same. Instead of overriding Liao’s veto, which would have taken a three-fourths majority vote, the senators chose instead to put these new and slightly different constitutional changes to a vote, and push to get 20 percent by using the incentives.

There are certain parameters put in place, such as the president’s veto power to make sure that, ultimately, the senate is effective in addressing the needs of their constituents. Instead, the senate worked within the system, drafting a similar amendment meant to downsize the senate, and steamrolled their constituents’ concerns by going forward with a vote. It seems that the incentives were used to encourage students to vote in favor of the constitutional change rather than posing the change as a question as to whether students actually wanted it in the first place.

It’s clear to us that student government believes it knows what’s best for its constituents with this constitutional change. Only time will tell whether student government will become more effective now that the amendment has passed.
Saying goodbye to the four-pitch intentional walk

When I talk about how much I love watching baseball, some people get the wrong impression that I always get the response of “but the game is dying.” Well, it’s not more long or gone to the fans. In February, the Chapman Democrats union approved a resolution on the back seven to automatically send a batter on an intentional walk, instead of a pitcher throwing four balls in order to walk the batter. The reasoning behind this is to speed up the pace of the game. But how much faster will we get now? Let’s find out.

Rachel Gossen,
senior English major

Non-binary, not invalid

Everyone is entrenched in their gender identity and their gender expression. Some cisgender people may not see their masculinity or femininity, but I know several who would feel uncomfortable if they were called feminine despite identiﬁing as male or vice versa. March 2023 was Trans Day of Visibility, so let’s talk about how trans identities play out in Chapman.

I see myself as inherently neutral, leaning toward femininity, with my gender being on a spectrum rather than sticking to the binary markers and for those markers to be mutable and ﬂuid. What does that mean to me speciﬁcally? It means that life is pretty bad sometimes. If you noticed how I did not mention my speciﬁc gender identity label, that’s partly because I’m still ﬁguring that out. I have mixed perceptions and feelings on this.

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Chapman Athletics disbunds crew teams

Jamie Altman | Managing Editor

Chapman Athletics shut down the men’s and women’s crew teams due to increasing costs and low participation. Director of Athletics Terry Boesel wrote in an email to The Panther that the teams were not consulted before the decision was made.

“It was completely a surprise,” Friederich said. “It came as a shock. I think the entire team – including the coaches – was surprised. There wasn’t much communication beforehand. We were completely off-guard.”

Boesel wrote that Chapman Athletics consulted some senior administrators on campus when making the decision.

“We already knew how the coaches and students would feel about this decision and that they would disagree with the outcome,” Boesel wrote.

“These were discussions that needed to be held at the administrative level,” but “the students and coaches should know that this wasn’t a decision that was made quickly or taken lightly.”

Again, if it was such a big decision, then why were the teams completely uninformed in these discussions with the university? But Boesel already answered that question when he admitted university administrators knew the coaches and students would oppose the decision.

To me, it seemed the university wasn’t going to change its mind no matter what arguments the students and coaches could have made.

“The (university) just had an ‘act first, think later’ attitude, men’s crew team president Ethan Friederich said, while Friederich admitted that the increased rent at the teams’ boathouse was a problem, he believes an opportunity to discuss possible solutions should have been on the table.

“It was entirely possible to change the situation, sell old equipment to make up some cost, fundraise or get more private funding,” Friederich said.

“I do not envy anybody who is in charge of managing the finances of a Division III sports program. Budgets are difficult to manage, especially with the limited athletic money that comes along with not being in the top two tiers of the NCAA. But these budgets affect more than the school’s finances they affect people.

Administrators must remember the human implications of these decisions even in the face of difficult financial situations. To not give players or coaches the time of day to discuss alternatives feels needlessly cold, especially to a celebrated program that has been a selling point for student club involvement in years past.

To play devil’s advocate, maybe shutting down the current men and women’s teams right now made the most sense in the long term. Maybe it was unlikely that the teams could have organized quickly enough to resolve the budget issues in time.

Maybe it was a long shot.

But the way no alternatives were discussed between administrators and coaches present may be setting a concerning precedent for how Chapman will handle difficult at best, but responsible decisions in the long term.

Varsity or not, athletes and teams of all levels at this school deserve to be heard by administrators when it comes to decisions as major as this one.

There wasn’t much communication beforehand. We were caught off-guard.

Ethan Friederich, president of men’s crew team

Senior Jamie Moseley, president of the women’s crew team, is disappointed that future students won’t have the opportunity to participate in the program.

“The athletics department never consulted with our program director or any current or past athletes before making this firm decision, so although they have supported us in the past, it’s disheartening that their support has come to an end in this manner,” Moseley said.

The crew teams, which are both club teams as opposed to NCAA teams, practice in Newport Beach Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 a.m. Friederich said that when the owners of the teams’ boathouse in Newport Beach increased the monthly rent, it “triggered a reaction from the university.”

“Chapman is unwilling to pay for the program anymore,” Friederich said. The issue of paying rent at the boathouse is not necessarily a new one in terms of trying to figure out the financials of it. Chapman has always generously paid for the rent. The boathouse does have Chapman University’s name on it.

Boesel wrote that Chapman made the decision based on more “information and depth” than willingness to pay for the facilities.

“Our current lease ends on May 31, 2017 and we feel it is no longer prudent for Chapman to renew this lease,” he wrote.

The crew teams will be selling all their assets, including the boats, which Friederich said can cost up to $60,000. Friederich said the boats were mostly donated, including a brand new boat that President Emeritus Jim Doti donated a year ago.

The money made from these sales will be returned to Chapman, as Boesel wrote that most of the assets were purchased and are owned by Chapman.

“There’s certainly an odd situation, because these boats were donated by individuals who wanted to see the program grow and wanted to see the program compete,” Friederich said. “Especially given the recent donations, it’s unfortunate that those goals won’t really come to fruition. But in the end, they are Chapman property and they are able to deal with them whatever they want.”

Friederich added that Chapman’s desire to sell the boats represents how permanent the situation is.

“If Chapman were to want to recreate a program, that would be a substantial amount of capital needed to start everything over again because of the cost of the boats,” he said. “This expresses the finality of their decision that they don’t want a program on campus for the foreseeable future without someone coming in and handing over hundreds of thousands of dollars.”

Boesel wrote that each team over the last few years has had about eight to 15 members, which Friederich doesn’t view as low. Friederich attributed the issue to the teams’ cost-to-athlete ratio; with only about 30 athletes, he believes there would have been a greater incentive to keep the program if that ratio had been lower.

“With that being said, there really wasn’t that much of an effort by the athletic program to grow the program over the years in the same way that they would help recruit for other sports that are on campus,” Friederich said. “With the support of the athletic department, our numbers probably would have been much higher.”

Friederich said that the teams’ distance from main campus has given them “autonomy” over the years, and that the school has treated the teams in a very hands-off manner, letting them make decisions for themselves in the past.

“Until this point, we had a relatively good relationship (with Chapman Athletics),” he said. “The shock from this decision is just a reminder that there was that overall governing body that was making those big calls. The fact that they didn’t necessarily consult us came as a surprise because we had normally maintained so much autonomy.”

Caroline Raffe contributed to this report.
The women’s lacrosse team extended its three-game winning streak after beating Pomona-Pitzer 16-10 Saturday on the road.

The Panthers’ new offensive system – which protects more against counterattacks – produced another double-digit scoring performance from Chapman for the third game in a row. Since implementing this new strategy after spring break, the Panthers have not lost.

“We felt confident, but we knew that they did get better as a team (since we last played them),” said freshman defender Mika Henrickson. “We just wanted to win and execute what we practice.”

The Panthers (8-4, 5-1) are second in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) and have beaten Pomona-Pitzer (5-8, 1-5) in both of their SCIAC matchups this season.

The Sagehens eliminated the Panthers from the SCIAC tournament last year.

The Panthers have four conference games remaining before the postseason begins April 29.

“We know that we are a solid team, but in order to advance to the championships, we need to improve defensively and offensively,” Henrickson said.

The Panthers have started running a new “43 offense,” in which four players while three players stay back in the midfield more to protect the goal.

“It think it works better than (our previous offense) and I think it (has been) one of the factors in winning more games,” Henrickson said.

Junior midfielder Stacey Zuppa had a hand in the Panthers’ win, scoring four of the Panthers’ 16 goals. Senior attacker Rebecca Long was the top scorer for the Sagehens with six goals.

The Panthers will play third-place Occidental College away on April 12.

Lacrosse wins, sweeps Sagehens in regular season

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Senior midfielder Kelsey Mackin, left runs away from Pomona-Pitzer senior attacker Rebecca Long (No. 17) during the Panthers’ 15-5 win over the Sagehens Feb. 18.
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Two losses in one week moved women’s water polo from third to sixth place.

With two games remaining in the regular season against the top two seeded teams, the Panthers will work to maintain seventh place or higher, which would guarantee them a spot in the postseason.

“Obviously, these losses don’t affect our (conference) standings well, and it’s going to be a tough ride from here on out,” said senior attacker Grace Schade.

The Panthers’ goal at the beginning of the season was to ¿QLVKLQDWOHDVWIRXUWKSODFHLQWKH¿UVWTXDUWHUFRPSDUHGWRWKH¿QDOTXDUWHUDQGKHOGRXWD¿QLVKZKLOHadvantage of our little mistakes,” said senior two-meter defender Emily Fong. “They were really strong and knew how to finish while we didn’t.”

Earlier in the week on April 5, the Panthers lost 10-7 to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in an away conference game.

The Panthers fought hard, but ultimately the Athenas took control of the final quarter and held out a 10-7 win.

The seventh-place Athenas gained three goals to Chapman’s one, but the Panthers came back in the second quarter to end the half trailing 6-5. The third quarter was the defining period of the game, as Claremont-Mudd-Scripps scored four more goals to Chapman’s two, bringing the score to 10-7.

Junior goalkeeper Kerry Goodspeed was instrumental in keeping the Athenas at only a three-point win over the Panthers.

“Kerry was a major strength in this game,” Campbell said. “We didn’t run our defensive system in this game and we were a little scattered in our offense. We just weren’t playing our typical game.”

Goodspeed had nine saves compared to the Athenas’ eight.

“Our strength has always been our defense,” Goodspeed said. “Moving forward, we’re thinking about making sure we take advantage of all the opportunities we get in games and focusing on cutting down on errors.”

The Panthers play first-place Whittier College April 12 and second-place Pomona-Pitzer April 15, before the conference postseason begins April 21.

Water polo drops two games, three places in standings

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