President-elect resigns

Austin Kernan resigns, Delt president confirms Kernan stole from fraternity

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Student government filled both the vacant speaker of the senate and senator positions following Austin Kernan’s resignation, but failed to make a decision on how to fill the president-elect vacancy at its open meeting April 15.

The senate voted Adam Breunig, the College of Performing Arts senator, into the speaker seat and Tosh Turner, a junior theatre performance major, was appointed and sworn in as an at-large senator during the meeting.

Student government said it will release the senate’s vacancy after former President-elect Austin Kernan resigned, will serve as an at-large senator for the next three weeks, until the new senate is sworn in. Kernan was a student organizations senator but in the instance of special vacancies, the seat becomes an at-large position, Nudelman said.

"We are not going to dive into what the rumors are talking about. He said it was personal reasons and that’s why we’re going to stick with that," Kernan announced his resignation April 12 through a press release sent out by student government.

"Ultimately Austin Kernan resigned from the speaker of the senate as well as president-elect due to personal reasons so we are solely going to discuss that as it is a personal reason," said Student Government President Josh Nudelman.

Turner, who did not previously hold a position within student government, will serve as an at-large senator for the next three weeks, until the new senate is sworn in. Kernan was a student organizations senator but in the instance of special appointments, the seat becomes an at-large position, Nudelman said.

Alina Ambrosino, a senior political science major, was one of four students who shared their concerns about how the next president would be selected.

The elections committee has been looking at the operation documents and met three times to discuss ways to go about dealing with the issue of who will become the next student government president.

Nudelman said, "I haven’t really heard much about what is actually going to happen yet and hopefully I’ll be talking to the advisers soon."

Student government because none of the members knew.

At first when I found out I was very, very appalled and that’s one of the reasons I advised him to resign – because we ran on transparency," she said. "I wanted to keep that transparency and honesty.

Kernan was voted into office March 16 and was set to take office May 1. He ran on a ticket with Porterfield. The student government bylaws and constitution currently do not have any clauses addressing what should happen if a president-elect resigns.

"It’s kind of a sticky situation because neither one of us have been transitioned yet," Porterfield said. "I haven’t really heard much about what is actually going to happen yet and hopefully I’ll be talking to the advisers soon."

The student government elections committee will review what to do about filling the vacant president-elect seat, according to the press release.

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City Council approves first vote of stricter party laws

Rebecca Glaser  | Staff Writer

The Orange City Council chamber was filled with angry neighbors sporting tangerine-colored shirts with anti-Chapman slogans at the Council meeting April 22 as it unanimously approved the second first reading of the amended party ordinance.

Another first reading was necessary due to minor changes in language within the ordinance that clarified aspects of the amendments and closed loopholes, according to City Attorney Wayne Winthers.

The changes clarify that while it is illegal to “participate” in an unruly party, according to the ordinance, the attend- ers be actively contributing to the disturbance and engaging in disruptive behavior to be cited by the Orange Police Department.

“The individual has to be doing something more than just walking by at the party, or sitting in the front yard,” Winthers said.

The second change addressed a loophole in the ordinance that allowed party hosts to avoid fines and citations if they self-reported their parties to the police. The clarification in language specifies that hosts that can only avoid fines this way if there have been no complaints from neighbors prior to the party.

“If the individual calls in order to get the party shut down, (they) must call the police department, not the party be disbursed prior to the police being called to the event,” Winthers said.

The rest of the Orange residents who spoke during the time for public comment increased slightly from the March 8 meeting, with many commend- ing the City Council for its actions while directly addressing Chapman and its students.

“The vast majority (of students) have nothing but a positive impact and influence on our city,” said Steve Lichten, an Orange resident. “But for the small percentage, the out of control, the ex- ceptionally disrespectful, the completely oblivious and uncaring – there must be consequences for their actions, and these consequences must be serious enough to be taken seriously.”

Lichten also responded to a public comment made by freshman English major Malvica Sawhney at the council meeting March 8, when she inferred that the ordinance would cause students to venture farther out of Orange to attend parties, jeopardizing their safety.

“We have just two words and a number for those commenters who stated that (the ordinance) will just force parties fur- ther out of the city, and somehow make it more unsafe for Orange residents,” Lichten said. “Uber, Lyft and 502 (police code for drunk driving).”

Although the majority of residents stated their support for the ordinance in their public comments, some expressed extreme animosity toward Chapman and its students for forcing residents out of Orange.

“My family has been living in Orange since 1983,” said Mary Gray, an Orange resident. “Now, young families are leaving, and many new ones don’t even consider Orange for their homes.”

Gray countered the families that would alleviate the tension, the ordinance was not the most accurate means of dealing with the issue.

“I believe that this is an issue that should not be settled in here, but by the police and Chapman, and any more business administration major and member the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. “And that is the fraternal relation, but I don’t feel this ordinance builds more walls between us as neighbors.”

Other students commended the university’s understanding for residents’ frustration, but strove to ensure that all Chapman students were not placed in the same category.

“Some of you may have decided that we are spoiled hooligans,” said Massimo Lesti, a sophomore business administration major and member of Phi Kappa Tau, who attended the Council. “It’s obvious that there are bad eggs in any bunch, but the majority of us are not malicious. The majority of us do not want to see your peace disturbed. We are your neighbor, we are not your enemies.”

After the time for public comment, council members addressed both the new ordinance and public comment. Councilman Mike Alvarez expressed his dismay at the fact that Chapman students are seemingly uninvolved in the Neigh- borhood Ordinance.

“I keep waiting for the university to involve the students. You guys need to get your hands in this. I don’t know that you need to do something. You guys need to get your voices heard,” Alvarez said.

Duberstein described the issue as a common ground and work together to find a solution that involved collabora- tion instead of pitting themselves against each other.

Regarding the amendments to the party ordinance, Williams said that students will now have to pay the consequences of their past actions.

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Williams said that over the past three years, he has held parties about once per month with his friends and other members of the baseball team and he has never had a problem with his neighbors.

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Students discuss increasing on-campus housing, alternative party spots

Jackie Cohen  | News Editor

The newly formed Student Neighbor- hood Relations Committee, which met under the Orange City Council unanimously approved the first reading of a stricter party ordinance.

Six of the 16 members of the committee were present to meet with Adam Duberstein, founder of Respect Orange, and Jack Raubolt, vice president of community relations, April 15.

Duberstein described the issue as a triad with the university – the students and the neighbors on each side. He said that if the university made changes that would alleviate the tension, the students and the neighbors should find a common ground and work together to pressure the university.

Connor Williams, a senior television and broad journalism major and repre- sentative of the Student-Athlete Advi- sory Committee, said the meeting was productive.

“I thought that having that discussion, much like today, talking about those issues in a constructive manner bred good ideas, bred good discourse,” he said.

“I thought it was effective for me to better understand the issues. Williams, to better under- stand the noise ordinance, better under- stand where the students sit on this, not just in my own perspective.”

The committee is made up of repre- sentatives from various organizations on campus, including student government, Greek life and Residence Life.

Williams said that although the meet- ing was held before the council vote, he had met with Student Govern- ment President Josh Nudelman and a few other members of the committee two weeks prior.

During the meeting, options for re- ducing the number of parties held in the community were discussed. Duberstein believes that the top solution for this would be to build additional housing on campus.

Raubolt said that the university is cur- rently focusing on adding more housing.

The next resident halls expected to open are at the Villa Park Orchards by the Marran Knott Studies. Following that, the Davis complex will be completely redone to make more efficient use of the space, he said.

The university’s goal is to have 50 percent of students living on campus, Raubolt said. Currently, 38 percent of students live on campus and following the construction of two resident halls mentioned above, about 44 percent of students will be living on campus, he said.

Massimo Lesti, a sophomore business administration major who had met with the city attorney to discuss in the ordinance before it was voted on, said that he moved off campus because he wanted to have freedom to roam in his own property without feeling like the university was breathing down his neck.

“The university has to make it attractive for students to live on campus,” Lesti said.

Lesti described Public Safety and the resident advisors as “overkill” and that potentially allowing more alcohol consumption on campus would help di- lute the party scene in the neighborhood.

Currently, alcohol is allowed at certain functions on campus for people of legal drinking age and allowed in dorm rooms if everyone present is 21 or older.

Lesti also proposed the addition of a venue for parties on campus that could be loosely monitored by the university and would allow students to hold parties without inconveniencing their neighbors.

James Hart, Argyros School of Business and Economics senator and allocations committee chair, said student govern- ment is also considering the possibility of creating a campus bar in the basement of Argyros Forum.

Duberstein expressed his concern with having a bar on campus. He worries with that since upperclassmen usually live off campus and are the ones that would be able to go to the campus bar, it may cause an untoward drinking and DUI tickets.

Duberstein said that finding a solution with a simple, basic method, after one at the meeting will help members of the Orange community and students to find a solution that isn’t colla- boration instead of pitting themselves against each other.

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Chapman students have joined the international Fossil Free campaign by meeting with administrators to discuss the university divesting from fossil fuels to slow climate change.

The movement was brought to Chapman in February by Clayton Heard, a senior environmental science and policy major, and its petition on the organization’s website currently has three signatures of support.

“I’m proud of the legacy Chapman has and I’d like to make that legacy stronger by encouraging the university to take action steps toward lessening our environmental impact,” said Amelia Cunningham, a senior environmental science and policy major and member of Fossil Free Chapman.

Although the movement does not have a list of companies to recommend Chapman invest in, its biggest focus is currently to familiarize the campus and community with the idea of divestment and to gather information about Chapman’s current endowment.

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“I personally am invested in any and all ways I can live more sustainably, and this includes my interactions with organizations and companies I hold a stake in,” Miller said. “My university is one place where I believe I have a large role and voice as a stakeholder, and I wanted to be part of an organization that helps Chapman become more sustainable.”

Fossil Free Chapman aims to put together a portfolio of suggestions of companies that the university can redirect its funds into. Many schools, including the University of California colleges and Pratt Institute, have successful divestment campaigns that ask for complete removal of all funds invested in fossil fuels.

Fossil Free Chapman has set a goal to have Chapman completely divested from fossil fuels within five years.

“We would rather see our university investing in companies that produce clean sources of energy and/or are socially just companies,” Miller said.

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Student aims to bring ATM to Henley Basement

Justine Winans | Staff Writer

Students may soon get easier access to cash right at the dorms.

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He suggested sending out a survey to students, perhaps through student government.

“I get mail often and moving the Amazon lockers to be by the dorms was a huge convenience so I think this will be too,” said Rachel Redleaf, a freshman screen acting major.

But she wasn’t so sure about a higher fee attached to it.

“The closest ATM is still on campus, and I think people would prefer to walk the extra distance rather than pay more,” Redleaf said.

Jake Dugger, a freshman film production major, wouldn’t mind paying a small amount extra.

“I think fees are only like a buck or two, so that would be fine,” Dugger said.

Magun and Bustamante said they began this endeavor to gain experience outside of the classroom.

“We wanted to learn how running a business, our own business, works, especially on a limited budget,” Magun said. “While students have set ways now, we believe this ATM would be a good start for next year.”

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Student government election biographies

Patricia Torres | Senior Writer

Student government senate elections are here. Voting will be open at chapmanvotes.com from April 18 through April 20 at 5 p.m.

Visit thepantheronline.com for full candidate biographies and for biographies of uncontested candidates.

Helen Garcia
Student organizations Senator
Year: Freshman
Major: Health science
Greek affiliation: None
Platform: Diversity and disability issues

Mitchell Rosenberg
Student organizations Senator
Year: Freshman
Major: Television writing and production
Greek affiliation: Delta Tau Delta
Platform: Advocate for difficult changes students want to see

Ana Vincenti
Student organizations Senator
Year: Freshman
Major: Strategic and corporate communications
Greek affiliation: Kappa Alpha Theta
Platform: Move food pantry and work on Cross Cultural Center

Daryl Zhao
Student organizations senator
Year: Junior
Major: Business administration
Greek affiliation: Delta Sigma Pi (business fraternity)
Platform: Facilitate funding requests

Andrew Calloway
Junior class senator
Year: Sophomore
Major: Political science and peace studies
Greek affiliation: Kappa Alpha Pi (pre-law fraternity)
Platform: Create outstanding culture

Sarah Tabsh
Junior class senator
Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology
Greek affiliation: Alpha Gamma Delta
Platform: Transparency and representing student interests

Jayetha Panakkadan
Senior class senator
Year: Junior
Major: Biology
Greek affiliation: Kappa Alpha Theta
Platform: Finish Schmid College app and continue work of previous senior class senator

Emma Cronshaw
Senior class senator
Year: Junior
Major: Business administration
Greek affiliation: Alpha Kappa Psi (business fraternity)
Platform: Expanding the Student Psychological Counseling Services

Leila Duntley
Wilkinson College senator
Year: Sophomore
Major: Peace studies
Greek affiliation: none
Platform: Sustainability through recycling and composts on campus

Kunal Sharma
Wilkinson College senator
Year: Freshman
Major: Political science
Greek affiliation: Phi Delta Theta
Platform: Lower laundry prices in dorms and promoting groups that are not Greek

Megan Taban
Wilkinson College senator
Year: Freshman
Major: Strategic and corporate communication
Greek affiliation: Kappa Alpha Theta
Platform: Skateboard racks and optional field trips for each major

Jessica Grima
Wilkinson College senator
Year: Senior
Major: Political science and business
Greek affiliation: Kappa Alpha Pi (pre-law fraternity)
Platform: Stronger relationships between students and professors

Senate updates
April 15 meeting

Senator resigns
College of Educational Studies Senator Amanda Moore resigned from student government because she was unable to attend meetings due to school, work and family medical complications.

At-large senator sworn in
Junior theatre performance major Tosh Turner was sworn into office as an at-large senator. For full story turn to Page 2.

Vacant president seat
During open forum, students spoke about their concerns with student government as well as how the open student government president position will be filled.

The bylaws were reviewed, and students wanted to understand the process by which the president will be chosen and if certain portions of the bylaws will be taken into consideration.

Filling the position of president
Director of Elections Kendall DeVries said that a press release will be released April 18 announcing how the vacant president seat will be filled.

Compiled by Atharshna Singarajah

INCIDENT LOG

April 11
A victim reported unwanted contact at an off campus location. The police was notified of the incident and has started an investigation.

A male loitering in Argyros Forum was asked to leave.

April 12
A bicycle was reported stolen near the Hutton Sports Center.

A man was arrested for trespassing on Chapman property at Panther Village.

April 13
Nine students were referred to conduct on Chapman property at Panther Village.

Compiled by Atharshna Singarajah
Tran also wrote that he was also looking for it. "I realized and there’s a huge lack of awareness for graduation and eventually become lines that let international students stay. Those programs are the hiring pipe rates to hold jobs.

international students and recent graduates to hold jobs. Tran came up with three options to sequence, "Tran wrote.

Curricular Practical Training, to allow increasing Optional Practical Training /T_hates to hold jobs.

Tristan Tran resigned from his position as Schmid College of Science and Technolo-
gy senator for personal reasons.

Zhou appointed to senate after Tran resigns

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Zhou plans on working on the issue of study spaces, which was recently researched by School of Pharmacy Senator Priya Patel.

Chapman students are fighting for quiet study spaces, especially because the campus is open to the public. The recent voyeurism incident in the gender-inclusive bathroom shows that we should start limiting these spaces only for Chapman students," Zhou said. "Students should be able to access these spaces and not to fight over them with the public who don’t pay anything at all. This is a privilege for students who are paying their tuition. You are paying $60,000 a year. You are paying a lot.

Zhou said the Leatherby Libraries should take on a policy similar to the one in the Hugh and Hazel Darling Law Library inside the Fowler School of Law, which only allows law students to use it during exam weeks.

Zhou said she is looking forward to engage with other members of the student government to see what ideas they have. "Because I was just initiated this Friday, I was sitting there watching these very intelligent people talk about their opinions," Zhou said. "I think I can learn a lot from them. I’m really excited for that.”
One Big Sex Night discusses consent, pleasure, empowerment

Rebeccah Glaser | Staff Writer

Multiple drag queens strutted the runway, lip synced and interacted with the audience in the Student Union during the University Program Board’s 5th annual show not a drag.

Representatives from a boutique adult entertainment shop called The Pleasure Chest led workshops on consent, sex positivity, queering your sex, virginity 101 and everything in between.

Thip Nopharatana, a representative from the company, kicked the night off by relating sexual empowerment and positivity to the feminist movement.

“For me, feminism and sex positivity go hand in hand,” Nopharatana said.

Nopharatana gave an introduction to the workshops by talking about the negative connotations of sexual activity in modern-day society and giving listeners tools to combat negative or stunted thinking toward sex.

“Everyone has different preferences, and just because it’s not your thing, it’s a teachable moment,” Nopharatana said. “If you’re not into it, don’t make other people feel bad. After tonight, you’re going to learn how to be sex-positive warriors.”

Nopharatana also led the evening in what she called a “pleasure-based” approach to sexual education, in contrast to high school sex education’s abstinence-only approach.

“It’s all these reasons why not to have sex,” Nopharatana said. “It’s like, ‘Oh, you’re going to get pregnant, you’re going to die, you’re going to get diseases.’ It’s important to acknowledge the pleasure-based functions of our anatomy.”

Nopharatana and Amanda Harris, another representative from The Pleasure Chest, led a fun and interactive discussion prior to the workshops that included large, detailed posters of the female and male anatomy and a large variety of sex toys of all shapes and sizes.

Encouraging the audience to participate, Nopharatana and Harris rewarded brave “sex warriors” with sugar-free flavored lubricant, condoms or miniature vibrators if they answered or asked a question.

After an exciting introduction, Nopharatana and Harris split the audience into two groups to attend workshops of their choice.

Harris led a workshop on the importance and definition of consent. It’s important to only reach out to people you are comfortable with and already know in an intimate manner if you plan on having sexual intercourse while inebriated, Harris said.

“It really comes down to respecting your own boundaries, and setting them before you go from there,” Harris said. “And sometimes you’re like, ‘I’m not going to text him, I’m not going to text him,’ and one more whiskey and you’re texting him. That happens. If it’s something that’s consensual, and you’re happy with it and it’s safe, that’s OK.”

Harris also discussed how consent relates to sexting, which is the sending and/or receiving of nude or partially nude pictures via text message, Instagram direct messaging or Snapchat.

“It’s important to know how those images are going to affect your dynamic with that person and your future,” Harris said.

Harris also elaborated on the language of consensual sex.

“Yes means yes, no means no and maybe means no,” Harris said. “I think that ‘yes’ is the only true form of consent. Not saying ‘no’ is not consent.”

In another workshop, Nopharatana discussed the importance of destigmatizing the act of sex and making it an experience with positive associations.

“Things are changing – things are different now,” Nopharatana said.

“We’re in a space where we can be here and talk about sexuality.”

While the workshop was certainly not censored or delicate, Harris and Nopharatana went out of their way to make attendees feel comfortable and calm with the idea of discussing sex.

“I learn (people’s) language and mirror it,” Harris told The Panther about her ability to make attendees feel at ease. “I tend to be kind of abrasive in my own life and use very graphic terms, but I let the other person explain how they want to talk about it.”

Students, though shy at first, opened up during the workshop and discussed a wide variety of issues ranging from childhood stigmas toward sex to the protectionist attitude taken toward women in relationships in modern society.
Accommodations and accessibility

Tryphena Wardlaw | Staff Writer

Applying to college is a confusing enough process with a number of factors to consider, including student-to-faculty ratios, campus appearance, and the degree programs offered, but Conner Svetly had to also evaluate schools based on their disability services.

Chapman students with physical disabilities need specific access to buildings and the tools for success on campus every day to create a level playing field in their college careers. But some students, like Svetly, hope that Chapman is held accountable for being accessible to all.

“It’s up to universities and schools anywhere to provide that (disability accommodations) because they basically accepted that student,” Svetly said. “They said, ‘OK, we’ll give you access, the student as a part of our university,’ and so it is up to them to provide that care, to allow that student to thrive within their school.”

The junior business administration major was born deaf and at the age of 3 and 13, Svetly received cochlear implants in his right and left ear respectively, which allow him to hear.

Chapman Disability Services works with students one-on-one in an effort to make their college experiences as seamless as possible, at least from Svetly’s experience, by providing him with Communication Access Realtime Transcription (CART) services. CART is a system that uses a court reporting stenography machine, a computer and software to display everything that is being said in the classroom, verbatim, according to the Deaf-Hearing Communication Centre.

“As someone that has gone through life trying to fight for the ability to be on the same playing field as others, my family and I have definitely come across a lot of problems in which we haven’t been able to get what I need to be successful,” Svetly said.

Jason Quezada, the managing director of Adaptive College Experience (ACE) tutoring, has worked with students of all disciplines, giving them extra academic assistance.

While Chapman is working to improve accessibility on campus, some students still find obstacles in everyday life. Sophomore business administration major Makenna Sewell, has found difficulties with her power chair living on campus in Glass Hall.

“Glass has these giant gates out front that are impossible to open. I just noticed too that the apartment that I live in, that’s supposed to be the accessible apartment. That was a huge subpar with their requirements,” Sewell said. “I would say probably my biggest issue with Chapman as far as accessibility is just the living situation.”

Sewell said she has spinal muscular atrophy type III, a genetic condition, which affects the nerves that control muscle movement, according to U.S. National Library of Medicine. As a result, she requires a power chair to get around.

Sewell said that she is provided priority class registration because doing so allows the university enough time to move the class to a room that is accessible.

In an effort to explore disability awareness with students, Cross-Cultural Engagement hosted one of its Breaking Ground workshops on April 5 in Argyros Forum 209B, which looked to the privileges that able-bodied students have and how those students can be better allies to students with disabilities.

Disability Services: Exceeding limitations

Rachel Gossen | Senior Writer

Taking a test, that’s not been studied for, can induce anxiety. For some students, that anxiety can come even if they feel prepared for the test.

“I got the accommodation form back when my anxiety wasn’t well controlled and I wasn’t medicated yet,” said Taylor Reynolds, a junior digital arts major. “I haven’t used the extra time option yet, but I’ve utilized the form a few times to miss class when I’m having an anxiety attack.”

For Chapman students with disabilities or limitations, extra time, quiet testing places and accommodation letters can be requested through Disability Services. These disabilities can range between four different categories, physical, psychological, learning or medical.

Tests are designed for students without any extra time or options,” said Jason McAlexander, the assistant director of Disability Services. “So, when a student has limitations, they are legitimate (diagnosed), and there’s documentation to prove it, which I evaluate and make judgments on, then I want to approve an accommodation/ alteration so that the student isn’t harmed and their grade isn’t harmed, because of their disability.”

McAlexander said the most common limitation in students is attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. The accommodation given is usually 50 percent more test-taking time, or 100 percent more time in more severe cases.

“My ultimate goal is to provide a level playing field for a student with a disability,” McAlexander said. “I want to raise them up so they can, in theory, have the same opportunities to succeed or fail as a student without a disability.”

Students must show documentation from a doctor or psychiatrist proving that they have a limitation and then set up a meeting with McAlexander, who can grant disability accommodations.

“I don’t only look at the documents provided, I talk with students as well so I can understand their story and decide what accommodation would be best for them,” McAlexander said.

Senior psychology major Jillian Strong thinks that maybe documentation isn’t always the best option when deciding disability status.

“I’d hate to see people lie about disabilities because that would be unacceptable, but I think it’s very easy to go off an honor system since there are many invisible disabilities,” Strong said.

Although Reynolds hasn’t used the extra time option yet, she’s thankful that it is there in case she gets back to being in a bad spot.

“Since I started my medication, my anxiety became controlled and I didn’t really need it (extra time) anymore,” Reynolds said. “But it’s nice to know I could utilize it if I get back to being in a bad spot.”
Taking control over the counter

Leah de Leon | Staff Writer

When many people go to a pharmacy, they buy batteries or cough drops, they develop pictures or get a flu shot. Now, women will be able to get birth control just as easily.

The California law, Senate Bill 493, was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2013, but went into effect on April 8 this year. Now women should be able to walk into a pharmacy and obtain self-administered hormonal contraceptives without a prescription. This includes the pill, patches, vaginal ring and Depo-Provera injection, according to a press release from the California Pharmacists Association.

Following Oregon’s House Bill 2879, Chapman will allow women to obtain birth control directly from a pharmacist. Patients will not have to consult a doctor before coming to their local pharmacies. Instead, pharmacists must follow a five-step procedure set by the Board of Pharmacy, which includes a questionnaire, a blood pressure reading, an explanation of information about the birth control and counseling.

The intent to make birth control readily available is a great concept for people who perhaps have systemic barriers,” said Jacqueline Deats, director of Chapman Student Health Services. “This law opens the doors for women who don’t have insurance.”

However, it is unclear for how the new law will affect women who will have complications after a pharmacist prescribes them birth control.

“This new opportunity to get hormonal therapy is great but for the ones who have complications or questions, who’s going to be following up with them?,” Deats said. “And if pharmacists will be equipped to answer those questions to best serve the patient is the unknown.”

Pharmacists must undergo online training administered by the California State Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board of California before they can provide self-administered hormonal contraceptives, according to the bill.

Six local pharmacies in Orange County, including Pacific Pharmacy Group, Walgreens on East Chapman Avenue and Target Pharmacy on North Tustin Street, were contacted, and none said that they are ready to put the law into practice.

All pharmacies contacted are waiting for the California State Board of Pharmacy educational software. It is unclear when this law will be in full effect, said a Target pharmacist who did not want to be identified.

“Since this is a state law, it applies to everyone. Now it’s just a waiting game,” said a Pacific Pharmacy Group pharmacist who also did not want to be identified.

At Chapman, students can obtain birth control by scheduling an appointment at the Student Health Center. A gynecologist or nurse performs a breast exam, evaluates the patient’s medical history and discusses the different options for birth control, Deats said.

Once a patient selects the type of contraceptive, the patient can be given a prescription that can be filled at a local pharmacy, or the health center can provide birth control pills for $15 a month, Deats said.

Deats is in the process of collaborating with local pharmacies to ensure that students have access to both birth control and the proper education.

“If it means students are picking up birth control from a local pharmacy and they get their STD testing done here, then I want that to happen,” Deats said. “It is most important that our students receive appropriate education regarding their birth control options.”

Students can be tested for gonorrhea and chlamydia at the health center for $35, Deats said.

Lily Yasuda, a sophomore screenwriting major, said that some people have expressed concern that women will no longer be safely screened for STDs and this new law could result in an increase in unsafe sex.

“Everyone, regardless of gender, should get tested for STDs and practice safe sex. Period. That’s just person- al responsibility,” Yasuda said. “However, to say that women shouldn’t be able to get birth control without being tested is entirely one-sided given that men can purchase condoms just about anywhere, and I’m pretty sure the gas station attendant isn’t asking them to show medical paperwork to do so.”

Niki Beck, a junior women and gender studies major, said this new law is a huge stride for reproductive justice but is lacking for the law to go even further.

“It’s important to know we don’t have full justice with reproductive rights because it is expensive still without insurance to get birth control and it shouldn’t be a choice,” Black said. “It should be easy, accessible and cheap, if not free.”

There is so much demonization against women, most of all, Mandel said. “The trans community experiences harassment exponentially, so for Trans People of Color (Coalition), why would we want to harass someone else?”

Junior biology major Aneli Whitford said it should not matter what bathroom a person uses.

“Honestly, it should not matter.” Whitford said. “If I am in the bathroom and I see a trans person and if they look like a woman, I probably would not even take a second glance.”

Whitford also said that businesses should not be discriminatory when it comes to employment.

“I think it is ridiculous. Your sexual orientation should not be factored (into the employment process). You should be hired if you can actually do the job,” Whitford said.

Cianciarulo said that even though people have come in our society and government there is still misjudgment.

“I think there is a lot of a misunderstanding about the LGBT community and misunderstanding about sexual orientation and gender identity, and those misunderstandings can lead to discriminatory actions,” Cianciarulo said.

Note: Mandel requested that The Panther use the term “trans*” in her quotes to include all transgender, non-binary and gender nonconforming identities, including (but not limited to) transgender, genderqueer, gender fluid, non-binary, genderless, agender, non-gendered, third gender, two-spirit, bigender and trans man and trans woman.
Bleeding love at the blood drive

Thomas Hecker | Staff Writer

Lauren Nowicki sat on the bed, a needle in her arm, passed out. Don’t worry, she was just giving blood.

“They put the needle in my arm and in like five seconds I was just out,” the junior broadcast journalism major said. “When I woke up on one of the stretchers I was like, ‘Did I do it?’ and they were like, ‘Yeah you got this much.’”

About a third of the bag was full. On April 13, Chapman students and faculty rolled up their sleeves to bleed for those in need. Disciples on Campus hosted a blood drive for the American Red Cross in Argyros Forum 119A from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each semester, Dani Smith, director of Chapman’s P.E.E.R. (Proactive Education Encouraging Responsibility) department, organizes three to four blood drives at Chapman. Each drive can be hosted by any campus organization, which have included the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Delta Gamma sorority and the American Medical Student Association, Smith said.

The American Red Cross is currently in desperate need of blood donations, Smith said.

“Right now the blood drive fridge is empty, according to our coordinator,” Smith said. “She said there’s a real shortage right now of blood. So, that’s why it’s good for students to at least try to give.”

Smith said the normal donation amount is one unit, about the equivalent of a Snapple bottle, which can help save three lives. The blood drives at Chapman typically collect about 35 units.

Though many people want to give blood, volunteers are often deferred because they don’t meet the eligibility criteria, Smith said.

Disqualifiers for blood donation can include medical conditions, certain medications and travel to certain countries. A full list of the eligibility criteria to donate blood can be found on the American Red Cross website.

Nowicki said despite her anemia, a condition where blood lacks enough healthy red blood cells, according to the WebMD website, she wanted to donate blood in honor of her uncle, who had been saved by blood donations after a motorcycle accident.

“I have iron supplements that I have to take every day just to keep my iron levels up, so I was sort of taking a lot of them beforehand,” Nowicki said. “So when they pricked me they were like, ‘Oh your iron levels are fine.’”

Smith said she too has faced the problem of low iron levels when donating blood.

“I’ve tried several times,” Smith said. “Every time I go in my iron is low, so I keep trying. I keep eating my spinach and my oatmeal.”

Madi Murphy, a strategic and corporate communication and political science major, said that although blood donation is taxing on the donor, the discomfort is outweighed by its life-saving benefits.

“Giving blood is awful. I’ll be real – it’s not fun,” Murphy said. “But knowing that people in this world would die if we didn’t do it, it just makes it worth it to get stuck with a needle.”

Murphy said giving blood is customary in her family, especially since her father’s cancer treatment requires him to receive three to four bags of blood per week.

“My mom has been giving blood since forever. It was just what she did,” Murphy said. “It was also part of a family thing, like, ‘You’re old enough now – it’s time to give blood,’ because it’s important.”

Chapman students have been donating at blood drives for many years, Smith said.

“Students are great as far as being very altruistic and giving,” Smith said. “I would presume that students have been having blood drives here since Chapman opened.”

The next blood drive at Chapman will be hosted by the Phi Delta Theta fraternity May 4.
From left, Mowgli (Neel Sethi), Bagheera (voiced by Ben Kingsley) star in “The Jungle Book” which was released April 15.

The ushers were the first to instigate problems in the jungle when tiger Shere Khan (Idris Elba), comes into the picture, and threatens to become the human race now than ever before. Due to globalization and immigration, our culture does not just spark from the place we grow up in anymore, and it is not just the traditions and norms that are placed upon us as we grow, it is a very intricate hybrid of both. Mowgli’s most valuable lesson was that he shouldn’t neglect either part of his being. He is always going to be two-sided, however at the same time, nothing can change that he was brought up as a wolf.

In terms of production, “The Jungle Book” really exceeded my expectations. The visual effects and its use of CGI (computer-generated imagery) were mesmerizing to look at. It was, hands down, one of the best computer graphic films I have ever seen. The rawness of the scenery and the animal characters makes the film’s above-mentioned subtext even more outstanding and relatable to the human experience. Furthermore, it puts this film way above recently released Disney live-action remakes and spin-offs like Cinderella (which I liked a lot), and don’t even get me started on Maleficent.”

The cast was on-point as well. Neel Sethi was absolutely fantastic as Mowgli. He was the only non-CGI character in this film and it is amazing how he managed to carry his consistency throughout. Murray, Scarlett Johansson, and Idris Elba voiced Shere Khan, and let me tell you something — he is scary… like really scary. Shere Khan was the perfect combination of a fearless voice-over performance and dazzling CGI. Christopher Walken had a stellar scene in the film as King Louie, an orangutan, which I found to be one of the funniest scenes in the film. The rest of the cast included Idris Elba as Bagheera, Lupta Nyong’o as Raksha, and as mentioned before, Johansson as Kaa.

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Welcome to the jungle

Alberto Achar | Film Critic

From Walt Disney Pictures and the director of Iron Man, Jon Favreau, comes a classic that will bring snippets of your childhood into your mind. I have not seen the animated version of “The Jungle Book” from 1967 in probably more than 10 years, but watching it now I realize that there is so much more to this story, and it probably relates to the identity of every human being at some point in life.

Based on the books by Rudyard Kipling, “The Jungle Book” follows the story of Mowgli (embodied quite amazingly by Neel Sethi), an orphan boy living in the jungle who was raised by wolves. The aforementioned description is probably what we all remember from when we were kids, nevertheless, watching this live-action remake now has opened various different meanings that might have been more difficult to grasp through the eyes of a young child.

When Mowgli grows up and begins to develop a sense of self, he finds himself having an identity crisis. Is he a wolf? Or he is a man— a cub I thought about this question during the film, and it made me question what having a sense of identity entailed. Should our identity stem from where our family is from? Or is it element of identity placed upon us as we grow, or is it a combination of both. Neel Sethi was absolutely fantastic as Mowgli. He was the only non-CGI character in this film and it is amazing how he managed to carry his consistency throughout. Murray, Scarlett Johansson, and Idris Elba voiced Shere Khan, and let me tell you something — he is scary… like really scary. Shere Khan was the perfect combination of a fearless voice-over performance and dazzling CGI. Christopher Walken had a stellar scene in the film as King Louie, an orangutan, which I found to be one of the funniest scenes in the film. The rest of the cast included Idris Elba as Bagheera, Lupta Nyong’o as Raksha, and as mentioned before, Johansson as Kaa.

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Ashley Probst | Columnist

I’ve always dreamed of meeting a handsome, posh British man to sweep me off my feet and continually hypn- tize him with his sexy accent. I never thought that my lifelong fantasy would actually become a reality, even though the circumstances I had imagined weren’t exactly how it all played out (but then again, life is rarely what you expect it to be).

We met at a pub that was far from classy and was packed with my number of people; even though I didn’t expect him to use it. A week later, we were sitting in a steakhouse discovering the uncanny amount of similarities we have — we even unintentionally ordered the same meal. This immediate, strong connection led to our relationship escalating rather quickly and we soon found ourselves booking a weekend trip to Milan after only two months of dating.

Even though our flight was delayed, it was about being able to watch the Italian metro, plus the hostel we booked provided us with poor service and we were still overjoyed to be together in a country that was foreign to both of us and eagerly went out to explore.

We stumbled across a quaint restaur- ant where we sat outside on a surpris- ingly humid night to share slices of pizza and a few beers. Toward the end of the meal, I went to the restroom and returned to find that he had bought a rose from one of the “loopy-lookies” who kept approaching our table trying to sell us various items such as flowers, cigarettes or light-up toys. I smelled with amorous bliss, as no one has ever given me a rose before, and it certainly set the tone for the weekend.

After dinner, we walked along theNaviglio Grande canal and came across a group of dancers who were reveling next to the waterfront. We sat back and enjoyed watching their choreographed dances at first, then decided to join in once a slower song started to play. We quickly learned that neither of us really know how to dance, but the laughter that burst through our lips as we tried not to step on each other’s feet made for one of the best memories from our holiday. Even going to a club the next night wasn’t as fun as that first experience dancing together — and Milan is known for its magnificent nightlife.

Most of our time was spent eating rich Italian food and drinking fine wine, with the amusing motif of us ordering the same dishes continuing for almost every meal. Time seemed to slip past us as we ended up being the last ones at every restaurant where we ate dinner — we would finally tear our gazes away from one another and realize that everything in the restaur- ant had been taken down, except for our lone table.

The funniest moments came when we would be presented with our bill and I would be the one to pay. The waiter would always come back assum- ing that it was his card and seem quite confused when they realized that it actually belonged to me. It just goes to show that romantic doesn’t necessarily mean that your partner has to pay for everything. I paid for the expensive meals (jokes about being his sugar mama ensued between us) and he paid for all of the little things throughout the day like transporta- tion, alcohol and entrance fees. It all ended up balancing out, as we both spent the same amount of money.

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What a week
The Panther Editorial Board

Picking a president

On April 18, student government will announce its decision on how to fill the president-elect vacancy left by Austin Kernan’s resignation. Kernan resigned from his student government positions for “personal reasons” but Vice President-elect Tyler Porterfield and Andrew Primavera, the Delta Tau Delta chapter president, both confirmed that Kernan had stolen funds from the fraternity.

Currently, student government has no procedure on how to fill a vacancy left if a president-elect resigns. Its decision is one that must be taken with the highest degree of seriousness for several reasons, as a new bylaw will be created based on the decision, setting a precedent for future elections.

This is a wake-up call for the student government as it looks to rebound from what has been something of a crisis week for the organization. With the integrity of student government thoroughly in the spotlight.

Monday’s decision is an opportunity for the organization to offer a well-constructed plan to deal with Kernan’s resignation.

Whether the student government chooses to appoint Porterfield or Annabel Liao, who ran against Kernan, as president-elect, hold a new election or do something totally different, it will be policy-shaping for the student government going forward. We hope to see a decision that reflects some thought, foresight and planning from the student government as it looks for the best solution to address this extraordinary situation.

For more on student government, turn to Page 2

Party ordinance

On April 12, the Orange City Council unanimously voted to approve the second first reading of the stricter party ordinance. Although many students expressed their concerns over the ordinance via social media and other platforms, only four students addressed the Council compared to the dozens of residents in attendance. Student government president Josh Nudelman was in attendance but did not speak in front of the Council.

The approved ordinance could have enormous legal implications for students who attend parties once they are in effect, and Chapman students’ lack of organized resistance to the ordinance no doubt played a role in the ease with which the reading was approved. However, it seems abundantly clear that the Council simply does not care what Chapman students think about the manner, as many of residents in attendance at the meeting expressed plenty of anti-Chapman student rhetoric during their statements in city hall.

As it stands, the changed language within this newest version of the ordinance does little to improve things from a student perspective, as students can still be punished simply for attending and “contributing” to a “load and unruly gathering.”

For more on the party ordinance, turn to Page 3

Austin Kernan

Whenever The Panther publishes a story that could be damaging to a person’s reputation, it is never something that we take lightly as a staff. Following our publication of the Austin Kernan story, some members of the community have asked us why we chose to run the story as we did.

In some stories that we publish containing sensitive information, we make the decision to leave certain sources anonymous if it is absolutely necessary. As per AP Style guidelines, which The Panther adheres to, the only time we will run a story containing an anonymous source is if “the material is information and not opinion or speculation and is vital to the news report, the information is not available except under the conditions of anonymity imposed by the source and if the source is reliable, and in a position to have accurate information.”

Therefore, in cases when we interview someone who is giving us information that could endanger them in some way should their identity be made public, we will elect to publish them as an anonymous source. While rare, this is an issue that we deal with a few times every semester.

In the Kernan case, there were no grounds to leave him anonymous. He is a public official who chose to pursue the highest elected student office that this university has to offer. As our president-elect, he assumed the responsibilities to be our student body’s leader and spokesperson to the public. When we confirmed with officials from student government and Delta Tau Delta that Kernan had stolen funds and was resigning from student government, we published the story containing Kernan’s name and photo. There was no identity to protect. This was the case of a public official resigning in the wake of a scandal based off a choice that he made and admitted to. It would be irresponsible of us as journalists not to report that story to our community in its factual entirety.

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Panther Column Guest 13

Prowling Panther

Compiled by Hannah Spellman

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Junior psychology major

“I personally don’t think that the ordinance is going to change that much with people’s behavior or change their behavior.”

Michael Necula
Senior communication studies major

“It isn’t going to change my behavior.”

Check out the full ProWling Panther video on thepantheronline.com
Golf
The men’s golf team hosted its last tri-match of the season at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club against Whittier College and California Lutheran University.

The Panthers were led by junior golfer Bryan Wise, who tied for first with a score of 71 (+1). Freshman Griffin Tso finished third with a score of 75 (+5) and freshmen Zach Gellens, Dallas Haun and Harrison Holetz all finished tied for fifth with scores of 80 (+10).

Chapman will have over a week off to prepare for the upcoming Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, which will take place at Oak Valley Golf Club in Beaumont April 23-26.

Track and field
Chapman’s track and field team saw some mixed results April 16 at the third Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet at the University of La Verne.

Junior Mitchell Bouldin finished first in the men’s long jump event with a final distance of 6.88 meters. Freshman Cole Cedric and juniors Ethan Weinstein and Sam Baker all finished seventh in the men’s discus throw, 100-meter dash and 800-meter dash, respectively.

On the women’s side, senior Lauren Deats finished seventh in the women’s 100-meter dash and fourth in the 200-meter dash.

Intercollegiate Athletic Conference playoffs, which will take place on April 22 or 23.

Softball
The Chapman softball team had a tough weekend, losing three of four games. On April 15, Chapman (10-16, 4-12) faced off against Occidental College (10-16, 4-12) and split two home games. The Panthers came out on top in the first game, winning 11-6, but were crushed 11-1 in a five-inning game in the second.

On April 16, California Lutheran University (13-15, 7-13) edged out two one-run wins, defeating Chapman 4-3 and 3-2, respectively.

The Panthers have a busy week ahead, with doubleheaders scheduled on April 19 and 22 against Whittier College (14-16, 6-12), and April 23 against Pomona-Pitzer (9-23, 6-14).
Baseball team signs special new member

Liam Noonan | Staff Writer

The Chapman men’s baseball team looks to finish off the last two weeks of the regular season strong before heading into playoffs – but a playoff spot is not all the team is playing for.

This week, Head Coach Scott Laverty and the Chapman Athletic Department held a press conference to announce the signing of 5-year-old little league player and baseball fan Carter Ankeny, who has leukemia.

Carter, who is currently undergoing treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia, which affects the white blood cells in the bloodstream and bone marrow, in the fall. A few months after his diagnosis, Chapman Athletics found out about Carter and reached out to Chapman.

The signing was held on the third level of the wrongs building, in the president’s suite, and every measure was taken to ensure the event was as authentic as possible. Carter, who arrived accompanied by his parents as well as his 2-year-old sister, walked into the room to find his own customized jersey, an autographed pair of shoes from his Panamanian teammates, and about 20 members of the baseball team, reporters and more.

Carter sat at the main table along with his family, Laverty and adjunct law professor Leigh Steinberg, who volunteered to be his agent.

“Today the Panther’s baseball program is signing Carter Ankeny to a celebratory letter of intent,” Laverty said. “A few things that caught my eye about Carter in the recruitment process were his work ethic, determination, his fiery will to come out straight from the get-go and his ability to just blend right in with the team.”

Not only will the partnership help Carter through difficult times, but the baseball team believes it will benefit from it just as much if not more than Carter.

“Eighteen- to 22-year-olds get caught up in a lot of different things and Carter will really just help us ground our perspective,” Laverty said.

Just as they had been before Williams said it is helpful to see how positive Carter is able to stay.

“He even went to a doubleheader and was standing the entire time just cheering us on and giving everybody high-lives,” said Carter is the first child Chapman has had from Team IMPACT. Stephanie Argyros is on the regional advisory board of Team IMPACT and helped with the process of bringing Carter to Chapman. “Draft day can be really fun and they can also be very overwhelming, but they really are a great time for the kids to really feel like they are an official member of the team,” said Pamela Sullivan, who is the regional director for Team IMPACT.

Carter, who is currently going through chemotherapy, was noticeably overwhelmed during the press conference of about 50 people, but afterward he was able to unwind and have some fun while running around on the football field.

The first Chapman practice he went to he ran the field four times and led the team in warmups and he was so excited to be there,” said Carter’s mom Jamie Ankeny. “He keeps talking about his new teammates and how he went from little league to Chapman in one year.”

As of right now the plan is for Carter to stay with the team for three years, which is the length of his remaining treatment.

Sports Spotlight: Alison Quincy

Jayson King | Staff Writer

Alison Quincy, a senior utility player and attacker on the women’s water polo team, has been in a terrific form throughout the season. Quincy leads both her team and the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in goals. As the season is coming to an end, the second highest scoring player in the conference is 16 goals behind Quincy’s 69 goals.

Do you have any pregame rituals? I don’t. I’m weirdly not crazy superstitious about those. I just try to relax. (Junior defender) Emily Fong is in charge of music, so she gets us all pumped up with that, and that’s usually the only pregame ritual people have.

What is your favorite aspect of water polo? Definitely the team. I know that’s what everyone always says, and it’s cheesy, but we’re really close, especially this year. It just makes it a lot of fun to play with these girls right now.

What would you like to do in the future? I definitely want to keep sports as part of my life. I know that my water polo career is kind of ending in the next couple of weeks, but sports have always been a big part of my life. But I don’t really have any plans for my future right now.

How does it feel to be leading the league in goals? Honestly, it’s kind of crazy. I didn’t even realize that was a thing until halfway through the season when someone told me about it. It’s just super surreal because my team does a really good job of helping set me up for the goals. It’s crazy to think about and it’s really exciting to me.

What’s your secret to being so effective? Honestly, my teammates. They know I’m a good shooter and they trust me, so they try to get me the ball. (Senior setter) Kate Snaus does a great job of drawing kick-outs, which help set up the main opportunities. A bunch of people on the team, (senior utility player) Kate Avery, (junior attacker) Grace Schade, they’re really good at giving great cross-court passes to move the goalie. But I don’t really have any secrets of my own.

Looking back on the season, what can you take away from it? Honestly, it’s a really great last season to have with my personal accomplishments, but as a team, we weren’t expected to do this well because we lost a bunch of talent last year. We all kind of rallied together and played really well as a team.

What is your all-time favorite memory of playing water polo? It was probably last year during our conference tournament. We beat Claremont for the first time since I’d been here. I had a personal rivalry with them because I’ve had some good games with my sister played for them five years ago and so I’ve always wanted to beat them. We were the underdogs in that game when we beat them, so we finished third when we came in being the fourth seed. That was just a great game overall. And that was a lot of fun.

What motivates you to play your hardest? I’ve always been a competitor. I always want to push myself and see what I can do. And I love to win. That’s about it. I want to push myself to keep going. I want to push my teammates, my teammates want to push me, so we can do the best overall.

Senior attacker Alison Quincy.
Women’s lacrosse splits 2 games, drops to 2nd place

Daniel Starkand | Senior Writer

The Chapman women’s lacrosse team split two games this week as it traveled to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps April 13 and Occidental College April 16.

Chapman was tied for first place in the conference going into the Claremont game. However, the Panthers came out flat and were unable to recover, falling 11-6 in the game and dropping to second in the conference.

“I think all we can really do is use this game as a learning experience and fuel us for our upcoming games,” said sophomore midfielder Stacey Zappa. “None of us were happy with the outcome, and we realized how much harder and smarter we need to work to beat other teams.”

Claremont (11-3, 6-2), who is just a half game behind Chapman for second place in the conference, jumped out to an early 5-1 lead and maintained that lead into halftime.

The teams exchanged goals for much of the second half as Chapman (12-3, 7-2) was never able to make a run, resulting in the loss.

“We found ourselves in a hole we couldn’t get out of,” said senior midfielder Kelsey Mackin. “Our choices were sloppy and our executions were sloppy. We defeated ourselves.”

Five different Panthers scored goals in the game, with junior attacker Gretchen Rodenberger leading the team with two goals.

The loss gave Pomona-Pitzer (12-2, 7-1) sole possession of first place in the conference with just a few games remaining. The two teams will square off in the final regular-season game of the season at Chapman.

“One thing (Head) Coach (Dan) Kirkpatrick has emphasized since the beginning of the season is our focus on us and our game plan,” Mackin said. “The success has been great, but numbers aren’t what’s most important to us. What we care about is getting to where we want to be.”

Following the loss to Claremont, the Panthers traveled to Occidental College and came out with a win. Occidental (6-9, 0-8) was simply unable to keep up with the offensive firepower that Chapman brought to the table. The Panthers jumped out to an early 5-2 lead and were never able to come back.

“At this point in the season all wins are great wins. It doesn’t have to be pretty but at this point we just need wins,” Kirkpatrick said. The Panthers will play one more regular season game against first place Pomona-Pitzer April 20. Kirkpatrick said that despite the importance of the game, his team is preparing the same as they always do.

“Same setup, nothing changes. It’s a huge game, but the way we prepare doesn’t change. We’ll go through our normal practice on Monday and Tuesday this week and we’ll be ready to go for Wednesday. It’s a critical game Wednesday and we’ll be ready.”

While all teams make the conference tournament, going into the tournament in first place is critical for home-field advantage, Kirkpatrick said. Since joining the conference in 2013 Chapman has never won the conference.

Baseball takes 2 of 3, falls to 4th place in conference

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The Chapman men’s baseball team won two of three games against the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens, starting with a comeback 9-5 win April 13.

The Panthers (20-13, 14-7) were held scoreless through five innings thanks to a strong outing by Pomona-Pitzer’s starting pitcher David Gericus. The Sagehens (14-18, 7-14) put three runs on the board in the third and another two in the fifth.

The Panthers rallied in the eighth, when three of the first four batters were walked to start the inning. With the bases loaded, sophomore second baseman Gavin Blodgett hit a single to left field, driving in a run. Another bases-loaded walk narrowed the lead to one and a follow-up single by junior catcher Aaron Vilaubi tied the game at five each. The Panthers didn’t stop there, as the next couple of at-bats resulted in a wild pitch followed by a sacrifice fly to push the score to 9-5.

“The win today was huge for our momentum heading into April 16 as well as putting us one step closer to securing a spot at the top of the standings,” Head Coach Scott Lavery said.

On April 17, the Panthers struggled to contain Pomona-Pitzer’s bats in the first game, which resulted in an 8-3 loss. The Panthers got on the scoreboard first with a run in the top of the second inning, but the Sagehens quickly responded with two runs in the bottom of the second.

“This weekend’s series against Pomona showed us that we need to continue to improve on minimizing the amount of free bases we allow,” said freshman pitcher Matt Mogollon. “I thought the team did a great job of staying competitive throughout both games we won. In each of our victories, we were chasing a couple runs early on, but we managed to put continuous pressure on Pomona’s pitching and defense that ultimately allowed us to take the lead and win the series.

“The second game was a much more efficient one for the Panthers’ offense as they scored runs in seven different innings, resulting in a 13-9 win. The Sagehens caught fire in the bottom of a four-run second inning, but were then held scoreless until the eighth. While Pomona-Pitzer struggled, the Panthers scored 11 runs in the remaining seven innings, which proved too much for the Sagehens to stage a comeback.

“Heading into this week’s set of games, we have the opportunity to solidify ourselves a spot in the (conference) tournament,” Mogollon said. “So the next game is the most important one from here on out. We just have to have the game of baseball. That means making the routine plays, throwing strikes, and getting on base. If we do just that, we’ll put ourselves in a great position to win.”

Chapman now sits in fourth place in the conference behind the University of Redlands (23-11, 16-8). Chapman will finish out the regular season this weekend with three games against fifth place University of La Verne (6-16, 9-12). Redlands does not have any more conference games remaining, meaning two wins would move Chapman into the third spot heading into the playoffs.