Sorority Kappa Alpha Theta won first place in Greek life’s annual Skit competition April 2. Sorority Delta Gamma and fraternity Phi Gamma Delta won second and third place, respectively. From left, senior television and broadcast journalism major Morgan Jul, senior dance major Andrea Dobbins and senior creative producing and theatre technology major Matt Eisenmann. Page 7.

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Students take precautions against terrorist attacks while abroad

Justine Winans | Staff Writer

Sophomore integrated educational studies major Eliana Michelson never would have thought the calm city she visited, with vendors selling fries and waffles on the streets, would be the site of a terror attack. On March 22, 2016, a terrorist attack killed 130 people in Brussels, Belgium. Michelson is currently studying abroad in Granada, Spain, and visited Brussels a couple of days before the terrorist attack that injured 300 people and killed more than 30.

“It is scary how a day can make such a difference for someone’s safety,” Michelson wrote in an email. She was in Amsterdam when she heard about the bombings.

“When I turned on my phone I saw that I had a couple of missed calls from a relative and a text from a friend also studying abroad making sure that I was OK and that I was no longer in Brussels,” Michelson wrote. “I had no idea what happened so when we left the Anne Frank House, we went to a coffee shop to investigate what had happened.”

No Chapman students were studying abroad in Brussels during the time of the attack, said James Coyle, director of the Center for Global Education.

“We immediately contacted all students abroad in Europe,” Coyle said. “By noon, all the students were able to respond that they were OK.”

The attacks occurred at 7:58 a.m. local time, which was 11:58 p.m. the night before in Pacific Standard Time.

Major terrorist attacks have been occurring in Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and even less than 50 miles from Chapman. While Chapman students were not present in Brussels during the attack, Coyle agreed, saying that if he were to warn students about the cities abroad that were attacked, he would have to warn students about many American cities as well.

“They are more aware when they leave overseas than they are walking around San Bernardino,” Coyle said.

Staying safe abroad

The Center for Global Education takes many precautions for students who study aboard. Before they leave, students partake in mandatory briefing sessions, both verbal and through an online program. These allow for the students to go through modules that give them tips on how to devise a general safety plan and how they can find and register with the U.S. Embassy in the countries they will travel to.

“The Center for Global Education is in touch with us every once in a while. They did contact us after the attacks, but other than that, I don’t hear much from them,” said sophomore theatre performance major Talia Goodman, who is currently studying abroad in Madrid.

Coyle said that students overseas are constantly monitored both by the center and third-party providers with offices in all countries the programs travel to. They pass on warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State immediately. These programs offer near daily contact with students abroad when the center cannot, Coyle said.

If the Department of State issues a warning on a school in a particular area, Chapman does not send any students to that area. Turkey, Iran, Burundi, Algeria, Mali, Nigeria and Sudan currently have travel warnings.

“All in all, the responsibility falls on the student,” Coyle said. “They need to keep a low profile, use common sense and be vigilant.”

“While it is a bit scary and one has to be more conscious, I have to be very careful not to let it take me over. I feel safe here because there are people going on and living their lives.”

-Talia Goodman, sophomore theatre performance major in Madrid

“The security in D.C. and all over the world is increasing because of the recurring shootings. I feel safer in a sense because I know that there will be more security and greater measures taken to secure the people.”

-Negneq Amrih, junior political science major in Washington, D.C.

“For the most part I do feel safe studying overseas. I have to admit I have been more nervous since the Brussels attack but generally I do feel safe. I’m glad I chose to study abroad and I wasn’t going to let my fear stop me from having this amazing life changing experience.”

-Addie Turner, sophomore theatre performance major in London
Student government election sees highest voter turnout

Atharshna Singarajah | Assistant News Editor

The 2016-17 student government presidential and vice presidential election received the highest number of votes than in any other student government election, with 1,341 votes cast, said Kendall DeVries, student government’s director of elections. That is 22.45 percent of the eligible student body.

Austin Kernan and Tyler Porterfield were elected as the 2016-17 president and vice president, respectively, on March 16.

Kernan, a junior creative producing and business administration major, ran against Annabel Liao, a junior creative producing major. Porterfield, an international relations and advertising major, ran against Jayetha Panakkadan, a junior biology major.

Kernan received 842 votes and Liao received 461 votes, DeVries said. In the vice presidential race, Porterfield received 714 votes and Panakkadan received 605 votes.

The election saw a 4.14 percent increase from the 2015-16 election, which had 18.31 percent of students participate. To incentivize voting, student government provided free meals from food trucks for the first 100 students who voted each day, which DeVries said seemed to assist with the increased number of votes. Student government spent $4,000 to provide the meals, said Ty Dembski, student government’s director of finance.

The number of votes cast was provided by student government more than two weeks after the election and after persistent emails from The Panther.

Part of Kernan and Porterfield’s election platform was to create more transparency between student government and the student body.

Porterfield said the senate meeting minutes and agenda are posted on the Chapman website each week, which will continue next year. In addition, Kernan and Porterfield plan to generate monthly updates that will be sent out to the student body.

They also plan to publicize their office hours, which will allow students to come to them with questions or concerns. Porterfield also said that she and Kernan have instituted communication as a top priority in their term as the newly-elected officials.

“Austin and I want to focus on more outreach and publicity whether that be more activity on social media or even more attachments in Dean Price’s emails,” Porterfield said. “We hope to market our social media websites and profiles, increasing outreach.”

The pair will take office May 1, although Porterfield is currently studying abroad.

To read The Panther’s editorial about the election, turn to page 12.

Chapman recognized as top Fulbright producer

Patricia Torres | Senior Writer

Chapman was recognized as one of the top Fulbright Scholar Program producers for 2015-16 after three recent alumnae received the award.

The program is an international educational exchange program that offers research, study and teaching opportunities for recent graduates and graduate students in more than 160 countries. About 10,000 students apply each year and between 1,800 and 1,900 receive the award, said Eileen Jankowski, director of the Fellowships and Scholar Program at Chapman.

“Proportionally we are doing well with getting three awards,” Jankowski said. “It is the students that gave us this recognition and we are really happy and proud of them.”

Since Chapman falls under the master’s institution category of the program, it is considered a top producer if three or more students receive the award during a school year. Since 2004, 20 Chapman students have received the award, Jankowski said.

The three students this year received English Teaching Assistants Awards. Nimah Gobir, a ’15 peace studies and studio art alumna, is in India, Megan McKeown, a ’15 peace studies alumna, is in Jordan and Tiiana Silva, a ’13 political science and peace alumna, is in Taiwan.

Gobir is finishing up her teaching at an all-girls school called Sakha- wat Memorial Government Girls’ High School. She has been in India for eight months and said she was excited about getting the award.

“I had never been to India and I was looking forward to learning more about the culture from my students and teachers,” Gobir wrote in an email. “I’m really happy that Chapman is a top producer. I hope it encourages students to pursue this incredible opportunity.”

McKeown, who teaches girls at a school for Palestinian refugees in Jordan, said that she has been given an amazing opportunity.

“I’ve not only been able to contribute to the current refugee crisis but also understand firsthand what life is like in Jordan and the area,” McKeown said. “I am happy to know that professors and students’ hard work is paying off and getting recognition from such an important scholarship program.”

The Fulbright award is a monetary award of around $30,000 that includes airfare, housing and a stipend. Applications include three letters of recommendation, two essays and a transcript.

Jankowski said she works with students during the spring semester of their junior year with applications due in the fall of their senior year.

“I guide them through the process and usually in the fall semester, me and the other faculty members sit down with the students and read their essays and give them advice on it,” Jankowski said.

Gobir said that Jankowski was really helpful during the application process.

“I think that I sent her at least 30 drafts of my statements,” she wrote. “I could not have completed the applications or gotten accepted without her.”

For the 2016-17 year, 21 Chapman students applied for the program. Four of them are semifinalists. “Two of the students who were semifinalists won the award with one going to Romania and the other going to the Czech Republic,” Jan-kowski said. “One did not receive the award and one student is still waiting to hear back.”
Pharmacy School adds Ph.D. program starting fall 2016

Kaitlin Homan | Staff Writer

Chapman will begin offering a doctorate program in pharmaceutical sciences this fall after being approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

“T’m really proud of having the full offering that most of the top pharmacy schools in the country have,” said Ron Jordan, founding dean of Chapman’s School of Pharmacy. “It’s surreal that we were able to make it happen.”

The process of adding the program took 18 months and required the approval of faculty members, the board of trustees and the association, Jordan said.

The pharmacy school plans to have small class sizes, admitting two students for the first semester. The school plans to admit students who have at least a master’s degree, but in some cases, will admit students that only have a bachelor’s degree in a field of science, Jordan said.

“We have to be certain that we don’t divert so much faculty attention and effort to other programs that they feel we don’t have sufficient faculty ratios,” Jordan said. “It’s typical to start a program small and then grow it over time.”

The program plans to have 16 students, who will be assigned to work with a professor one-on-one for intense mentoring. The classes will be held at the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine, Jordan said.

The School of Pharmacy currently offers five programs, including the 2+3 Freshman Early Assurance Program, which accepts exceptional graduating high school students interested in the profession of pharmacy. The students in this program complete their two-year undergraduate prerequisites and receive acceptance into the doctorate program. They then continue on to the three-year doctor of pharmacy program.

“I was really happy about this new addition because it will provide more opportunities and options for prospective students who want to obtain a Ph.D. in pharmacy specifically,” said Judy Weng, a freshman pharmacy major in the 2+3 program.

Weng said that although her courses are extremely rigorous and consuming, she’s really enjoying being a member of Chapman’s School of Pharmacy because of the opportunities to get involved on campus and bond with other pharmacy students.

Mary Ngo, a sophomore pharmacy major, is also in the 2+3 Freshman Early Assurance Program and is happy about the new program for the School of Pharmacy.

“As of now, I’m not thinking too far into possibly pursuing that path yet since I’m currently focusing on my prerequisites,” Ngo said. “I’m somewhat considering the Ph.D., but I want to see how these next few years will go in terms of attaining a Pharm.D. degree.”

“The School of Pharmacy is also very welcoming to us students in terms of research opportunities, academic guidance and counseling, and everyone including the faculty and the students are very helpful,” Ngo said.

Faculty, staff and administration continuously work hard for the students and have put an immense amount of time and effort into the new doctorate program, Jordan said.

“It cost really nothing,” Jordan said. “It was really faculty time and effort over the past 18 months that made this all happen.”

Jordan said that while the development of the doctorate program was made possible mostly through people’s time, it was also supported by grants the college received.
Free laptop rental available in Student Union

Tryphena Wardlaw | Senior Writer

Students can rent laptops for free in the Student Union beginning April 4, a project brought on by Mia Baybayan, student organization senator and student life committee chair.

There are 12 laptops in the machine – six Dell PCs and six Mac Book Pros – available for students to use freely, so long as they don’t have any business holds on their accounts. To check out a laptop, students must swipe their valid Chapman ID card.

The computers charge while in the kiosk, meaning they should keep a full battery for the entire rental time of four hours. When signing out a laptop, students will be prompted with an agreement that holds them accountable for any loss or damage to the laptop, as well as a $25 per hour late fee.

The laptop kiosk was planned to be implemented at the start of interterm, but was not installed until last week because it took longer than expected to decide on which machine to go with, Baybayan said.

“The project kind of disappeared when senate’s term ended last year so I picked it up again last semester,” Baybayan said. “When I initially brought it up with senate this year, they were a little hesitant about funding it as a large project, especially the biggest project of the semester.”

Student government funded $29,700 of the project, said Johnny Demshki, student government’s $20,000 and will additionally purchase of each laptop posed to cost between $30,000 and $50,000, said Mike Keyser, assistant director of information Systems and Technology. The additional purchase of each laptop made the total cost about $50,000, Keyser said.

“Member of Delta Tau Delta received the Hugh Shields Award at the fraternity’s Western Pacific Division Conference in February. This is the eighth consecutive time they have received this award.家纺

Delts ranked top chapter by nationals

Rebecca Glass | Staff Writer

Chapman’s Delta Tau Delta chapter was ranked first among the national organization’s 139 chapters at the fraternity’s Western Pacific Division Conference in February.

The chapter also received the Hugh’s Shield Award for Chapter Excellence, which honors the top 10 chapters of the fraternity nationally, for the eighth year in a row, among other awards.

It was extremely rewarding to see the work that we put in was acknowledged,” said Lijah Vann Gardner, Delta Tau Delta’s former chapter president. “(Delta Tau Delta) is definitely (most proud of) the Hugh’s Shield Award, especially this year with being ranked No. 1. But a week later, it was very rewarding to see that we won No. 1 fraternity on campus as well.”

Andrew Primavera, Delta Tau Delta’s current president, is also most proud of the No. 1 ranking.

“It took a lot of tireless work from our chapter and from Lijah, our former president,” he said. “(The award) really separates us from so many other different chapters.”

Eager to continue the trend of achievement, members emphasize that recognitions like these encourage motivation, not complacency.

“We’re not perfect, but it’s a motivation for us to stay at No. 1 and improve our chapter,” said Aurelio De Anda, a junior screen acting major and member of Delta Tau Delta.

De Anda explained that the awards will also help to continue attracting driven and committed students to join Delta Tau Delta.

“These awards are attracting people who are committed to lives of excellence,” De Anda said. “They speak to our character, and we’re drawing in the right people.”
Cafeteria to undergo changes over summer

Sabrina Santoro | Staff Writer

From Starbucks and Qdoba to Jamba Juice and the Randall Dining Commons, Chapman University Restaurant Services provides nine different on-campus dining options for students and faculty.

Students looking for a variety in their everyday meal plans, however, can expect to see changes beginning this fall, after the dining commons is remodeled, according to a statement by Eric Cameron, the general manager of the restaurant services.

Cameron did not respond to additional questions from The Panther.

Molly Simpson, a senior communication studies major, said that food options improved when Qdoba and Starbucks opened at the start of last semester, but they could still be better.

“The quality increased a little more, but they just replaced old restaurants – there aren’t any more options than there were before,” she said. “There could definitely be more vegetarian and vegan options because there are people that choose not to eat meat and they should have more options than just taking out and replacing meat.”

Helen Garcia, freshman class senator and a member of Sodexo’s Student Board of Directors, has been a liaison between students and staff and is involved in making changes to on-campus dining based on student requests.

Although Garcia receives various on-campus dining options, along with more varieties of fruit offered in the cafeteria.

Ted Morissette, a freshman film production major, said that no matter how many food options Chapman offers, he will continue to want more.

“There are specific things that I crave and obviously it would be great to have them on campus, but my desires change from day to day, so that is an unobtainable wish,” Morissette said. “I’m glad that they have horchata every once in a while.”

Kathryn Markham, a junior communication studies and business major, agreed that there should be more food options on campus, especially for residents who choose to dine in the cafeteria.

“I lived on campus for my first two years, and stopped eating in the cafeteria my sophomore year because I found that the food was very repetitive, and they would just cycle through the same meals every week or so,” Markham said. “I always loved it when they added random new options. Even when I wasn’t sure what was going to be on the menu that day, I would pick the item that was new and something I hadn’t tried before.”

Last semester, Garcia attempted to make changes regarding what the cafeteria and other on-campus dining locations served, but was unable to do so.

“I’m currently working on a pamphlet called ‘Caf Hacks’ to show them that they can get chick- en from this station, and rice from this station. It’s something that I really want to implement because a lot of students don’t really know about ways they can mix and match cafeteria options,” Garcia said. “The pamphlet will show them that they can get chicken from this station, and rice from this station. It’s something that I really want to implement because a lot of students don’t really know about ways they can mix and match cafeteria options.”

Other issues that some students have faced, particularly students with meal plans, are allergies and cross-contamination in the cafeteria and other on-campus restaurants.

“When I eat in the cafeteria it is really hard because I have allergies and the cross-contamination is so bad that I am really only able to eat cereal, sandwiches and fruit,” said Michael Hoefling, a sophomore in terms of peanut allergies,” Garcia said. “I’ve recently emailed Eric Cameron about cross-contamination in the cafeteria, Einstein’s and Jamba Juice in terms of peanut allergies,” Garcia said. “Making it allergy-free is something I’m working on.”
It’s a skit world after all

Beta Theta Pi performs “Avatar” during Skit April 2 in Memorial Hall.

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Musco Center opens doors to the community

Katie Malin | Senior Writer

Sarah Alexander sat with her friend Fiona Bisoffi on the plush grass of the Bette and Wylie Aitken Arts Plaza in front of the Musco Center for the Arts listening to live music under the sunset.

“I love all of the different stages. I didn’t expect that,” said Alexander, a freshman mathematics major.

Alexander went to watch Chapman’s Swing Cats dance inside the newly-opened Musco Center. She said it was her first time inside the venue. Bisoffi, a freshman biochemistry major, came to see which artists would perform.

The two friends were among the hundreds of Chapman students and members of the Orange County community that attended the Musco Center for the Arts Community Open House and Arts Festival April 2, which included more than 600 local artists. The event, which ran from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., enchanted audiences with 50 ensembles on five stages located around the university.

“We want to strengthen the connection between Chapman and the community,” said Chapman Board of Trustees Vice Chair Wylie Aitken. “This is just the beginning.”

Bette and Wylie Aitken said they were pleased with the acoustics of the Julianne Argyros Orchestra Hall and the visual execution of the Musco Center.

“It’s beautiful and I would say that I believe it’s better than the (Walt Disney Concert Hall),” Wylie Aitken said.

Yasuhsa Toyota and his company Nagata Acoustics crafted the acoustical design for both the Musco Center and the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Inside, 13 Chapman ensembles entertained crowds with singing and instrumental performances. There were also performances by six local dance companies and the Pacific Symphony. Outside on the plaza lawn, nine troupes performed while fantastical costumed men and women performed pirouettes on stilts during the community event.

“I like the people dancing on stilts – it’s really eye-catching,” Bisoffi said.

Tustin resident Gordon Griffith said the event successfully brought the community together.

“It’s nice be able to come out here and be entertained,” Griffith said. “Activities like this are good for the community and keep us connected to the university.”

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Artist Dawn Wagner draws with chalk outside of the Musco Center for the Arts during the center’s Community Open House and Arts Festival April 2.

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Music festival love is a battlefield

Thomas Hekker | Staff Writer

As Kanye West surprised the audience during a Weekend performance last year at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Nikki Black had a stampede of thousands of people pushing at her back. Black struggled for air while some around her fell unconscious and were lifted from the crowd by security.

“If I don’t see three people a day passed out, I’m not at Coachella,” said the junior women and gender studies major.

Every spring, music lovers weave flower crowns, throw on their Hawaiian shirts, and enter the unforgiving, tripped-out jungle that is the music festival. The stars of Hollywood carvan through the desert to Coachella in Indio, California to Miami’s Ultra Music Festival, and Lollapalooza brings the biggest names in music to the Midwest. Music seekers young and old across the globe shell out hundreds and thousands of dollars for a few days of endless revelry.

Becca Batkin, a junior strategic and corporate communication major, said she experienced a similar Kanye-induced attack at the Budweiser Made in America Festival in 2014.

“During Kanye West’s performance he had everyone do a mosh pit,” Batkin said. “I had to get pulled out by security because I couldn’t breathe.”

Veronique Olivier, a French professor at Chapman, has been to Coachella five times from 2004 to 2012. Olivier said music festivals weren’t always as aggressive as they are today.

“It wasn’t very well-known at the time, and it was very friendly,” Olivier said. “I don’t go to Coachella anymore because it’s just too big for me, and it takes three hours just to get there. To me it’s unmanageable.”

Olivier has also attended Les Eurockéennes and Vuesilles Charrues festivals in France and her favorite, Reading Festival in England.

“There was a big incident the last time I camped. There was a fight between the British fans. It was like being at a soccer game I guess,” Olivier said. “That was actually scary. They had to call the police.”

Black said she was surprised to see a mother bring her young children into the dangerous environment of a festival in 2012.

“There was this mom that was so wasted, and she had these two little boys with her at the front of thousands and thousands of people,” Black said about The Vaccines Coachella set. “I spent the whole concert at the railing holding these two 7-year-old boys and making sure they were OK.”

Batkin said she thought the Budweiser Made in America Festival was much less drug-focused than other festivals.

“There definitely was weed during the rap performances and lots of people were drinking alcohol, but I didn’t see any other drugs,” Batkin said.

Batkin said the rowdiness of the fans could be enough to keep her away from festivals.

“I don’t know if I would go again unless I was like VIP so I’m not in the crowds,” Batkin said.

When it comes to drugs, Black said she has mostly seen people using Ecstasy and marijuana.

“I’ve seen so many people rolling on Ecstasy,” Black said. “A lot of weed; but that’s cool, I get it — that was me lighting up a (marijuana) joint again at Lana (Del Rey)”.

Though Coachella can be dangerous, Black said she is willing to brave the chaos for a weekend of jubilation.

“Whatever you want to wear you wear — your flower crown is on, you’re enjoying your life, you’re young and you’re wild,” Black said.

Work, work, work, work, work

Rachel Gossen | Senior Writer

For this year’s Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Marissa Bachand will be having a different experience than the average festival attendee. She’ll be working for the festival during the day, while getting to see musical acts for free.

“I really wanted to go but didn’t know if I could afford it, so I texts my cousin who is in charge of stage production at Coachella and asked how I could get a cheap ticket,” the freshman said.

During festival season, people will be working at a number of different festivals, while getting to enjoy the live music.

Even though it involves getting up at 6:30 a.m. that weekend, Bachand took the offer.

“We get paid $15 an hour and they have housing for us,” Bachand said. “I’ll be working in the showers and my shift is over at 2:30 p.m., so after that, we’re treated just like anyone else at the festival. We can go see whichever musicians we want to see.”

Bachand said that each weekend has a different set of workers.

People employed by Goldenvoice, the company that produces the festival, aren’t the only people working. Food and beverage vendors also attend and though it is hard work, it is a rewarding experience, said Andy Nguyen, co-founder of Afters Ice Cream, based in Los Angeles.

“It’s fast-paced, it’s fun, it’s tough, it’s draining and it’s a great opportunity to showcase your brand,” Nguyen said.

To be a vendor at the festival, businesses must apply through Best Beverage Catering, which coordinates all vendors, according to Coachella’s website. It states that only food and drink vendors can apply for the festival. Other businesses are not wanted or accepted by Coachella and Goldenvoice.

For businesses like Afters Ice Cream, it can be a challenge to make working at Coachella happen.

“This year, we will have about 60 people working the festival,” Nguyen said. “We plan ahead by making sure we have enough product for the event as well as our stores — same goes for staff. With taking team members away from stores, we need everyone properly trained to handle both.”

Sophomore business major Emerson Harris is a big fan of the diversity in food vendors at festivals.

“The options are ridiculous and delicious,” Harris said. “I spend a decent amount of money on different food booths.”

Roughly 160,000 people went to Coachella in 2012 and $90 million was brought into the economy of the small town of Indio, California where the festival takes place, according to a 2013 National Public Radio report.

This year, it is estimated that more than $106 million will go to businesses in Indio specifically, and $704 million into the global economy, said the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership in a report released March 15.

While the average Coachella-goer spends $375 on the admission ticket alone, Bachand is excited that she’ll be able to attend for free and also get paid.

“It’s my first time at Coachella and I have one friend coming with me, so that’ll be fun,” Bachand said. “We drive down Thursday night before the festival to start training, but it’s going to be awesome to basically be guests when we’re doing work.”

TOP FIVE Festivals (based on number of people attending)

1) Austin City Limits in Austin, Texas Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 and Oct. 7 - 9 $250 for a 3-day pass (1-day passes not available yet)

2) Electric Daisy Carnival in New York City, New York (May 14 - 15) & Las Vegas, Nevada (June 17 - 19) $119 for a single day pass in NYC, $90 in Vegas

3) Lollapalooza in Chicago, Illinois July 28 - 31 $120 for a one day ticket

4) Coachella in Indio, California April 15 - 17 & April 22 - 24 $599 for a general admission pass

5) Ultra Music Festival in Miami March 18 - 20 $349.95 for a 3-day ticket

Source: Converse Magazine
Money on the mind: Festival season

Tryphena Wardlaw | Senior Writer

As music festival season begins, Chapman students frantically try to plan their weekends with every detail from where they will stay to buying new clothes, and find that the external purchases, aside from the festival pass itself, can become pretty pricey.

Avid country music festivalgoer Brad Smith will not be attending Stagecoach this year due to the amount of money it has cost him in the past.

“Part of the reason why I am not going this year is because every time you have to stay in a hotel, then you have to get a bus pass to get to Stagecoach, then you have to walk like three miles, said the senior business major. “Then you pay like $12 a drink, so it’s just a lot.”

The cost of music festivals such as Stagecoach, Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Lollapalooza, and many others can add up. The face value of tickets can range from $299 for Stagecoach to $399 for Coachella, but after adding the cost of traveling to the festival, a hotel or campsite, food, drink, clothes, and other festival necessities, Coachella can cost around $900 to $1300.

Rachel Fechser, a senior English major and seasoned music festival attendee, has attended 20 to 30 festivals including Burning Man, Coachella four times, The Governors Ball Music Festival and California Roots Music and Art Festival, has found a way to avoid buying a $10 drink.

“Coachella is a little stricter than the other festivals, but like I sneak booz in. I try to limit myself, like how much cash I am taking to the festival,” Fechser said.

Fechser said that festivals range in price and for Coachella she tries to budget by camping and grocery shopping at Costco beforehand.

“Obviously pizza leaving the festival is a necessity. But I don’t really like to eat that much in the festival because it’s mediocre food,” Fechser said.

Matt Draper, a ‘15 psychology alumnus is heading to three festivals this year, starting off at Coachella and ending with FYF Fest in Los Angeles. Draper said that in his experience the most expensive part of a music festival is usually the ticket.

“I usually take about $200 in cash with me for a two to three-day festival and maybe will spend about $20-30 a day on food and then $30 on a shirt or some merchandise,” Draper said. “I bring my Camelbak so I don’t spend any money on water.”

Smith said if people want to save money at festivals they shouldn’t go.

“If you can, camp out wherever you go. Find as many people as you can to split stuff with and probably have a budget,” Smith said. “Go to the ATM once a day and tell yourself how much you are going to take out. And when you’re done with that (money), you’re done.’

Money on the mind: Festival season

The real cost of MUSIC FESTIVALS

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Graphics by KATIE NISHIDA
Pop rock band changes its sound
Leah de Leon | Staff Writer

February 11 is one day Brandon Miranda will not forget. Moments before going onstage at the Constellation Room in Santa Ana, Miranda, along with his three bandmates, heard the audience cheering. They thought those cheers were for Waters, the band they were opening for, but instead, the audience was chanting “Nightair! Nightair!”

“Moments like these show that there is promise in the future which is really validating and shows how our dreams may be a reality,” said the senior in instrumental performance and economics major.

The members of Nightair, a pop rock band based in Orange County, are preparing to release two new songs and music videos in the coming months as well as perform for Chapman University Program Board’s annual Spring Sizzle event on April 20. Although the band formed in the summer of 2014, it solidified its four members in April 2015. Tony Davia, a sophomore business administration major, is the lead singer and guitarist. Miranda plays the guitar and piano. Lucas Connor, a sophomore theatre major at Irvine Valley College, plays the bass. Lauren Potts, a '15 Chapman studio art alumna, plays the drums.


“Our first EP is about youth and the transition into college and the questions you ask yourself about becoming an adult,” Davia said. When Nightair first started performing, they would play nearly every weekend at a local coffee shop in Fullerton called The Night Owl. It was on one of those weekends that John Velasquez, the band’s current producer and front man of Max and the Moon, was in the audience.

“It wasn’t perfect, but their music made me feel something. It moved something inside of me,” Velasquez said. “When you start working in the music industry, you become numb to a certain degree. That’s when you have to trust your gut when it comes to finding and knowing what is good.”

Nightair recorded two new songs last week to be released in the upcoming months, Davia said. These two songs will be accompanied by music videos directed by sophomore television writing and production major Nicole Doiron.

Davia said that Nightair’s first EP sounds a lot different than what the band sounds like now and that listeners should expect a more mature sound. “It takes a little while to decide where you’re going to be. At first, we sounded a lot like garage rock because that was all we had to work with,” Davia said. “Things are getting more serious now. We are honing in on a more mature and unique sound.”

On the other hand, Davia said that it was essential that the band learned the basics and the garage rock style enabled that. “We needed to learn how to write and arrange a song and that is something a lot of bands right now don’t care about because it’s so easy with a laptop to basically make it sound perfect,” Davia said. “You have to have enough responsibility to not cheat and to learn how to be a band before you try to make yourself sound better than you are, because at the end of the day people can see through that.”

Nightair aims to stress the importance of remaining authentic in the music industry since so many artists today get too caught up in making songs sound too perfect, Miranda said. “There’s no innovation in that,” Miranda said. “We want to play and write music from a genuine place. We are mature musicians and we spend a lot of time to see what is relevant.”

Miranda said being a full-time college student with two majors, juggling many courses alongside band practices and other activities can be a lot. “You have to be careful about how you spend your time. There’s a lot of sacrifice, but it’s all worth it,” Miranda said.
Change is good for Watson’s

Left, Watson’s bacon barbeque burger costs $16. Right, the alcohol-infused mint chocolate shake costs $10 at Watson’s.

Megan Abba | Editor-in-Chief

Watson Drugs & Soda Fountain has reopened in the Plaza and has instantly become my Old Towne go-to.

Off of East Chapman Avenue and South Orange Street, the late 1930s-to early 1950s-style locale closed last summer for a full overhaul and officially reopened March 21.

What looked like a dirty truck stop diner is now chic and clean, while maintaining the authenticity of the era with black-and-white classics on TV, newspaper-lined walls, a traditionally-dressed wait staff and music you’d want to hum along to, like “Sherry” by The Four Seasons.

Front Porch Pops, which sold ice pops inside Watson’s, closed to make room for the diner’s old-fashioned ice cream parlor and candy shop. Among my favorite of the renovations are the full bar serving creative cocktails and alcoholic milkshakes and a modern patio area.

I visited Watson’s the day after it opened and the staff’s preparation was evident as I was quickly taken to the new menu to answer all of my questions about the renovations. My waitress was also able to partake in, which explains why I ordered the “Buñuelos stuffed with cream cheese” with macaroni and cheese ($13). All burgers come with a pickle spear and your choice of fries, tater tots, onion rings or salad. I ordered the “Buffalo nickel” burger, a bun patty topped with white cheddar cheese, bacon, onion rings and barbecue sauce with a side of tots ($16).

The bun was lean, tender and sweet, complemented perfectly by the chewy and fatty bacon. The onion rings provided a necessary crunch and the tangy barbecue sauce brought all the flavors together, delivering a nice, spicy kick.

The bread was able to absorb all the flavors and sauce without getting soggy or falling apart, a necessary component to a great burger. The tots were crisp but fluffy inside, leaving me smiling while I generously dipped them into ketchup.

I also took advantage of the bar, which had a full line of craft beer on tap, to try a concoction of my two favorite things: chocolate and booze.

The alcoholic milkshake offerings, all $10, include the “Full Moon,” “Blue Moon with orange sherbet,” “The Elvis,” peanut butter stout and chocolate ice cream, and a chocolate bourbon malt, bourbon, chocolate liqueur, vanilla ice cream and chocolate.

I decided to try the mint chocolate chip shake – creme de menthe with chocolate liqueur, vanilla ice cream and chocolate chips, topped with whipped cream and a mint chocolate cookie. Simply put, the milkshake was devilishly sweet with an alcoholic kick that left me buzzin’ but definitely not stumbling home.

For those younger than 21 looking for dessert, Watson’s has nonalcoholic shakes, various baked goods served a la mode and sundaes, including the “9th Wonder of the World” – 12 scoops of ice cream with fudge, fruit, frizz, caramel, candies, cookies, brownies, whipped cream and cherries for $24. If you’re feeling extra hungry, try the Watson’s Food Challenge, also dubbed the “8th Wonder of the World.” The challenge requires you to eat two pounds of Angus beef with six slices of American cheese, shredded lettuce, onions, tomatoes and “pharmacy sauce” on a huge bun with a pound of fries and a pitcher of drink. If you finish the challenge ($28) in less than an hour, congrats, you’ve won yourself Watson’s merchandise, a sundae for your next visit and your picture on the wall.

Ultimately, Watson’s delicious food and fun vibe left me grinning from ear to ear with sticky fingers and a full belly. The renovations prove that change can truly be good.

Ashley Probst | Columnist

Standing in the middle of Dublin’s city center on St. Patrick’s Day reminded me of the last time I wiped my friend’s school, Trinity College, which is Ireland’s oldest university and home of the Book of Kells – a Gospel book that was created around 800 A.D. On that same day, we walked through the city to the Guinness Storehouse to learn about the brewery’s history and how the famous Irish stout is made. On our way there and during the tour itself, my friend ran into many people that knew, which highlighted the fact that Ireland is such a small country. Such an occurrence is especially rare in a large city like London.

Ironically enough, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Ireland claiming its independence from the United Kingdom — and the people sure don’t hold back about how grateful they are about it. It was an interesting perspective as someone who has certainly fallen in love with England, but being able to learn more about Irish history and to get that context was quite enlightening.

To read more about Ashley’s adventures visit www.thepantheronline.com
Proposed ordinances are unconstitutional

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fter May 12, the following situation could be a reality. Let’s say, on a typical weekend night, I decide to go to a friend’s house party. Word of the party spreads, and it becomes large or loud enough to be considered “untrue” in the eyes of an irritated neighbor, who calls the Orange Police Department. After a while, squad cars pull up and police officers knock on the door. The place falls hush as my friend steps outside to speak with the police as the house’s resident. After speaking with police, my friend comes back inside and informs all the guests that the party is over and we all have to go home. That’s fair enough.

But what is not fair is that, if the Orange City Council passes the proposed amendments to toughen anti-party laws, on my way out of the party, I won’t just be able to go home and go to sleep. No, I will receive a citation on my way out the door, and not just that – I will also get a misdemeanor to my name, simply for being at a party.

Obviously, the goal here with these heavy-handed punitive measures is to discourage kids from going to big parties in the first place. If students are rightly scared of getting a misdemeanor handed out to them, then the likelihood of parties becoming these alleged gigantic “Project X”-style shindigs seems low, in theory.

Essentially, this measure is being put forward and up for a vote to scare kids out of attending parties altogether. Currently, there is a feeling among some Orange residents that it is too easy for party hosts to evade legal culpability for throwing a “loud and unruly” party. By punishing the guests of the party almost as harshly as the hosts, some of the politicians behind the creation of these enhanced ordinances believe that guests will be more likely to turn in the hosts to authorities.

That’s how petty it has gotten. Rather than improving the current system and working toward a situation that is more favorable for all individuals involved, enormous fines that will scare kids into tattletaling on their friends is the proposed solution. We can do better.

If the goal of these ordinances is to find more balance and harmony between residents and students living in the neighborhood, then I can tell you that these proposed sanctions will do quite the opposite by infringing on our constitutional right to peaceably assemble. Criminalizing students for simply being at a college party is unnecessary and a waste of valuable police time and resources. Imagine how long and how many officers it would take to write citations for each attendee at the average party. I can assure anybody that in that amount of time, far more serious and potentially dangerous crimes will be taking place somewhere else in Orange. I argue that these are a far bigger threat to the community than X-amount of college kids being a little too loud for 10 p.m.

The second reading of the proposed amendments is slated for April 12 at the Orange City Hall. It is on us as students to organize and share our views on these issues that could have massive implications for our collegiate and professional lives.

Can’t see the transparency

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ustin Kernan and Tyler Porterfield were elected the 2016-17 student government president and vice president, respectively, on March 16. The results were announced around 5 p.m. in the Student Union stage area, but the vote count was not made public.

After sending numerous emails to members of student government and reaching out to multiple sources, The Panther received the final election statistics 16 days after the winners were announced.

If 16 days went by after even a local election without its election numbers being released, it would be widely considered a scandal. When student government eventually shared the numbers, it revealed that 22.45 percent of the Chapman student population voted and that Austin Kernan and Tyler Porterfield won the presidential and vice presidential contests by 381 and 109 votes, respectively.

While late may be better than never, the fact that these numbers took so long to be released is not consistent with student government’s pledge to improve transparency. In any democratic election, it is a part of the process to release the raw voter numbers when the winners are announced. Otherwise, it is unfair to the voters to be left in the dark and unsure of how big or small the margins of victory were.

On top of that, elected officials need to maintain a total commitment to honesty and complete openness with their constituents. Trust needs to be at the forefront of a government, and how can that be built or maintained if information is not being made readily and easily available to all constituents?

It shouldn’t take an independent student newspaper asking repeatedly for the numbers in order for them to be released to the public. Student government should have just published them in the first place.

Constituents must remain at the center of the student government’s attention, especially regarding the two-way trust system. If something happens, tell the people about it, and if the people ask a question, provide them with some kind of answer. Otherwise, trust will be damaged, and a government that lacks the trust of its constituents is a broken one.

Student government must work to ensure that these kinds of lapses in transparency remain unacceptable and strive for a real dedication to keeping their constituents in the know.

Here’s to hoping that the freshly-elected 2016-17 executive team do better.

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16 days late

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THE PANTHER
This is a chance to be your own advocate

Every two years, the Orange City Council holds elections. This means that the current Chapman student has the opportunity to try, not once, but twice, to elect a constituent member that will actively represent his or her interests — not the university, but that of the students themselves. It seems like every year, Chapman student workers become further restricted, further penalized for simply being students. So then why is it that every year, we fail to recognize how much power we actually have? This is not an issue about apathetic students; this is an issue of never being taught that it is critical for students to be actively engaged in local affairs. Right now, you need a direction to run in. It’s a hill to take, an active route with which to start affecting change. So here is a guide to realizing exactly how much clout you have, how much unexploited power has simply sat unused while those around you determined the future of student life at Chapman.

If you do not vote to online in the City of Orange, the problem is that all of the grocery comes a time when I simply need to go to class, I walk. If I need to go to the library, I drive. An easy solution to this process? An on-campus grocery store would be accessible for students, but also accepts Panther Bucks and other forms of payment.

Ideally, this new grocery store would be open late, accept Panther Bucks and other forms of payment. The new store should follow the model set by Doy’s Place in the Henley Basement. Doy’s not only is easily accessible for students, but also accepts Panther Bucks and is open until 11 p.m. The only downside to Doy’s is that it is very small and extremely limited in the kind of items that it serves. Ideally, this new grocery store would be open late, accept Panther Bucks and offer a wider range of items such as toiletries that you would find at a store like Target. Also, this store could offer some more diverse food items, such as produce, that could help curb the poor diet habits of many students.

Practically, the potential location of this store could be anywhere, but there are a few good options. On our current campus, Aegyros Forum presents the most potential, either through expansion of the bookstore, or simply utilizing a different part of the building. The expansion of Doy’s Place to the football field could be another potential option. Another possible choice could be to buy land by Pine Kelly/Hooves lagoon, but that option clearly brings up a whole other set of potential complications.

In short, an on-campus grocery store would benefit the Chapman community. No more needless Uber trips, no more biking with grocery baskets. There are several options available and our students are the leaders of this project. We are residents of Orange.

Avoid “us versus them” terminology. We are Chapman students of every month at 6 p.m. In its position is the Freedom of students to enjoy their college years; but it is equally important that we all understand that there is a diversity of party houses in residential base housing), enhanced campus parking to abate parking spillover based housing), enhanced campus parking to abate parking spillover

Lastly, there has to be a fundamental attitude shift at Chapman. If I don’t party, this doesn’t affect me” or “I am graduating in a few months, this doesn’t matter enough to be a problem that has brought us to the brink in the first place. I graduated in 2015. I landed at Los Angeles International at Chapman who Sunday before the meeting from San Jose, wrote my speech to the council on that Monday. And made a Facebook announcement the next day to get people to attend the council meeting. I do not live in the City of Orange and in a couple months I am leaving for school in New York. I came out because I realized that if I do not stand up and make a change.

College is not about showing up, getting a degree and leaving, just like it’s not about partying every day and skipping class. It is about learning how to be a productive member of society, to be an active and engaged adult who also happens to have a particular focus in the field of your choice.

This is your time to shine Chapman student — stand up and advocate for yourselves, because nobody else is going to it. I’ll see you all on April 12.

About the neighborhood advisory committee

In recent months there has been much conversation about the Neighborhood Advisory Committee’s purpose and its relationship with Chapman University. Many would like to clarify both.

Mayor of Orange Teresa Smith and Chancellor Daniele Struppa have fostered robust discussions, a free flow of information, ideas and recommendations. The committee is chaired by Chancellor Daniele Struppa, and Harold Hewitt, executive vice president and COO. A complete membership can be found at neighborhoods.chapman.com.

In its first meeting, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee issued this joint statement: “Our discussions will focus on improving the overall relationship with the university and the surrounding community. We will identify key issues that need to be addressed. Future meetings will be held to work on converting these issues into win-win solutions. The group appreciates the commitment demonstrated by all the participants.”

Since the committee started meeting in November, one major issue prioritized: student housing. (with a focus on creating more campus-based options) was the expansion of parking to abate parking spillover in neighborhoods, strategies for responding to party house disturbances, and preventing further development of party houses in residential neighborhoods, Chapman’s proposed campus plans and related issues, and the appointment of a primary lead university person for community interaction to help the public communicate with Chapman. Each topic is being thoroughly discussed, often with additional input from the city and university officials to provide a thorough report to the committee. Some results from the discussions include our created and hired vice president of community relations. This position is held by Jack Raubolt.

The follow-up community liaison visits that the Orange Police Department and Chapman Public Safety have been reinstated.

The Orange City Council is strengthening ordinances dealing with disruptive behavior, landlord responsibilities and collaborative policing.

Students are being sanctioned to good neighbor classes and assessed fines for disruptive behavior. The topic was launched for the community to follow committee activities, get the latest news from the university, and submit comment and questions to the committee. The link is neighborhoods.chapman.com.

Monthly Neighbor to Neighbor is produced and sent to 8,000 residences in the neighborhoods around Chapman. The newsletter is also posted on the website.

THE PANTHER

Prowling Panther

What is the most cringeworthy music festival trend?

Mark Shide

Freshman business major

“Way too much weird fashion art.

Cameron Duncan

Freshman business major

“Those nose rings that connect into earrings. I think one of the former sisters started that.”

Mika Day

Freshman business major

“The bathrooms are just disgusting, always.”

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Compiled by Doug Close

Check out the full Prowling Panther video on thepantheronline.com

Some students, as well as some faculty, have expressed concerns that some of the ideas discussed in the meetings could reduce the freedom of students. We hope students and the community will realize that there is no intention on the part of the city or the university to restrict the freedom of students to enjoy their college years; but it is equally important that we all also realize that personal freedom does not give us permission to infringe on other people’s freedom.

This is why the work of the committee is delicate: we all want to balance an enthusiastic atmosphere of our university, with the right of Orange residents to sleep, and the preservation of their property. Yes, much work remains. But we are encouraged by the progress we’re making. Of course, we don’t always agree on a single best plan as we tackle issues related to student housing, parking, campus planning and residents’ concerns. But we are united in our devotion to Orange, the unique place we call home. And we know many of you reading this are too. We welcome all our neighbors’ comments and suggestions.
The Chapman men’s golf team finished ninth out of 14 teams at this week’s West Cup at Sierra La Verne Country Club. While Chapman struggled as a whole, junior golfer Bryan Wise was a lone bright spot for the Panthers.

Wise finished the tournament in fifth place, just two strokes off the leaders. Four players tied for first place at eight strokes over par in the three-round tournament. Wise was the sole fifth place finisher at 10 strokes over par for the tournament, though he had the best score of the day on Tuesday, with an even-par 70 in the final 18-hole round.

The Panthers will host the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference No. 2 on April 9-10 at the Anaheim Hills Golf Club. Following this, Chapman will have one more tri-match on April 13, before the conference championships on April 23-26.

Track and field

Chapman’s track and field teams had a mixed weekend at the conference’s second multi-duals at the University of Redlands. On the women’s side, freshman long jumper Courtney Justus placed first in the women’s long jump event with a winning distance of 5.4 meters, and freshman Josie Chan finished third in the women’s triple jump with a final distance of 10.71 meters.

On the men’s side, junior Mitchell Bouldin placed fourth in the men’s 100-meter dash and seventh in the 200-meter dash, with times of 10.952 and 22.31 seconds, respectively. In the men’s 800-meter run, freshman Philip Bui placed second, with a time of 2:00.42. Bouldin also finished first in men’s long jump, with a winning distance of 6.8 meters.

The track and field teams will have their next meet on April 9 at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont.

Men’s lacrosse

The Chapman’s men’s lacrosse club team faced off against the University of Southern California April 3, defeating the Trojans 14-4, and taking its second conference win of the season. The Panthers, ranked No. 1 in the country in Division I club lacrosse, are 12-0 this season, and have already defeated seven top-25 ranked opponents.

Senior attackers Steve Koressel and Dave Appruzesse both had standout performances against the Trojans. Koressel had four goals and an assist, and Appruzesse also had four goals. The Panthers never trailed in the game, and with patient passing and precise shooting, finished with an expectedly easy win. Chapman has three conference games left on its schedule, with its toughest challenge expected to come in the last regular season game of the season, when the Panthers will travel to No. 13 University of California, Santa Barbara.

Chapman will play its next two games at home, first on April 5 against the Claremont Colleges before a senior day matchup against Loyola Marymount University on April 9.
Women’s water polo sees mixed results
Liam Noonan | Staff Writer

The Chapman women’s water polo team had a mixed series of results this week, starting with a split in games on March 30, in which the Panthers secured an important conference victory. Chapman beat Occidental College and lost to Division I Brown University at home.

Chapman got off to a strong start in the first game against Occidental (2-8, 0-4), with the Panthers scoring the first three goals of the game and heading into halftime with a 7-4 lead. The second half played out much the same as the first, as the Panthers (4-16, 3-2) scoring six second-half goals to finish out the game with a 13-8 win. Senior utility player Alison Quincy led the Panthers in scoring with five goals and sophomore goalkeeper Kerry Goodspeed finished the game with seven saves.

The second game was close throughout, though it started slowly on both sides. The first quarter ended with a 2-1 lead for the Panthers, but Brown (7-8, 1-1) rallied back and tied the game at 7-7 to end the third quarter. Brown then scored three unanswered goals to start the fourth quarter, which was enough to seal a 10-9 win.

Quincy said that the team’s ability to be careful with the ball and be disadvantageous with its chances allowed it to have the offensive success it did on Wednesday night.

“We took good care of the ball and put our shots away against Occidental,” Quincy said. “Against Brown, we played well for most of the game. However, we had a tough five or so minutes that our defense broke down and we allowed Brown to take a lead that we were never able to get back.”

The Panthers moved into the heart of their conference schedule this weekend, starting with a Saturday, April 2 road game against the University of La Verne. Chapman failed to contain La Verne’s high-powered offense, resulting in a significant conference loss for the Panthers.

The Panthers, who are fighting for a high playoff seed, moved down to fourth place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings with the loss. “We are one of the few sports where every team is invited to the conference championships,” said Head Coach Eric Ploessel. “So we don’t need to finish in the top four during the (regular) season to make the playoffs. What the season is about is trying to get the best seed for the playoffs.”

After a close first quarter, La Verne (14-3, 4-0) went on a 4-0 second-quarter run and secured an 8-4 lead at halftime. Chapman failed to come within goals of La Verne in the second half, resulting in a 14-9 loss for the Panthers.

“This loss was definitely a hummer for us because we are so much better as a team – we just had an off game,” said senior utility player Kate Avery. “We have a whole week ahead of us to prepare for our Claremont-Mudd-Scripps game next Saturday, so we are really going to focus on our defensive performance, which has been our strength this season.”

The outcome of the three remaining league games will dictate Chapman’s playoff seed and whether it will come into playoffs with a favorable matchup. Ploessel said that while Chapman failed to be as clinical as it needed to be against a strong La Verne team, there is still time to clean up any mistakes.

“La Verne is one of the top two teams in our conference with Whittier College. Their strength was taking advantage of our bad mistakes,” he said. “If we made a bad decision on defense, they put their chances away. That’s what good teams do. I think we can be right there with them and Whittier. When we play a tough team in conference we need to be playing at our best.”

Chapman will face Claremont-Mudd-Scripps next at home on April 9.

Women’s lacrosse defeats Redlands
Daniel Starkand | Senior Writer

The Chapman women’s lacrosse team traveled to the University of Redlands April 2 for a conference match that was able to hang on for a 13-12 victory. The Panthers did not score in the final eight minutes of the game, but the 13 goals they scored prior proved to be enough as Redlands comeback attempt fell just short.

“I think it just goes to show that we wanted it more,” said junior attacker Gretchen Rodenberger. “We knew Redlands was out to get us and we really had to focus to keep ourselves in that close game. We knew what we needed to do and were able to execute without letting their team and just get in their heads.”

Redlands (8-5, 2-4) came out strong early in the game, scoring four of the game’s first five goals. But Chapman (10-2, 3-1) then went on a run of its own, scoring five straight goals to take a 6-4 lead.

The Panthers took a 7-6 lead into halftime. Redlands tied the game up at seven early in the second half, but Chapman then scored three straight goals and never surrendered the lead from there.

The scoring efforts from Chapman were a balanced effort, as senior midfielder Brooke Martini and sophomore midfielder Stacey Zuppa led the team with three goals apiece. The team’s 13 goals were scored by eight different players.

“We really played like a team and utilized everyone on our roster,” Zuppa said. “A lot of other teams focus on one or two key players, but we don’t.”

Everyone on the team can score and handle the ball well, so if we get into situations where someone gets blocked off its not a big deal because we know we have the rest of the offense to put goals up.”

With just more than eight minutes remaining, the Panthers took a 13-9 lead. Redlands was not finished though, as the Bulldogs fought back and cut the deficit to 13-12 with just over a minute left in the game. Time ran out on the Bulldogs though and Chapman secured the victory.

The win gave Chapman sole possession of first place in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with four regular season games remaining. If the Panthers remain in first, they will have home field advantage for the conference tournament, with the winner moving on to the national tournament.

“We are going to stay focused on practicing hard and being the best we can,” Zuppa said. “At this point in the season, a lot of games come down to details. We’ve all played each other once and have good scouting reports so we have to make sure we execute well and make really smart plays.”

Chapman hosts Whittier College (7-5, 1-4) at Wilson Field at 5 p.m. April 9.

LAX must keep consistency

Chapman’s men’s lacrosse team, which finished in Division I of the Men’s Lacrosse Association, is currently ranked No. 1 in the country, and is first in the Southwestern Lacrosse Conference.

The Panthers (13-0, 2-0) have already proven themselves on numerous occasions this season, defeating No. 21 Sonoma State University (6-6, 3-2), No. 15 Oregon State University (6-6, 3-0), No. 11 Stanford University (7-2, 2-0), No. 10 University of Oregon (9-2, 4-0), No. 6 University of Colorado, Boulder (6-3, 2-0) and No. 5 Brigham Young University (8-2, 1-0).

Chapman defeated the University of Southern California (12-0) on April 9 and now have three conference games left. Chapman will be heavy favorites for each, though the teams will have a tough away game against No. 13 University of California, Santa Barbara to end the regular season.

The Panthers are led by senior attacker and captain Steve Koreszel – who moved second in program history in career goals and assists. Chapman went on to defeat Arizona honors last season – senior attacker Dave Appruzzese and sophomore attacker Justin Kauffman. Appruzzese and Geason have tallied a whopping 47, 48 and 38 points, respectively, with Geason having been the most efficient of the three, averaging over 4.2 points per game, despite missing half the season.

Chapman is likely eager to get back into the playoffs after being ousted by 2015 champions Grand Canyon University last year. Grand Canyon defeated the Panthers in the semifinal round of the playoffs hosted at Wilson Field, also where the final four of the playoffs will be held again this year.

Chapman has already proven this season that it has the ability to take on top-tier opponents, and it will only be a matter of the Panthers continuing their high level of play into and throughout the playoffs. Ultimately, the only team that can really stop Chapman from returning to the final four and winning a national championship is Chapman. The Panthers will take on No. 10 Grand Canyon (10-2, 5-1), while not ranked No. 1 in the country, is first in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, with four conference games left on its schedule. The women are also currently ranked No. 5 in the West region for Division III women’s lacrosse.

Though certain players like junior attacker Gretchen Rodenberger (35 goals, No. 3 in conference), sophomore midfielder Stacey Zuppa (17 assists, No. 3 in conference, 38 points, No. 10 in conference) and senior midfielder Brooke Martini (36 points, No. 11 in conference) have stood out, the team has found consistency through its balanced scoring and passing efforts. The women’s team is in a similar situation as the men’s team – it has enough quality in its roster to see off any opponent it faces, but that quality will have to show up every game in order for the Panthers to maintain their No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs.

Both teams will find themselves to be the biggest obstacles for the opposition in the Southwestern conference and, eventual playoffs ahead, but based on their levels of consistent play this season, there is no reason to expect either will drop off.
Baseball wins seven straight

Jayson King | Staff Writer

With the season well underway and the last stretch of conference games coming up, the Chapman baseball team won its seventh-straight game (sixth in conference play) as it swept the University of Redlands in a three-game series April 1-2.

The Panthers (17-10, 11-4) began the weekend with a 7-3 victory over the visiting Bulldogs (17-11, 10-8) April 1. “It feels nice,” said sophomore second baseman Gavin Blodgett. “We did our job and we were able to come back in game three and win that game which was huge. All three games were good all around team wins.”

The game was held fairly close, with the Bulldogs leading until the fifth inning. In the fifth inning, the Panthers turned a 2-1 deficit into a 5-2 lead with the help of a three-run home run by sophomore Jared Love. The home run set the Panthers apart in the series.

Following Friday’s game, Chapman traveled to the University of Redlands for a doubleheader April 2. In the first game, the Panthers went down early but came back in the third inning to take a 4-1 lead, the start of three-straight four-run innings by each team. In the fourth inning, the Bulldogs took a 5-4 lead, but the Panthers responded in the sixth inning with four runs of their own with two-run singles from freshman infielder Trevor Zickesooze and Andrew Mendonca, never giving up the lead again.

The Panthers also were much more efficient with their at-bats, only striking out twice and leaving five runners on base, while the Bulldogs struck out six times and left 11 runners on base. The third and final game of the weekend was much closer than the previous two. The Panthers took an early 3-0 lead courtesy of a single from freshman outfielder Trevor Willits, and a two-run home run from Zickesooze. However, Redlands tied it 3-3 in the third inning after a sacrifice fly and two mistakes—a walk-in run and a throwing error.

By the end of the fourth inning, the Bulldogs were up 5-3 after another run was walked in, and an additional run scored from a fielder’s choice with the bases loaded. The Panthers then came back and tied the game again 5-5 in the seventh inning. It remained tied heading into the ninth inning until senior outfielder Greg Dillon drove in the winning run.

The Bulldogs were up 5-3 a two-run home run from Zickesooze, elder Trevor Willits, and freshman out Nikki Harvey. However, Redlands tied it up in the seventh inning with a two-run home run by sophomore Elizabeth Runge. “We got people on base, but we were struggling trying to score. We just need to keep working hard and supporting each other,” Runge said.

Chapman (9-13, 3-9) jumped out to an early 3-2 lead in its first game against Pomona-Pitzer (7-17, 4-8) but Pomona-Pitzer scored two runs in the fourth inning and two runs in the fifth inning to take the lead and secure a 6-4 victory. Freshman pitcher Samantha Whalen got the start on the mound and went 4 1/3 innings, giving up nine hits and six runs while striking out two batters and walking one.

Senior catcher Lisa Perez hit her third home run of the season in the first game, and carried that momentum in the second game when she went 3-for-4 and drove in a run in the team’s only victory of the weekend, helping the Panthers to a 5-3 victory.

The Chapman bats went cold on Saturday against La Verne (17-9, 13-3). The Panthers managed just eight hits over the two games and failed to score a run, losing 10-0 and 8-0 in five innings in both games.

Senior pitcher Natalie Both pitched the first two innings of the first game and gave up just one hit and no runs, but was then replaced by Whalen, who struggled and gave up three hits and seven earned runs while retaining just one hitter. La Verne scored eight runs in that inning and coasted to the victory.

“We’ve come back from a nine run deficit two years ago against La Verne so I still thought we could come back and win it,” Perez said. “But it’s definitely hard to keep our heads up after a bad inning so I do think our spirits were a little low for the rest of the game.”

That momentum was then carried into the second game of the doubleheader where a two-run third inning and a six-run fourth inning put the game out of reach once again for the Panthers.

The losses dropped Chapman to seventh place out of eight teams in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Although there are 16 remaining conference games, Chapman currently finds itself on the outside looking in to the conference tournament which features the four top teams in the conference.

“Individuality we are all really talented. We just need to find that spark to make it all come together,” Perez said. Chapman plays University of Redlands next in a doubleheader April 9 at noon. Head Coach Janet Lloyd declined to comment.

Softball struggles continue

Daniel Starkard | Senior Writer

The Chapman softball team returned to conference play April 1 and 2 when it traveled to Pomona-Pitzer Field for a doubleheader and then hosted the University of La Verne Saturday in another doubleheader. The Panthers’ bats were never able to get going, as they scored just seven runs over the four games, losing three out of four.

“We definitely could have hit better,” said freshman infielder Elizabeth Runge. “We got people on base, but we were struggling trying to score. We just need to keep working hard and supporting each other.”

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Softball players huddle on the mound against the University of Puget Sound Feb. 15.