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Panther Bucket List

Bloggers Justine Leung and Jenny Gibson set out to complete tasks students should do before graduation.
Students celebrate first fall festival

Students stand against Day of Service sponsor

Hannah Fry | Editor in Chief

Seven students gathered outside Argyros Forum Friday, some wearing duct tape over their mouths and others simply holding signs and passing out flyers in protest of Chick-fil-A acting as a sponsor for Chapman Day of Service.

This is the fourth time Student and Campus Life (SCL) has hosted Day of Service. The event’s purpose is to connect the student body with the wider community through several community service projects held throughout the day.

Several local businesses act as sponsors for the event by donating gifts that are raffled out to participating students at the end of the day, said Chris Hutchison, director of student civic engagement.

There were 40 sponsors involved with the event this year.

David Thompson, a senior film production major, said while he actually works for SCL and supports the event’s purpose, he was disappointed that Chick-fil-A was included as a sponsor and its $70 gift basket was being raffled.

“As a queer student on campus, I didn’t want to be associated with Chick-fil-A,” Thompson said.

Thompson points to the fast-food chain’s recent media controversy as reason a why he said they shouldn’t have been included in the event.

Several months ago, Chick-fil-A CEO Dan Cathy made anti-gay statements and emphasized the company’s support for the biblical definition of a family unit.

The controversy continued when it was reported that Chick-fil-A donates proceeds to groups whose work includes defeating same-sex marriage initiatives and therapy intended to change a person’s sexual orientation.

“We’re trying to create an inclusive environment on campus for all students and this doesn’t help,” Thompson said.

Several protestors like Miranda and Chad King, a sophomore film production major, said partnering with companies like Chick-fil-A makes them uncomfortable. They pointed to the recent vandalism on the third floor of Sandhu Residence Hall and the tearing down of several Queer Straight Alliance posters as evidence.

“It’s a little disheartening that places like Chick-fil-A are making that behavior OK,” King said.
New senate speaker selected
Megan Abba | Staff Writer

Myke Thompson, senator at large, was voted to replace Brandon Tracey as Student Government Association’s (SGA) speaker of senate for Friday by a 11-10 vote. Tracey stepped down Tuesday after realizing he couldn’t handle the demands of the position in addition to his course-work. Tracey has also been acting as stu- dent life committee chair and will remain in SGA as a student organizations senator.

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If I can be a good servant leader for Colin Hillard, who has served well as an assistant to the speaker, and I can ensure that the other senators are happy with their work, Tracey said it is best for SGA to have someone as speaker of senate who will be able to dedicate their entire focus on the position.

I have high expectations both academi- cally and within SGA and must maintain my focus on academics, Tracey said. Burke said the speaker of senate posi- tion requires a lot of effort.

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Myke Thompson

Corrected as per email from author

INCIDENT LOG

Sept. 28
Public Safety responded to the resi- dence halls after a student reported his bike stolen between Pralle-Sodano Hall and Henley Hall. The victim’s bike was locked with a cable lock, which was cut. The report was forward to Orange Police Department (OPD).

Sept. 30
A student reported theft of both of his bike tires and of his tool bag from his bike parked in the bike racks on the east side of Memorial Hall. The report was forward to OPD.

Oct. 2
Public Safety responded to Henley Hall after the resident director reported a student theft from a dorm room. Credit card fraud was reported by two students. Both reports were forward to OPD.

Oct. 4
Public Safety responded to Pralle-Sodano Hall due to marihuana possession. Four students were referred to conduct.

Oct. 5
A student was stolen from outside the Le- gal Affairs building at 436 N. Glassell. The report was forward to OPD.

Swapping clothes for spirit
The gift shop exchanged apparel from other universities for Chapman gear.

Katie Gossen | Staff Writer

Agora Gift Shop employees surpassed the original amount of students’ apparel they were planning on accepting during a clothing exchange to encourage school spirit Thursday and Saturday. Robert Mulder, Agora Gift Shop man-ager, said the book store was planning on only swapping items for the first 250 people due to a pricing limit, but Jake Washinger, a junior dance major who works in the bookstore, said the staff kept swapping anyway so more students could receive Chapman gear.

“We want to help create school spirit,” Mulder said. “We are figuring it will cost $5,000 to $6,000.”

The final cost of apparel swapped was not available as of press time.

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Sally Horna elected to senate
Fifteen percent of the senior class voted in the special election last week.
Katie Gossen | Staff Writer

Sally Horna, a senior sociology major, was voted senior class senator for Student Government Association (SGA) in a special election Wednesday night. The election was held to fill the position vacated by Kaz Kohai, who resigned Sept. 4.

SGA director Brandontechnical Arts sim- mons said she was satisfied with the results.

“I’m very pleased with the voter turnout. It was almost 15 percent, which is awesome for a special election,” Simmons said.

I don’t see any pressing issues concern- ing just senators, but I want to take it day by day and make the seniors have a great last year,” Horna said.

Horna attended her first senate meeting Friday.

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Excited to be able to use our resources to fix issues that might come up,” she said. “SGA directly helps with the administration and student organizations’ issues or plans for the future. I didn’t know they had so much student organizations’ issues or plans for the future. I didn’t know they had so much

Sally Horne

Corrections and Clarifications

OPINIONS

Oct. 1
In the editorial, “Panther Pad should be a student space,” it was incor- rectly stated that Student Govern- ment Association had no say in how the Panther Pad was repurposed. SGA discussed what to do with the Panther Pad, but ultimately left the decision up to Chapman administra-

The Panther apologizes for these errors. To contact us with any corrections or clarifications, email thepanthernewspaper@gmail.com.
Debate prompts students to vote

Victorine Kulier | Staff Writer

Student and Campus Life’s (SCL) student civic engagement team started Chapman’s first non-partisan voting initiative, “CU at the Booths,” earlier this month to educate students about the upcoming election and encourage them to register to vote.

About 100 students packed into the Student Union Wednesday, walking past life-sized cardboard cutouts of President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney to watch Chapman’s first live screening of the presidential debate as part of the political initiative.

“We want to educate students about current issues, whether they are local, national or even global,” said Gabriela Manriquez, junior business administration major and student civic engagement program assistant.

Students are able to register to vote every day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SCL tables in the Student Union until Oct. 22. Subsequent presidential and vice presidential debates will be screened in the union Oct. 11, 16 and 22 at 6 p.m.

SCL will host follow-up discussions after the debates, featuring faculty members with a range of fields and backgrounds. Students can participate in question and answer sessions to get more personalized insight into the current election process.

“A lot of students have the misconception that their voice and their vote doesn’t matter,” Manriquez said. “By having these programs, we want to make them feel completely comfortable.”

Manriquez said the turnout for the debate screening was much better than she expected.

Alina Ambrosino, a freshman undeclared major, said she attended the event since this is her first time voting.

“It helped me understand what [the candidates are] really talking about and what the focus of their campaigns are,” Ambrosino said.

SCL is working closely with University Program Board (UPB) this year to help students make more informed decisions by setting up the screenings for the debates.

“As an American citizen, it’s your duty to vote,” said junior business administration major Alberto Chavez. “After watching the debate, I have a much better sense of who to vote for.”

Taylor Scherer, a freshman screenwriting major, agreed.

“It’s so important to see the differences in the campaigns. It helps a lot to hear what one person has to say in comparison to the other,” Scherer said.

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“I thought it was impressive how civil they were,” he said. “There’s so much bipartisan chatter you hear before the debates.”

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Author shares experience and new book

Kristen-Paige Madonia, a former Chapman student, read an excerpt from her recently released young adult novel, “Fingerprints of You.”

I did not know at the time and I really liked it. It is one of those books I would read on my own time," Patel said. Darcy Alsop, a graduate student working toward a master’s degree in creative writing also attended. "I came out as part of my class tonight," said Alsop. "These speaking engagements are very helpful. I enjoy reading young adult novels though not necessarily writing them."

“Fingerprints of You,” published by Simon & Schuster, took four years to complete. It centers on a 17-year-old who gets pregnant and goes on a road trip to San Francisco to meet her long-lost father.

Though this isn’t the first book Madonia has written, it is the first she has published. Before writing on “Fingerprints of You,” Madonia was focusing on a darker novel that was not picked up by a publisher.

“I was very upset, but my agent told me that it wasn’t my job to sell books, but that it was my job to write them,” Madonia said.

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First Homecoming court in 47 years

Olivia Scott | Senior Writer

Junior Brandon Tracey and Jackie Cronin were crowned king and queen during the Homecoming kick-off Friday night.

This is the first year since 1965 that Chapman has had a Homecoming court. Chapman’s Homecoming committee was composed of a group of students selected by the University Program Board (UPB). The Homecoming committee sent out an email survey to undergraduates before the event asking students to nominate people in each class level. Jordan Olson, a member of the Homecoming committee, then emailed nominees asking them whether or not they wanted to accept.

Members of the board believed the Homecoming court would be a fun way for Chapman to welcome with the successful practices of its past while generating more school spirit, said UPB president Tess Pocock, a senior creative producing and philosophy major.

“Royalty ceremonies take place at most universities across the country,” Pocock said. “Chapman’s history is so important and unique. This is a fantastic and interactive way for students to celebrate our traditions as a university.”

Schools across the country like Illinois University and Michigan State University still hold Homecoming courts annually.

The court, made up of Tracey, Cronin, sophomore Paige Katz, freshman Vaughn Ryan, sophomore Nicole Goehring, freshman Suzie Quakenbush, freshman Tiffany Dills, sophomore Delaney Guy, junior Erin Wainwright and senior Sami Deacon, participated in events during Homecoming week to rack up points in hopes of being crowned Chapman royalty at the Homecoming game Oct. 6. Court members participated in activities ranging from laser tag to spirit wear competitions.

Traditions aside, some students like sophomore business and economics major Scott Garthinkle are complaining that the event itself is too similar to events in high school.

“It’s a waste of time, money and effort,” Garthinkle said. “It was lame in high school and it’s lame now. It’s just going to be another popularity contest no one cares about.”

UPB has budgeted $8,000 to go toward programming royalty activities and promotional materials for this year’s Homecoming week, such as a "dive-in" movie at the dorm pool and a pep rally, said UPB board member and senior political science and communications major Hannah Torrance.

Sophomore political science major Wendy Acquazzino said she was hesitant to support the event at first because homecoming courts are usually associated with a superficial process based off looks and popularity.

“I hope Chapman can turn around the superficial image and make homecoming court a more inclusive event for all students,” she said. “Maybe this will bring more students out to participate in events and show up to the game itself.”

Senior political science major Doug McDaniel said the new event is not a bad idea, but he doubts it will bring more school spirit.

“Most students see it as a joke, like a lot of things at Chapman,” he said. “There are a lot of organizations here that have good intentions. They just don’t translate to the student body.”

Megan Abba | Staff Writer

Fewer people participated in this year’s Toyota of Orange 5K Run/Walk. About 1,200 people participated in Chapman seventh annual 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, while more than 2,200 people participated last year.

Guy Hinrichs, director of special events, said there were more paid participants this year than in the past.

“The purpose is for everyone to have fun and as an incentive for people to get healthy throughout the year,” said President Jim Doti.

Participants, ages ranging from 3 to 82, along with several dogs, raced through the Orange Circle, past historic homes, Orange City Hall, through the Global Citizen Plaza and back under Schmid Gate.

The event raises money for the Chapman Scholarship Fund.

Hinrichs said about $90,000 was made for the scholarship fund by Oct. 2. A final estimate of the amount raised is not available as of press time.

Seven participants, including Doti, were mentioned as legacy runners prior to the start of the race because they have participated in the Chapman 5K for more than 15 years.

Sydney Gadabudy, a 16-year-old El Modena High School student, won the race, coming in at 1:59:2.

“I thought I would make the top five but I didn’t think I would win,” Gadabudy said.

Radio makes top 20

Olivia Scott | Senior Writer

Chapman Radio made The Princeton Review’s top 20 list for the second year in a row for Best College Radio Stations, ranking No. 20 in 2013 and dropping one spot from last year.

Chapman’s largest student club beat its only California competitor, Stanford University, to make it not only the best college radio station in California, but also the number one online station in the nation.

“We definitely focus on student events, go music, and filling the student body in on gossip and current events going on in the media,” said Alicia Manzur, director of public relations for Chapman Radio. “It’s amazing how great our DJs are. I just wish more people tuned in and gave them the credit they deserve.”

The surveys of The Princeton Review interviewed more than 122,000 students at 377 universities in order to develop the rankings. Students were asked at random to rate their college radio station based on its popularity and how many people they believed tuned in.

On average each radio station at Chapman has about 10 live listeners at any given time, Manzur said. Chapman Radio is broadcast in the Student Union daily. Chapman Radio is one of the most relaxed college radio stations because it’s all about personalized music someone wouldn’t hear everyday on one’s car radio, Manzur said.

“Chapman Radio is working on becoming more known on campus and hosting more events, Manzur said. “We already throw our weekend beach parties at the Panther Beach Club,” she said. “I know if more people understand how easy it is to tune in and hear great music the music in our students play we would no longer be number 20 on the list, but we will start to climb our way up.”

Five most popular shows on Chapman Radio this week

1. ChapaTunes - House, techno, indie rock, rap and hip hop. Airs Thursday 5 p.m.
2. A Little BS - Today’s top hits with celebrity news. Airs Monday 4 p.m.
3. KT 40 - Top 40 hits. Airs Wednesday 6 p.m.
4. 50,000 Speed Blender - Rock music and live guests. Airs Wednesday 4 p.m.
5. Mystery Wagon - Indie. Airs Thursday 1 p.m.
Students strut their stuff for charity

Kappa Alpha Theta held its annual Katwalk fashion show Wednesday night in Sandhu Conference Center. Gabi Shevel, service and philanthropy chair, organized the Cirque Du Soleil themed event. All proceeds benefited Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Theta Foundation. The amount of money raised was not available as of press time. Sororities and fraternities competed for a first place trophy. Sigma Alpha Mu took first, Phi Gamma Delta placed second and Beta Theta Pi came in third.

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Juniors Casey Acaster and Josh Mazie take the stage wearing fairy wings representing Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

At left, senior Kyle Martinez shows off the theme of evolution on behalf of Delta Tau Delta.

At right, junior Bronwyn Helder waves streamers representing Gamma Phi Beta.
According to 30 students surveyed by The Panther, the most eligible actors are:

- Robert Pattinson: 44%
- Ryan Gosling: 33%
- Matt Bomer: 13%
- Ian Somerhalder: 7%
- Christian Bale: 7%
- Robert Pattinson: 3%
Students make “grey” the new guilty plea-

Jenna Linden | Staff Writer

Courtney Hendricks, a freshman broadcast journalism major, reclined by her pool almost every day this summer in Arizona, vigilantly flipping through the racy novel “Fifty Shades of Grey.” Enicited by the first novel, Hendricks immediately purchased the two other books in the series.

Chapman students have jumped on to the erotic novel trend for entertaining reading outside of class. The most recent book fad, “Fifty Shades of Grey,” has been brought to the attention of many students who either enjoy its scandalous sexual nature and relatable college character, or joke about its dramatic explicitness.

“Our age group is drawn to the scandal. Just like we like reality TV, it’s shocking and therefore sought after,” Hendricks said. “The main character is also relatable as a college student herself.”

“Fifty Shades of Grey” by E. L. James has sold over 40 million copies in 37 different countries worldwide, surpassing the Harry Potter series’ records and making it the fastest selling paperback series of all time. The novel explores the story of a young college senior named Anastasia Steele being enticed by an intimidating entrepreneur, Christian, who eventually takes her virginity through sexual practices involving bondage and masochism.

While casting is in progress for the Hollywood adaptation, comedian Chelsea Handler announced in September she is writing her own parody of the book, “50 Shades of Chartreuse: This time it’s personal.”

Although the novel’s racy topics have been ridiculed by book reviews, Hendricks said the novel’s topic is what makes it tempting to read. “It was intriguing,” she said. “My mom told me I wasn’t allowed to read it, so I wanted to find out exactly why she didn’t want me to.”

Freshman undeclared major Michelle Liva started reading “Fifty Shades of Grey” while traveling to Chapman in August. She said it’s been difficult to put down since. “The sex factor definitely sets it apart from any other romance novel,” Liva said. Although the novel has created a U.S. revenue of $145 million according The Wall Street Journal, Joanna Levin, chair of the English department, said she could only read one page when she flipped the book open at random in an airport.

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Soundcheck’s first album note-worthy

Katie Metzger and Jenna Linden
Managing Editor and Staff Writer

One of Chapman’s most well-known groups has a new project with catchy melodies and a great sound that’s worth checking out.

Soundcheck, a student-run a cappella group, released its first album, “Everything” Friday. The 10 tracks on “Everything” are available on iTunes for $0.99 each. The album was recorded on campus and cost roughly $4,500 to produce.

A cappella has become part of America’s popular culture over the last few years, which has brought popularity to student a cappella groups on campus.

The style has made its way into the mainstream culture through television shows such as FOX’s “Glee” and movies such as the recently released “Pitch Perfect.”

Soundcheck is self-funded by a total of 17 current members. The idea for the album began in 2009. The group spent the last four years fundraising to purchase their own recording equipment. Fundraising efforts included letter home for donations, concert profits and personal does.

Once all of the necessary equipment was acquired, Soundcheck began recording in the spring of 2010 in the music building on campus.

The group plans to promote its album by playing it in the Student Union, spreading the news by word of mouth and selling it to the a cappella community.

The power of a cappella music is that with good acoustics, flawless harmonies and creative arrangements, a covered version of a song can sound as good, or even better than the original.

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“King of Anything,” and the mash ups and medleys are also enjoyable. One track mashes the powerhouse ballad “One Night Only” from the movie “Dreamgirls” with classics “Holding Out for a Hero” and “It’s Raining Men.” The medley received the Best Arrangement award at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) competition in 2010. Soundcheck won first place at the ICCA quarterfinals in 2011, but did not place at semifinals.

The real gem, and must-buy, of the album is the last track in which the group completely remasters Bon Iver’s “Woods.” It is equally haunting and beautiful.

Music Director Dan Fuster’s bass and 11 alumni Victoria Young’s beautiful soprano vocals contribute nicely to the track.

The only thing the album could have used is a more current hit song, but the traditional goal of a cappella music is to achieve seamless blend and nice harmonies – something Soundcheck excels at. Many of its members were classically trained and major in vocal performance.

Alumni Diane Morris, Cody Morgan and Ryan Young, the founder of Soundcheck, arranged many of the tracks and are also featured as soloists.

Kafatos looks to beginnings of universe

The former dean expresses opinion on the “God particle” to global science community in article.

Hannah Darbour | Staff Writer

Immersed in a world of quantum physics studies, Kafatos always knew he had an obligation to Chapman students as a professor and mentor. Yet upon the world’s discovery of the Higgs boson, or “God Particle,” he felt the need to contribute to the global physics community as well.

Menas Kafatos, former dean of Schmid College of Science and Technology and professor of physics, and computational science and engineering, wrote his opinion on the Higgs boson discovery in the article, “Did God discover the God particle?” by teaming up with physicist Deepak Chopra and neurologist Rudolph Tanzi.

Kafatos wrote the article to emphasize the importance of the Higgs boson in understanding the beginnings of the universe.

The article’s controversial title caught the eyes of readers in The San Francisco Chronicle where it was published July 13. Since then Kafatos has been continuing his 20-year research on quantum theory, the study of physics at an atomic level.

“If there was a beginning of the universe, as people believe there was, then this particle gets us closer to that,” Kafatos said. “We still have a long way to go, and we are still far away from understanding the Big Bang, but it’s a step closer in the right direction.”

The Higgs boson, or “God Particle” as it is nicknamed, was discovered July 4 by scientists at CERN, a European nuclear research center. Kafatos said the discovery is still too far from proving how particles emerged, but that it gives scientists more clues about the world’s beginnings.

“It’s amazing how our universe works,” he said. “It cannot just be an accident.”

The term “God Particle” caused reactions worldwide from religious groups that saw it as a threat to their belief in creationism. Kafatos’ article calls the name an inflated and silly label.

“Science does not need religion to validate itself, and religion does not need science to validate itself,” Kafatos said. “However, there needs to be some sort of moving together. There needs to be dialogue, and there needs to be open mindedness. The two are complementary human activities, not adversarial activities.”

Scientific communities have discussed at length what the Higgs boson means for the future of physics. Jeff Tollaksen, professor of physics and director of the Center of Excellence in Quantum Studies, said the study of physics is far from completed and that inventiveness is necessary for further discoveries.

“One major discovery is only getting us closer,” he said. “It’s so important that our society supports the process of creativity, because it’s the heart of scientific discovery. Imagine life if that ended.”

Sophomore integrated education studies major Abbey Cavendish said religion and scientific discovery will always be interrelated.

“God and science are always going to be related even if it’s just for arguments sake,” she said. “One is always going to either be trying to understand or disprove the other.”

Cavendish said she does not believe the Higgs boson could lead to an explanation about the existence of mass or human creation.

“The universe is so infinite that it is hard to narrow discovery down to just one cause,” she said.
Looper misses its target

Lauren Gardner | News Editor

I'm not delusional. I knew from the trailer that “Looper” was going to be violent and wasn’t going to be anything near sunshine and rainbows before I bought my ticket. I just didn’t think it would be quite so full of gratuitous violence with no redeeming plot.

Set in Kansas in 2044, Rian Johnson’s sci-fi thriller tells the story of Joe (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a futuristic assassin called a looper. Joe explains that in his world, time travel has not been invented, but will be in 30 years. He tells us that it will promptly be outlawed, but unnamed crime bosses retain the technology to ship people they want killed to the past since dumping bodies in their time is somehow all but impossible. The loopers shoot their nameless target prisoners, bound and masked with payments of silver bricks strapped to their backs, eliminating the problems for the mob bosses of the future.

Joe narrates that a looper “closes his loop” when crime bosses send his future self back to the past for assassination. The looper receives a hefty payment in gold bricks, enough to spend thirty years in what is labeled as retirement, but is presented as drug addiction and time spent in grimy apartments with sad-looking prostitutes.

Joe is outwardly comfortable with living the looper life until he encounters an unexpected dilemma. His next “loop” (target) is himself, 30 years senior (Bruce Willis).

Older Joe tells young Joe that he has fought his way back to the past to kill off a notorious crime boss called the Rainmaker to change the course of the future and prevent his wife’s murder. Younger Joe, however, has no interest in older Joe’s story and simply wants to kill his loop so he can get back to his normal life.

If you followed that explanation, I applaud you. Though the film’s exhibition was long, it left behind a plot built on shaky ground. Plus, I was so distracted by Gordon-Levitt’s weird contact lenses that were supposed to make him look more like Willis that it made concentrating on the convoluted concept all the more difficult.

The saving grace of the film is Sara (Emily Blunt), a single mother whose son, Cid (Pierce Gagnon), is one of three children older Joe has determined could be the Rainmaker. Sara’s sassy and clear devotion to her disturbed son gives the film some redeeming value.

Younger Joe is torn among wanting his life back, trying to help his older self and protecting Sara and Cid, who he grows to care about. I won’t go away the ending, but younger Joe faces a moment of truth that shows he at least learned something after two and a half hours of pure violence.

If you’re OK with seeing children murdered and scattered brain shrapnel that isn’t vital to the plot, go see “Looper.” But I’d recommend saving your money.

Weekend Box Office Estimates
(And weekend gross)

1. “Taken 2” $50 M
2. “Hotel Transylvania” $26.3 M
3. “Pitch Perfect” $14.7 M
4. “Looper” $12.2 M
5. “Frankenweenie” $11.5 M

If weekend gross

BoxOfficeMojo.com
Depressed from the good life

I don’t ask for help. I see it as a weakness. But after four weeks of not wanting to do anything but stare catatonically into space while wrapped in my Minnie Mouse blanket, I knew I was past saving myself.

So two weeks ago, I reached for my phone and sent an SOS to my mom. My weekend was spent re-evaluating my lifestyle: the foods I eat, the amount of items swamping my to-do list, the negative things I say to myself. I came to terms with the reality of depression. Even if it’s a chemical imbalance and I feel like I can’t control it, I still have to fight it.

Then I received an email last Monday from Student Psychological Counseling Services (SPCS) stating they are scheduling more clinician hours than ever. Many people in beautiful Southern California at this excellent school are also suffering; I’m not the only one. I’ve been guilting myself into thinking I’m under par and not good enough, when this is a problem a lot of us may share.

As an American College Health Association assessment in 2011 recorded 30 percent of students feeling so depressed they could not function and almost 50 percent feeling overwhelming anxiety. I encourage students to participate in National Depression Screening Day (NDSD) Thursday, Oct. 11. Take an assessment on www.CollegeResponse.org. Put yourself on the wait list for SPCS. Do something in the meantime, because there are things you can do to help yourself.

The main task I accomplished this weekend was kicking my bad eating habits in the butt. I’m avoiding fast food, however convenient it may be, and I’m working on eating organic and free range food. I figure the depression is already putting enough unwanted chemicals in my body and I don’t need any extra. I’ve also cut some things off my to-do list. I was a firm believer that nothing is already put on that list could go. But when I had to choose between cutting my workload or risking my mental health, I found things to get rid of.

I’m still trying to sleep more and give myself positive reinforcement. But I already feel healthier. It doesn’t matter if I do a million and one things today if I get so sick I can’t do anything in the future.

And finally, tell someone. Don’t go it alone. I can never thank my mom, my roommates and my other friends enough for helping me get out of this rut. Sure, there will still be those days when I’m wrapped up drooling on the couch, but I’ll always know there’s a good chance for a better tomorrow. You aren’t alone.

Elizabeth Oliver
Opinions Editor

Don’t let others get away with hate

Regardless of our political views, we have a moral obligation to treat one another with basic human respect. Yet the recent string of hate incidents on campus suggests that some students feel that respect isn’t an entitlement we all deserve.

Over the past month, Chapman’s LGBTQIA community has been targeted. An unidentified student vandalized the hallway of Sandhu’s Arts Initiative floor with the word “faggot” in graffiti. Another student made threats against a homosexual student on Facebook. Most recently, several posters advertising gay rights advocate Lt. Dan Choi’s public speaking event were torn down.

The Sandhu resident advisors chose not to report the graffiti incident to Public Safety. Public Safety passed the Facebook incident along to Orange Police Department (OPD). No one was really brought to justice.

Fortunately, Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, and Student Government Association President Chris Joondeph brought this issue up at Wednesday’s Fireside Chat.

College of Performing Arts senator and campus inclusion committee chair Kyle Chattelson suggested the Safe Space program expand to include race, gender and sexuality so faculty members can be better versed in equality issues. He recommended that faculty members include a diversity statement in their syllabuses letting students know that classrooms are places where everyone can be treated equitably.

We can’t put security cameras on every corner to make sure hate incident perpetrators are caught and punished, but we can take steps toward making a positive impact.

There’s no foolproof way to guarantee that everyone will treat his or her fellow students with respect. There’s no such thing as the equality police. But when we stop looking at each other through the filters of sexual preference or gender identity, we see that we have something in common: we’re all Chapman students.

We all made the choice to come to this university. We’ve embraced this place as our home. We might have things that divide us and we might have different ideals, but in the end, we are all members of the Panther community and should treat each other in the manner with which we would like to be treated.

So stand up for each other. If you witness or hear about another hate incident on campus, don’t let it go unreported. Tell a Panther reporter, an SGA senator or a faculty member and help end this bigotry. Let this campus continue to be a safe space for all Panthers.

The Panther Editorial Board

Illustration by Michael Lue
Mindfulness is awareness of the present in silence.

We are here to better understand the concepts of our choice, not to be graded on how many times I get the desk taking notes, or more likely browsing the Internet. It should be up to the student whether or not sitting in class is more beneficial than perhaps spending some time in the library and working for assignments.

Without scholarships, grants or financial aid Chapman costs $32,930 a semester and that is not including a roof over your head or living expenses. You would think for that price you would be able to make a personal decision of whether or not to show up to class one day. It would be your own loss right?

I’m sure it could be argued that class dismissions may lack conversation without the embodiment of the whole class, but there are solutions to this like online discussion boards and class emails.

I sign off on the loans and work the hours that pay for my education, proving the effort I put forth both academically and professionally, thus I should be able to choose when I want to be a part of the team — that is the true purpose of higher education.

I got to campus early I would stay in my driveway I began to question myself.

mindfulness is not just a passing fad. Science shows us that the practice of mindfulness helps people develop greater self-acceptance and self-worth, which some claim are measures of true happiness. And wisdom from spiritual traditions collaborate with these findings.

At the Fish Interfaith Center, programs and gatherings take place for students interested in everything from a particular religion to spiritual health and wealthiness. It’s an ecletic and fun environment with a lot going on. One student called the Fish Interfaith Center, a great place to choose when I take a seat in front of the screen.
Water polo has winning weekend

Michael Ambrose | Staff Writer

The men’s water polo team had its best weekend of the season, winning three of its four games at the Gary Troyer Tournament in Claremont. The Panthers have won four of their last six games to pull their record to 6-13(0-1).


“We are looking to build off this weekend,” said freshman utility Willis Alldis. “We shuffled the line up on Friday night and coming back and playing early on Saturday,” Ostrovsky said. “But we just fought harder than we did,” said senior middle back Kate Ferrin with 12 kills, Posada with 10 kills, others were led by senior middle back Kate Ferrin with 12 kills, Posada with 10 kills, others were led by senior middle back Kate Ferrin with 12 kills, Posada with 10 kills, others were led by senior middle back Kate Ferrin with 12 kills, Posada with 10 kills.

Chapman could not put together any scoring in the second set where they held the Bulldogs to just 8 points. “We just fought harder than we did,” said senior middle back Laura Posada. “They got off on the wrong foot, dropping the first set 25-16, but were able to rally back winning the second set 25-19. “They came out really strong, and we dug a hole for ourselves that we could not recover from,” Posada said.

The game against Mercyhurst was tied 7-7 at halftime, but the second half was a different story, as the Panthers out-scored the Lakers 10-4.

“Basically, we just played better defense than they did,” said junior utility Brett Carter. “We shut down their key players and limited their opportunities to touch the ball. That was the difference.”

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Panthers move to 8-1 in SCIAC, set sights on Leopards

Michael Ambrose | Staff Writer

The women’s volleyball team bounced back from a Tuesday loss to Cal State San Marcos (17-8, 3-1) to win back-to-back conference games against Claremont Mudd-Scripps 3-2 and Redlands 3-0.

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The loss to Cal State San Marcos was just Chapman’s third loss in 10 games.

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The Cougars ended up being too much to handle and won each of the next two sets, 25-20 and 25-18, with a set that included 16 kills to wrap up the win.

“They passed really well and served really well,” said junior libero Carleigh Mueller. “They are a very strong team.

In this out of conference match, the Panthers were led by senior middle back Kate Ferrin with 12 kills, Posada with 10 kills, and Mueller who led the team with 23 digs. Posada also had two aces.

The players understand the loss should be used as a learning experience.

“We are taking things one game at a time, always trying to get better, with our sights set on a conference title,” Buckendorf said.

The next game for the Panthers is today at the Hutton Sports Center against Hope International University at 7 p.m.
Panthers defeat Poets, lose to Tigers

Men’s soccer plays two away games with mixed results.

Evan Cooper | Staff Writer

The men’s soccer team won a hotly contested match against Whittier College Saturday, defeating the hosting Poets 4-3.

The Panthers seemed to be in control of the game in the first half, with senior forward Mauricio Alfonso scoring in the second and 38th minute.

“We played much better than we had been playing,” said freshman defender Joe Dolack. “We started off strong but we could have been up by even more.”

Whittier seemed refreshed after halftime and came out ready to play. Senior forward Sedan Jovanovic netted for the Poets in the 46th minute to keep Whittier in the game. But Chapman (5-6, 4-4, 3-4) responded well, going back up by two goals thanks to a 56th-minute score by junior forward Nick Echeverry. Just four minutes later, sophomore midfielder Duncan Capriotti scored for the Panthers to seemingly put the game out of reach for the Poets. However, Whittier (5-6, 4-4) was able to grab two quick goals, with Jovanovic scoring in the 69th minute followed by a goal from freshman forward Dylan Fortin a minute later.

“It was pretty chaotic,” Dolack said. “We got rattled but we just did what we could to keep them from scoring. We just worked that much harder because we knew we needed to win the game.”

This made for a nail-biting final 20 minutes of the match, but the Panthers were able to hold off the rest of the Poets’ attacks. It was a change from early in the week when Chapman fell to Occidental College in a 2-1 road loss.

Freshman midfielder Boston Kimmel scored for the Panthers in the 42nd minute off of a rebounded shot that Occidental’s freshman goalkeeper Tristen Cooper had failed to hold on to.

Although the Panthers were able to grab the lead in the first half, it was far from comfortable for the team.

“We were playing well defensively by the end of the first half,” said freshman goalkeeper Dean Meltz. “But in the beginning of the game I had to make a lot of saves.”

The Tigers were able to force their way through Chapman’s defense in the second half, capitalizing on key mistakes in the backfield.

“We came from not marking them well,” Meltz said. “We need to stay more organized and stick to the opposition better.”

Occidental scored the equalizer in the 62nd minute when senior forward Ben Murray was able to slip the ball past Meltz. It took the Tigers just another seven minutes to grab the game winner, this time with junior midfielder Christian Buchmann scoring.

Offense has been a weak spot for the Panthers for most of the season and the team acknowledges that.

“We need to make sure on offense that we maintain the ball but not try to hit it forward every time,” Kimmel said.

Chapman continues conference play Wednesday at 4 p.m. when the Panthers welcome Pomona-Pitzer to Wilson Field.

Overtime win caps off big week for women’s soccer

Chapman beats Occidental, Whittier and UC Santa Cruz this week, bringing its season record up to 9-4.

Evan Cooper | Staff Writer

In front of their friends and family who arrived for parents’ weekend, the women’s soccer team grabbed its third win of the week yesterday, defeating UC Santa Cruz 2-1 in overtime.

Seven minutes into overtime, junior forward Val Sobel was able to grab the game winner off of a pass from sophomore forward Rebecca Borz.

“All the play in the midfield and the back leading up to the forwards has been working and that is what has been allowing us to finish well in these past games,” Sobel said.

Sobel also started off the scoring for Chapman (9-4-0, 4-4-0), grabbing a goal in the 19th minute.

But Santa Cruz (7-6-0) kept the pressure on the Panthers and was able to score the equalizer in the 32nd minute when junior forward Justine Dougherty scored an unassisted goal for the Banana Slugs.

Despite many attempts by both teams, the score was tied 1-1 the end of 90 minutes, until Sobel’s go-ahead goal in the 98th minute.

The Panthers faced Whittier College Saturday, shutting out the Poets 5-0.

Chapman was in control of the game right from the start, leading to senior midfielder Karina Cisneros’ goal in the 13th minute.

“We connected really well and were able to play to feet strongly which created chances,” Cisneros said.

Chapman was awarded a penalty shot in the 47th minute when Borz was taken down in the box. But Borz, who took the penalty kick, was not able to convert.

The scoring picked up in the 59th minute when Cisneros finished again for the Panthers, putting the score at 2-0.

The goal then started coming for Chapman, with goals from Borz, freshman forward Savanna Schmidt and sophomore midfielder Jordan Femmerlid within the final 30 minutes of play.

“Chapman is a solid team,” said Whittier head coach Monica Gerardo. “We had our hands full today.”

This was more of the same for Chapman, who defeated Occidental College 3-0 Wednesday.

Freshman midfielder Haley Fedden scored 2 minutes into the game off of a pass from sophomore forward Jordan Royer.

“During practice the coaches have pushed us to put everything in the back of the net,” Sobel said. “We don’t take enough chances in the games so we have really been working on that and it has paid off.”

Borz and freshman defender Ashley Sweeting also scored for the Panthers.

“We have a few knocks and [Chapman] really capitalized that in the first half,” Occidental head coach Colm McFeely said.

Chapman was experiencing the opposite effect, having gained back key players from injury recently.

The Panthers return to action Wednesday as they travel to Pomona-Pitzer for a 4 p.m. game.
Early efforts bring Homecoming win

A crowd of 3,312 people watched as the Panther football team continued its SCIAC-winning streak, defeating the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens with a resolute 24-7 Homecoming victory Saturday evening at Wilson Field. With the win the Panthers are tied for first in the SCIAC and improve to 3-1(2-0).

Sophomore running back Jeremiah McKibbins was at the forefront of a volatile first-quarter offense. He said that an energetic stadium fueled the win. "Playing at home is always great, but having that kind of crowd on Homecoming night is something special," McKibbins said. "As difficult as it seems, it's important to remember that there is still a job that's needed to be done and I had to do everything in my power to make that happen."

The Panthers jumped on the lackluster Pomona-Pitzer (0-4, 0-2) team early on in the first quarter, scoring two consecutive touchdowns on keynote passing from freshman quarterback Andrew Chavez to junior wide receiver Robin Harris at the 11:50 and 7:20 marks.

Panther head coach Bob Owens said quick scoring was the spark the team needed. "That was a big first quarter and those two touchdowns set the down for the rest of the game," Owens said. "At that point, we just needed to score to keep a comeback out of reach for the other team. My interception was the first step, but it was up to the offense to deliver," Mehlhaff said.

Chapman held the visiting Sagehens scoreless until junior wide receiver Ryan Randle found the end zone on a fourth-quarter touchdown pass from senior quarterback Luke Ferguson. Defensive lineman Ben Wadors and junior linebacker Wade Minshew combined for two sacks. The defense allowed 253 yards of total offense for Pomona-Pitzer – a season-low for the Sagehens.

The Panthers return to Wilson Field looking to stay atop the SCIAC as they host Occidental College Saturday at 7 p.m. "Occidental has always had an excellent football program, so we aren't expecting this year to be any different. We just need to keep doing what we are doing and continue to utilize our weapons both defensively and offensively," Owens said.

Kate Ferrin | Staff Writer

Above, sophomore quarterback Keam Stancil (7) escapes the pocket in Saturday's game. Below, freshman defensive back Ethan Weinstein (8) intercepts a pass near the goal line.