Looking to the holidays

Doy’s Holiday Tree, next to Kathie the Panther in the Piazza, was decorated with ornaments last week. The tree will be lit up Thursday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the third annual Winterfest.

WHAT’S INSIDE

Third annual Winterfest

The Piazza transforms into a winter wonderland on Thursday night.

Student develops computer program

James Steininger, a senior interactive media major, says his program is similar to WebAdvisor.
News in Brief

By Zian Ang, Staff Writer

AIDS quilt exhibit on display

An AIDS Memorial Quilt exhibit will be on display from Monday, Dec. 1 to Wednesday, Dec. 3 in Picker 109A, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit features selected panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt, originally created in 1987 in San Francisco by the Names Project Foundation, now an international non-profit organization that travels to raise awareness and honor victims.

The quilt was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, and now serves as a visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic. It is sewn together by friends, partners and family members of AIDS victims.

The free exhibit is open to both students and local residents, though touching of the quilt is not permitted.

There will also be a free screening of the film “A Closer Walk” in the Argyros Forum Great Room, which examines the world’s AIDS crisis at noon and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

Holiday concert this weekend

Chapman’s Conservatory of Music will host the 51st Annual Holiday Wassail Banquet and Concert Dec. 4, 5 and 6 from 8 p.m. nightly beginning on Dec. 5 from 8-9:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

During this two-night event, more than 150 Chapman University singers and musicians from the Chapman’s Women’s Choir, University Choir, University Singers and the Chapman Chamber Orchestra will perform a selection of holiday music.

Chapman professors Angel Vázquez-Ramos, director of music education, Stephen Coker, director of choral activities and Daniel Alfred Wachs, director of orchestral activities, will conduct the musical and vocal performances.

Tickets are $75 per person, which includes a reception, dinner and concert. Concert only tickets can be purchased for $20 for general admission and $10 for Chapman students and faculty.

Economic forecast for 2015

President Jim Doti and Esmail Adibi will present their 37th annual economic forecast for Chapman University at the Rene and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

The pair will discuss the economic outlook for the county, state and country as a whole in 2015.

“Another new topic that we will present is a detailed ten-year analysis of our real GDP forecast accuracy, as compared with 30 other forecast agencies,” Adibi, director of The A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research at Chapman, said.

“This will be the most detailed review and comparison of our forecast accuracy that we have ever presented.”

Tickets for the event are $185. People interested in attending the economic forecast can register online through the Chapman University website or on the day of the event 30 minutes prior to the start of the presentation.

INCIDENT LOG

Nov. 18

A resident advisor called Public Safety to report a narcotics violation in Sandhu hall. Four students received conduct referrals.

Nov. 19

Two books were found damaged by a librarian in the Leatherby Libraries. The report was forwarded to OPD.

Nov. 20

A student reported missing clothes from the laundry room at Panther Village. The report was forwarded to OPD.

Nov. 21

A student reported stolen Nike shoes from his/her room at Panther Village. The report was forwarded to OPD.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 17 issue, The Panther wrote that SGA needs 20 percent of the student body to pass a constitutional change. In fact, SGA needs only 20 percent of the student body to participate in the election.

Winterfest returns to the Piazza

Zian Ang | Staff Writer

Chapman’s third annual Winterfest and Doy’s Holiday Tree Lighting celebration will be the only time Orange can expect to see snowfall, Thursday Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

The public is invited to visit a decorated Piazza that will feature live performances of seasonal music by Chapman students. There will also be activities for children, an opportunity to take a photo with Santa Claus and a series of booths selling holiday gifts.

The first Winterfest and Doy’s Holiday Tree Lighting celebration was held in 2012. Last year’s event drew more than 1,000 people.

“What is particularly special to me is that they not only attend, but also seem to truly love the event,” President Jim Doti said. “Maybe it reminds them of home, maybe it’s the snow, or maybe even seeing Santa. Whatever it is, I love seeing the smiles on our students’ faces when Santa appears.”

Doti added that there will be a “special surprise” at this year’s Winterfest, though he declined to provide details.

As per Winterfest tradition, Michael Nehring, professor of theatre, will also return as the guest narrator for the holiday reading of “The Night Before Christmas.”

Doti will flip the switch to light up Doy’s Holiday Tree, a large pine tree placed in the Piazza named for longtime board of trustee member Doy Henley.

Panther Productions will be on hand to film the event as part of an annual holiday program that’s broadcast on KCET.

Members of the Chapman University Choir perform a song at last year’s Winterfest and Doy’s Holiday Tree Lighting celebration in the Piazza.

“Mistletoe season is a time of year in which Chapman family - students, faculty, staff and community members - to gather together before the end of the semester and final exams,” said Pamela Ezell, director of Panther Productions.

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TV on the Radio released fifth studio album, "Seeds" Nov. 18.

Album is somber, yet sentimental

Georgina Bridger | Staff Writer

I first stumbled upon the band TV on the Radio when I discovered its song "Halfway Home" as part of an iTunes free download and loved what I heard.

TV on the Radio released its fifth studio album, "Seeds," Nov. 18, and after the second listen through, I enjoyed it.

The album comes three years after its last album, "Nine Types of Light," and in wake of the band's bassist Gerard Smith, who died of lung cancer in April 2011.

When I first listened to the album I got through the first song, "Quartz," and then was done. I love alternative indie rock, but I heard was not the different, quirky, experimental sound that I expected to hear from TV on the Radio. Instead it was strange and obscure.

The album contains synthetic pop sounds and electronics beats. My initial reaction was mixed, not good, but not bad either. I forced myself to listen again and I'm glad I did.

"Seeds" starts with songs that have a strange somber sound and then transitions after "Ride," when the songs become fast and upbeat. The album finally closes with track 12, "Seeds," which brings the listener back down to earth.

Every band's music develops and changes and there has been a clear shift in the sound of TV on the Radio since the death of Smith. The music has matured, with the band and it appeals to a wider audience.

The lyrics are meaningful and strong and display raw emotion. When listening to the album from start to end, the listener is taken through a journey of heartache and loss, which ends in a triumphant note.

The new album contains synthetic sounds with synths and electronics. The album comes three years after the second listen through, I enjoyed it.

The new album will appeal to a wider audience with the band and it appeals to a wider audience.

Third time's not the charm

Ashley Probst | Staff Writer

Jennifer Lawrence continues to set the world on fire through her performance as Katniss Everdeen, but that may be the only aspect of the film that made it worthwhile.

"The Hunger Games" saga continues with "Mockingjay, Part 1" released Nov. 21.

The film follows Katniss to District 13, which was thought to have been destroyed. After her antics during the Quarter Quell, a special edition of the Hunger Games that occurs every 25 years, Katniss has changed the games and the entire world of Panem forever. As an attempt to save Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson) from the grasp of President Snow (Donald Sutherland). Katniss agrees to be the face of the rebellion against the Capitol. President Coin (Julianne Moore) of District 13 and the rebels call her the Mockingjay.

The third installment of "The Hunger Games" drew in $123 million in ticket sales during its opening weekend, a box office record for this year. However, if you're looking for a movie similar to the first two films that includes fan bursts of color, extravagant antics during the Quarter Quell, to have been destroyed. After her District 13, which was thought the biggest bits of activity happen off-screen. Now where's the fun in that?

This movie's biggest asset is Lawrence's remarkable acting. She truly embodies the character of Katniss through the compelling way she delivers her lines, her emotional interactions with other characters and her powerful body language. She is the one aspect of the film that will keep audiences interested until the very end.

"The Pyramid" In theaters: Dec 5.

Calendar This week at Chapman

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Student creates WebAdvisor competitor program

Georgia Bridger | Staff Writer

James Steininger spends a lot of time in the library. While other students may sit and study, he sits at a computer developing a new program to help students plan their classes.

Steininger, a senior interactive media major, developed Shoreline, a computer program he hopes will compete with WebAdvisor, released Dec. 1. Steininger put the program together with the help of Chapman professors and colleagues, to provide students with a easier way to choose classes.

“Everything that I’m doing with Shoreline is with the intention of maximizing a student’s potential in college,” Steininger said. “It’s not against the university; I don’t have a vengeance against WebAdvisor. It’s great that it exists but there’s always room for improvement.”

Shoreline is a search tool that Chapman students can use to find classes that fit into their schedules. The site, www.onshoreline.com, also gives students the ability to review classes on a five star rating system.

Steininger said having an easier way to search for classes encourages students to explore or branch out from a set path.

“It’s a way for students to get a better grasp on what classes they want to take,” Steininger said. “College is all really about that exploration and the more you can naturally encourage that behavior the better it is for the student.”

Steininger had the idea after he registered for classes and found it overcomplicated. He said he spoke to alumni who told him it’d always been that way and someone needed to replace it.

“Over my years at Chapman nobody really ever did it,” Steininger said. “There’s really no reason why not. I’m just going to do it.”

Steininger made other prototypes of Shoreline in his earlier years at Chapman but the current production code has only been in development since the beginning of the semester. Steininger dedicates an average of 10 hours of work a week into the project.

“It was really cool that I could do it on the school computers. I would go to a different computer in the library or a different computer on campus and work on the program that day,” Steininger said.

Shoreline has no funding and is free including the hosting and server package. Steininger said he taught himself all the skills needed to design the page.

“It’s 100 percent free,” Steininger said. “Everything is self-taught. I learned everything by Google-ing or YouTube tutorials.”

Anna Turkisher, freshman voice major, found registering for classes difficult. “It was really stressful my first semester entering Chapman, putting together my schedule,” Turkisher said. “Webadvisor is annoying to reload and view classes because the page locks you out so fast.”

She thinks Shoreline would be an easier program. “I think having your schedule in your calendar would really help,” she said.

The site features a search tool, which allows students to find classes by professor name, subject, GE or name of the class, which they can then put on a favorites list and calendar.

“I think it’ll help students avoid making schedules they don’t like or picking classes that they don’t like,” Steininger said. “I think a lot of students lose their zest for learning because they don’t like what they’re doing.”

Steininger made his own major at Chapman and wants to cooperate a system to help students do the same by providing a link to the form. “I want other students to have the same joy of going to school that I have and certainly have the power that I had designing my own major,” Steininger said. Steininger has worked with other students and professors and encourages anyone to get involved whatever their experience. He developed Shoreline in Open Source Development, a course taught by Lance Fluger, a mathematics and computer science professor at Schmid College of Science and Technology.

“It’s this idea of sharing and openness even in developing a product that really is one of the most exciting sources for technological innovation for the planet,” Steininger said.

Josh Nudelman, a junior communication studies major, said he found WebAdvisor confusing at first but now is used to the online tool. “I will say that as a freshman I was confused with all the different tabs you need to click to find something,” Nudelman said. “As you work the way through the system it suddenly becomes self-explanatory.”

Nudelman thinks that Shoreline, in addition to WebAdvisor, would make the process a lot more confusing for him and doesn’t see himself using the system. “I think for some students this could help,” Nudelman said. “If this is what helps them then I am 100 percent down for them to use it and succeed with it.”

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Heather Matley | Staff Writer

Never-heard-before tracks blasted into The Yost Theater in Santa Ana as Greg Netchaev debuted his original music during his spin set.

“It was always my goal to one day play music for a large crowd; music that I love and that I would want to hear at a live setting,” said Netchaev, a freshman theatre performance major.

Netchaev, known at the DJ booth as “Sofi,” which was inspired by his grandmother who died from cancer two months ago, exhibited his music at The Yost Theater Nov. 20. It was Netchaev’s first professional gig, but he began producing music a year and a half ago and began mixing three months ago.

Netchaev got the opportunity to spin during the event, which five other artists performed at, by attending the venue many times before and getting connected with management.

“I managed to talk to the right people at the right time. It’s really all about being out there and talking to everyone you can,” he said. “Up until now I haven’t been able to share the music I make with anyone on a larger scale.”

Technical difficulties at the beginning of his set prevented him from mixing live, but he was still able to play some of his already prepared mixed music.

“It was really freaking cool when I saw people getting down to music that I had made myself. That in itself made my night,” Netchaev said.

After Netchaev got the paid job he said he used Facebook to spread the word and attract his peers to attend.

His roommate, Christian Mininsohn, a freshman music performance major, bought tickets to see him perform, although he listened to Netchaev practice throughout the week.

“It’s fine putting up with (his practicing) because I know he’s passionate about his music and DJing and that’s what he wants to do in life so I respect what he does,” Mininsohn said. “Because he’s my friend and that’s what friends do; they support each other.”

Netchaev’s other friends attended like freshman screen acting major Benjamin Daniels.

“The mixing table he was supposed to use was broken, so he couldn’t even mix his stuff together and just had to play his original music track-by-track,” he said.

“What I did hear of it was quite good.”
Purpose over protests

Monday
Nov. 24, at a St. Louis County grand jury decided not to bring any criminal charges against Darren Wilson, a white police officer who shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed black man, in Ferguson, Missouri.

This decision sparked protests across the country and infuriated many people. Several events have confirmed that Brown had his hand up at one point and Wilson fired more shots. Many say that Michael Brown was just one example of police brutality against African-Americans and racial discrimination in the justice system, and they want to do something about it. They just haven’t been doing the right things.

If you want something changed, it doesn’t matter how passionate you are, or how loudly you speak up. There is hard work to be done to enact that change and take the appropriate action. Until you do this, all of your efforts will be in vain. You’re simply shouting into the ether.

The not-so-thankful tradition of Thanksgiving

That festive holiday has come and gone again when families gather together with their special something. You're probably now shared in stuffing yourselves silly with good food and fond memories.

Last year I worked on a number of assignments for the Government Association and decided to confront some of the underused resource.

SGA vice president
Jenny Bowen

SGA and Parking Services to accomplish this goal.

Together, we drafted a survey to assess the satisfaction of current transportation resources, parking resources and campus safety as well as student interest in potential alternative transportation incentives.

Many students do not know that the Housing Resources and Share Program provides discounted carpool permits with access to designated parking spots on campus. This is one of many university efforts to encourage sustainable transportation methods.

Not surprising where a group of relatives were being piled up in the fitting rooms of a store. Macy's was so packed that clothes were hanging on hangers three feet apart. Store. Macy's was so packed that clothes were hanging on hangers three feet apart.

ZimRide is an online social ride-sharing and transportation software that has been implemented at University of California, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara. This software matches Chapman students interested in carpooling based on proximity, time and destination. The Sustainability Committee is currently working to bring ZimRide to Chapman campus. This would provide easier ways for students to carpooled to campus, internships and home on university breaks.
Football:
The Chapman football team (8-2) celebrated its most successful season in the history of the program, going undefeated in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), winning its first conference championship and earning its first NCAA playoff berth. Chapman’s only losses came at the hands of Linfield (10-1), who beat the Panthers in the first and last games of the season. Junior running back Jeremiah McKibbins led the best offense in the SCIAC, 38.6 points-per-game, averaging 116 rushing yards-per-game during conference play, and accounted for a SCIAC best 14 rushing touchdowns. Senior quarterback Michael Lahey repeated his 2013 success, completing 68.5 percent of his passes, throwing for 17 touchdowns and rushing for five more. Lahey was named as the Offensive Athlete of the Year by the SCIAC for the second year in a row.

Cross-Country:
The women’s program earned its best finish at the SCIAC championships and at the NCAA Western Regional’s, finishing sixth out of nine teams in SCIAC and 13th out of 19 teams at the NCAA’s. Sophomore Cathryne Ramirez earned All-Region honors, placing 35th out of 128 runners. Junior Chris Reid was by far the best men’s runner, finishing 25th in the conference and 35th in the Region, earning All-Western Regional honors.

Men’s Soccer:
Chapman’s men’s soccer team (10-7-2, 10-4-2) reached the SCIAC tournament semifinal for the second time in two years before losing to Pomona-Pitzer (14-6-2) 2-1. A four-game conference win streak to open the season helped Chapman lock in a postseason berth. Sophomore midfielder Marco Saglibeni led Chapman in scoring, with 11 goals, followed by junior center Boston Kimmel, with seven. They were the only two Panthers to score more than three times.

Women’s Soccer:
Chapman’s women’s program missed the SCIAC playoffs for the first time in the school’s three-year stint in the conference. Any playoff aspirations were dashed during October, when Chapman won one-of-nine games. Senior forward Rebeccah Bortz led the Panthers with seven goals, while goalkeeper Kristin Kleinow’s 114 saves led the SCIAC and was third in the conference in saves percentage, with .814.

Men’s water polo:
The men’s water polo program enjoyed its best year in its three year SCIAC tenure, finishing third during the regular season and taking third at the conference tournament. The water polo program also set a school record in wins, with 17. After winning its opening matchup in the SCIAC tournament against Pomona-Pitzer (8-19, 4-7) 9-4, Chapman lost its semifinal matchup with Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (13-14, 9-2) 10-7. Chapman secured third place defeating Redlands (9-21, 5-6) 11-10 in the third place game. Senior driver Mark Alvarado led Chapman in goals, 65, and assists, 56, and was named to the first team All SCIAC. Senior utility Jake Gross was the only other Panther honored by the conference, earning second team honors.
Linfield knocks Chapman out of playoffs

The football team’s record-breaking season ended with a crushing 55-24 loss to Linfield in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

Entering the game on an eight game winning streak, the 17th ranked Panthers (8-2) took on the 10th ranked Wildcats (9-1) in a rematch of the team’s week one loss. Although their first competition came down to the wire, Saturday’s game was decided by halftime.

Down 14-0 in the first quarter, the Panthers offense had been unable to get anything going against a stifling Wildcat defense. Following another unsuccessful possession, Chapman’s Markus Trujillo punted to Jordan Giza who exploded past defenders for a 63-yard touchdown run that pushed Linfield’s lead to 21-0 and put the game out of reach.

“When two good teams play each other, you can't hand them points or go three and out on offense,” said senior quarterback Michael Lahey. “You got to make big plays in big games and we weren’t able to do that in the first half.”

Lahey finished with 206 yards and one touchdown on 14-28 attempts, but most of the team’s success came after the outcome had been decided.

Chapman came into the game averaging 38.6 points per game and 473.4 yards per game. However, Chapman was unable to get any offensive rhythm in the first half and struggled to contain Linfield’s savage defensive line.

“I’ve played for five years and they have the best defensive line I’ve seen on film,” said senior corner back Sean Davey. “It knocked the wind out of us early and we got into too big of a hole.”

With the loss, Chapman finished its most successful season in team history that included its first ever league championship and playoff bid.

Although the team wanted a different outcome, Davey said the players feel incredibly proud about the team.

“We look around and are so thankful we came together and were able to accomplish all that we did,” he said. “Looking back on the ride, it was really special.”

The game came a week after Linfield player Parker Moore was stabbed to death across the street from the school Nov 15 hours after Linfield defeated Pacific 59-0. A moment of silence was observed across the entire Division II playoffs prior to each game. The suspect returned to the scene before being killed by police after refusing to drop the knife.

After defeating Chapman, Linfield knocked off second ranked Mary Hardin-Baylor 31-28, and will travel to Pennsylvania to play Widener in the quarterfinals Dec. 10 and play at noon local time.