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Construction slowed at Orange Plaza pizza shop

Mark Carlisle | News Editor

The Pizza Press, originally set to open Labor Day weekend 2014 for the Orange International Street Fair, remains under construction on North Glassell Street by the Orange Plaza. Electrical complications with the building delayed have the pizza shop’s opening.

The Pizza Press’ construction was stalled after discovering that the site’s transformer was meant for a retail store rather than a restaurant. Though no official date has been set, the owners hope to open the build-your-own-pizza style restaurant by the end of February.

Youthful trend with that area changing over from so many antique retail stores to restaurants,” said Paza Maleki, founder and CEO of The Pizza Press. “The energy demands from restaurants is obviously much higher and requires more power than the standard antique store.”

The Orange restaurant will be The Pizza Press’ second location. It’s first location opened in Anaheim in July 2014.

The Pizza Press’ new location at 155 N. Glassell St. previously housed a shoe store called “Runner’s High.”

“Basically we have more stuff to plug in than the retail store,” said Gil Perez, general manager of the Pizza Press in Anaheim.

Once The Pizza Press owners found out that they would need to wait for Southern California Edison (SCE) to install a new generator, which involves digging up ground in the parking lot, they decided to scale back their construction crew.

“We have to work within their time frame,” said Dustin Kelly, The Pizza Press’ operations manager. “So we decided, why rush forward and try to get everything set on the inside if we’re not even going to be able to open?”

Reports had stated that The Pizza Press would be opening November or December, but SCE has still not finished installing the transformer.

“We’ve been working with them since November to get a new transformer,” Maleki said. “It was something that we totally thought would have been done by, you know, December, January.”

Maleki says that though SCE has run slowly and inefficiently, they should finish installing the transformer within the next two weeks. Said construction would be done within the week, after that it’s just a matter of getting the lights turned on.

In the meantime, The Pizza Press has been using generators for construction and in the employees’ efforts. “We would be able to open about a week after the electricity is finished,” Maleki said.

Once the Miller, the owners of the Anaheim location, will become the general manager of the Orange location.

“The new one will be actually like the flagship restaurant for the company,” Perez said. “So basically this one will get remodelled a little bit to emulate that one, and all the restaurants going forward, either corporate stores or franchises, will all be modeled after this store.”

Zito’s Pizza is located across the street from Pizza Press’ new location.

“We’re a modern day pizzeria,” Maleki said. “I think Zito’s focuses, you know, on the traditional pizzeria, where they’ve got the multiple sizes…and the topping add is a dollar or fifty cents – I’m not quite sure how they operate these days. We are one size, unlimited toppings so every guest can have their own pizza the way they like it. So you don’t have to compromise with your friends, you can have it however you want, and all for $8.”

The Pizza Press may soon open other locations in Orange County or Los Angeles County.

Maleki is also eager host fundraisers with Chapman student organizations.

Equal Opportunity Officer hired after nine-month vacancy

Mark Pampanin | Editor-In-Chief

Chapman University has hired a new Equal Opportunity Officer after the position had been vacant for almost nine months. In an email sent to students and staff on Jan. 12, Becky Campos, vice president of human resources, announced the hiring of Rosalinda Velasco, formerly of the California State University (CSU) system, to the position.

Chapman has changed the title to Equal Opportunity and Diversity Officer, or EODO. The officer is responsible for all university work relating to diversity and equal opportunity as well as ensuring that the university is following state and federal civil rights laws. As EODO, Velasco will be responsible for conducting internal investigations of harassment and discrimination complaints and is the lead Title IX coordinator for the university. According to Campos’ email, the position has existed at Chapman since the 1990s.

“She has an affinity for working in the areas of social justice, equal opportunity and diversity,” Campos said, speaking of Velasco in an email interview with The Panther. “She makes it a priority to maintain currency with regulations and trends regarding these issues, and has a calming and collaborative work style that will serve her well in working with the Chapman community.”

Velasco previously worked as Senior Manager of Student Equity, Labor, and Employee Relations for CSU. She comes to Chapman after it has faced numerous legal battles regarding civil rights. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has sued the university twice in the past decade. Lynn Hamrick, a professor at Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, filed with the EEOC in 2007 for gender discrimination and former economics professor Stephanie Dellanalle alleged similar discrimination over race in 2010. Both cases were settled out of court.

Velasco declined an interview.

Maya Omar last held the position in May of 2014. Since then and until Velasco’s hiring, Campos says she and Mia Basic, director of employee relations, assumed the responsibilities of the job.

 Campos and Basic were both involved in the search for a new EODO along with members from the faculty diversity and inclusion committee: associate vice chancellor DeAnn Youcm-Gaffrey, Erin Pullin, assistant director of cross-cultural engagement, and others. The group narrowed the search to three finalists, who each met with Chancellor Daniela Struppa. (Velasco) and I already worked on a specific case, and I found her very intelligent, perceptive, as well as extremely knowledgeable. I am sure it is a real pleasure continuing to work with her for years to come,” Struppa wrote over email.

Campos declined to comment on the nature of the case he shared with Velasco.

Omar, previously titled “Equal Opportunity Officer,” was changed in title and nature after Omar left to pursue a career in diversity. Campos, who pushed for the change to “Equal Opportunity and Diversity Officer,” said she believed “the time was right to expand the focus” of the role.

The EODO will partner with more closely with Student Affairs, the Faculty Senate committees, the Student Government Association and the administration to develop programs and initiatives that will have a positive impact on Chapman’s learning and working environment,” Campos wrote.

‘Chapmanyak’ shares snapshots of Chapman’s lewd and nude

Jamie Tan | Assistant News Editor

A new Snapchat account with the username chapmanyak was created last week and is allowing users to anonymously send snaps – pictures and videos – which are then posted to the “My Story” feed. My Story displays snaps to all Snapchat users for 24 hours.

Snapchat friend and then will see a live feed of snaps as they are sent in or send in snaps of their own to be posted on the feed.

The anonymity of the account reflects a popular social medium with a similar name – Yik Yak – but there is no known link between the two.

Ryan Vertelney, a junior business major, said that chapmanyak is becoming a “communal, school-wide entertainment source” and is gaining popularity because of its anonymity. A third-party application takes someone’s username and password to access Snapchat’s services. The app chapmanyak uses allows it to post saved photos to its story. Chapmanyak posted a photo of an email from Jan. 28 that Snapchat sent it warning chapmanyak that it was jeopardizing the privacy of its users. The individual behind the account remains anonymous.

Vertelney describes chapmanyak as a release for some students who stress on maintaining appropriate social media pages for future employers. “Chapman Yak lets you be completely open without it being traced back to you,” he said.

While there is a potential for anonymity, many faces appear in the chapmanyak: My Story.

Junior chemistry major Darpan Singh was featured on the account when she was dancing at a party. She was not against being on chapmanyak, but said that if she had been drinking or doing something she later regretted, she would not have been okay with it.

Since anyone can send in snaps to chapmanyak, chapmanyak itself is not necessarily Chapman students.

“I think the anonymity is a big aspect of it because you can take a video and no one really knows who sent it,” Singh said. “You feel proud that your snap ended up on there.”
Athletic Director to retire

After 24 and a half years at the helm of Chapman’s athletics department, athletic director Dave Curry will be stepping down prior to the start of the fall season next year.

During Curry’s tenure, Chapman transitioned from Division II to Division III, and from nine programs in 1990, to 20 today.

I believe that the progress we have made during Dave’s tenure in building such an outstanding intercollegiate athletic program is one of our university’s major achievements of the last 25 years,” wrote President Jim Doti in an email to students and faculty Jan. 22.

Chapman is not in a rush to hire a replacement, as the process will take place over the next six months, according to Sports Information Director Doug Aiken.

Curry has also presided over national championships in baseball (2003) and softball (1995), as well as 18 regional championships between baseball (10), softball (7) and men’s soccer (1).

For more information about Curry stepping down and on who will be replacing him, check back with thepantheronline.com throughout the semester.

—Michael Ambrose, Sports Editor

P-Safe gives safety tips in the Piazza

Public Safety Crime Prevention will be tabling in the Attallah Piazza Wednesday Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Public Safety will be teaming up with Orange Police Department, Time Warner, Home Depot and many campus organizations to educate students how to better protect their property and personal safety.”

“I learned in the 33 years with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department that when a citizen takes ownership and stands up for his rights with law enforcement and other groups, then the successful prevention efforts increase and crime decreases,” said Public Safety officer Bill Herrin.

The Rave Guardian app will be introduced to Chapman’s campus. Rave Guardian allows students to easily contact Public Safety in an emergency and send in anonymous tips, among other services.

Time Warner will be giving $200 worth of equipment to any Chapman student, staff or faculty member who subscribes to their home alarm system, which costs $33 a month.

Home Depot will demonstrate home protection devices available at its stores and is giving a 10-percent Chapman discount on the displayed items.

—Mark Carlisle, News Editor

Comedian to speak on racism

University Program Board (UPB) presents comedian W. Kamau Bell in Memorial Hall Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is part of UPB’s Spring Welcome Week.

Bell is best known as the host of FX’s series “Totally Biased with W. Kamau Bell,” where he gave comedic commentary on prominent political and social issues.

UPB Awareness Director, senior Nick Fernandes said he wants a variety of speakers throughout the year. He thought Bell would be relevant given recent issues of racism and police brutality and because February is Black History Month.

“Racism is ongoing in today’s society,” Fernandes said. “I hope he encourages students to think of issues of race in their day-to-day lives.”

In 2012, the San Francisco Weekly voted Bell San Francisco’s best comedian, and in 2013, he was named the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) celebrity ambassador on racial justice. The New York Times called Bell “the most promising talent in political comedy in many years.”

Bell proposes to put a stop to racism “in about an hour.”

—Jamie Altman, Assistant News Editor

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The elegantly decorated room filled with applause and whispers of approval as Natasha Martinez answered the interview question that would win her the title of Miss California USA 2015.

It was in that moment that Martinez, a ’14 Chapman alumna, knew she had a chance at achieving her dream of winning the annual beauty pageant.

“She’s not just somebody to look up to for her accomplishments or for her physical beauty, but also for the person that she is and the heart that she has and the things that she gives back,” said Jessica Goldman, a ’14 television and broadcast journalism alumna. “She’s such a good role model, so she deserves this more than anyone.”

After completing her degree in television and broadcast journalism in December, Martinez took part in her fourth Miss California USA pageant Jan. 11 to try one last time at achieving her dream of taking home the crown.

Martinez represented Santa Anita Park and won the title after competing against 117 other women in an interview, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

She is now preparing to compete in the Miss USA pageant, which will be held in June. The winner of Miss USA 2015 will go on to compete against other country representatives in the Miss Universe pageant.

“Miss USA was always a far away dream and so the fact that it’s in five months is pretty crazy to wrap my mind around,” Martinez said. “There’s definitely some nerves and excitement but I definitely feel pretty confident going into the competition.”

Martinez has been performing since she started dancing at 5 years old, and has been playing the piano since she was 9 years old.

When she was 17, Martinez competed in her first beauty pageant, Miss Pan American International. “I think because I wasn’t super stressed about the pageant and it was just more about having fun, I ended up winning and so after that the ball started rolling,” Martinez said. Now 23, Martinez said she never would have thought she would one day be Miss California USA.

Martinez said the most intimidating part of the competition was being interviewed in front of a panel of nine judges.

“I’ve always been super comfortable on stage, so the bikini and the evening gown are nothing for me because it’s so fun,” Martinez said. “But the final question, it really can make or break you.”

In preparation for the Miss USA pageant, Martinez is exercising both her body and mind by eating well, hiring a personal trainer and working on her public speaking skills.

“I really wanted to focus on fine tuning the characteristics that make me unique and bring that to the table for Miss USA,” Martinez said. “They’re looking for a spokesmodel to promote their brand, so they want a girl who is going to be friendly, approachable and smart.”

Martinez views the pageant not as a competition against the other women, but a competition against herself. In fact, she said her favorite part about participating in beauty pageants is meeting the women.

“It’s honestly like that’s my sorority, since I didn’t get into Greek life at Chapman,” Martinez said. “There are all these negative ideas about pageant girls being catty but I haven’t experienced that in my pageant career—just love and genuine support.”

Martinez said she has received a great deal of support from her fans, family and friends.

Senior film production major Daniel Burke has been dating Martinez since April and has supported her throughout this process.

“It’s surreal because to me, first and foremost, she’s always Natasha and it’s awesome because this has been her dream since before she met me,” Burke said. “I love seeing her smile, so I was just looking at her and not really paying attention to the sash.”

To help Martinez relax, Burke would plan dates and bring her sweet treats.

“She loves dark chocolate peanut butter cups from Trader Joe’s and red licorice,” Burke said. “Just the perfect thing you need when you’re working out a lot and trying to get ready to wear a swimsuit.”

Goldman became friends with Martinez at Chapman and was also in the audience at the Miss California USA pageant.

“Natasha is the epitome of what it means to be beautiful inside and out,” Goldman said. “I think there are a lot of girls who are rooting for other girls to fail but Natasha is one of those rare people that really wants to see other people in her life succeed.”

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Bronx meats delicious expectations

Megan Abba | Managing Editor

Meat lovers, rejoice—there’s a new way to enjoy a not-so-little taste of New York without having to brave the East Coast weather.

Bronx Sandwich Company opened in Tustin Jan. 5 and is well worth the 6-mile drive.

Bronx offers a wide selection of hot and cold sandwiches served on your choice of French baguette, rye or wheat bread. An array of sides like street fries (crispy French fries topped high with various meats, cheeses and veggies), as well as pasta and seafood salads are available.

For customers who are 21 and older, there’s also a large selection of craft beers to wash down the deliciously greasy whole sandwich. The jalapeno cheese and peppers on the side. With a drink, you may consider asking for it on the side, as its tangy flavor tends to overpower the delicious meats and cheeses.

The only downfall of the sandwich was the hot link. The link itself was juicy and delicious but didn’t add any real flavor to the sandwich and just made it difficult to fit it all in my mouth. I ended up having to take it out and eat it on the side. If you’re looking for a sandwich piled high with flavor, Bronx is better than anything you can get in Old Towne Orange.

Bronx Sandwich Company is located at 18041 Newport Ave in Tustin along with its Anaheim and Los Angeles locations.

Ice cream worth spooning

Michael Ambrose | Sports Editor

If you’re like me and have been searching for reasonably priced, high quality ice cream then you owe it to yourself to try N2 Creamery in Villa Park, which opened Nov. 1.

N2 offers many more traditional flavors, like vanilla, chocolate and rocky road than À la Minute, the only liquid nitrogen infused ice cream shop in Orange, N2, which is less than 3.5 miles from campus, does have some more unusual offerings like coconut pineapple, sea salt caramel truffle and snicker doodle crunch for those more adventurous than myself.

If you’re unfamiliar with nitrogen infused ice cream, it’s a way to make a creamier ice cream by freezing the cream on the spot with liquid nitrogen, a process that you can watch after you put in your order, which is much more interesting than watching the server reaching into a large carton and scooping ice cream off the bottom.

I opted for cookies and cream, one of my favorite flavors, and enjoyed one of the best bowls of cookies and cream I can remember having. Served with a small wedge of waffle cone and liberal amounts of Oreo cookie chunks—or some sort of Oreo imitation—mixed in, the variance of texture between the ice cream and the cookie made for a satisfying mixture.

The service was great. The employees were very friendly and ready to answer any questions that I had, including suggestions for what to order. The menus are displayed on an easy-to-read flat-screen television which helps set the modern décor inside N2.

For less than $6, you can enjoy a very robust “medium” size. It is more expensive than Old Towne Grinder and Ice Cream Park but you can easily taste the difference in quality, making N2 well worth the extra dollar or two and the 10-minute drive.

If you’re not sure why on earth there’s an ice cream that has the same name as a salad dressing, like strawberry balsamic—sorry À la Minute, I just don’t get it—then N2 should definitely be your next stop for dessert.

The next time it’s randomly 90 degrees in the middle of winter again and you’ve got a hankering for something cold, swing by N2 Creamery for a modestly priced, very refreshing cold snack.

Liquid nitrogen creameries in Orange County:

- N2 Creamery (Villa Park)
- Creamistry (Irvine)
- À la Minute (Orange)
- Sub Zero Ice Cream & Yogurt (Laguna Niguel)
- Chocolate Chair (Buena Park)

This week at Chapman

Monday
Free ice cream
Plaza noon

Tuesday
University Singers concert
Wallace All Faiths Chapel
7:30 - 10 p.m.

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Memorial Hall
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Thursday
Chapman JEOPARDY!
Student Union
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday
Carnival
Memorial Lawn
6 - 8 p.m.

The Sloppy Bronx at Bronx Sandwich Company in Tustin costs $9.99.
A medium cookies and cream ice cream costs $5.95 at N2 Creamery in Villa Park.
Views change with the lens

“Nice to see a movie where the Arabs are portrayed for who they really are – vermin scum intent on destroying us.” American Sniper

Miles Furuichi

Opinions Editor

To say the least, I was horrified when I read several of these Islamophobic social media comments a couple days after the release of “American Sniper.” At the same time, I realize we were a very opinionated society with many beliefs and cultures. We feel the tendency to build prejudices in order to make the world seem easier to understand and feel better about ourselves.

This movie and the responses to it reveal a willingness to accept Islamophobia as a social norm, our years of combat in the Middle East. However, consider that everything we think about the Middle East, Islam and the bad guys in “American Sniper” are built on our own cultural perspectives. When it comes to viewing foreign wars and races, we live in a cocoon.

Chris Kyle, in his book, referred to Iraqi fighters as “savages” and “bad guys.” By dehumanizing a whole race, he builds on our own cultural perspectives. We feel the tendency to build prejudices in order to make the world seem easier to understand and feel better about ourselves.

Between 347 and 504 civilian men, women, children and infants were killed in the Ishaqi incident. U.S. military faced global outrage after an incident called the Abu Ghraib prison during the conflict. U.S. soldiers also lined up and murdered 11 civilians in the Ishaqi incident.

During the Vietnam War, the U.S. military faced global outrage after an incident called the My Lai Massacre. Between 347 and 504 civilian men, women, children and infants were murdered with some of the women brutality raped as well. And yet some still argue both the Vietnam and Iraq Wars were worth all suffering.

Islamophobia and other racial stigmas were worth all suffering. Is there a war about 250 years ago between civilian insurgents and a global superpower? Oh wait, that was the American colonies fighting Great Britain.

A growing number of the misinformed spread from the “happiest place on earth.” One case has reached Mexico. But wait – six of the measles cases at Disneyland were people who had gotten the measles vaccine. So, a skeptic might argue, what’s the point of the vaccine?

Measles are serious and can be deadly. However, thanks to a vaccine invented in 1963 and the education of the American public, chances of contracting the deadly infection were all but eliminated by 2000. Yet, to the nation’s surprise, a measles outbreak was traced back to the Disneyland parks in Anaheim this past December. So far, 95 cases have been confirmed across eight states and the spread is growing.

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One case has reached Mexico. It is ironic that such a terrible disease should spread from the “happiest place on earth.” However, a growing number of the misinformed and conspiracy theorists who refuse vaccines are putting themselves and everyone else in danger of contracting a disease once eradicated decades ago.

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease that usually strikes young children and adults. This virus is not to be taken lightly, as the infected have a 90 percent chance of spreading it to other people. To put the number into perspective, the often-feared flu has a contagion rate of 25 percent. Once infected, people may be carriers long before they even show signs of fever, runny nose and rashes. The disease can turn deadly, causing blindness, deafness and brain damage. When a carrier coughs or sneezes, the virus is released into the air where it can survive and travel up to two hours. The reason the outbreak didn’t become a pandemic was thanks to the vaccination we all hopefully received as children.

Upon getting the two recommended vaccinations for measles, we give our bodies an almost assured 97 percent immunity to the disease. Even more impressive, in 2000 the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that the U.S. had completely eradicated all native measles cases.

But now, there has been a resurgence of native measles in part to the anti-vaccine movement, composed of individuals called “anti-vaxxers,” which has grown in the U.S. over the past few years. Parents who choose not to vaccinate out of fear of perceived side effects, fed by myths and misinformation, do not realize the real dangers they are putting their child in.

But wait – six of the measles cases at Disneyland were people who had gotten the measles vaccine. So, a skeptic might argue, what’s the point of the vaccine?

Drugs are never 100 percent effective because everyone’s genes are unique, explained Milton Greenberg, professor of biological sciences at Schmid College of Science and Technology. For those six cases, the vaccine didn’t work. But for the thousands of other people at Disneyland at that time, the vaccine was successful.

Nevertheless, the unvaccinated still pose a lethal threat to children, elderly, the immune deficient such as HIV or cancer patients and infants who have not gotten the vaccination yet.

Already, six infants have contracted the disease and more parents are starting to isolate their children in fear. Who is one person to be putting the entire community at risk of a disease instead of getting a vaccination that has only proven to be safe?

In 1963, the CDC reported more than 500,000 measles cases and an average of 432 deaths per year. After the measles vaccine was introduced, that number dropped to 86 cases by 2000 and zero deaths.

Last year, the CDC reported around 640 cases, the most since 2000. A majority of these cases were unvaccinated. Do we really want to take a step back with the scientific progress we have made by ignoring medical science that has saved countless lives?
NFL to LA buzz drowns out reason

**Can you do me a favor?**

Just real quick, walk over to your door and walk outside. Now look up. Did the sky smash you on the forehead on its way down, did a pig fly by and did Kobe pass up an open shot?

Michael Ambrose  
Sports Editor

If any of those things did happen, the apocalypse is upon us and you should run to the nearest mall, because some legendary looting is about to take place. But, in all likelihood, none of those things are happening, despite those who would lead you to believe that the world will stop spinning on its axis because Los Angeles does not have an NFL team.

Reports have long swirled about an NFL team moving to the LA area, but those reports and rumors have seemed to intensify over the last few months. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell indicated that multiple teams are interested in moving to LA during a press conference Friday. But don’t let the talk of a new team moving to LA trick you into thinking that LA needs a team.

LA has been without an NFL team for more than 20 years. That’s longer than any Chargers fan has been alive. Since two NFL teams bolted from LA there has not been an unfilled chasm left by the NFL. Not having a NFL team to root for on Sundays can actually be a better, more enjoyable viewing experience. If you care about the NFL, you probably have a fantasy football team. You don’t want to have an actual team that you care about, so you can be upset when your first round pick in fantasy scores four touchdowns against it. That’s no fun.

Instead of watching a new NFL franchise that will likely be terrible—imagine if the Raiders move back—can you sit back and enjoy the best viewing experience available from an NFL RedZone?

Have you watched NFL RedZone? It is essentially a pure opiate viewing experience. It whips around to every game, shows every point that is scored on Sunday, and never, ever, ever shows a commercial.

Not only does LA not need an NFL team, the NFL does not need a team to move to LA. Professional football has grown to be far the most popular sport. In a 2014 Harris Poll, 35 percent of Americans list the NFL as their favorite sport.

In 2014, the 32 teams split a cool $6 billion in revenue. That comes out to $187.7 million for each team. The NFL is certainly not in need of expanding to new markets to generate needed revenue. That is not to say that the NFL could not potentially benefit from an NFL team in the second largest media market, but that would be unneeded expansion, and it’s no guarantee that a team that moved here would be supported well.

Los Angeles sports fans are infamous for arriving late and leaving early. I went to the Dodgers’ first playoff game this season, and several people around me did both, only staying for the middle three or four innings. If Los Angeles sports fans can’t be bothered to stay and watch its teams play in the postseason, are they going to go watch an un-established NFL team play Jacksonville? I don’t think so.

A lot of people who want to see an NFL team in LA would make you believe that the city is incomplete without one and that a NFL team would be a terrific success. We’ve already seen two franchises fail in LA fairly recently, even a franchise that was pretty successful, and there isn’t enough evidence to say that this time around would be different.

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Women hold steady in third place

**Chapman’s women’s basketball team split its games this week, holding steady in the in third spot in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC).**

**Chapman (8-9, 6-3) opened the week with a 79-77 home victory over California Lutheran (12-6, 7-2) Monday night before losing 64-60 at Pomona-Pitzer (4-14, 3-6) Saturday.**

“We’re progressively becoming better and better as the season continues,” said junior forward Laura Johnson.

Senior guard Andrea Villanueva’s game-winning layup with 7.8 seconds remaining gave Chapman its victory over Cal Lu. For Villanueva, it was just two of her season best 31 points on 14-22 shooting.

Chapman held a 38-34 lead at the half, and held on to its lead until a made sophomore guard Sophia Cruz jump shot gave Cal Lu a 65-64 advantage with under eight minutes to go. Chapman and Cal Lu then swapped the lead back and forth before Cal Lu took the lead 77-76 with 2:12 remaining on a made free throw by senior guard Natalie Stone.

The teams then held each other scoreless for nearly two full minutes, before sophomore guard Lauren Sato made the second of two free throws, tying the game.

Villanueva’s game-winning heroics came following turning Cal Lu over and a Chapman timeout with 14 seconds remaining.

Senior center Ivory Hallstein, 14, and junior forward Natalia Ebrahimian, 13, joined Villanueva in double figures. Hallstein also led Chapman with seven rebounds, accounting for one quarter on Chapman’s total.

Against Pomona-Pitzer, Chapman was held to 27.6 percent shooting, with only one starter making a single field goal. Unlike against Cal Lu, Chapman faced a ten-point deficit at halftime and was unable to complete its comeback.

Chapman took the lead for the first time in the second half 39-37 with 9:57 remaining on a layup by Villanueva. Chapman’s biggest lead followed less than a minute later after a Sato layup.

Chapman only came back in the final minute, despite being down 62-56. Back-to-back Sato layups cut the Sageshen’s lead to two with four seconds remaining. However, made free throws by sophomore forward Rasha Burle-Wills put the game out of reach with a second remaining.

“We gotta play better defense, we gotta stop the other team’s best players,” coach Jue said.

Sato led Chapman in scoring, with 18 points on nine-16 shooting, followed by Villanueva with 15 points. Senior guard Lynne Higashigawa led Chapman with 10 rebounds, but went 0-6 from the field. Due to all the missed shots, Chapman collected 56 rebounds as a team, compared to 46 by Pomona-Pitzer, which doubled the Panthers total from the previous game.

Chapman will now travel to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (17-3, 11-0) for a 7:30 p.m. tip Wednesday, and will host Occidental (4-14, 2-7) 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

“Hopefully we can continue to improve as we get closer to the SCIAC postseason tournament,” Johnson said. “It’s easy to get complacent when you have a lead, or get down when another team is winning, but basketball is a game of runs. We want to continue this season and keep fighting and make it as far as possible.”

According to Jue, the team will be focusing on getting back to basics going forward in practice.

“Going back to fundamentals and keeping the ball in front of us,” Jue said. “We’ve been out rebounding teams but not showing it. We’ve got re-stress how we need to play defense with a vengeance.”

**Conference Standings**

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After winning their first 16 games, the 15th ranked Chapman Panthers' men's basketball team (16-2, 7-2) has dropped each of the last two games. Chapman's first loss of the season came on the road at California Lutheran (13-4, 7-2) 69-66 Thursday, and then to Pomona-Pitzer (6-12, 4-5) 89-87 in double overtime Saturday.

With the two losses, Chapman now sits in a three-way tie with Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (14-4, 7-2) and Cal Lu.

“We didn’t play our best against Cal Lu, we came out slow in both halves,” said senior guard Colin Zavrsnick. The Kingsmen defense held Chapman’s offense in check, holding the Panther’s potent offense, that was third in the nation in field goal percentage entering the game, to 44.1 percent shooting.

Chapman held a 33-32 lead at half time, but Cal Lu went on a 8-0 run to start the half and never gave the lead back. Cal Lu’s lead hit its peak at 51-37 with 11:34 remaining in the game. Chapman would chip away at the lead, cutting to 68-66 with 35 seconds left on a made free throw by senior guard Taylor Hamasaki. Following a made free throw by Cal Lu junior guard Lanaki Apele, Chapman had three attempts at a 3-pointer to tie, but missed all three.

“We need to be more consistent on the defensive end and then rebound better,” Zavrsnick said. “If we can play every possession like it’s our last then we can do really well for the rest of the season.”

Zavrsnick led Chapman with 19 points, and was joined in double figures by senior forward Justin Young with 11 points. Young also pulled down a team high ten rebounds.

Everyone wants to be the team that takes out that top team,” Hamasaki said. Chapman faced an uphill battle after falling behind 38-29 at the half, and continued to trail during nearly all of the second half. Pomona-Pitzer pulled out to a 65-52 lead with 6:43 remaining before Chapman mounted its comeback.

A layup by Young with two seconds remaining sent the game into its first overtime. After Chapman trailed the entire half only to tie the game at the end, Chapman controlled the overtime period before a 3-pointer from senior guard Adrian Brandon tied the game at 79 sending the game to the second overtime.

Pomona-Pitzer controlled the second overtime, extending the lead to four on two separate occasions. But, a Zavrsnick three and a made free throw by senior center John Joyce tied the game at 87-87. On the following possession, Brandon corralled an offensive rebound and put the ball back in giving Pomona the victory.

Zavrsnick, 24, and Hamasaki, 22, paced the Panthers offensively. Joyce, 15 points 10 rebounds, collected a double-double. Young scored 11 points shooting five-10 from the free throw line and playing 46 of the 50 minutes.

Zavrsnick is second in the SCIAC averaging 19.8 points-per-game.

Chapman will have a chance to knock off one of the teams it is tied with when the Panthers travel to Claremont 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to take on the Stags. Chapman’s next home game comes against Occidental 4 p.m. Saturday.

“We’re ready to bounce back,” Hamasaki said. “We know that we have the talent.”