Phi Delta Theta members Sam Dennis, sophomore, and Josh Nudelman, senior, act out a fight scene from the Disney Channel movie "Halloweentown" during Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy event, KATwalk, Oct. 10. Phi Delta Theta went on to win the competition for the third year in a row.

Phi Delt casts a spell for charity

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Greek life struts to Disney Channel

Fraternities and sororities walk the runway in Kappa Alpha Theta’s Disney Channel-themed KATwalk

Xavier Leong | Staff Writer

Members of Chapman Greek life showed off their pizza-eating abilities and strutted their stuff on the runway for Kappa Alpha Theta’s annual philanthropic event KATwalk in the Student Union Oct. 10.

The theme this year was Disney Channel Original Movies, with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, who also won the past two years, taking first place for its performance of “Halloweentown.”

Other fraternities got creative with their runway walks, including Alpha Delta Phi (the Adelphos), whose members snacked on some pizza during its performance of “Stuck in the Suburbs.”

All proceeds benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Kappa Alpha Theta foundation, according to Jaden Harding, sophomore psychology major and member of the sorority.

“All the money goes toward making sure the child needs that they might not be getting from their foster families,” Harding said.

As of Oct. 11, members of Kappa Alpha Theta did not know how much money the event raised. However Katie Holdren, a sophomore and member of the sorority, said that last year’s KATwalk raised $15,000.

The night opened with the members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity re-enacting a choreographed sequence from “Cheetah Girls.” Gamma Phi Beta sorority’s Kelcy Kozlowski, a freshman psychology major who played the role of Lindsay Lohan from Disney’s “Lizzie McGuire,” showed her dedication by dying her hair red with hair chalk for the night.

“I love all the girls in the sorority and, as a new member, loved the opportunity to get closer to girls in my sorority and meet people in other Chapman organizations,” Kozlowski said.

Members of Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity, walked the runway to the theme of “High School Musical,” and led a sing along with the audience.

Lizzie Kunde, a sophomore communication studies major, enjoyed watching Alpha Kappa Psi’s performance.

“‘High School Musical’ was the performance of the night. It was fun to sing along with all my friends in the audience.”

Other performances included the Delta Delta Delta sorority with “Teen Beach Movie,” the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity with “Eddie’s Million Dollar Cook-Off,” the Alpha Phi sorority with “Kim Possible,” the Delta Gamma sorority with “Hannah Montana” and the Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) fraternity with “The Luck of the Irish.”

“(Alpha Phi’s) naked mole rat slayed, and Pike was a beautiful and shirtless gift from God,” said sophomore Allie White, a communication studies and public relations and advertising major.

At the end of the night, the winners were announced. The Pi Beta Phi sorority took the second place prize with its performance of “Cadet Kelly,” and in third place was “Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior” by the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Nicole Blitstein, a senior public relations and advertising major, said she liked the humor in all the runway shows.

“All of the chapters did a great job incorporating humor and modern music in all of our favorite Disney Channel Original movies,” she said.

Visit thepantheronline.com to watch a video of KATwalk.
Ronnie Kaufman

Chapman makes ground on multicultural center

Jackie Cohen | Assistant News Editor

The addition of a multicultural center at Chapman has been controversial since early 2000s, but Chancellor Daniele Struppa recently told The Panther that a center is closer to a reality than before.

While exact plans for the center are not set yet, Struppa and Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, have started meeting with members of student government to get input and continue fleshing out plans.

We decided to start with… the potential benefits, but all I know that other leaders in the university have had reservations about certain perceptions of a multicultural center, and so we were trying to do something focusing on the needs,” Price said.

In 2005, President Jim Doti stated that a multicultural center would “ghettoize” Chapman’s campus and vowed that a center would not exist as long as he was president. However, following Doti’s recent announcement that Struppa will succeed him as president next August, Struppa told The Panther that Price and Doti have been discussing the possibility of a multicultural center for the last year.

According to Price, many other campuses have multicultural centers, however, the plan is to create something new at Chapman that fits the university’s needs. “We know we’re lacking spaces for student programming and student organizations to meet,” Price said. “They’re competing for classrooms and they’re having to meet at late night when classes are done, so one of the things we thought was trying to address (those) two needs.”

Price said the idea for the multicultural center is to have small meeting spaces – potentially in Argyros Forum – with a lounge area, which allows for students to have meetings. The space would be open to all students and would have small areas with cross-cultural themes.

Price added that the space isn’t only for students who identify as being a part of underrepresented groups. He explained that while many campuses create multicultural centers for that purpose, that’s not “the Chapman culture,” and has been part of the reservations that have kept the administration from building the center in the past.

“I have reservations because of my belief that we as a society place too much importance on racial and ethnic identity,” Doti wrote in an email. “I believe we should emphasize our common humanity rather than our superficial differences. We are all, first and foremost, fellow human beings. Maybe it’s totally unrealistic, but I share Martin Luther King, Jr’s dream: ’I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.’”

Price said that Struppa and Doti didn’t want something that would “segregate” students by having a space on campus that was off limits to some students. “We want something that is going to advance the goals of a cross-cultural center at Chapman has been competitive for a contained area to limit these things,” Hart said during the senate meeting. “We don’t have to have the Orange community complaining because they know exactly where it’s going to be and they can avoid (parties).” And it’s contained. And it makes things a lot easier. It makes life a lot easier.”

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The Solar Decathlon officially kicked off Thursday, Oct. 8. It is open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., until Oct. 18, and Chapman provides shuttles for students to go see the decathlon. Students can sign up to go the decathlon this Friday through Sunday on OrgSync.

David Shafie, a political science professor at Chapman, brought some students on a field trip to the decathlon on Friday afternoon.

“I’m really impressed with our house,” Shafie said. “It’s impressive that these students built a sustainable house that is actually aesthetically pleasing. Some of the other houses just seem like experiments.”

Austin Roberts, a junior political science major at Chapman, went on the field trip with Shafie. Roberts was interested in the decathlon because of a class he took with political science professor Fred Smoller, who was responsible for bringing the decathlon to Irvine from the District of Columbia.

“I thought the (Team Orange County’s) house really blended indoor and outdoor well, which is perfect for this area,” Roberts said. “But I’m biased, of course.”

The competition will continue this weekend as the houses are scored on architecture, market appeal, engineering, communications, affordability and energy balance.

“Students know when they’re doing something important,” Smoller said. “If we let them work 24 hours a day, they would.”

The Lipper Award is given to the group with the lowest average decile ranking (of three years) Consistent Return for eligible funds over the three-year period ended 11/30/12, 11/30/13, and 11/30/14 respectively. TIAA-CREF was ranked among 36 fund companies in 2012 and 48 fund companies in 2013 and 2014 with at least five equity, five bond, or three mixed-asset portfolios. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For current performance and rankings, please visit the Research and Performance section on tiaa-cref.org. TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, Teachers Personal Investors Services, Inc., and Nuveen Securities, LLC, members FINRA and SIPC, distribute securities products. ©2015 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association–College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF), 730 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017. C24849B

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On July 4, 2014, there were two reports of arson in Sandhu Hall. Dean Jerry Price said that the incidents did not show any pattern or trend that would be a cause for concern.

Report reveals sporadic incidents of arson

Tryphena Wardlaw | Senior Writer

Public Safety’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, released Oct. 1, showed an increase in arson on or near Chapman University’s campus in 2014.

In 2013, there were no arson reports, but 2014 brought 13 incidents of arson, six of which were on campus and one that was classified as a racial hate crime. Public Safety’s report defines arson as “any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn.

“The main cause (of the increase) is we had one person that went around and set like four or five trashcan fires in one day,” said Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety.

Mark Davis, the fire and life safety manager at Chapman, said that most of the incidents involved students attempting to start a fire, meaning there was a flame, but the fire didn’t take off. The report shows that on July 4, 2014, there were two fires in Sandhu Hall. The first was a piece of paper that was intentionally lit on fire and placed in the bushes by Sandhu, and the second was trash that was lit on fire and thrown in the dumpster in the Sandhu parking lot.

Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, wants to stress that the events were sporadic and did not show a trend.

“Arson concerns me. It’s very scary stuff,” Price said. “This really isn’t something that has been on our radar very much. I think that if you look at the reports individually, they don’t look like any kind of pattern or trend that would lead us to believe there is some kind of evolution or change in risk.”

Chapman’s Student Conduct Code states that arson, causing a false alarm or tampering with or obstructing the fire alarm system, smoke detectors, sprinkler system, emergency exits, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, exit signs and other equipment is not only prohibited, but also a federal offense.

In the older dorm buildings – such as North and South Morlan, the Davis and Harris Apartments, Panther Village and other Chapman properties – there are no sprinkler systems, as the buildings were built prior to it being a requirement.

Davis said that students and faculty need to be aware of what’s happening on campus.

“Arson is an awareness thing,” Davis said. “Our officers are aware of signs to look for, but it’s also an awareness from students … to be aware of signs or suspicious activity and report it. When we did have the arson, we put out a crime bulletin so that students would be aware.”

“Who would draw a swastika on the ceiling?” said junior business administration major Conner Svetly. “To my family, especially being Jewish, it’s something that is like engrained in our minds as something that is absolute hatred for who we are.”

There were 15 percent more alcohol-related incidents in 2014 than in 2013, according to Public Safety’s Annual Security and Fire Report. The report shows that there were 136 incidents in 2014, compared to 120 the year before and 124 in 2012.

Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety, said that between Aug. 31 and Oct. 7, there have been two incidents of students requiring ambulance transport due to alcohol. When deciding to send someone to the hospital, Burba said that there is a certain protocol when making that assessment.

“There is a consultation with a higher medical authority, typically (the Orange Fire Department), who conducts a battery of tests to assess a person’s level of danger,” he said. “If they feel a transport is necessary, they will transport.”

Joshua Leung, a resident adviser in Henley Hall, wrote in an email that alcohol poisoning or overconsumption is a common issue among first year students.

“Freshmen are inclined to party heavily their first few weeks of school, and definitely are experiencing the ‘free from authority’ syndrome, where they feel like they don’t need to live by anyone else’s standards and just go wild,” Leung wrote.

Madi Spiegel, a sophomore integrated educational studies major, agreed with Leung.

“First year students are more susceptible to drink too much because they just got to college and probably have never been away from their parents for so long,” Spiegel said.

More than 70 alcohol-related incidents have occurred so far in 2015, according to Burba. He said that more students have to be transported to the hospital due to alcohol around holidays and large events, such as venue parties or concerts.

“People tend to drink more in social settings such as these and some drink heavily before events because alcohol is not available at the event, or they are underage and will not be able to get alcohol at the event,” Burba said.

Hospitalization from alcohol consumption results from students who don’t know their limits when it comes to drinking, according to Leung.

“Many people have been sent to the hospital because they don’t know how to responsibly drink or control their behavior,” Leung wrote.

Resident directors Kevin Nicholson and Nathan Worden declined to comment. Resident Director Anne Harmon and Deborah Miller, the director of housing and residence life, did not respond to The Panther’s request for comment.
**Members of Greek life compete in Kappa Karnival**

Mark Luburic | Staff Writer

The smell of popcorn – or ‘popcorn’ – filled the air at Memorial Lawn as students gathered for Kappa Kappa Gamma’s Kappa Karnival Oct. 9. Fraternities and sororities from Chapman’s Greek life participated in games to raise funds for Kappa Kappa Gamma’s philanthropy: Reading is Fundamental.

Alpha Gamma Delta was the winner of the games at the carnival. Phi Gamma Delta, or FIJI, won out of the fraternities.

Fraternities and sororities competed in three main events. The first event was a three-legged race, followed by a competition in inflatable sumo wrestler suits. The final round was a race in giant human-sized hamster balls.

The first fraternity eliminated from the competition was Phi Delta Theta.

“The food (tattoos) were pretty cool,” said sophomore Daniel Dickinson, a member of Phi Delta Theta. “I was a little bummed that my fraternity’s team got eliminated immediately. It was really fun though.”

With the purchase of a $5 wristband, attendees were given 10 tickets they could redeem on any activity or food item they wished.

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**Holly’s Trolleys under maintenance, to return soon**

Atharshna Singarajah | Staff Writer

Holly’s Trolleys have been out of service for three weeks due to maintenance issues and the charging system, according to Sheryl Boyd, the assistant director of parking and transportation services.

The trolleys, which were donated by Holly major Dru Sansenbach, have seen over the course of the year (that) complaints from the parents, teachers and volunteers who supervise the events – from an outdoor read-in to parent training to book distributions,” the organization’s website reads.

A technician was on campus last Thursday in attempt to fix the trolleys, and said they’d resume service the next day. The route will be the same as the previous year, leaving from Smith Gate, traveling around the Orange Plaza and ending up back at the gate.

Boyd said that she has received more frequent maintenance issues that require pulling the trolleys from service for a few days (that) and have tabled in the Piazza and collecting money for “Koin Wars.”

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**Perkins Loan expires, will affect few Chapman students**

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The Federal Perkins Loan, an aid program that helps students who have financial need fund their college education, expired on Sept. 30 after the United States Senate failed to extend it.

The Perkins Loan is a subsidized loan for students, meaning the government pays the interest while the student is in school, according to studentaid.ed.gov. Students have nine months after graduation to begin the repayment, compared to the usual six months provided by other federal student loans.

In 2013-14, more than 500,000 students received the Perkins Loan with an average aid of $2,172, according to the U.S Department of Education.

At Chapman, more than 150 students receive the Perkins Loan as part of their financial aid package, according to David Carnevale, director of financial aid.

“The Federal Perkins Loan represents a relatively small portion of students, but these students are students in need, and fluctuations in their financial aid packages can be disturbing,” Carnevale said.

Current students who have the loan will not be affected as long as they complete their education in a timely manner, with no interruption and no change of program, Carnevale said.

We have the Perkins Loan fund for them unless potential issues arise, like a leave of absence, falling below satisfactory academic program standards or a change in their programs,” he said.

Senior creative producing major Dru Sansenbach receives financial aid and said it would be a disappointment if a loan that helps her pay for college were to expire.

“College wouldn’t be an option for me without financial aid or loan assistance, so I can only imagine how these students who are in need would feel without an aid that helps them with their funding for college,” Sansenbach said.

The Perkins Loan is a self-sustaining program, meaning that the original investment created a revolving loan fund, which is replenished every year by payments from graduates, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Colleges may have to return the money that they received, but Carnevale said that Chapman has not received any instructions on what to do with the revolving fund.

“The Department of Education has yet to offer specific guidance about the revolving fund used to award Perkins Loans, although, there is a current policy in place that requires schools to return excess liquid cash,” Carnevale said. “As fewer loans are being made each year, we would be returning more excess liquid cash until we have no loans being made.”

The financial aid office is trying to come up with ways to make up for the loss of the program.

“We will be looking at our current Chapman loan to see how that may be utilized for students who would otherwise have received the Perkins Loan,” Carnevale said.

The financial aid office was unable to release which students receive the loan due to privacy issues.
Disneyland annual pass prices increase

Katie Malin | Staff Writer

Disneyland raised the prices of its annual passes Oct. 4, leaving some Chapman students deciding not to renew their passes to the "Happiest Place on Earth." Disneyland increased its prices on some of its annual passes, called passports, by about 17 percent, according to its website. Disneyland increased its lower-tier annual passes by about $60, its highest-tier pass by $300 and eliminated the Premium Annual Passport, which allows the Disney goer to visit Disneyland and Disney California Adventure every day during the year. This pass used to cost $770.

To replace the Premium Annual Passport, the park will now sell two new top-level passes: the Disney Signature Plus, retailing at $1,049, and the Disney Signature for $849, good for every day excluding select days during the winter holidays.

Some passholders speculate that if the increase in price is due to the park's economics, "People don't understand how overcrowded the park actually is," said Stephanie Wigley, a sophomore international studies major from Orange, California. "All ride lines are usually over an hour wait and it's gotten to the point where it is hard to walk around at Disneyland without getting trapped," she said. Ephemore point and documentary major Ovilee May, who owns the pass, added, "Others wonder if they will be able to afford annual passes after the price increase."

"With the recent price changes, I don't see how my friends and I can really afford to buy a new passport that was already similar to my current (Premium Annual Passport)," said Heath Chen, a resident of Orange.

The Disney Signature pass' blackout days include two weeks around Christmas and New Year's Day, when the park is reputed to be at its busiest. In addition to benefits such as free parking, about 20 percent off merchandise and dining discounts, up to 15 percent on the premises, a new PhotoPass feature allows passholders unlimited digital downloads of photos taken of them on rides, walking around the park and meeting characters. Those who still have the Premium Passport will be able to use their passes until they expire, but they will not have the option to renew.

While the price change was not shared until Disney announced it and the new pass Oct. 4, Disney is legally able to make this change, according to its website, which states, "Pass types are limited in quantity, and passes may no longer be available for purchase and/or renewal at any time."

However, some customers who wanted to keep their Premium Passports found a loophole. They were able to purchase their passes at Disney Stores, which kept selling at the previous retail price until Oct. 6. This change is thought to be a push to wean out Disneyland's crowds, which are expected to increase with the addition of the Star Wars themed areas, which were announced in August.

The area, according to the Disney Parks Blog, will be 14 acres and will place Disney-goers in the middle of a battle between the First Order and the Resistance. Walt Disney Company Chairman and CEO Bob Iger said, "It's our hope that the price raise will help decrease the amount of crowds at Disneyland."

"While a few Californians may think it's unfair, people visiting from out of state will have a better overall experience," she said.

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Senator updates

Oct. 9 meeting

Gun safety

Dodge College of Film and Media Arts senator Henry Callander discussed gun safety on campus in a response to the Northern Arizona University shooting. He thinks the community often underestimates the occurrence of campus college shootings.

"The fact that I've never heard of anything at Chapman about any kind of shooter drill, it's unbelievable," Callander said. "It doesn't matter what your political stances are, it's important... Even if it is not an advocacy we take up as the student government, it is our duty on campus."

Diversity training in freshman orientation

Campus Inclusion Chair Tyler Porterfield plans to introduce diversity training to Chapman's freshman orientation program.

In a Students of Color event during this year's freshman orientation, Porterfield noticed student concern regarding the lack of diversity on campus.

Zimride

Chapman's Sustainability Manager Mackenzie Crigger reached out to At-Large Senator Mitchell Rosenberg regarding Zimride, a social rideshare community that allows students to find other drivers or passengers who are traveling along the same route.

Chapman's Human Resources, Facilities Management and Parking Services' never finalized Zimride last year, but administrators hope that it will come to campus this year.

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INCIDENT LOG

Oct. 1

An unknown suspect took property from a sleeping student on Chapman property. The incident was reported to the police.

A Chapman student reported his unlocked bicycle stolen from a bike rack by DeMille Hall. The report was forwarded to the police.

Oct. 3

An intoxicated male student was written up in Henley Hall. Public Safety responded to a physical altercation near the Argroyos Forum Parking Lot.

Oct. 6

A laptop was stolen from Kennedy Law Library.

A Title IX sexual assault was reported in Sandhu Hall.

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