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Doti remembers past, looks to future in last State of the University

Jackie Cohen | News Editor

Jim Doti reminisced about his 25 years as president of the university and described plans for Chapman’s future during his final State of the University Address Feb. 26 in Memorial Hall.

This address was Doti’s last as he will be stepping down as president effective Aug. 31. Chancellor Daniele Struppa will succeed him.

Doti’s legacy

When Doti was appointed president in 1991, Chapman was ranked 61st of 120 schools in the U.S. News & World Report’s West Regional Universities category with 37 percent of students graduating within six years. Last year, Chapman was ranked seventh in the same category with 75 percent of students graduating in the same time frame.

“It has really been that vision that has guided virtually every decision. Every change that has happened at Chapman is because of that vision we are aspiring to,” Doti said during the address.

Doti explained that when he first became president, Chapman had an open admissions process and was considered to be “a place to turn students around.” Trustees, faculty, staff and administration then worked to make Chapman’s learning environment “vibrant and challenging.”

To accomplish this, Chapman’s athletics department moved from being Division II to Division III so that it could reallocate athletic scholarships to merit scholarships. Other steps included increasing student selectivity; establishing schools of law and film; enhancing the campus’ physical facilities and recruiting faculty that would lead the university “on a path to national stature.”

“Unlike most schools that try to do a little bit of everything to everybody, and not really have the resources to do it, we focused in these areas so we could be successful in making these transformational changes,” Doti said.

Expanding the health sciences

Chapman is currently focusing on expanding the health sciences. In 2014, the Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences was founded and a master’s in athletic training was established. Last year, the physical therapy program was expanded and the pharmacy school was founded.

Doti said that Chapman expects to establish a doctorate degree in pharmacy and a physician assistant master’s degree program, along with programs for doctors of medicine and of optometry.

“We couldn’t do any of this if we had to rely on being in Orange. We simply did not have the facilities, the land, the buildings to do it,” Doti said, explaining the creation of the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine.

Chapman also is working to attract more students to study math and science through the Simon STEM Scholarship Program. The program allows four to five Orange High School seniors to work on research with Chapman professors. Once they complete the program, they will receive a full-ride scholarship to study science, technology, engineering or math at Chapman.

Laura Blum, the mother of a Chapman student, said she was impressed by the STEM program.

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Doti concluded his speech with a list of amusing reasons why he has resigned as president, including spending more time with his chickens and seeing Struppa dance at American Celebration.

“I expected his reasons for resigning to be thought-out and serious but they were really funny,” said Eryn Moore, a sophomore business administration major. “It is always such a pleasure to hear Doti speak.”
From left, Student Government Vice President Jaycie Rowe and President Josh Nudelman pose for their campaign photos.

Nudelman, Rowe campaign promises not yet a reality

Patricia Torres | Senior Writer

Nearly a year after Student Government President Josh Nudelman and Vice President Jaycie Rowe were elected into office, they have yet to follow through with several of their campaign platforms. Their platforms included making changes to the required Freshman Foundation Courses (FFC), adding more vegetarian options on campus, getting off-campus locations to accept Panther Bucks and adding more emergency call boxes on campus.

“The thing is that we want to be there at the finish line with advocacies, but we have to learn to do the research and create the foundation for the future student government to accomplish,” Rowe said.

Nudelman said he is currently working on getting the Freshman Foundation Courses changed and hopes to continue working on this project until the end of the semester.

“We just sent freshmen a survey to get information about the course and their experience and what they wanted to get out of it,” Nudelman said.

Freshman screening major Madison Muncer said she received the survey and has not answered it yet, although she said she is planning to.

“I will answer it because I feel like the FFC program is fun but also a bit of a waste of time,” Muncer said. “Many people who already have a lot to do have to graduate in four years or for people who want to graduate early.”

Muncer said “I want to see us work on that issue so future classes don’t need to waste their time being forced to take a class that doesn’t count for anything but a few credits they could take in an area that counts.”

In regard to Panther Bucks being used at off-campus locations, Rowe said she has passed this on to the senate.

“Can we give students this because it is a smaller scope thing as well as a longer term thing,” Rowe said. “Because we lost two seasons, so it is not as free-form as one would think.”

What they still hope to accomplish

Nudelman, who passed the smoke-free policy with former College of Film and Media Arts Senator Henry Callander last semester, said he feels that the smoke-free policy along with other advocacies, shows how important student government is.

“(The) smoke-free policy and numerous advocacies show that student government has been more prevalent and (students) know we can come to student government even if they do not agree with something we do,” Nudelman said.

Junior political science major Christine Lathrop said that she appreciates the strategic and corporate communication made for the smoke-free policy but hopes it can become more accessible.

“I do like the smoke-free policy they made, but sometimes I feel like (student government) is not as visible as it should be,” Lathrop said.

Nudelman also said he trying to get new students to join student government.

“We are trying to get more students to be involved, especially underclassmen,” he said. “During orientation we talked to new students and legislators and we know that student government is for them and now we have seven freshmen on senate.”

Rowe said that she wants to end her term by changing the roles of the student government committees. This would require the votes of 20 percent of the student body since it requires a change to student government’s constitution.

“I am rewriting the committees because I feel like they are too vague in their purpose and what their productivity looks like,” Rowe said. “If I could implement them it would make student government more streamlined.”

Rowe also hopes to make it easier for future student government senators to look through past advocacies.

“Student government has been around for five years and senate has had advocancy for five years and sometimes they get lost once the senators graduate,” she said. “I want to go through all the advocacy notes and compile so that when a senator comes, they go through the notes, to have a fluid system.”

Besides the Freshman Foundation Courses, Nudelman hopes he can make the Student Health Center and Student Psychological Counseling Services better for students.

Lakers President Jeanie Buss discusses being a woman in sports

Naizi Donmez | Staff Writer

For a significant amount of people, Jeanie Buss is the epitome of the teen girl boss.

The president and co-owner of the Los Angeles Lakers spoke about her father, former Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss, and her role in the Lakers’ ownership.

Once a tomboy growing up, she is the daughter of a powerful man, Jeanie Buss is a woman who has broken barriers.

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The Lakers have had a disappointing last two seasons, so it is hard not to get upset,” Buss said. “I understand why the fans want the Lakers to do better, but it doesn’t mean I did not work. I worked really hard.”

Buss has been in the sports marketing business for over 30 years. This business has given me experience and what they wanted to get out of it,” Nudelman said.

“When my father bought the Los Angeles Lakers in 1979, when Magic had to retire because he was diagnosed with HIV,” Buss said. “Buss said that the sports industry may seem male-dominated but there are a lot of opportunities for women.

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“The added effect of Kobe Bryant’s retirement may be an unusual circumstance for the fans to relate to, but not an excuse,” Buss said. “The fact that we haven’t been really winning makes his retirement bitter. He shouldn’t go this way.”

Buss, who said she considers Bryant “family,” added that there is a bright side.

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IS&T working to improve cell service on campus

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Cellphone service may soon improve on campus.

Chapman’s Information Systems & Technologies (IS&T) is working to install macrocells, which improve cell service, on rooftops of campus buildings.

“Time and time again we hear from students that cell service is something they want to see us work on and advocate for,” said Josh Nudelman, student government president. “We always hear that it’s not up to par.”

Nudelman presented a letter on the subject at a student government senate meeting Feb. 26. The letter, whether the senate signs it or not, will be sent to IS&T as a sign of support.

Richard Jenkins, director of the technology projects office within IS&T, is working with major carriers, including Verizon Wireless, Sprint, T-Mobile and AT&T, to provide this service to the campus.

“IT is our hope that when one carrier comes, the others will follow and we’ll have the best coverage in town,” Jenkins wrote in an email.

The macrocells will be hidden from view and will be directed toward the buildings with the worst service.

Students made it clear on Chapman’s annual student satisfaction survey that they need better cell service. Nudelman said, “This is why my letter is so important – because it’s from the student perspective,” he said.

Service on campus varies depending on the carrier. “I love Verizon and I generally get great service, but at Dodge I have to always be on Wi-Fi,” said Sara Korajczyk, a junior film production and public relations and advertising major.

Danielle Pearlman, a junior business administration major, hopes that her service issues get resolved quickly. “I have Sprint and it absolutely sucks,” she said.

Sierra Delacruz, a freshman business administration major, said she often has difficulty with the cell service because she is always connected to the Wi-Fi. “The Wi-Fi here in the dorms could definitely improve,” Delacruz said. “I am constantly having to turn off my Wi-Fi and turn it back on in order for it to work again. But on campus the Wi-Fi is great to me.”

Sabrina Santoro | Staff Writer

Plans to install additional bike racks on campus have been stalled until at least the fall semester, following the completion of the construction for the Musco Center for the Arts and the groundbreaking of the Center for Science and Technology, Campus Planning said.

At-Large Senator Mitchell Rosenberg initiated the plan last fall in response to an increasing number of student complaints regarding overcrowded bike racks on campus.

“I’ve had two instances where, because there is no space and students are forced to lock their bikes in such close quarters, people have locked their bikes onto mine,” said Rose Mina O’Donnell, a freshman public relations and advertising major. “I’ve also had an experience where my bike got too tangled with another student’s bike that Public Safety had to come to untangle them, and the brake on my bike was broken in the process.”

Other students have resorted to parking their bikes illegally by not attaching them to designated racks. Any bike found illegally parked on campus is subject to being secured with a Public Safety lock, according to the university’s Bicycle Rules and Regulations. If 24 hours pass and the owner has not contacted Public Safety, the lock will be removed and the bicycle will be impounded.

“I had to lock my bike to a gate one time because there was no room on any of the bike racks and I was going to be late to class,” said Hanna Skane, a freshman health sciences major. “It would definitely be helpful if there were more spots to park our bikes.”

O’Donnell said students deserve to have plenty of places to safely store their bikes.

“This will encourage students to respect other people’s things more, keep them on time to class, give them more options when it comes to difficult and timely transportation due to construction,” she said.

After coordinating with Public Safety and the Sustainability Department, Rosenberg explored several options to solve the shortage of bicycle parking spots, including the addition of two-tier racks that can hold twice as many bicycles as the traditional stands.

In October, Rosenberg proposed nearly 30 possible locations for new racks, including outside of Moulton Hall, next to Bertea Hall, behind Kennedy Hall and near each of the residence halls.

Rosenberg said that if additional locations for bike racks get approved, he would make a proposal through student government to allocate funds for them. He also said that an unknown number of racks are already in storage.

“What I’ve been told by facilities is there are bike racks currently in storage that they had to take out for other reasons,” he said. “They’re just sitting in storage waiting to be allocated to a certain location so they can be installed.

Other obstacles Rosenberg has had to consider include adding new concrete and removing plants to make room for new bicycle racks.

“Campus Planning told me we would aim for this for fall,” he said. “Now I just want to reiterate that I started this in September and that they are bike racks. I’m not trying to build a $60 million building. I’ve been ignored and the thing is, I wouldn’t care so much if I didn’t constantly hear from students about their bikes.”
Alumnus pledges to pay kindergarteners’ college tuition

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Marty Burbank, a Chapman alumnus, is donating about $1 million to pay the college tuition of 26 kindergarten students from Rio Vista Elementary School in Anaheim.

Burbank, who works as an attorney at OC Elder Law in Fullerton, received his Master of Laws degree at the Dale E. Fowler School of Law in 2008. He is active within the Chapman community and is engaged in a variety of service projects, including Veteran’s Pro Bono Legal Clinic, Costa Mesa Senior Center and Spencer Hospice Foundation.

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Burbank first got involved with Rio Vista when his church “adopted” the school because of its need. Burbank had visited the school through a community service project as well as through previous donations he had made, none of which had been of this magnitude. Burbank offered to pay for two years of community college and two years of tuition at a California State University, as well as all of the students’ required books. If a student chooses to go to a private school, Burbank would pay the equivalent amount of tuition as a Cal Grant. The student and the school would be responsible for the balance.

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**Arco station next to campus to reopen this spring**

Patricia Torres | Senior Writer

The abandoned gas station on the corner of Walnut Avenue and North Glassell Street will resurface as an Arco gas station with plans to open in April or May.

Gas prices are expected to be the lowest in the area, said new owner Gholamali Yeganeh. “We want the prices to be the lowest in area, which is why I brought in Arco,” Yeganeh said. “We want to cater to the Chapman students and be here for them not only with the gas prices but with the store as well.”

The gas station closed in April of 2014 after the previous owner filed for bankruptcy. Yeganeh obtained the property in June 2014 and said that remodeling will begin as soon as the contractor at Arco signs the papers.

“It has taken 17 months to get everything approved and get our business permit,” Yeganeh said. “As soon as we get the contractor to sign, the remodeling will start and we will get the station open as soon as possible.”

Jackie Paul, an undeclared freshman, thinks the owner’s plans for low gas prices will bring in a lot of business.

“I think that it is financially smart for the owner as it is a way to get students,” Paul said. “It is helpful for us because we do not have all the money in the world to spend on gas so it is a win-win situation.”

Lizzy Avazian, a junior health science major, was a freshman when the previous gas station closed. She also thinks it will be good business for the owner to have low prices.

“I did not have a car when it was open but now that I do it will be good to have one nearby,” Avazian said.

Sophomore psychology major Al-exandra Galvin said she expects the proximity of the gas station will be convenient for students.

“I think it is a great addition for students,” Galvin said. “It will be nice to have a nearby gas station as well. I enjoy cheap gas.”

Changes to the property will include brand-new signage and landscaping. Changes to the interior of the convenience store will include new flooring and restrooms.

“We want the store to be like a 7-Eleven and have, said she has used Yeganeh said. “We have also obtained an alcohol permit to sell beer and wine only.”

Yeganeh said the he is aware that underage students try to buy alcohol, but he will be strict with who he sells it to.

“Selling to underage students can make us lose our license and we do not want that,” Yeganeh said.

Paul Sitkoff, public affairs and information manager for the city, said that Orange is glad to welcome a new business.

“We are always happy to have a new business in Orange that can help and be beneficial to the community,” he said.

**Dee Henley dies after fighting long-term illness**

Tryphena Wardlaw | Senior Writer

Dee Henley, wife of Chapman University Chairman Doy Henley, died after struggling with a long-term illness, according to an email sent to the Chapman community by President Jim Doti on Feb. 22.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 27 to honor the late Dee Hen- ley at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Orange.

“Those of us who had that privi- lege fondly remember a quiet, gen- tle woman with luminous pale blue eyes and a ready smile,” Doti wrote in the email. “When she attended Chapman events at Doy’s side, their love and devotion for each oth- er was clear to all and a beautiful thing to see.”

Due to her illness, many members of the Chapman community did not have the benefit of meeting Dee Henley, Doti wrote.

“Most visible is their (Doy and Dee’s) generous support of our building projects, which is evi- denced by facilities named in their honor throughout the campus—most notably our Doy and Dee Henley Residence Hall,” Doti wrote.

Sherri Akau, associate director of the Office of Housing and Resi- dence Life, said Dee Henley was well respected by the people she was able to meet.

“I can only speak to what I knew of Dee and Doy Henley through their involvement and reputation across campus,” Akau said. “With that said, they are well respected by many across campus, especially coming from the dorms.”

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Keyser said that 632 packages have been delivered since the start of the service in December, with 369 packages delivered between Jan. 31 and Feb. 13. The lockers are located in the Student Union and the Davis Community Center.

“I think the word is spreading fast and many Chapman community members are aware of the Amazon Locker,” he said. With the significant increase this sea- son, we assume that our largest customer base is current Chapman students.”

The lockers allow faculty and students to pick up Amazon packages on campus instead of getting them sent to their personal residences. Users receive an email with a six-digit code that gives them access to the locker and are able to pick up the packages at any time.

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WE ARE STEPPING UP OUR GAME. WILL YOU?
What students want from student government

Leah de Leon | Staff Writer

Every week Tyler Ferrari works 12 to 15 hours as a civic engagement assistant on the third floor of Argyros Forum, one cube away from the Student Government Association (SGA) office. Ferrari organizes on-campus debate screenings in an attempt to encourage political discussion and increase student involvement at Chapman.

"You can't expect the good changes you want unless you put your voice in there," said the freshman political science major.

With campaigns for Chapman's primary elections for student government beginning March 7, students are discussing their thoughts and ideas about changes they want to see on campus and plans for voting. Ferrari also expressed frustration with the current student government officers, wanting more from the senators.

"I don't see SGA officers during their office hours. I work in the cube next to them and I rarely see anyone in the SGA cubicle," Ferrari said. "I want them to address actual problems on campus like parking or rising tuition and rising book prices, as opposed to 'non-problems' like students smoking on campus."

Neiv Toledano, a freshman public relations and advertising major, is looking for Chapman to be more eco-friendly.

"In the coffee station, they should have sleeves because a lot of people are taking two to three cups and that is very wasteful," Toledano said. "Most of our trash cans just have a recycling and a trash bin, but there should be a compostable bin, and places to put paper."

Toledano says she does not think she will vote in Chapman's primary elections.

"I just don't really have an interest in voting and don't know what I'm voting for or who the people are," Toledano said.

Dominic Vaccher, a freshman business administration major believes there is a lack of communication between student government and the student body.

"I don't know exactly what they do because they're not very well-known and aren't very talkative about what they do," Vaccher said.

"They should hold meetings in the dorm lounge at reasonable times or inform us of what is going on through a flyer posted on doors."

Sammie Cohan, an undeclared freshman, suggested that student government can maintain open communication with all students through email and weekly updates.

"If they want people to know what is going on then they should send out a quick cool email to grab someone's attention, not a dreadful one," Cohan said. "It should have weekly updates on what they are doing. It would be nice if it could be an interactive email."

Arthur Asseman, a freshman film production major, said that he's not voting because he feels confused about when actual elections are happening.

"It feels like there's always elections. I never know who we are electing," Asseman said. "There is no feedback about what is happening. They get elected and once they are in office nothing is happening."

Last year, 16.69 percent of the student body voted for the presidential candidate and 17.07 percent of the student body voted for the vice presidential candidate, according to data collected by student government.

Director of student government elections Kendall DeVries hopes to use more incentives this year to boost the voting rates and increase understanding of the elections overall.

"I believe that incentives will entice students to inquire about SGA and with that, we will take the opportunity to inform them about what we do and how we can help them," DeVries said.

DeVries is working on organizing food trucks to come during the week of elections. She also believes working with media outlets will create interest through social media and help raise voting rates.

"You (students) have a voice. Every vote counts here at Chapman and in the U.S.," DeVries said. "We must use our power of vote in order to influence change."

Political science professor Fred Smoller said it is important for students to watch debates because they give students a good understanding of each candidate.

"Debates are a very good source of information about the candidate's character, qualifications, and policy positions. They are live and unscripted," Smoller said. "We can see if a candidate can think on their feet and how they react when attacked. These are skills and traits they need in order to deal effectively with domestic and foreign adversaries."

Civic Engagement will be hosting a Super Tuesday viewing party on March 1., in the Argyros Forum Great Room, where there will be discussion on who will win the primaries.
When Ian Hyland turned 18, he immediately registered to vote, but four years later, he has yet to cast a ballot.

“I checked the box for them to send me an absentee ballot and then they never sent it to me, so I just didn’t vote,” Hyland said.

Hyland is just like a large number of millennials, people between the ages 18 and 34, who care about the elections, but never actually make it to the polls.

Millennial voter turnout for presidential elections has been declining since 2008 according to a 2013 Pew Research Center report. The report said that the turnout rate for young adults fell from 48.5 percent in 2008 to 41.2 percent in 2012, while the turnout rate for adults ages 65 and older rose by 1.6 percent.

Lori Cox Han, political science professor at the Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, believes if millennials were committed to voting, bureaucracy could quickly change.

“You (student’s) generation has the lowest voter turnout out of any demographic,” Han said. “I always say that if your generation had the highest voter turnout, you could rule the world. You can imagine how some of the priorities of the government would change. If more college students were out voting, you could have a much stronger voice.”

Changing the Statistics

By 2016, 93 million millennials will be of voting age and 81 million will be eligible voters, according to research by the Center for American Progress. It is estimated by the center that this upcoming presidential election could be the year that more young adults decide to vote. Hyland agreed but with reservations.

“I think we’ve seen the effectiveness of millennials, to some extent, in the primaries,” Hyland said. “Millennials are going to have a massive impact if the primaries go their way. I do think they will come out to vote (in the general election) if it’s for who they want.”

One of the reasons young adults are becoming more vocal in the election process this year is because of presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, (D-Vermont), Han said.

“It takes a candidate like Barack Obama in 2008 to excite millennials. This time it’s that among the Bernie Sanders supporters,” Han said.

“But Obama, it was more about the image and the message, with Sanders, I think it’s more about the message.”

The issues Sanders is speaking about resonating with young adults more than any other generation, Han said.

“You know, you don’t often hear people between the ages 18 to 24 choose Sanders over Clinton, according to The Huffington Post.

At the recent Iowa caucus, Sanders won the youth vote by 70 points, while at the New Hampshire primary, more than 84 percent of Democrat voters ages 18 to 24 chose Sanders over Clinton, according to The Huffington Post.

Freshman biochemistry major Melo Mirashrafi hopes that young adults continue the momentum of voting in the primaries and general elections, no matter who they vote for.

“I feel like it’s an obligation to vote,” Mirashrafi said. “We should make the consequences clear for young voters that these are things that could happen in your lifetime.”

“You don’t want another war, you don’t want college to be more expensive, all of this stuff that is extremely relevant to our lives. That’s why I think and hope in this election in particular — because there’s so many issues that are going to affect our generation that there will be a bigger voter turnout.”

Senior business major Valerie Reid disagreed, and said that nothing really matters until the general election.

“I don’t have time to follow candidates. I do care, but I don’t have time to research the issues enough,” Reid said. “So when it comes down to the actual vote, then I’ll research the candidates right before, and then vote.”

What Matters to Millennials

In 2014, 51 percent of millennials identified with or leaned toward the Democratic party, while 35 percent identified as Republican. In contrast, 47 percent of those ages 69 to 86 considered themselves Republican, the Pew Research Center said.

No matter the party preference, Han said there is a trend of what issues young adults care about.

“Social justice issues, income inequality, raising the minimum wage, climate change and certainly student loan debt are all things millennials care about,” Han said. “There are more generational issues that really matter to your age group that don’t matter to the older generation, but then, your priorities change as you get older.”

Because of the emphasis on these issues, a majority of young adults fall under the liberal label, Han said.

Freshman computer science major Mac DeGreen is in the conservative minority.

“If you tell somebody you’re a Republican, they honestly will grasp half the time like I just offended them,” DeGreen said. “Honestly, that just makes you stay on your toes. I like it, but it doesn’t really bother me. It’s a college campus, what do you really expect?”

DeGreen said he also cares about different issues than the millennials do, including balancing budget, keeping taxes low, foreign policy. Those are the most important topics overall.

For Mirashrafi, who doesn’t define himself as someone who I am and have people who identify as Muslim be looked down upon and threatened because of who’s been chosen.”

How Millennials Get Informed

With the rise of technology and social media, information and news became immediate and quick to access across the country. However, social media sites aren’t always the best places to become an informed voter.

“Lots of things can trend on Twitter but is that the best news to keep you informed?” Han asked. “The most important thing for your generation is media literacy. You know way more about technology but you have to be able to view news with a very critical eye.”

DeGreen and Mirashrafi both get their political news from online outlets, and while neither said they feel fully informed, they both think they have a good grasp of what is going on in the political field.

“I use mainly Reddit and YouTube, but I’ll Google stuff and do research about things I’m interested in,” DeGreen said.

Mirashrafi’s primary source for information is Twitter.

“I hate watching the news, so a lot of my information comes from the candidates’ Twitter accounts,” Mirashrafi said. “That’s interesting because it’s very clear that they’re trying to cater to the audience of Twitter, which is primarily young people.”

Han said that while politics, because people don’t put enough effort into becoming informed, they will just not vote.

Reid agreed and said that it’s time for not just millennials, but everyone, to get out and vote.

“We have that right. It’s the way our government is set up,” Reid said. “Everyone complains about the gov- ernment but then doesn’t seem to care during elections. If you vote, then you have a right to complain.”

The Panther
Mily Kirsch | Staff Writer

Alex Jekowsky knew in his senior year of high school that he wanted to start his own company. When he started at Chapman, he found a program that would help him turn that idea into a reality.

Three years later, Jekowsky, a senior business administration major, has launched his company Ulyngo, with the help of Chapman’s Launch Labs. The Launch Labs, founded three years ago, is a program dedicated to assisting Chapman entrepreneurs turn their creative ideas into functional realities.

"The Launch Lab is our incubator/accelerator where the teams really get their opportunity to get started, develop, grow, blossom, and graduate," said Shan Steinmark, director of the Ralph W. Leatherby Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics.

Walk into 549 W. Palm Ave, and you’ll see students like Jekowsky hard at work, working on startups, discussing projects and making the most of the resources that Chapman’s Launch Lab has to offer.

Bachar Moghnie, a senior business major at Chapman, and Behr Borhani, a sophomore at Irvine Valley College, are among the students who have come to the Launch Labs, looking for help to get their startup called Hallway Tree Holdings, off the ground.

"We quit our job at a teeth-whitening company in December, realizing it was time that we begin our own company," said Borhani. "From all of the recurring issues that we encountered, we saw a need for an app to simplify the process.

"We’re trying to establish a culture here of the creative, collaborative and constructive," Steinmark said. "We’re always trying to find the balance between structure and freedom, but you have to be very careful not inadvertently knock out the innovation." 

"Jekowsky’s company, Ulyngo, is an online marketplace for students to buy and sell goods and services, to and from other students, safely and efficiently. He loves having the opportunity to work on his own company while interacting with other entrepreneurs.

If you’re here, you’re doing it. You’re working, you’re making a lot of sacrifices," Jekowsky said. "I think it’s cool to be around people all doing that kind of thing.”

As long as one member of a team is a current or previous Chapman student, the team is more than welcome to apply to work at the Launch Labs, Steinmark said.

"A lot of the best ideas students have will come after they leave Chapman not necessarily while they’re here," Steinmark said. "We have them apply but apply doesn’t usually mean we screen them in or out. It usually means we help them find the right level of support depending on how far along they are.

Based on how advanced the team is in building its company, entrepreneurs are matched accordingly with an advisor in the field, Steinmark said.

"We consider them one of the true leaders of the place, and the fact that they’re graduating out of here is an indication of that," Steinmark said. "They’re going to keep innovating no matter what you do to them."
**The Vagina Monologues** was performed this weekend by Chapman students.

Caroline NeNally | Web Editor

“The Vagina Monologues” is not just a show, it’s a revolution. This revolution takes place at Chapman every spring, led by fearless young women who are unafraid to give power to their bodies and themselves.

“The Vagina Monologues” is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler in 1994, based on interviews she’d conducted with hundreds of women in New York City. One of the monologues in show, “I Was There in The Room,” is about Ensler’s experience in the delivery room when her grandchild was born. The play shoots down the patriarchy, and champions women for the strong, sexy, incredible creatures she says they are.

This year’s production started off strong with a powerful monologue about pubic hair, performed by senior sociology major Skylar MacEachern, and maintained a level of excellence throughout the show until the final piece, performed by sophomore theatre studies major Riley Rose Smothers, titled “My Revolution Begins in the Body.”

Intermixed with small group pieces, 12 female students took on moving-stories on topics ranging from rape culture to giving birth. The serious monologues were highly recommended Arnold Palmer. The cast had wonderful chemistry and camaraderie during its group pieces, communicating the message of supporting other women and seemingly having a blast in doing so.

These women were bright, energetic and inspiring but at the same time, vulnerable and angry and confused. And they had a right to be. This year’s cast perfectly captured the frustration of being a woman and being told what to do, how to act and how to treat their bodies.

Although many of the students in the performance were not theater majors or actresses, they came alive on stage. Chapman’s casts never cease to amaze and this may be the best group of women I’ve seen in the three years I’ve been at Chapman.

A few of my favorites this year were “My Angry Vagina,” a monologue about a woman who is sick of being told what her vagina needs and the uncomfortable things her vagina is subjected to. Performed by junior environmental science and policy and economics major Sara Wanous, who brought spunk and strength to every word. “The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy,” was another great piece. It showcases a dominatrix who loves to make women feel pleasure and soothe them to writing major Danielle PomEROY brought the perfect balance of comedy and sensuality.

Every year when I see “The Vagina Monologues,” I leave feeling empowered and excited about all the potential I have as a woman. I am honored to be able to watch my peers shine and tell the stories of women who were silent for too long.

Megan Abba | Editor-in-Chief

In anticipation of the March 1 grand opening of Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers in Orange, I decided to check out the food at the Costa Mesa location.

Simply put, the Southern fast food chain is simply not my “One Love,” as its motto, which the restaurant aggressively pushes at customers, says.

The atmosphere at Cane’s is pretty fun. Despite being a chain, a lot of local tokens made it into the restaurant, including old photos of Costa Mesa and memorabilia from local high school sports teams. The juxtaposition of modern décor with a ‘70s twist – photos of Elvis Presley, a disco ball and peace signs – is also interesting. Photos of Raising Cane, the founder’s yellow Labrador retriever and namesake of the company, line the walls as well.

If you don’t like chicken tenders, this place is definitely not for you. The menu consists of various quantities of tenders, one tender-filled sandwich option and sides. I ordered the box combo, which comes with four tenders, fries, coleslaw, Cane’s Sauce, Texas Toast and a regular drink – a pretty impressive amount of food for its $7.29 price tag. I tried Cane’s “fresh squeezed” lemonade that actually just tasted like the overly sweet powdered stuff you mix with water. It became a bit unbearable so I had to add some unsweetened iced tea to make a highly recommended Arnold Palmer.

Megan Abba | Editor-in-Chief

The coleslaw completely lacked flavor but at least it was not swimming in a mayonnaise-y soup like other fast food varieties. The Texas Toast was an interesting change of pace but was too starchy to eat with the rest of the fried foods and was extremely spongy, like when you microwave bread. The fries were mediocre some had a nice, delicious crunch while others fell flat. At least they weren’t overly greasy.

The chicken tenders were truly the stars of the plate. The exterior was perfectly crisp, revealing beautifully juicy and tender white-meat chicken. Cane’s Sauce, a tangy honey-mustard tasting dip, compliments the chicken well and left me wanting more. Stick with ketchup for the fries though.

Despite opening Oct. 31, 2015, the line at the Costa Mesa location was out the door at 9 p.m. and I expect no different from the newest location at Orange, especially as it will be open until at least 1 a.m. to satisfy those late-night munchies. But despite the apparent chicken tender craze, expect to see me fulfilling my chicken cravings at Chick-fil-A instead.

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### Things we’ll miss about Doti

The Panther Editorial Board

The beginning of the end has arrived.

On Friday, President Jim Doti delivered his final State of the University Address to a full Memorial Hall.

In what was a reflective speech, Doti talked about why he felt that now was the right time to step down, citing four humorous reasons before eventually saying that he feels called to teaching and that the university is in safe hands with Chancellor Daniele Struppa set to take over next year.

In the meantime, the Chapman community will have to wait and see how this change affects the university in the long run, but one thing is for certain – we are going to miss Doti.

You’d be hard pressed to find another president of a private university who has single-handedly secured the number of donors that Doti has. The amount of growth that Chapman has undergone in the last 25 years doesn’t happen for just anyone.

When Doti took over at Chapman, the school’s endowment had taken almost 100 years to grow to $29 million – he increased it to $100 million in his first decade in charge. Today, Chapman’s endowment stands at over $270 million according to U.S. News & World Report. Compare that kind of growth to any other private university our size and you’ll discover just how impressive that is.

It has frankly never been done to the level that Doti has achieved.

But beyond the fundraising and presidential duties, we will miss Doti as the irreplaceable character that he is.

On top of being president, Doti has been Chapman’s biggest cheerleader during his time at the university’s helm. Never shy to share the school’s accomplishments, his interactions with the public are always focused on making our school look good. Replacing that voice for Chapman in the community will be no easy task, especially with the ever-growing tension between Orange residents and the university showing no signs of letting up any time soon.

On top of all of this, we will miss Doti’s showmanship in a big way. Whether he’s hamming it up onstage at American Celebration, climbing the tallest peaks on every continent, running the Boston Marathon or feeding his pet chickens, everything Doti does is done with an unmistakable swagger that energizes our whole university.

While Struppa is somewhat of an ideal successor, Doti’s legacy on this campus is larger than life, and the positive impact that he has had on the Chapman community is immeasurable.

We at The Panther will miss you, Doti.
Where east meets west: my life in Istanbul

Calah Vargas, junior sociology and political science major

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nding the university in Southern California has made me realize something. Few people know much, if anything, about the part of the world where I am from.

I now have the honor of calling Turkey my home and that excitement is a part of the world that many understandably don’t know much about. I find that there are a lot of misconceptions about this part of the world, and I think the world that I love.

After living abroad in Paris for a year, I started to think about my hometown a lot more. Making a strange city my second home has made me realize that Istanbul has grown even stronger. Beyond all the places I’ve fallen in love with during my modest 20 years, from Europe to Africa, Istanbul remains the one.

This city is home to civilizations, empires and the first 18 years of my life – a peculiar place, deceitful yet pure, where life and death are hand in hand. The only personal space you have is inside your head when you are walking around the city’s Tommy Sotomayor.

Palaces and emperors have fallen right on the spot at which you stand. It is a hypnotizing place where the past meets the present, but also where the East meets the West. Nowadays, the East symbolizes inequality, oppression and fear. All this brings ignorance, hatred and lack of hospitality. I live in this city, the damage done to this city I love so dearly and my country’s people. Still, if Istanbul is the East, I’m messierizing in the eyes of many all around the world, it is because Istanbul is a product of both the West and East, during their most glorious times. It’s tragic to know that both the luck and the curse of my hometown is one and the same thing. It is very heartbreaking to watch people get crushed by the traditions, rules and liabilities that old men have handed down to them. Even if everything I love about this city disappears into dust, one day and I spend my life traveling all around the globe as I hope to do, I will still be mine, forever. The childhood memories, my very firsts, all that I love and despise in myself are hidden within the walls of this city. It made me realize that there are many, who to do right, for this cut to the heart of American participatory democracy. In my four years here, I have not seen a time of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.

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Tom Zoellner, English professor

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o, Chapman students have not shown up to present a counter-narrative at a Feb. 9 Orange City Council meeting that seemed dedicated to bad-mouthing them. A group of about 100 people accused them of doing little more than vomiting in the city, where they weren’t busy urinating on the lawns.

These complaints are a key part of evidence the council will consider in deciding whether to enact increased legal punitive measures to protect students who host private parties or live in historic homes. Students frequently complain of discriminatory noise enforcement by Orange police, as well as the high prices – sometimes up to $1,000 of the tickets they must pay.

Yet when the time came to use the democratic system to fix an apparent difference, nobody showed up – not even the elected representatives of the students present. As people often make their decisions at the time of elections.

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We’re good at complaint
**Daniel Starkand** | Senior Writer

For the second time in three years, the Chapman men’s basketball team has won the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and will advance to the NCAA Tournament after securing a 71-69 victory over the University of Redlands Bulldogs (44-13, 9-7) Saturday night.

Freshman guard Cam Haslam knocked down two crucial free throws with just two seconds remaining to help the Panthers secure a win in a game where Chapman never led by more than eight points. To get to Saturday night’s conference final, Chapman (20-6, 12-4) had to beat the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags (13-12, 6-8) on Friday night, and did so in a 71-61 victory.

“I think that going into both games, we knew they were going to be games that went down to the wire,” said Assistant Coach Dan Kriktorian.

“Redlands in particular was doing really well. They have a couple all conference players and every time we made a run, they answered.”

Chapman and Redlands exchanged leads for much of the second half, as neither led by more than two points in the final 10 minutes. Chapman did get a big lead late in the game, but a pair of free throws and a huge difference, with the Panthers scoring eight more free throws than the Bulldogs. Haslam led the way, scoring 12 of his 21 points on the night in the second half. Six of his points came from free throws, including the game-winning pair of free throws which secured the victory.

“Anything you can say about (Haslam) doesn’t do him justice,” Kriktorian said. “He really did so many things to do what he did is pretty incredible. It really shows what type of player he is to knock down four free throws and that big shot in that situation.”

Chapman shot just 42.6 percent on the night compared to Redlands, which shot 50.8 percent. The Panthers were, however, able to pull an offensive rebound, helping Chapman to a crucial 13-point advantage in second chance points over Redlands.

“We haven’t been a great rebounding team all year and we know in order to win games consistently we need to rebound well,” said junior guard Luke Hamlin.

“Our guards are doing a better job helping out the post players with rebounding duties. It allows us to fast break and play our quick brand of offense.”

Hamlin had 10 points and eight rebounds on the night. Sophomore forwards James Taylor and sophomore guard Rob Nelsen both finished in double figures, with 12 and 10 points respectively.

In the previous night’s semifinal, Chapman hosted Claremont and jumped out to an early 13-4 lead, never trailing in the game. Haslam scored 21 points on 7-of-15 shooting. Nelsen also added 15 points, going 6-of-7 from the free throw line.

The closest the Stags got was within five points with 43 seconds remaining, the Panthers hit five free throws to put the game away.

“We had a defensive mindset against Claremont that helped us a lot,” Nelsen said.

“They are a tough team to play against because of their style of offense, but we were all determined after losing earlier in the week to come out and play with a lot of energy.”

Chapman will find out its NCAA Tournament opponent on Feb. 29 at 9:30 a.m.

“Moving forward, we need to play our tempo and defend against every possession.”

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**Women’s basketball falls in semis**

Freshman guard Kaytlin Szenawa dribbles down the court as senior forward Natalia Ebrahimian follows behind in the semifinals against California Lutheran University, Feb. 25.

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The Chapman women’s basketball team hosted California Lutheran University on Feb. 25 in the semifinal of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) tournament, falling 72-56.

“In the grand scheme of things I’m told, ‘You had a great season,’ but you always want more because we were there tonight,” said Head Coach Carol Jae.

“For what we had in terms of height and hustle, it was a great season. To me, I expect more, but it was still a great season … It was great coming to work every day. To see it all end abruptly is a shame, but it doesn’t take away from the season we had.”

(Chapman 19-8, 14-3) and Cal Lutheran (20-7, 13-4) were ranked No. 2 and No. 3 respectively in the conference, and after splitting their first two meetings in the season, a close game was expected going into Thursday night.

After a close first quarter, Chapman started the second quarter with a 13-2 run to take the lead, going into halftime leading 28-18.

“We came out really hard and really had to get that confidence,” senior guard Megan Charles. “But we knew they were going to come out hard the second half.”

The Regals came out strong in the second half, outscoring Chapman 22-10, capitalizing on an 8-0 run in the quarter.

Chapman was lifted by six early fourth-quarter points from Charles, giving Chapman a one-point lead, but Cal Lutheran fought back by knocking down frequent 3-pointers and free throws to close the game out strong on a 25-8 run to end the Panthers’ season.

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**ALLIE CAMP Senior Photographer**


“Coach Bokosky has harped at us all year about having a tough mentality, and it is crucial we play with toughness against the talented teams in the SCIAC.”

Kriktorian added that the team’s senior leadership, namely forwards Noah Dragonich and Mike Atwater, have, and will continue, to keep the team motivated in the national tournament.

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SPOTLIGHT: Kellyn Toole

Kellyn Toole, a freshman communication studies major, recently became the second Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) champion from Chapman, and the first Chapman student to gain multiple awards from the conference, winning the 1-meter and 3-meter dives, also qualifying for and competing in the NCAA Diving Regionals where she placed eighth and sixth, respectively.

1. How old were you when you started diving and why did you start?

I started my freshman year of high school. I was doing gymnastics and one of the girls from my gymnastics team was on the dive team. She said, ‘You should try it for fun,’ and I said, ‘OK.’ So then I just dove for my high school. I never did club or anything, I just did it in high school for fun.

2. What motivates you to continue with the sport?

I’m pretty self-motivated. Robbie, my coach, and my teammates on the swim team are really great motivators. They’re always there during meets, cheering me on. I put a lot of pressure on myself, so I get very disappointed when I don’t dive my best. It’s hard for me because I don’t do well under pressure, so I have to ease back and just have fun.

3. Do you have any pre-meet rituals?

When I get stressed out during meets, I have to touch everything twice. So Robbie always high-fives me twice before I go, and afterward, he’ll fist bump me twice. Cierra, the other diver, and I have this dance when she’s at meets. But when she’s not there, I still do it by myself.

4. What is your favorite part of being on the Chapman diving team?

The people I’ve met. There’s only one other diver, Cierra, which was super weird for me because in high school, there was like ten of us. It was weird, but I’ve become really close with her, Robbie, and the whole swim team. Just the community aspect of it has been really fun.

5. What would you like to do in the future?

I’m going to dive the next three years that I’m here. I’m going to go into advertising for school, so I see myself out here doing something in the entertainment industry for fun.

6. Now that the season is over, what do you look forward to the most?

Overall, freshman year of college was a big adjustment and I had a pretty rough go, with diving, school and everything, so it was just hard. Hopefully next year, I’ll have it more figured out and it’ll be smoother. I’m just ready to have more fun.

7. Which title was more difficult and why?

Definitely 3-meter. I love 1-meter because I did it all throughout high school. I hated 3-meter and still kind of feel like it that much. Cierra, the girl who got second, had a harder list than me, so I really had to hit all of my dives. That was kind of a rough go, but I did really well.

Athletic community remembers Richard Bye

Liam Noonan | Staff Writer

Richard Bye, born in ’47, died on Jan. 13 after a 10-month health battle following a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Roseanne Marie Bye. While the two did not have any children, his nieces, nephews, neighbors’ children, Chapman students and his “dooxie” dogs recognized him as a father figure and a mentor.

At the service, President Jim Doti announced that a reception room in the Lastinger Athletics Complex will be named after Richard Bye.

“I never saw Richard in the stands and that is because he was always on the field, close to the action” Doti said. “He was a true Panther.”

Bye grew up in South Dakota and Minnesota until he moved to Illinois, where he attended high school. He and his wife later moved to Orange in 1976. A few years after arriving in Orange, Bye began his mainstay within the Chapman community, most notably as a supporter of the athletics program, both on an emotional and financial level.

While his financial contributions to the Donald P. Kennedy Athletics program are significant, he will also be remembered for his spirited attendance at many Chapman games as well as volunteering his time to help organize events, work at tournaments and offer his opinions to coaches and administrators.

David Currey, who served as Chapman’s athletic director for 25 years, spoke at the memorial about Bye’s commitment to the university.

“The only thing Richard loved more than Chapman athletics was his wife,” Currey said.

The tone of the memorial was a celebratory one with 10 different

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Baseball loses two of three to Cal Lutheran

Jayson King | Staff Writer

The Chapman baseball team lost two of three games to second-place California Lutheran University (4-4, 2-1) on Feb. 26 and 27. The Panthers (5-7, 3-0) fell in the first of three games this weekend, 5-2. “Stringing together hits was the most difficult part of the game,” said sophomore second baseman Gaven Blodgett. “The box score won’t show it, but we had a lot of hit balls right at guys that just didn’t fall today. They had a two-strike, two-run single that really was the difference in the game.”

The Panthers’ pitching was able to strike out seven Cal Lutheran players, though starting pitcher Matt Smith had some trouble with command. He walked three batters and threw a wild pitch in the fifth inning, allowing runners to move to second and third base, which helped Cal Lutheran get an extra run on the following play.

Blodgett said the team’s offensive struggles made Cal Lutheran’s lead much harder to overcome. “I think we played our game well and stayed with them once they got the lead,” Blodgett said. “Once again, the game really came down to one pitch which was the two-run single. It changed the game and put them in a good spot. Ultimately, we just didn’t put enough runs on the board.”

The baseball team followed up the first game with a similar performance as last weekend, splitting Saturday’s games on either side of mercy rule victories. “The two games” were actually mirror images of each other, for each team,” said Head Coach Scott Laverty. “We came out early, scored the seven runs in the first, jumped on them early, controlled the momentum, finally started pushing across runs in the middle of the game, and then closed it out in the eighth. They did the same thing in the second game.”

In the first game, senior pitcher Matt Molnar pitched the full eight innings that were played, letting up just one earned run, and helping end the game an inning early via the conference’s 10-run mercy rule after seven innings. Sophomore first baseman Jared Love closed the game out with a two-run walk-off homerun in the bottom of the eighth inning, ending the game 12-2.

“It had already been a long game and we only needed two more runs to get the mercy rule,” Love said. “I hung a slider, barreled it out and it felt good.”

The second game didn’t fare well for the Panthers. It was Cal Lutheran who scored early on and found itself with a 7-1 lead at the end of two innings, winning 11-1 in seven innings. Despite the loss, both the players and coaches are confident that there will be more wins in the future. “We’ve been playing OK. I like the things that we’re doing,” Laverty said. “We have a lot of freshmen that are playing, getting good time. We need to continue to make adjustments, on the mound, offensively, defensively.”

Laverty said that despite inconsistencies and injury problems, the length of the baseball season should work to the Panthers’ advantage. “I really, really believe that we’ll be there (at the conference playoffs). We’ve had some struggles with some injuries. We lost Tyler Cook this weekend — he couldn’t play. A senior third baseman, hitting over .400, those are tough things to overcome sometimes,” he said.

The baseball team plays Webster University at home in a doubleheader on March 5 at noon and 3 p.m.

Women’s lacrosse splits early conference matchups

Liam Noonan | Staff Writer

The Chapman women’s lacrosse team (2-1, 2-0) split two close conference games this week, defeating the Whittier College Poets 13-12 on Feb. 24, but losing to the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas 11-10 on Feb. 27.

The Panthers struggled to contain Whittier’s (1-2, 0-2) high-powered offense but were able to force 16 turnovers, which helped fuel Chapman’s offense in the victory. “I couldn’t be more proud of the team. We have been working hard every practice, which has showed in our games,” said senior midfielder Brooke Martini. “We work as a unit on the field and fight for one another. One way we can keep building this momentum is by working hard every practice and every game as well as continuing to build on our team chemistry throughout the season.”

Martini contributed three goals for Chapman, though the team was led by the efforts of sophomore midfielder Stacey Zuppa, who opened the scoring for the Panthers, and contributed five goals in total.

The second half began with a goal from Zuppa, but the Poets found an offensive rhythm that resulted in a 6-1 run, which was enough to tie the game at 9-9 with 10 minutes left in the game. The Panthers then scored two goals, with the Poets following with their own two goals in the last minute, giving Chapman a one-goal margin of victory.

The Panthers came out on the wrong end of a similarly tight matchup on Saturday, as they faced off against the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas (2-1, 1-1), losing and taking their first loss of the season.

The Panthers got off to a quick start, finding themselves with a 5-2 lead early in the game, but Claremont found its footing and made a 6-2 run to take an 8-7 lead heading into halftime.

The second half proved to be a defensive battle, with each team only managing to score three goals each. The Panthers were able to find some momentum by scoring twice to cut the lead down to one goal with two minutes left in the game. The Athenas tightened up defensively in the final minutes, holding the Panthers scoreless and securing the win.

Junior attacker Gretchen Rodenberger led the Panthers with three goals, with sophomore attacker Ana Kalyta and senior midfielder Kelsey Mackin each adding two goals of their own. Following the game, Rodenberger said her team must learn to not give up its momentum and to play for the full hour. “We were up by a couple goals in the first half, but Claremont came back and we were tied for most of the remainder of the game,” she said. “If we can come back together as a team and have consistent energy and intensity throughout the entire game, we can turn a close game like tonight into a win.”

Chapman Head Coach Dan Kirkpatrick said the team should have the confidence to win these types of close games. “We need to take away the confidence that in tight games we have what it takes to come out on top,” he said. “The two previous games we did what it took to win. Tonight we ended up on the wrong end, but we battled and gave ourselves a chance at the end of the game to force overtime.”

The Panthers will look to bounce back against Occidental College (0-2) at home on March 2 at 7 p.m.

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