Sorority Kappa Alpha Theta won first place in Greek life’s annual Skit competition April 2. Sorority Delta Gamma and fraternity Phi Gamma Delta won second and third place, respectively. From left, senior television and broadcast journalism major Morgan Jul, senior dance major Andrea Dobbins and senior creative producing and theatre technology major Matt Eisenmann. Page 7.

Attacks abroad

In wake of recent terrorist attacks, students studying in Europe say they won’t let the fear of violence stop them from taking full advantage of their time abroad.

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Students take precaution against terrorist attacks while abroad

Justine Winans | Staff Writer

Sophomore integrated educational studies major Eliana Michelson never would have thought the calm city she visited, with vendors selling fries and waffles on the streets, would be bombed just days later on March 22. Michelson is currently studying abroad in Granada, Spain, and visited Brussels a couple of days before the terrorist attack that injured 300 people and killed more than 30.

“It is scary how a day can make such a difference for someone’s safety,” Michelson wrote in an email. She was in Amsterdam when she heard about the bombings.

“When I turned on my phone I saw that I had a couple of missed calls from a relative and a text from a friend also studying abroad making sure that I was OK and that I was no longer in Brussels,” Michelson wrote. “I had no idea what happened so when we left the Anne Frank (house), we went to a coffee shop to investigate what had happened.”

No Chapman students were studying abroad in Brussels during the time of the attack, said James Coyle, director of the Center for Global Education.

“We immediately contacted all students abroad in Europe,” Coyle said. “By noon, all the students were able to respond that they were OK.”

The attacks occurred at 11:58 p.m. local time, which was 7:58 a.m. the night before in Pacific Standard Time.

Major terrorist attacks have been connected to the Islamic State group in various countries throughout the Middle East, Europe and even less than 50 miles from Chapman.

In October 2015, two suicide bombings killed about 130 people in two cities in Turkey. In November 2015, Paris also suffered a deadly series of bombings and shootings that took 130 lives. In San Bernardino, 14 people were killed in a shooting by a couple inspired by the militant organization in December 2015.

The bombings in Brussels are the newest addition to this list of terror.

Student opinion

Sophomore theatre performance major Addie Turner knows the danger in being overseas but does not want to let that affect her current experience. Turner said, “I was planning on going to St. Paul’s Cathedral on Easter morning, but I didn’t end up going because of my fear.”

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“For the most part I do feel safe studying overseas. I have to admit I have been more nervous since the Brussels attack but generally I do feel safe. I’m glad I chose to study abroad and I wasn’t going to let my fear stop me from having this amazing life changing experience.”

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Chapman recognized as top Fulbright producer

Patricia Torres | Senior Writer

Chapman was recognized as one of the top Fulbright Scholar Program producers for 2015-16 after three recent alumnae received the award.

The program is an international educational exchange program that offers research, study and teaching opportunities for recent graduates and graduate students in more than 140 countries. About 10,000 students apply each year and between 1,800 and 1,900 receive the award, said Eileen Jankowski, director of Fellowships and Scholar Programs at Chapman.

“Proportionally we are doing well with getting three awards,” Jankowski said. “It is the students that gave us this recognition and we are really happy and proud of them.”

Since Chapman falls under the master’s institution category of the program, it is considered a top producer if three or more students receive the award during a school year. Since 2004, 20 Chapman students have received the award, Jankowski said.

The three students this year received English Teaching Assistants Awards. Nimah Gobir, a ‘15 peace studies and studio art alumna, is in India, Megan McKeown, a ‘15 peace studies alumna, is in Jordan and Tianana Silva, a ‘13 political science and peace alumna, is in Taiwan.

Gobir is finishing up her teaching at an all-girls school called Sakhat Memorial Government Girls’ High School. She has been in India for eight months and said she was excited about getting the award.

“I had never been to India and I was looking forward to learning more about the culture from my students and teachers,” Gobir wrote in an email. “I’m really happy that Chapman is a top producer. I hope it encourages students to pursue this incredible opportunity.”

McKeown, who teaches girls at a school for Palestinian refugees in Jordan, said that she has been given an amazing opportunity.

“I’ve not only been able to contribute to the current refugee crisis but also understand firsthand what life is like in Jordan and the area,” McKeown said. “I am happy to know that professors and students’ hard work is paying off and getting recognition from such an important scholarship program.”

The Fulbright award is a monetary award of around $30,000 that includes airfare, housing and a stipend. Applications include three letters of recommendation, two essays and a transcript.

Jankowski said she works with students during the spring semester of their junior year with applications due in the fall of their senior year.

“I guide them through the process and usually in the fall semester, me and two other faculty members sit down with the students and read their essays and give them advice on it,” Jankowski said.

Gobir said that Jankowski was really helpful during the application process.

“I think that I sent her at least 30 drafts of my statements,” she wrote. “I could not have completed the applications or gotten accepted without her.”

For the 2016-17 year, 21 Chapman students applied for the program. Four of them are semifinalists. Two of the students who were semifinalists won the award with one going to Romania and the other going to the Czech Republic, Jankowski said. “One did not receive the award and one student is still waiting to hear back.”

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Austin and Tyler Porterfield leading student government election

MEGAN ABBA | Editor-in-Chief

Student government election sees highest voter turnout

Athanasha Singarajah | Assistant News Editor

The 2016-17 student government presidential and vice presidential election received the highest number of votes than in any other student government election, with 1,341 votes cast, said Kendall DeVries, student government’s director of elections. That is 22.45 percent of the eligible student body.

Austin Kernan and Tyler Porterfield were elected as the 2016-17 president and vice president, respectively, on March 16.

Kernan, a junior creative producing and business administration major, ran against Annabell Liao, a junior creative producing and business administration major. Porterfield, a junior public relations and advertising major, ran against Jayetha Panakkadan, a junior biology major.

Kernan received 842 votes and Liao received 461 votes, DeVries said. In the vice presidential race, Porterfield received 714 votes and Panakkadan received 605 votes.

The election saw a 4.14 percent increase from the 2015-16 election, which had 1,322 votes cast, said Kendal De Vries, student government’s director of elections. That is 22.45 percent of the eligible student body.

The election platform was to create more transparency between student government and the student body. Porterfield said the senate meeting minutes and agenda are posted on the Chapman website each week, which will continue next year. In addition, Kernan and Porterfield plan to generate monthly updates that will be sent out to the student body.

They also plan to publicize their office hours, which will allow students to come to them with questions or concerns. Porterfield also said that he and Kernan have instituted communication as a top priority in their term as the newly-elected officials.

“Austin and I want to focus on more outreach and publicity whether that be more activity on social media or even more attachments in Dean Prices emails,” Porterfield said. “We hope to market our social media websites and profiles, increasing outreach.”

The pair will take office May 1, although Porterfield is currently studying abroad.

To read The Panther’s editorial about the election, turn to page 12.
Chapman will begin offering a doctorate program in pharmaceutical sciences this fall after being approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

“I’m really proud of having the full offering that most of the top pharmacy schools in the country have,” said Ron Jordan, founding dean of Chapman’s School of Pharmacy. “It’s surreal that we were able to make it happen.”

The process of adding the program took 18 months and required the approval of faculty members, the board of trustees and the association, Jordan said.

The pharmacy school plans to have small class sizes, admitting two students for the first semester. The school plans to admit students who have at least a master’s degree, but in some cases, will admit students that only have a bachelor’s degree in a field of science, Jordan said.

“We have to be certain that we don’t divert so much faculty attention and effort to other programs that they feel we don’t have sufficient faculty ratios,” Jordan said. “It’s typical to start a program small and then grow it over time.”

The program plans to have 16 students, who will be assigned to work with a professor one-on-one for intense mentoring. The classes will be held at the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine, Jordan said.

The School of Pharmacy currently offers five programs, including the 2+3 Freshman Early Assurance Program, which accepts exceptional graduating high school students interested in the profession of pharmacy. The students in this program complete their two-year undergraduate prerequisites and receive acceptance into the doctorate program. They then continue on to the three-year doctor of pharmacy program.

“I was really happy about this new addition because it will provide more opportunities and options for prospective students who want to obtain a Ph.D. in pharmacy specifically,” said Judy Weng, a freshman pharmacy major in the 2+3 program.

Weng said that although her courses are extremely rigorous and consuming, she’s really enjoying being a member of Chapman’s School of Pharmacy because of the opportunities to get involved on campus and bond with other pharmacy students.

Mary Ngo, a sophomore pharmacy major, is also in the 2+3 Freshman Early Assurance Program and is happy about the new program for the School of Pharmacy.

“As of now, I’m not thinking too far into possibly pursuing that path yet since I’m currently focusing on my prerequisites,” Ngo said. “I’m somewhat considering the Ph.D., but I want to see how these next few years will go in terms of attaining a Pharm.D. degree.”

“The School of Pharmacy is also very welcoming to us students in terms of research opportunities, academic guidance and counseling, and everyone including the faculty and the students are very helpful,” Ngo said.

Faculty, staff and administration continuously work hard for the students and have put an immense amount of time and effort into the new doctorate program, Jordan said.

“It cost really nothing,” Jordan said. “It was really faculty time and effort over the past 18 months that made this all happen.”

Jordan said that while the development of the doctorate program was made possible mostly through people’s time, it was also supported by grants the college received.

Chapman’s School of Pharmacy’s doctorate program was approved by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The program will begin in the fall with two students.
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Cafeteria to undergo changes over summer

Sabrina Santoro | Staff Writer

From Starbucks and Qdoba to Jamba Juice and the Randall Dining Commons, Chapman University Restaurant Services provides nine different on-campus dining options for students and faculty.

Students looking for a variety in their everyday meal plans, however, can expect to see changes beginning this fall, after the dining commons is remodeled, according to a statement by Eric Cameron, the general manager of the restaurant services.

Cameron did not respond to additional questions from The Panther. Molly Simpson, a senior communication studies major, said that food options improved when Qdoba and Starbucks opened at the start of last semester, but they could still be better:

“The quality increased a little more, but they just replaced old restaurants – there aren’t any more options than there were before,” she said. “There could definitely be more vegetarian and vegan options because there are people that choose not to eat meat and they should have more options than just taking out and replacing meat.”

Helen Garcia, freshman class senator and a member of Sodexo’s Student Board of Directors, has been a liaison between students and staff and is involved in making changes to on-campus dining based on student requests.

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Although Garcia receives various requests, the most common are for more vegetarian and vegan options, along with more varieties of fruit offered in the cafeteria.

“I lived on campus for my first two years, and stopped eating in the cafeteria my sophomore year because I found that the food was very repetitive, and they would just cycle through the same meals every week or so,” Markham said.

“I always loved it when they added random new options. Even when I wasn’t sure what was going to be on the menu that day, I would pick the item that was new and something I hadn’t tried before.”

Last semester, Garcia attempted to make changes regarding what the cafeteria and other on-campus dining locations served, but was unable to do so.

“I’m currently working on a pamphlet called ‘Caf Hacks’ to show a variety of ways that students can diversify their cafeteria plan,” Garcia said. “The pamphlet will show them that they can get chicken from this station, and rice from this station. It’s something that I really want to implement because a lot of students don’t really know about ways they can mix and match cafeteria options.”

Other issues that some students have faced, particularly students with meal plans, are allergies and cross-contamination in the cafeteria and other on-campus restaurants.

“When I eat in the cafeteria it is really hard because I have allergies and the cross-contamination is so bad that I am really only able to eat cereal, sandwiches and fruit,” said Michael Hoefling, a sophomore news and documentary major. “I was even told on the very first day that the burgers they serve 100 percent did not have sesame seeds. The first burger I had, I flipped it over and on the other side there were sesame seeds. They promised me that I would not be allergic to it and I was.”

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Musco Center opens doors to the community

Katie Malin | Senior Writer

Sarah Alexander sat with her friend Fiona Bisoffi on the plush grass of the Bette and Wylie Aitken Arts Plaza in front of the Musco Center for the Arts listening to live music under the sunset.

“I love all of the different stages. I didn’t expect that,” said Alexander, a freshman mathematics major.

Alexander went to watch Chapman’s Swing Cats dance inside the newly-opened Musco Center. She said it was her first time inside the venue. Bisoffi, a freshman biochemistry major, came to see which artists would perform.

The two friends were among the hundreds of Chapman students and members of the Orange County community that attended the Musco Center for the Arts Community Open House and Arts Festival April 2, which included more than 600 local artists. The event, which ran from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., enchanted audiences with 50 ensembles on five stages located around the university.

“We want to strengthen the connection between Chapman and the community,” said Chapman Board of Trustees Vice Chair Wylie Aitken. “This is just the beginning.”

Bette and Wylie Aitken said they were pleased with the acoustics of the Julianne Argyros Orchestra Hall and the visual execution of the Musco Center.

“It’s beautiful and I would say that I believe it’s better than the [Walt Disney Concert Hall],” Wylie Aitken said.

Yasuhisa Toyota and his company Nagata Acoustics crafted the acoustical design for both the Musco Center and the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Inside, 13 Chapman ensembles entertained crowds with singing and instrumental performances. There were also performances by six local dance companies and the Pacific Symphony. Outside on the plaza lawn, nine troupes performed while fantastical costumed men and women performed pirouettes on stilts during acts.

“I like the people dancing on stilts – it’s really eye-catching,” Bisoffi said.

Tustin resident Gordon Griffith said the event successfully brought the community together.

“It’s nice be able to come out here and be entertained,” Griffith said. “Activities like this are good for the community and keep us connected to the university.”
Music festival love is a battlefield

Thomas Hecker | Staff Writer

As Kanye West surprised the audience during a Weekend performance last year at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Niki Black had a stampede of thousands of people pushing at her back. Black struggled for air while some around her fell unconscious and were lifted from the crowd by security.

“If I don’t see three people a day passed out, I’m not at Coachella,” said the junior women and gender studies major.

Every spring, music lovers wear flower crowns, throw on their Hawaiian shirts, and enter the unforgiving, tripped-out jungle that is the music festival. The Stars of Hollywood caravans through the desert to Coachella in the Indio, California to Miami’s Ultra Music Festival, and Lollapalooza brings the biggest names in music to the Midwest. Music seekers young and old across the globe shell out hundreds and thousands of dollars for a few days of endless revelry.

Becca Batkin, a junior strategic and corporate communication major, said she experienced a similar Kanye-induced attack at the Budweiser Made in America Festival in 2004.

“During Kanye West’s performance he had everyone do a mosh pit,” Batkin said. “I had to get pulled out by security because I couldn’t breathe.”

Veronique Olivier, a French professor at Chapman, has been to Coachella five times from 2004 to 2012. Olivier said music festivals weren’t always as aggressive as they are today.

“It wasn’t very well-known at the time, and it was very friendly,” Olivier said. “I don’t go to Coachella anymore because it’s just too big for me, and it takes three hours just to get there. To me it’s unmanageable.”

Olivier has also attended Les Eurockéennes and Vieilles Charrues festivals in France and her favorite, Reading Festival in England.

“There was a big incident the last time I camped. There was a fight between the British fans. It was like being at a soccer game I guess,” Olivier said. “That was actually scary. They had to call the police.”

Black said she was surprised to see a mother bring her young children into the dangerous environment of a festival in 2012.

“There was this mom that was so wasted, and she had these two little boys with her at the front of hundreds and thousands of people,” Black said about The Vaccines Coachella set. “I spent the whole concert at the railing holding these two 7-year old boys and making sure they were OK.”

Batkin said she thought the Budweiser Made in America Festival was much less drug-focused than other festivals.

“There definitely was weed during the rap performances and lots of people were drinking alcohol, but I didn’t see any other drugs,” Batkin said.

Batkin said the rowdiness of the fans could be enough to keep her away from festivals.

“I don’t know if I would go again unless I was like VIP so I’m not in the crowds,” Batkin said.

When it comes to drugs, Black said she has mostly seen people using Ecstasy and marijuana.

“I’ve seen so many people rolling on Ecstasy,” Black said. “A lot of weed, but that’s cool, I get it — that was me lighting up a (marijuana joint) again at Lana (Del Rey).”

Though Coachella can be dangerous, Black said she is willing to brave the chaos for a weekend of jubilation.

“Whatever you want to wear you wear … your flower crown is on, you’re enjoying your life, you’re young and you’re wild,” Black said.

Work, work, work, work, work

Rachel Gossen | Senior Writer

For this year’s Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Marissa Bachand will be having a different experience than the average festival attendee. She’ll be working for the festival during the day, while getting to see musical acts for free.

“I really wanted to go but didn’t know if I could afford it, so I texted my cousin who is in charge of stage coordination at Coachella and asked how I could get a cheap ticket,” the freshman sociology major said. “He told me I could go for free and get paid if I was willing to work.”

During festival season, people will be working at a number of different festivals, while getting to enjoy the live music.

Even though it involves getting up at 6:30 a.m. that weekend, Bachand took the offer.

“We get paid $15 an hour and they have housing for us,” Bachand said. “I’ll be working in the showers and my shift is over at 2:30 (p.m.), so after that, we’re treated just like anyone else at the festival. We can go see whichever musicians we want to see.”

Bachand said that each weekend has a different set of workers.

“People employed by Goldenvoice, the company that produces the festival, aren’t the only people working. Food and beverage vendors also attend and though it is hard work, it is a rewarding experience, said Andy Nguyen, co-founder of Afters Ice Cream, based in Los Angeles.

“It’s fast-paced, it’s fun, it’s tough, it’s draining and it’s a great opportunity to showcase your brand,” Nguyen said.

To be a vendor at the festival, businesses must apply through Best Beverage Catering, which coordinates all vendors, according to Coachella’s website. It states that only food and drink vendors can apply for the festival.

For businesses like Afters Ice Cream, it can be a challenge to make working at Coachella happen.

“This year, we will have about 60 people working the festival,” Nguyen said. “We plan ahead by making sure we have enough product for the event as well as our stores — same goes for staff. With taking team members away from stores, we need everyone properly trained to handle both.”

Sophomore business major Emerson Harris is a big fan of the diversity in food vendors at festivals.

“The options are ridiculous and delicious,” Harris said. “I spend a decent amount of money on different food booths.”

Roughly 160,000 people went to Coachella in 2012 and $90 million was brought into the economy of the small town of Indio, California where the festival takes place, according to a 2013 National Public Radio report. This year, it is estimated that more than $106 million will go to businesses in Indio specifically, and $704 million into the global economy, said the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership in a report released March 15.

While the average Coachella-goer spends $375 on the admission ticket alone, Bachand is excited that she’ll be able to attend for free and also get paid.

“It’s my first time at Coachella and I have one friend coming with me, so that’ll be fun,” Bachand said. “We drive down Thursday night before the festival to start training, but it’s going to be awesome to basically be guests when we’re doing work.”

TOP FIVE FESTIVALS (based on number of people attending)

1) Austin City Limits in Austin, Texas
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 and Oct. 7 - 9
$250 for a 3-day pass (1-day passes not available yet)

2) Electric Daisy Carnival in New York City, New York (May 14 - 15)
& Las Vegas, Nevada (June 17 - 19)
$119 for a single day pass in NYC, $90 in Vegas

3) Lollapalooza in Chicago, Illinois
July 28 - 31
$120 for a one day ticket

4) Coachella in Indio, California
April 15 - 17 & April 22 - 24
$399 for a general admission pass

5) Ultra Music Festival in Miami
March 18 - 20
$349.95 for a 3-day ticket

Source: CoSmo/Magazine
As music festival season begins, Chapman students frantically try to plan their weekends with every detail from where they will stay to buying new clothes, and find that the external purchases, aside from the festival pass itself, can become pretty pricey.

Avid country music festivalgoer Brad Smith will not be attending Stagecoach this year due to the amount of money it has cost him in the past.

"Part of the reason why I am not going this year is because every time you have to stay in a hotel, then you have to get a bus pass to get to Stagecoach, then you have to walk like three miles," said the senior business major. "Then you pay like $12 a drink, so it's just a lot."

The cost of music festivals such as Stagecoach, Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, Lollapalooza, and many others can add up. The face value of tickets can range from $299 for Stagecoach to $399 for Coachella, but after adding the cost of traveling to the festival, a hotel or campsite, food, drink, clothes, and other festival necessities, Coachella can cost around $900 to $1300.

Rachel Fechser, a senior English major and seasoned music festival attendee, has attended 20 to 30 festivals including Burning Man, Coachella four times, The Governors Ball Music Festival and California Roots Music and Art Festival, has found a way to avoid buying a $10 drink.

"Coachella is a little stricter than the other festivals, but like I sneak booze in. I try to limit myself, like how much cash I am taking to the festival," Fechser said.

Fechser said that festivals range in price and for Coachella she tries to budget by camping and grocery shopping at Costco beforehand.

"Obviously pizza leaving the festival is a necessity. But I don't really like to eat that much in the festival because it's mediocre food," Fechser said.

Matt Draper, a '15 psychology alumnus is heading to three festivals this year, starting off at Coachella and ending with FYF Fest in Los Angeles. Draper said that in his experience the most expensive part of a music festival is usually the ticket.

"I usually take about $200 in cash with me for a two to three-day festival and maybe will spend about $20-30 a day on food and then $30 on a shirt or some merchandise," Draper said. "I bring my Camelbak so I don't spend any money on water."

Smith said if people want to save money at festivals they shouldn't go.

"If you can, camp out wherever you go. Find as many people as you can to split stuff with and probably have a budget," Smith said. "Go to the ATM once a day and tell yourself how much you are going to take out. And when you're done with that (money), you're done.'
Pop rock band changes its sound

Leah de Leon | Staff Writer

February 11 is one day Brandon Miranda will not forget. Moments before going onstage at the Constellation Room in Santa Ana, Miranda, along with his three bandmates, heard the audience cheering. They thought those cheers were for Waters, the band they were opening for, but instead, the audience was chanting “Nightair! Nightair!”

“Moments like these show that there is promise in the future which is really validating and shows how our dreams may be a reality,” said the senior in instrumental performance and economics major.

The members of Nightair, a pop rock band based in Orange County, are preparing to release two new songs and music videos in the coming months as well as perform for Chapman University Program Board’s annual Spring Sizzle event on April 20. Although the band formed in the summer of 2014, it solidified its four members in April 2015. Tony Davia, a sophomore business administration major, is the lead singer and guitarist. Miranda plays the guitar and piano. Lucas Connor, a sophomore theatre major at Irvine Valley College, plays the bass. Lauren Potts, a ‘15 Chapman studio art alumna, plays the drums.


“Our first EP is about youth and the transition into college and the questions you ask yourself about becoming an adult,” Davia said.

When Nightair first started performing, they would play nearly every weekend at a local coffee shop in Fullerton called The Night Owl. It was on one of those weekends that John Velasquez, the band’s current producer and front man of Max and the Moon, was in the audience.

“It wasn’t perfect, but their music made me feel something. It moved something inside of me,” Velasquez said. “When you start working in the music industry, you become numb to a certain degree. That’s when you have to trust your gut when it comes to finding and knowing what is good.”

Nightair recorded two new songs last week to be released in the upcoming months, Davia said. These two songs will be accompanied by music videos directed by sophomore television writing and production major Nicole Doiron.

Davia said that Nightair’s first EP sounds a lot different than what the band sounds like now and that listeners should expect a more mature sound.

“It takes a little while to decide where you’re going to be. At first, we sounded a lot like garage rock because that was all we had to work with,” Davia said. “Things are getting more serious now. We are honing in on a more mature and unique sound.”

On the other hand, Davia said that it was essential that the band learned the basics and the garage rock style enabled that.

“We needed to learn how to write and arrange a song and that is something a lot of bands right now don’t care about because it’s so easy with a laptop to basically make it sound perfect,” Davia said. “You have to have enough responsibility to not cheat and to learn how to be a band before you try to make yourself sound better than you are, because at the end of the day people can see through that.”

Nightair aims to stress the importance of remaining authentic in the music industry since so many artists today get too caught up in making songs sound too perfect, Miranda said.

“There’s no innovation in that,” Miranda said. “We want to play and write music from a genuine place. We are mature musicians and we spend a lot of time to see what is relevant.”

Miranda said being a full-time college student with two majors, juggling many courses alongside band practices and other activities can be a lot.

“You have to be careful about how you spend your time. There’s a lot of sacrifice, but it’s all worth it,” Miranda said.
Change is good for Watson's

Left, Watson's bison barbecue burger costs $16. Right, the alcohol-infused mint chocolate chip shake costs $10 at Watson's.

Megan Abba | Editor-in-Chief

Watson Drugs & Soda Fountain has reopened in the Plaza and has instantly become my Old Towne go-to.

Off of East Chapman Avenue and South Orange Street, the late 1930s- to early 1950s-style locale closed last summer for a full overhaul and officially reopened March 21.

What looked like a dirty truck stop diner is now chic and clean, while maintaining the authenticity of the era with black-and-white classics on TV, newspaper-lined walls, a traditionally-dressed wait staff and music you’d want to hum along to, like “Sherry” by The Four Seasons.

Front Porch Pops, which sold ice pops inside Watson’s, closed to make room for the diner’s old-fashioned ice cream parlor and candy shop. Among my favorites of the renovations are the full bar serving creative cocktails and alcoholic milkshakes and a modern patio area.

I visited Watson’s the day after it opened and the staff’s preparation to answer all of my questions about the menu was different from the traditional Watson’s fare of coffee, which was different from the coffee is a shot of Jameson in black and white, complemented perfectly by the chewy and fatty bacon. The onion rings provided a necessary crunch and the tangy barbecue sauce brought all the flavors together, delivering a nice, spicy kick.

The baked bread was able to absorb all the flavors and sauce without getting soggy or falling apart, a necessary component to a great burger. The tots were crisp but fluffy inside, leaving me smiling while I generously dipped them into ketchup.

I also took advantage of the bar, which had a full line of craft beer on tap, to try a concoction of my two favorite things: chocolate and booz.

The alcoholic milkshake offerings, all $10, include the “Full Moon,” Blue Moon with orange sherbet, “The Elvis,” peanut butter stout and chocolate ice cream, and a chocolate bourbon malt, bourbon, chocolate liqueur, vanilla ice cream and chocolate. I decided to try the mint chocolate chip shake – creme de menthe with chocolate liqueur, vanilla ice cream and chocolate chips, topped with whipped cream and a mint chocolate cookie. Simply put, the milkshake was devilishly sweet with an alcoholic kick that left me buzzin’ but definitely not stumbling home.

For those younger than 21 looking for dessert, Watson’s has nonalcoholic shakes, various baked goods served a la mode and sundaes, including the “9th Wonder of the World” – 12 scoops of ice cream with fudge, fruff, fruff, caramel, candies, cookies, brownies, whipped cream and cherries for $24.

If you’re feeling extra hungry, try the Watson’s Food Challenge, also dubbed the “8th Wonder of the World.” The challenge requires you to eat two pounds of Angus beef with six slices of American cheese, shredded lettuce, onions, tomatoes and “pharmacy sauce” on a huge bun with a pound of fries and a pitcher of drink. If you finish the challenge ($28) in less than an hour, congrats, you’ve won yourself Watson’s merchandise, a sundae for your next visit and your picture on the wall.

Ultimately, Watson’s delicious food and fun vibe left me grinning from ear to ear with sticky fingers and a full belly. The renovations prove that change can truly be good.

Megan Abba | Editor-in-Chief

Ashley Probst | Columnist

Standing in the middle of Dublin’s city center on St. Patrick’s Day reminded me of the last time I wiped out while attempting to surf — slowly suffocating in a sea of green, just trying to find somewhere safe to come up for a breath of fresh air.

This cramped feeling may have been due to my lack of intoxication, which many Americans might find appalling considering that I was in Ireland for one of the biggest drinking holidays in our home country. But that’s just it. St. Patrick’s Day isn’t necessarily as notable to the Irish citizens I was staying with during my visit. It’s typically considered a celebration for tourists to partake in, which explains why I was the only one in our group who was wearing green. I had a mental checklist of drinks that I wanted to order in honor of the holiday: a pint of Guinness, an Irish coffee and an Irish Car Bomb. In the morning, I discovered that an Irish coffee is a shot of Jameson in black coffee, which was different from the drink I was imagining — I ordered a Baileys latte instead because that incorporated the Irish cream liqueur I wanted. I later received a bout of chuckles from my mates when I ordered the pint with lunch, but I just stuck out my tongue and blamed it on being on vacation. I was surprised to find that they had never heard of an Irish Car Bomb before when I inquired about where to get one. It turns out that this particular cocktail is an American creation and isn’t served at any pubs in Ireland. Although I did plan to visit Ireland for St. Patrick’s Day, my main purpose was to experience the country through a native’s perspective and I felt that having an old friend be my local tour guide was both unique and enriching. I was able to learn about the traditional Irish language, as well as modern slang: my favorite term being, “What’s the craic?” or, “Good craic,” (pronounced like crack) which has nothing to do with hard drugs and essentially translates to, “What’s up?” or refers to a generally fun time.

My favorite part of visiting the Emerald Isle was getting a tour of my friend’s school, Trinity College, which is Ireland’s oldest university and home of the Book of Kells — a Gospel book that was created around 800 A.D. On that same day, we walked through the city to the Guinness Storehouse to learn about the brewery’s history and how the famous Irish stout is made. On our way there and during the tour itself, my friend ran into many people that he knew, which highlighted the fact that Ireland is such a small country. Such an occurrence is especially rare in a large city like London.

Ironically enough, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Republic of Ireland claiming its independence from the United Kingdom — and the people sure don’t hold back about how grateful they are about it. It was an interesting perspective as someone who has certainly fallen in love with England, but being able to learn more about Irish history and to get that context was quite enlightening.

To read more about Ashley’s adventures visit www.thepantheronline.com

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4 MONDAY

C.A.R.E.S Red My Lips Campaign

Atallah Piazza
11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

5 TUESDAY

Be The Match

Atallah Piazza
10 - 11 a.m.

6 WEDNESDAY

Cherry Blossom Festival

Atallah Piazza
5 - 8 p.m.

7 THURSDAY

Dance Performance: Concert Intime

Waltmar Theatre
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

8 FRIDAY

The Players’ Society presents: “Rhinoceros”

Beckman Hall 404
7:30 - 10 p.m.
Proposed ordinances are unconstitutional

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fter May 12, the following situation could be a reality. Let’s say, on a typical weekend night, I decide to go to a friend’s house party. Word of the party spreads, and it becomes large or loud enough to be considered “unruly” in the eyes of an irritated neighbor, who calls the Orange Police Department. After a while, squad cars pull up and police officers knock on the door. The place falls hush as my friend comes back inside and informs all the guests that the party is over and we all have to go home. That’s fair enough.

But what is not fair is that, if the Orange City Council passes the proposed amendments to toughen anti-party laws, on my way out of the party, I won’t just be able to go home and go to sleep. No, I will receive a citation on my way out the door, and not just that – I will also get a misdemeanor handed out to me, then the likelihood of parties becoming these alleged gigantic, “Project X” style shindigs seems low, in theory.

Essentially, this measure is being put forward and up for a vote to scare kids out of attending parties altogether. Currently, there is a feeling among some Orange residents that it is too easy for party hosts to evade legal culpability for throwing a “loud and unruly” party. By punishing the guests of the party almost as harshly as the hosts, some of the politicians behind the creation of the enhanced ordinances believe that guests will be more likely to turn in the hosts to authorities.

That’s how petty it has gotten. Rather than improving the current system and working toward a situation that is more favorable for all individuals involved, enormous fines that will scare kids into tattletaling on their friends is the proposed solution. We can do better.

If the goal of these ordinances is to find more balance and harmony between residents and students living in the neighborhood, then I can tell you that these proposed sanctions will do quite the opposite by infringing on our constitutional right to peaceably assemble. Criminalizing students for simply being at a college party is unnecessary and a waste of valuable police time and resources. Imagine how long and how many officers it would take to write citations for each attendee at the average party. I can assure anybody that in that amount of time, far more serious and potentially dangerous crimes will be taking place somewhere else in Orange. I argue that these are a far bigger threat to the community than X-amount of college kids being a little too loud for 10 p.m.

The second reading of the proposed amendments is slated for April 12 at the Orange City Hall. It is up to us as students to organize and share our views on these issues that could have massive implications for our collegiate and professional lives.

Can’t see the transparency

The Panther Editorial Board

Austin Kernan and Tyler Portefield were elected the 2016-17 student government president and vice president, respectively, on March 16. The results were announced around 5 p.m. in the Student Union stage area, but the vote count was not made public.

After sending numerous emails to members of student government and reaching out to multiple sources, The Panther received the final election statistics 16 days after the winners were announced.

If 16 days went by after even a local election without its election numbers being released, it would be widely considered a scandal. When student government eventually shared the numbers, it revealed that 22.45 percent of the Chapman student population voted and that Austin Kernan and Tyler Portefield won the presidential and vice presidential contests by 381 and 109 votes, respectively.

While late may be better than never, the fact that these numbers took so long to be released is not consistent with student government’s pledge to improve transparency. In any democratic election, it is a part of the process to release the raw voter numbers when the winners are announced. Otherwise, it is unfair to the voters to be left in the dark and unsure of how big or small the margins of victory were.

On top of that, elected officials need to maintain a total commitment to honesty and complete openness with their constituents. Trust needs to be at the forefront of a government, and how can that be built or maintained if information is not being made readily and easily available to all constituents? It shouldn’t take an independent student newspaper asking repeatedly for the numbers in order for them to be released to the public. Student government should have just published them in the first place.

 Constituents must remain at the center of the student government’s attention, especially regarding the two-way trust system. If something happens, tell the people about it, and if the people ask a question, provide them with some kind of answer. Otherwise, trust will be damaged, and a government that lacks the trust of its constituents is a broken one.

Student government must work to ensure that these kinds of lapses in transparency remain unacceptable and strive for a real dedication to keeping their constituents in the know.

Here’s to hoping that the freshly-elected 2016-17 executive team do better.
On-campus grocery store is worth consideration

I don’t have a car. As an out-of-town freshman student, I know that I am not the only person with this problem, since I live in Henley Hall, which is commonly located next to campus, this is not a problem for me in terms of my day-to-day routine. If I need to go to class, I walk. If I need to go to the Plaza, I walk. If I need to go somewhere slightly further, I ride my bike. However, every once in a while there comes a time when I simply need groceries. Whether it be food, bottled water or toiletries, there are certain items that require a trip to the grocery store. The problem is that all of the grocery stores in Orange are beyond walking distance from the dorms. Even with a bike, only a certain amount of groceries can be stuffed into a backpack, and carrying any more than that can become an awkward or dangerous process. Many of my friends choose to take an Uber to the stores when there are no other options, but the price of this can add up quickly. As a solution to this problem? An on-campus grocery store.

I am not suggesting that instead of a convenience building, the school should set up a Target in the lot next to the football field. However, a small on-campus grocery store would solve the problems of many students.

This new store should follow the model set by Doy’s Place in the Henley Basement. Doy’s not only is easily accessible for students, but also accepts Pinkies Bucks and is open until 11 p.m. The only downside to Doy’s is that it is very small and extremely limited in the kind of items that it offers.

Ideally, this new grocery store would be open late, accept Panther Bucks and offer a wider range of items such as toiletries that you would find at a store like Target. Also, this store could offer some more diverse food items, such as produce, that would help curb the poor diet habits of many students.

Practically, the potential location of this store could be taught how critical it is for students to be engaged and penalized for simply being students. So, the council to put us in a box and label us as being blindsided in the manner we all thought nobody else is going to. I’ll see you all on April 12.

About the neighborhood advisory committee

In recent months there has been much conversation about the Neighborhood Advisory Committee’s purpose and its relationship with Chapman University. The committee would like to clarify both.

The committee was an outgrowth of discussions between community members and President Jim Dott. It was formed in a spirit of cooperation, with the understanding that there are diverse and valuable opinions about key neighborhood issues that need to be heard. Membership includes representatives from several organizations, ranging from the Old Towne Preservation Association to the Orange Barrio Historical Society, as well as business members, residents and City of Orange Mayor Teresa Smith.

This broad-based membership has fostered robust discussions, a free flow of information, ideas and recommendations. The committee is chaired by Chancellor Daniel Struppa, and Harold Hewitt, executive vice president and COO. A complete membership roster can be found at neighborhoods.chapman.com.

In its first meeting, the Neighborhood Advisory Committee issued this joint statement: “Our discussions will focus on improving the overall relationship with the university and the surrounding community. We will identify key issues that need to be addressed. Future meetings will be held on converting these issues into win-win solutions. The group appreciates the cooperation and collaborative spirit demonstrated by all the participants.”

Since the committee started meeting in November, there have been more prioritized: student housing (with a focus on creating more campus-based housing), plans to reduce the number of private parking to abate parking spillover in neighborhoods, strategies for responding to specials in residential neighborhoods, and preventing further development of party houses in residential neighborhoods, Chapman’s proposed campus plans and related issues, and the appointment of a primary lead university person for community interaction to help the public communicate with Chapman. The topic is being thoroughly discussed, often with additional input from the city and university officials involved to address the committee. Some results from the discussions include the need for the Orange Police Department and Chapman Public Safety to have expressed concerns that some of the city or the university to restrict the freedom of students to enjoy their college years; but it is equally important that we all remember that personal freedom does not give us permission to infringe on other people’s freedom.

This is why the work of the committee is delicate: we all want to balance a refreshing atmosphere of our university, with the right of Orange residents to sleep, and the preservation of their property. Yes, much work remains. But we are encouraged by the progress we’re making. Of course, we don’t always agree on a single best plan, but it is crucially important that we all remember that personal freedom does not give us permission to infringe on other people’s freedom.

Some students, as well as some faculty, have expressed concerns that some of the ideas discussed in the meetings could limit the freedom of students. We hope students and the community will realize that there is no intention on the part of the city or the university to restrict the freedom of students to enjoy their college years; but it is equally important that we all remember that personal freedom does not give us permission to infringe on other people’s freedom.

Check out the full Prowling Panther video on thepantheronline.com

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What is the most cringeworthy music festival trend?

Compiled by Doug Close

The bathrooms are just disgusting, always.”
Golf

The Chapman men’s golf team finished ninth out of 14 teams at this week’s West Cup at Sierra La Verne Country Club. While Chapman struggled as a whole, junior golfer Bryan Wise was a lone bright spot for the Panthers.

Wise finished the tournament in fifth place, just two strokes off the leaders. Four players tied for first place at eight strokes over par in the three-round tournament. Wise was the sole fifth place finisher at 10 strokes over par for the tournament, though he had the best score of the day on Tuesday, with an even-par 70 in the final 18-hole round.

The Panthers will host the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference No. 2 on April 9-10 at the Anaheim Hills Golf Club. Following this, Chapman will have one more tri-match on April 13, before the conference championships on April 23-26.

Track and field

Chapman’s track and field teams had a mixed weekend at the conference’s second multi-duals at the University of Redlands. On the women’s side, freshman long jumper Courtney Justus placed first in the women’s long jump event with a winning distance of 5.4 meters, and freshman Josie Chan finished third in the women’s triple jump with a final distance of 10.71 meters.

On the men’s side, junior Mitchell Bouldin placed fourth in the men’s 100-meter dash and seventh in the 200-meter dash, with times of 10.952 and 22.31 seconds, respectively. In the men’s 800-meter run, freshman Philip Bui placed second, with a time of 2:00.42. Bouldin also finished first in men’s long jump, with a winning distance of 6.8 meters.

The track and field teams will have their next meet on April 9 at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational in Claremont.

Men’s lacrosse

The Chapman’s men’s lacrosse club team faced off against the University of Southern California April 3, defeating the Trojans 14-4, and taking its second conference win of the season. The Panthers, ranked No. 1 in the country in Division I club lacrosse, are 12-0 this season, and have already defeated seven top-25 ranked opponents.

Senior attackers Steve Koressel and Dave Appruzese both had standout performances against the Trojans. Koressel had four goals and an assist, and Appruzese also had four goals. The Panthers never trailed in the game, and with patient passing and precise shooting, finished with an expectedly easy win. Chapman has three conference games left on its schedule, with its toughest challenge expected to come in the last regular season game of the season, when the Panthers will travel to No. 13 University of California, Santa Barbara.

Chapman will play its next two games at home, first on April 5 against the Claremont Colleges before a senior day matchup against Loyola Marymount University on April 9.
Women's water polo sees mixed results

Liam Noonan | Staff Writer

The Chapman women's water polo team had a mixed series of results this week, starting with an exciting finish on March 30, in which the Panthers secured an important conference victory. Chapman beat Occidental College and lost to Division I Brown University at home.

Chapman got off to a strong start in the first game again Occidental (2-0, 0-4), with the Panthers scoring the first three goals of the game and heading into halftime with a 7-4 lead.

The second half played out much the same as the first, as the Panthers (6-16, 3-2) scoring six second-half goals to finish out the game with a 13-8 win.

Senior utility player Allison Quincy led the Panthers in scoring with five goals and sophomore goalkeeper Kerry Goodspeed finished the game with seven saves.

The second game was close throughout, though it started slowly on both sides. The first quarter ended with a 2-1 lead for the Panthers, but Brown (7-0, 1) rallied back and tied the game at 7-7 to end the third quarter. Brown then scored three unanswered goals to start the fourth quarter, which was enough to seal a 10-9 win.

Quincy said that the team's ability to be careful with the ball and advantageous with its chances allowed it to have the offensive success it did on Wednesday night.

"We took good care of the ball and put our shots away against Occidental," Quincy said. "Against Brown, we played well for most of the game. However, we had a tough five or so minutes that our defense broke down and we allowed Brown to take a lead that we were never able to get back."

The Panthers moved into the heart of their conference schedule this weekend, starting with a Saturday, April 2 road game against the University of La Verne.

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Chapman will face Claremont-Mudd-Scripps next at home on April 9.

Women's lacrosse defeats Redlands

Daniel Starkand | Senior Writer

The Chapman women's lacrosse team traveled to the University of Redlands April 2 for a conference match that was able to hang on for a 13-12 victory. The Panthers did not score in the final eight minutes of the game, but the 13 goals they scored prior proved to be enough as Redlands comeback attempt fell just short.

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LAX must keep consistency

Chapman's men's lacrosse team, which is currently in Division I of the Men's Lacrosse Association, is currently ranked No. 1 in the country, and is first in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Panthers (13-0, 2-0) have already proven themselves on numerous occasions this season, defeating No. 21 Sonoma State University (6-3, 2-2), No. 15 Oregon State University (6-3, 3-0), No. 11 Stanford University (7-2, 2-0), No. 10 University of Oregon (9-2, 4-0), No. 6 University of Colorado, Boulder (6-3, 2-0) and No. 5 Brigham Young University (9-2, 1-0).

Chapman defeated the University of Southern California on April 13 and now have three conference games left. Chapman will be heavy favorites for each, though the team has proven they have a tough away game against No. 13 University of California, Santa Barbara to end the regular season.

The Panthers are led by senior attacker and captain Steve Koreszel – who scored his 100th career point against Dakota Wesleyan University honors last season – senior attacker Dave Apprezzese and sophomore attacker Wes Greason. Apprezzese and Greason have tallied a whopping 47, 48 and 38 points, respectively over the season. Greason has been the most efficient of the three, averaging over 4.2 points per game, despite missing two games.

Chapman is likely eager to get back into the playoffs after being ousted by 2015 champion Grand Canyon University last year. Grand Canyon defeated the Panthers in the semifinal round of the playoffs hosted at Wilson Field, also where the final four of the playoffs will be held again this year.

Chapman has already proven this season that it has the ability to take on top-tier opponents, and it will only be a matter of the Panthers continuing their high-level of play into and throughout the playoffs. Ultimately, the only team that can really stop Chapman is returning to the final four and winning a national championship is Chapman. The Panthers are 10-2-1, while No. 1 is the country, is first in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, with four conference games left on its schedule. The women are also currently ranked No. 5 in the West region for Division III women's lacrosse.

Though certain players like junior attacker Gretchen Rodenberger (35 goals, No. 3 in conference), sophomore midfielder Stacey Zuppa (17 assists, No. 5 in conference, 38 points, No. 10 in conference) and senior midfielder Brooke Martini (36 points, No. 1 in conference) have stood out, the team has found consistency through its balanced scoring and passing efforts. The women's team is in a similar situation as the men's team – it has enough quality in its roster to see off any opponent it faces, but that quality will have to show up every game in order for the Panthers to maintain the No. 1 seed heading into the playoffs. Both teams will find themselves to be the biggest obstacle for their opponent's season, and eventual playoffs ahead, but based on their levels of consistent play this season, there is no reason to expect either will drop off.
Baseball wins seven straight

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With the season well underway and the last stretch of conference games coming up, the Chapman baseball team won its seventh-straight game (sixth in conference play) as it swept the University of Redlands in a three-game series April 1-2. The Panthers (17-10, 11-4) began the weekend with a 7-3 victory over the visiting Bulldogs (17-11, 10-8) April 1. “It feels nice,” said sophomore second baseman Gavin Blodgett. “We did our job and we were able to come back in game three and win that game which was huge. All three games were good all around team wins.”

The game was held fairly close, with the Bulldogs leading until the fifth inning. In the fifth inning, the Panthers turned a 2-1 deficit into a 5-2 lead with the help of a three-run home run by sophomore first baseman Jared Love. The home run set the Panthers apart of games we have played well and it’s result in a good win streak. The main little low for the rest of the game.”

“We definitely could have hit better,” said freshman infielder Elizabeth Runge. “We got people on base, but we were struggling trying to score. We just need to keep working hard and supporting each other.”

Chapman (9-13, 3-9) jumped out to an early 3-2 lead in its first game against Pomona-Pitzer (17-17, 4-8) but Pomona-Pitzer scored two runs in the fourth inning and two runs in the fifth inning to take the lead and secure a 6-4 victory. Freshman pitcher Samantha Whalen got the start on the mound and went 4⅓ innings, giving up nine hits and six runs while striking out two batters and walking one. Senior catcher Lisa Perez hit her third home run of the season in the first game and carried that momentum in the second game when she went 3-for-4 and drove in a run in the team’s only victory of the weekend, helping the Panthers to a 5-3 victory.

The Chapman bats went cold on Thursday, as they scored just seven runs in both games. Senior pitcher Natalie Both pitched the first two innings of the first game and gave up just one hit and no runs, but was then replaced by Whalen, who struggled and gave up three hits and seven earned runs while retiring just one hitter. La Verne scored eight runs in that inning and coasted to the victory.

“We’ve come back from a nine run deficit two years ago against La Verne so I still thought we could come back and win it,” Perez said. “But it’s definitely hard to keep our heads up after a bad inning so I do think our spirits were a little low for the rest of the game.”

That momentum was then carried into the second game of the doubleheader where a two-run third inning and a six-run fourth inning put the game out of reach once again for the Panthers.

The losses dropped Chapman to seventh place out of eight teams in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Although there are 16 remaining conference games, Chapman currently finds itself on the outside looking in to the conference tournament which features the four top teams in the conference.

“Individually we are all really talented. We just need to find that spark to make it all come together,” Perez said.

Chapman plays University of Redlands next in a doubleheader April 9 at noon. Head Coach Janet Lloyd declined to comment.