Almost half of all Chapman alcohol-related incidents in fall 2016 occurred in the first month of the school year.

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The IFC approved the addition of a new fraternity, which has had six chapters shut down nationally in five years.

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Daniele Struppa reflects on his first year of presidency, Chapman’s growth and the university’s five-year plan.

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Some students said they drink to have a better time in social situations and to feel more confident.

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Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson spikes against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 23. The Panthers have won seven games in a row. Sports, Page 15
Chapman’s Interfraternity Council (IFC) will welcome its ninth fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi (Delta Sig), to campus this year. The fraternity has had at least six chapters disaffiliate over the past five years from college campuses nationwide.

We understand there have been violations with other chapters — we’re not pretending they don’t happen...

- Jaclyn Dreschler, Greek life program coordinator

Delta Sig chapters have also been shut down at San Diego State University due to the disruption of a “Take Back the Night” march against sexual assault, and at High Point University in 2012 due to allegations of a hazing-related death.

We want to continue the idea of being a diverse fraternity. We want to be atypical.

- Joe Burns, Delta Sigma Phi recruitment specialist

These violations do not set a precedent for what Delta Sig’s chapter at Chapman will be like, Dreschler said. “This national organization is quick to shut down chapters because they think (the misconduct) is unacceptable and they need a fresh start,” she said. “I think some other national organizations are a little bit more liberal with what is acceptable (in terms of hazing, drug and alcohol-related misconduct).”

Dreschler said the Greek life program’s expansion committee takes a national chapter’s “character” into account, in terms of its risk management policies, philanthropy and values. “I think as a whole, what they were able to offer was similar in all of the organizations, but in terms of support throughout their colonization process, from alumni and from their national office, Delta Sig stood out,” Dreschler said.

Once selected, each fraternity has a plan for establishing itself on campus. When a chapter charters, it means the fraternity’s expansion team, as well as a group of interested students, are given permission to establish themselves and officially initiate members through the national organization.

With recent expansions of Delta Sig at schools like Loyola Marymount University and the University of California, Irvine, the groups typically charter within 12 to 15 months, Burns told The Panther in April. It took Loyola Marymount University three semesters to charter.

Delta Sig will have two fully trained recruitment specialists on Chapman’s campus for six weeks following IFC’s spring 2018 rush, with an additional leadership specialist the last week to help select the leadership of the fraternity, Burns said.

Delta Sig is known as the first fraternity to initiate men without regard to race, religion or creed, Burns said in his April presentation. “We are the first nonsectarian fraternity in existence,” Burns said in his presentation. “We want to continue the idea of being a diverse fraternity. We want to be atypical.”

Turn to page 12 to read the editorial about the new fraternity.
The number of bicycle thefts at Chapman has been increasing over the past few years, with 12 reports made since the beginning of this semester alone.

Thirty-one bikes have been reported stolen so far in 2017, compared to 50 total in 2016 and 49 in 2015.

Bike theft is the most common crime at Chapman, said Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba.

“That’s one of our biggest problems every year, simply because we have so many bikes all in a condensed area,” said Burba.

A lot of the thefts on campus are opportunity crimes, Burba said.

“At the start of the semester, we get a lot of bikes that get left behind, so there’s also a lot of unattended bikes,” he said. “It creates this environment where it’s easier to come and find a bike to take when you have so many in that area.”

Burba said that, recently, those who have been caught or arrested for stealing bikes have not been students.

“We have a big increase in the homeless population, and there’s some within that group that will go by and just grab a bike for easy transportation,” he said. “Opportunity thieves, people from other towns, some homeless, passers-through, people wanting to sell them for drug or alcohol money — there is no one type of bike thief. It’s a variety of possible thieves.”

Public Safety has been working with the Orange Police Department to handle the issue of bike thefts on campus.

“We tell them where we have the problems, so they can also tell their patrol officers to keep an eye on that particular area,” Burba said. “They have actually made a couple arrests in our area of stolen bikes, so the joint effort clearly does make a difference.”

Public Safety patrols the campus 24/7, he said, and there are almost 400 cameras on campus.

“A lot of bike racks are within camera view and we do solve some of (the thefts) with cameras. We just made an arrest the other night that we saw on camera,” he said.

Chandana Srinivas, a junior strategic and corporate communication major, had the front tire of her bike stolen last semester. Srinivas says her bike was worth almost $300.

“I keep my bike in the living room so that some idiot doesn’t take my tire again and leave a useless bike for me to use and repair,” Srinivas said.

“And because I feel like Public Safety doesn’t really have that much control over who comes in and out of our campus, especially the Residence Life area.”

Burba said that, in his time at Chapman, he has seen a wide range in price for the stolen bikes, from $50 to $1,000.

Jessica Tredota, a sophomore undeclared major, said that her bike was stolen from her apartment complex.

“My bike was my main way to get to and from campus. Since I don’t have a car, and my bike just got stolen, I feel very limited and out of control,” Tredota said. “My roommates have cars and they do give me rides on some of the days if our schedules align. But if they don’t align, then I’m basically forced to spend more money on taking an Uber or just spend more time getting home by just walking.”

Tredota lives about two miles from Chapman.

To prevent these thefts from happening, Burba said he encourages students to register their bikes, which is free.

“We’ve had some success stories of some bikes getting returned to some students here at Chapman,” Burba said.

Burba also encourages the use of a u-type lock, because cable locks are “fairly simple to defeat with a good pair of garden shears.”

Srinivas said that more precautions should be taken to prevent bike theft on campus.

“There needs to be some sort of service that will reduce campus trespassers with ill-intentions,” she said. “We are such an open campus though that is sometimes really good for us to stay connected with the surrounding community, it can also be a really negative thing for the students here.”

Thirty-one bikes have been stolen so far in 2017, compared to the 50 total bikes stolen in 2016, according to Public Safety. Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba said that bike theft is the most common campus crime.
Four new senators were elected to student government Sept. 20, filling three student organization senate seats and one underclassman senate seat.

About 17 percent of the student body – 1,156 students – voted in this election, which is a five percent increase in voter turnout from the last election.

Of the 22 total candidates, 14 students ran for the three student organization senate seats, which went to Tyler Brooks, Maytal Sarafian and Erin Mason.

“I truly campaigned at my fullest, from meeting people before class and performing magic (from) table to table in the dining commons and other locations around campus,” Brooks said. “I strove to develop a personal connection with everyone I met,” Brooks said.

Brooks, a freshman business administration major, earned 21 percent of the vote, while Sarafian and Mason received 11 and 10 percent respectively.

Brooks earned 498 of the 2,366 votes cast for the student organization senate seat, with the number of eligible voters at 8,744.

Brooks’s first initiative as a senator will be to meet and learn about the various goals of each organization, he said.

Student government could not provide The Panther with the total number of students who voted for the student organization seats, because individuals were allowed to vote for up to three candidates for that senate seat.

“I believe that learning about each club will allow me to better advocate for and advise them when needed,” Brooks said. “Additionally, I am currently working with the User Experience Society at Chapman, an organization that specializes in website design, to create websites for the various clubs and organizations on campus.”

Mason, who earned 225 out of the 2,366 votes for a student organization senate seat, said that two of her goals are to add an ice machine to the dorms and “bring more attention” to sports events.

“I feel ready to serve the student body,” Mason said. “My plan is to be the voice for the student organizations and show them that they made the right choice.”

Sarafian received 266 out of the 2,366 votes cast for a student organization senate seat. She did not respond to a request for comment from The Panther.

Eight students ran for the underclassman senate seat. Saba Amid, a freshman political science major, won with 181 out of 1,156 votes, or 15 percent of the vote.

“Winning always comes as a surprise,” Amid said. “Now that I have a senate seat, I really look forward to implementing changes like the water filling stations, getting input from students and increasing transparency.”

Four senators were elected to student government. Left: About 17 percent of the student body voted in the election.
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Top floor of residential lot allocated to help with parking issues

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

To alleviate the pressure on high-demand parking areas during peak times, the top level of the Jim Miller Parking Structure outside residential halls was designated Sept. 11 for commuter students and faculty, said Sheryl Boyd, the assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services.

The reallocation for overflow parking could take away as many as 75 spots from residents during its allotted hours (Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) Although the additional parking is designated for commuters during these times, it is not being used as much as parking and transportation services thought it would be because it’s “too far away,” Boyd said.

So far, we average less than 10 students using it, which is the same with the Villa Park Orchards lot for overflow. We’re averaging at less than 10 people who are taking advantage of that,” she said. “You can look on the cameras, you can go to physical counts and they’re not using it.

Laurel Speck, a junior television and film major, said that she hasn’t used the new overflow parking, and that she doesn’t think it will make a significant difference for most other commuter students.

“I would rather sit in Lastinger (Parking Structure) and wait to find someone who is leaving than drive up the hill to find a free spot,” she said. “You’re going to go there for hours. I feel like it would take me longer to get from the top floor of Jim Miller to campus than it would to just park in Dodge or wait for someone in Lastinger to leave,” she said.

Freshman biochemistry and molecular biology major Hana Neutz said parking at the dorms isn’t always easy, but she hasn’t noticed a difference since the spots were reallocated for commuters Sept. 11.

“I only park there on Monday nights, because I’m a resident,” she said. “I feel like it’s better for me than the dorm lots.”

Students were notified Sept. 11 that people with commuter parking passes are allowed to park on the top floor of the Jim Miller Parking lot to alleviate parking problems.

Still, Sudhalkar is skeptical of how efficient using the newly allocated Jim Miller parking will be for commuter students.

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Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Gender-neutral restroom added to Argyros Forum

A single-user restroom has been added to the first floor of Argyros Forum.

Although Dean of Students Jerry Price told The Panther last semester that the university didn’t have plans to build all-gender bathrooms in existing buildings, he said that he started this project toward the end of the spring semester to accommodate transgender students and staff on campus.

“We feel like students in particular, but also staff and visitors to campus, would benefit from a single-user restroom,” said Price. “Primarily in our case, it has been for students who identify as transgender, but also because the visitor center is here.”

While Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill in September 2016 that required all single-user restrooms to be converted into gender-inclusive restrooms, Chapman didn’t need to renovate any of its existing single-use restrooms because they already met that criteria.

Campus Planning and Operations Kris Olsen told The Panther last March that the university didn’t need to renovate any of its existing single-use restrooms because they already met that criteria.

“We found out if we shifted one of their offices, we can make two restrooms, side-by-side – one for the public and one for the employees.”

Alicia Correa, a senior violin performance major and transgender student who uses they/them/their pronouns, did not know that the bathroom had been added to Argyros Forum.

“I didn’t even know about its existence. It seems really far out of the way. I wish they had a sign for it,” Correa said. “I really like that they added it, though.”

Price said that he would have preferred to build a gender-inclusive restroom with several stalls on the bottom floor, but the addition of a single-user restroom made more sense with the location of Pankey Visitor Center.

“A lot of the times, we have events with parents and small children, they aren’t as comfortable taking their small children into the (multi-stall restrooms),” Price said. “I felt strongly that this being in the hub of student activity on campus, that we really needed some option here.”

Chapman also has plans to add new single-user, gender-inclusive restrooms to renovated buildings like Reeves Hall and Roosevelt Hall, and new buildings like the Center for Science and Technology.

Like Correa, other students said that they were unaware of the location of the new restroom until Price emailed the student body his weekly announcements Sept. 11.

Senior sociology major Kristin Nystie said she felt that the information about the new restroom was buried at the bottom of his email.

“There could’ve been more attention given to that. I bet a lot of people don’t even know it’s there,” Nystie said. “I feel like a statement could’ve been made explaining what it was for, too. It’s something progressive to be proud of.”

Price said his email was the first time the new restroom had been announced.

“This is just a pre-opening, we don’t even have signs up in the hallway. I don’t even know who is aware of it since I now put it in the announcements, so I haven’t gotten any feedback on its location,” Price said.

Junior creative writing major Tori O’Leary said that the new restroom is a “great idea.”

“IT’s glad to see our school is accepting and understanding of its students,” O’Leary said. “We’re a unified group and we need to provide a necessity like that for those who need it.”

The addition of the restroom takes up a part of the Sodexo office space in the back of the first floor of Argyros Forum. Price said the company, which provides Chapman’s food, was “incredibly flexible” about sharing its space.

To read a column about single-user restrooms, turn to page 12.
SGA initiative may allow students to use declining balance in Plaza

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

Students may soon be able to buy a coffee at The Aussie Bean or a sandwich at The Filling Station using their declining balances at some restaurants in Old Towne Orange in the administrative approval stage, he said.

Declining balance is a method of payment that Chapman students can use that is similar to a debit account. Money can be added to the students’ accounts as needed, and students can make purchases at restaurants and shops on campus with student ID cards. The purchases are tax-free.

The project has gone through student government, the Financial Services Department and Chapman Restaurant Services. It is now in the hands of Chapman’s Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt, awaiting approval. Rosenberg said.

The administration will look into the security and technology issues to make such transactions possible, and report back to Mr. Rosenberg as to our findings,” Hewitt wrote in an email to The Panther.

Hewitt did not specify a timeline for the approval of the project.

Rosenberg told The Panther earlier this month that one of his goals for the first month of his presidency was to make progress on the project, because many other colleges, like Loyola Marymount and University of Akron allow students to shop off campus, this is a new venture for Chapman, because businesses in the Orange Plaza have never accepted declining balance as a form of payment, although student government previously proposed the use of Panther Bucks in the Plaza in October 2016.

If approved by the administration and businesses in the Plaza, there would be limitations to where declining balance could be spent off campus, including businesses like The District Lounge or O’Hara’s Pub, compared to restaurants like Bruxie or The Filling Station, Rosenberg said.

“If there are any businesses that center around alcohol, they won’t be eligible to be included in this project,” Rosenberg said. “Ultimately, it would come down to the university for judgment.”

Negron agreed with Wilkinson that the use of declining balance would benefit Chapman students.

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Dean of Students Jerry Price said that there are three components that will need to be addressed before the proposal is approved: the financial aspect, Chapman’s partnership with Sodexo and how the initiative would affect community relations.

If the project is approved, students or their parents would load the declining balance through Blackboard, then go to a merchant and pay. Blackboard would then reimburse the merchant for their purchase. Rosenberg said. It is not yet known specifically how the merchants would be reimbursed.

Merchants would also be charged a transaction fee that would go back to Chapman. Although the transaction fee might appear to be a setback, for some local business owners, the benefits of the program would outweigh the costs.

Kenneth Negron, the manager of The Filling Station, said that students make up a large number of the restaurant’s customers. Negron said he would be willing to include The Filling Station in this potential program if billing could be worked out with the university.

“If we can work out billing, and also take into consideration how this would affect the tip at the end of a student’s meal, then I’m completely willing to work it out,” Negron said.

Gavin Wilkinson, the owner of The Aussie Bean coffee shop located on East Maple Avenue, said that he would “love to accept the declining balance.”

“If you love to accept the declining balance.”

“I think that the university supports the town, and that the town should reciprocate and support the university.” Wilkinson said. “We enjoy having students here at our business, so The Aussie Bean is on board.”

Price agrees that he thinks this initiative could have a positive impact on community relations between Chapman and Orange.

“We are always looking for ways in which we can enhance interactions with the community,” Price said.

“Something like this could work out to and be a big help.”

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When sophomore Sienna Newton goes out with friends, she likes to drink. The psychology and strategic and corporate communication major said she drinks about once a week with her friends, and can consume about six drinks in one night. At her worst, she will feel too hungover the next day to be productive, she said. "I think I’m just a casual drinker. I don’t think it’s a problem as long as you don’t binge drink constantly," Newton said.

Although Newton is typically able to stop at six drinks, she can still be considered a binge drinker. Binge drinking occurs when blood alcohol content levels reach 0.08 grams per deciliter, which is typically after four drinks for women and five for men, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Almost 60 percent of college students reported drinking alcohol in the past month and nearly two-thirds of them were binge drinking, according to a 2014 national survey by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

At Chapman, 47.4 percent of all alcohol-related incidents in the fall 2016 semester occurred in the first month, according to data provided by Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba. Burba reported that 11 alcohol-related incidents have taken place since the beginning of the semester, in late August. These incidents include minors in possession of alcohol, medical aids involving alcohol intoxication, alcohol-related ambulance transports, public intoxication, student policy violations - like empty alcohol containers in dorm rooms - and providing alcohol to a minor.

Newton said that binge drinking in college is "not a secret," which is why Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith hosts Healthy Panther sessions every year during Orientation Week to warn new students about the risks of excessive alcohol and drug use in social settings. "Alcohol doesn’t cause bad things to happen," Smith told The Panther. "Alcohol makes people vulnerable." Binge drinking can be especially dangerous for freshmen, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The first six weeks of a student’s first year is "a vulnerable time for heavy drinking and alcohol-related consequences because of student expectations and social pressures at the start of the academic year," the institute said.

Newton said that some of her peers freshman year felt pressure to binge drink in order to explore their newfound freedom away from home. "For some people, it’s their first time drinking and it is connected with adulthood and making your own decisions," Newton said. "Some people might think that you look cool and older if you drink."

Smith attributes the number of first-month incidents to "the college effect," which she cites in her dissertation as "the increased and excessive use of alcohol by first-year college students residing in dorms when compared to same-age peers not attending college." "Mom and dad aren’t here to be hall monitor to make sure they are behaving," Smith said. "I think too much freedom too soon without practice with healthy coping skills can set students up to get in trouble."

Some students binge drink as a coping mechanism, said Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith. She encourages these students to visit the Student Psychological Counseling Services.

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Tyler Miller | Staff Writer

Valeriya Lozovan has only been to a Chapman party sober once, and she felt awkward and bored, she said. After that, she refused to go to another Chapman party without drinking first. "When I drink, I feel really good," Lozovan, a sophomore political science major, said. "It makes me feel confident about myself and it makes me feel more fun. I feel like people like being around me when I'm drunk."

Some Chapman students said they drink because they have a better time in social situations, feel more confident and make connections with the people they are drinking with. Motivating factors to drink, as identified by a Cooper and Colleagues study conducted by the National Center for Biotechnology, include mood enhancement, tension reduction and social motives. Lozovan said she started drinking when she was 12 years old. "I'm from Ukraine, and the culture there is that everyone starts drinking very early," Lozovan said. "People in America don't really know how to drink because kids here are sheltered from alcohol by their parents when they are younger, so when they get to college, they 'go hard' with alcohol. But in Europe, because we are exposed to it from an early age, once we get to college we don't find that it is something we have to drink a lot of."

Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith recognizes that some students will binge drink not only to rebel against years of parental restriction, but also to numb their stress, anxiety or other mental issues. "There are students who battle anxiety disorders, or anxiety in general, and some try to self-medicate with alcohol, pot or other drugs. This cycle can get them into trouble because it doesn't help with the original problem of anxiety and simply adds another: alcohol or drug issues," Smith said. "What the student needs to do is get some help for the anxiety."

From the different tastes of alcohol to the sensation it provides, senior creative writing major Kiki Dy said she loves every aspect of alcohol. "I feel kind of guilty because my friends don't," Dy said. "They don't like the taste and they don't love the feeling, but I love it."

Dy, who started casually drinking with her family when she was 12, says that her early exposure to alcohol allowed her to work out the kinks of drinking that college students who previously have not been exposed to alcohol can experience. "I learned my limits during high school," Dy says. "I've been in control, and I've had nothing but good experiences. I'm a mature drinker now."

Dy's recipe for a good night out is made up of close friends and alcohol, she said. "I prefer to drink with close friends," Dy said. "If I go out, it's with close friends or with people I know I will be entertained by."

Jerry Hu, a sophomore creative producing major, said he doesn't drink regularly because it's too expensive and he doesn't feel like it's a necessity. "It feels good in a sense, but I don't want to be in that state of mind all the time," Hu said. "I don't like parties anyway because there are a lot of people. It is sweaty and there is loud music and intoxicated people. If I'm sober, I don't think I'd be able to deal with all those people."

Hu thinks that ultimately, the decision to drink is personal. "Everyone has their limits, everyone has different study habits and learning styles, and if alcohol affects them, then it's their decision to either continue it or stop it," Hu said.

Emiko Kaneoka contributed to this report.

### Psychology professor perspective:

**Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer**

Although students might binge drink because it’s “fun,” psychology professor Steven Schandler said that the deeper reasons for excessive alcohol consumption are stress, anxiety, insecurity, a desire to fit in and relationship trauma.

"It’s one thing to periodically do it, but if you can link binge drinking to midterms or classes, that’s self-medication," Schandler said. Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant, which can temporarily relieve stress and anxiety through its pharmacological effects, Schandler said. When dealing with relationship trauma, students may also use alcohol as a psychoactive substance to slow down the brain, and ultimately provide an escape from their thoughts.

"People facing relationship trauma are looking for some level of escape," Schandler said. "Alcohol is a way of pharmacologically doing that." However, insecurity and desire to fit in aren’t directly impacted by alcohol consumption, he said. Instead, Schandler said that people facing these problems may binge drink if the people who make them feel secure also consume alcohol socially.

Schandler said that when binge drinking is used to solve these psychological problems, it only provides a temporary solution. Cognitive behavioral therapy can be used to treat these problems by working within the patient’s mind instead of relying on alcohol.

"Every one of these things is experienced by every one of us. Our reaction to them is what produces the negatives or positives," Schandler said. "The question is how much do you want to be in control, or how much of that control do you want to give to something else?"
Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer

When President Emeritus Jim Doti passed the presidential torch to Daniele Struppa after 25 years, Struppa said that Doti gave him a vital piece of advice that stuck.

"The advice he gave to me when I took this job was to treat people with respect," Struppa said. "If you treat people with respect, you will understand that they have different ideas, and that makes the job much easier." Struppa became president Sept. 1, 2016, and was officially inaugurated on Sept. 30. One year later, he has created a legacy of his own.

Struppa said the university has had a record-breaking year in fundraising, and that in the next five years, he hopes the endowment will be more than half a billion dollars. As of last spring, Chapman's endowment was $322 million. Struppa said that he is proposing to the Board of Trustees that the new money acquired be used solely for scholarships.

Also in the last year, Struppa said that he has seen growth in the Chapman community because of the political and academic discussion that has taken place.

Encouraging students to be politically or socially active is something Dean of Students Jerry Price said has been vital to the campus.

"(Struppa and I) share this notion of the value of freedom of academic expression," Price said. "For us, it's not a political issue, it's one of academic value." Every five-year plan is known as the strategic plan, serves as a roadmap for the university's goals. Struppa said he is currently making the transition to the next five-year plan, and he is eager to share the accomplishments of the last one, which he developed as chancellor, with university personnel this semester.

As the university transitions into its next five-year plan, which will take place over the course of this academic year, Struppa said part of what he wants to enhance is an initiative called the "Chapman experience," which is a philosophy to make faculty and resources accessible to students, parents, alumni and donors.

"I like to see us offering real top-notch services to students who apply, students who join us, and alumni," he said. Struppa said he wants the university to be more forgiving when, for example, students miss a payment or feel like they aren't getting the assistance they need academically or financially.

"We still have a lot of ways that we can improve. It's helpful that my daughter is a student here, so sometimes I see the obstacles that we create unwillingly," he said. "When people complain, I don't take it as an offense. I take it as an opportunity to help."

Apart from the newest strategic plan, Struppa said the last five years have been the most successful from an academic standpoint, with strides made in the Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences and the creation of the School of Pharmacy.

He wants to further develop the university-owned buildings on the Rinker Campus in Irvine over the next five years, and hopes that a school of engineering open by 2020, after it is approved by the board. In February, Dale and Sarah Ann Fowler donated $45 million toward building an engineering school in the Center for Science and Technology.

Abigail Atchinson, a senior computer science major, said she likes what Struppa is doing for the sciences, and it's refreshing to see a president with a background in physics and mathematics.

"I was really excited to see Struppa become president because I think Chapman has a lot of potential to expand its science and technology wing. It'll be cool to see that grow and overlap with our reputation of Dodge," she said.

In the last year specifically, one thing Struppa said that he's proud of is the opening of the Cross-Cultural Center in February, because he wants students to know that the university is supporting diversity and discussion in the national political and social climate. A cross-cultural center was something that Doti had vowed would never happen as long as he was president.

Struppa also said that his experience as president has allowed him to receive a more direct and positive reception from students.

"When I became president, I'd been at Chapman for 10 years already, so it's kind of an unusual situation. Most of the time when people become president, it's a new university for them, so there is a period of discovery. For me, that was very different," he said. "One of the things that has made my job really nice that I wasn't expecting is how students embrace me, I feel this is an extension of my home."
Seinfeld’s Netflix special reminiscent of simple 90s humor

By Jamie Altman | Editor-in-Chief

The most Jewish thing about me is probably how much I love Jerry Seinfeld.

I grew up watching “Seinfeld” reruns with my dad at my house, we drink out of a mug that says “No soup for you!” I’ve spent more hours than I’d like admitting playing Seinfeld Scene-It, and when I was editor-in-chief of my high school newspaper, I added a Seinfeld quote of the week next to the staff box.

Although the series ended before I was even old enough to watch TV, my family and I have managed to keep “the show about nothing” alive. This is why when comedy special “Jerry Before Seinfeld” popped up in my Netflix queue Sept. 19, I eagerly pressed play.

Decades after propelling to superstar comedic fame and writing and starring in a nine-year sitcom that won three Golden Globes and 10 Emmys, Seinfeld returns to the New York City stage at which he started, back when he was a nobody living in a shoebox apartment.

Onstage in front of a live audience, Seinfeld chronicles his life, from growing up in the South Bronx to performing on stage for free during the 1970s, a time he said when stand-up comedians were “the new hot thing.”

“I would come over here in the middle of the day and I would make a hamburger,” he said. “I would have another hamburger at night, and I was consuming about 30 pounds of chopped meat a month. I was like a trained seal coming in here, just feeding me and I would come up (and tell jokes).”

Between different phases of his life, the hour-long episode would cut to Seinfeld in various places in New York City that were significant to his comedy career, including his childhood home and a Manhattan intersection where he would just watch people all day.

“You would have been funnier if I grew up in Peoria in a whorehouse raised by prostitutes? Absolutely,” Seinfeld said, standing in front of his South Bronx house. “But that is what I had to work with.”

But to me, Seinfeld is uniquely funny because he is able to turn mundane everyday events into humor; he doesn’t rely on sex and hookup culture to make people laugh. Jokes about lying on the bank floor out of boredom and slipping in the shower while listening to the radio were reminiscent of the simple humor that makes “Seinfeld,” which created entire episodes about waiting for a table at a Chinese restaurant or looking for a car in a parking lot.

“Greetings from the special, Seinfeld sits in the middle of a long suburban street that is covered in thousands of sheets of paper; he had kept every joke he had ever written. Sitting cross-legged, Seinfeld looks at these jokes with humility and appreciation, explaining to the camera why he thought specific bits were funny or not.

Seinfeld’s comedy works not because he lands every joke, which he didn’t. Some bits cracked me up, and others made me want to lie on the floor out of boredom. But Seinfeld is funny because he is relatable. He is able to take something simple – such as the difference in prepositions between getting on a train and getting in a cab – and make the audience think, “How have I never thought this was funny before?”

Not just any comedian can earn laughs by wondering how newspapers are able to fit whatever happens in the world right into pages every day. (And yes, this was a Seinfeld quote of the week in high school.)

The iPhone 8 was released Sept. 21.

iphone 8: not worth the hype

By Valeriya Lozovan | Contributor

I purchased a new iPhone every year because, to me, Apple is a company that is changing the world. But this year, Apple did not wow me, and I chose not to buy the new phone for the first time since 2006.

Every fall, Apple releases a new iPhone. Many watch the special event, waiting for Apple CEO Tim Cook to announce the new device, but was this year one worth the wait? No, not really.

The new phone just reminds me of the iPhone 7: It has a home button, the headphone jack is gone and you still get to pick between two sizes. The iPhone 8 starts at $699 and iPhone 8 Plus at $799, so the pricing didn’t change much, either. Although it is my favorite phone, the design is beautiful. The phone comes in three different colors: space gray, gold and silver. You can choose between a white or black screen in the front, but with this phone, the back is also made out of glass.

When I first heard that the phone will be made out of glass, I imagined that it would crack easily. Luckily, Apple considered people like me — the ones who do not know how to hold objects properly — so the new iPhone is made out of durable glass that should not break easily.

However, there is one game-changer. You know that feeling when you take a screenshot of a fraternity member’s Instagram post and you want to send it to your friends right on your phone? When you take a screenshot, the picture appears in the left corner of your phone and you can share it with your friend, edit the screenshot and delete it right away so no one catches you stalking.

The new iPhone is nothing special. It does have a pretty finish to it, the new camera is great and you can charge it without physically plugging it into the charger. The new system allows the phone to be charged quickly by being placed on a pad without needing to be plugged in. Other than that, the iPhone 8 is not something I would purchase. If you absolutely need a new phone, go for it. But if your phone still works, don’t bother upgrading to iPhone 8 so you can use it when you phone that basically own already. Until we get to see what the iPhone X looks like, iPhone 7, I’m stuck with you.
New restroom, same problems

On Sept. 11, Dean of Students Jerry Price announced in his weekly email the installation of a new single-user gender inclusive restroom on the first floor of Argyros Forum. This addition is a pretty big deal. Transgender students and advocates have been pushing the administration for more gender-inclusive restrooms on campus for at least the last two years that I have been on campus. Despite the efforts made by student activists, Chapman had no plans to add any single-user restrooms to buildings that were not being renovated or built, yet a new restroom has found its way inside Argyros Forum.

While writing this piece, I had to think about my objective. I don’t want to speak for transgender voices about genderqueer issues. I don’t want to tell you what issues transgender students face. Students like ’17 alumna Landyn Pan and junior Kyler Asato have already written columns that can speak far more eloquently to that than I can. Rather, I’d like to discuss Chapman’s flaws when it comes to listening to students’ voices.

I am grateful that the administration listened to students, and that it was willing to problem-solve. In the past, Price said that no new bathrooms were being added to older buildings because of plumbing. By thinking outside the box, Price and others involved in the project were finally able to meet students’ needs.

“We found out if we shifted one of (Sodexo’s) offices, we can make two restrooms, side-by-side – one for the public and one for the employees,” Price said.

But someone’s need to feel comfortable using a public restroom is a basic one that should have been met with more urgency.

The new single-use restroom is one of 12 on Chapman’s campus, including Residence Life areas. Students, staff and faculty who do not feel comfortable using binary-defined bathrooms or who don’t fit into part of typical gender-defined roles should not be subjected to long walks across campus to find somewhere to relieve themselves.

The Student Union, typically viewed as the hub of campus life, did not have somewhere for its transgender population to pee inside.

The news was in Price’s weekly announcements, but the lengthy email is often skewed, and there hasn’t been much attention brought to the restroom at all. There aren’t even signs to let anyone know it’s in the building. Price referred to this as a “pre-opening,” but this information could easily be made more accessible.

Supporting transgender students should not be controversial. It was possible to find a way to make the plumbing work in Argyros Forum, there may be ways to add more restrooms across campus. The key to this is urgency and the willingness to empathize with student concerns. Instead of just saying it’s not possible, find out if it really is possible.

Students had to ask for a Cross-Cultural Center for more than a decade before it was built. In the era of President Daniele Struppa, the center was created in no time. I hope that all faculty and administration will actively and urgently work toward progress with marginalized communities on this campus.

Olive Harden
Opinions Editor

More fraternities add fuel to the fire

Chapman’s Interfraternity Council (IFC) will welcome its ninth fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, to campus this fall after voting to expand last fall. However, that fraternity has had six chapters over the past five years from college campuses nationwide disaffiliate due to hazing, alcohol and drug violations.

Chapman’s decision to add this fraternity is bizarre when the other fraternities that IFC was considering – Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi - had considerably fewer disaffiliations.

While Chapman may not have Greek housing, and doesn’t plan to add a Greek row anytime soon, unaffiliated fraternities haven’t increased. In fact, the number has gone down. Fraternities had 629 members in 2015, gone down. Fraternities had 629 members in 2015, dropped to 550 the next year after voting to expand last fall. However, that number has decreased over the last two years. But adding a fraternity that is nationally known to be problematic weighs more weight on and consideration into the fraternity’s national reputation.

And have conduct that “proceeds from good will” and “exists for the people’s welfare,” Price said.

What do all these values have in common? They’re meaningless, empty statements that shouldn’t be a factor in deciding which fraternity to add to a campus that already has rocky relations with its neighborhood. The Expansion Committee needed to place more weight on and consideration into the fraternity’s national reputation.

But it also needed to consider if adding a new fraternity would even benefit Chapman that much. While the IFC has decreased from nine to eight chapters over the last two years, the number of men who rush fraternities hasn’t increased. In fact, the number has gone down. Fraternities had 629 members in 2015, reaching as low as 562 that fall. Last spring, there were 618 members.

Fraternities aren’t being overcrowded, so what does Chapman hope to accomplish by adding this new fraternity during a fragile time between the university and the city? It’s only going to add fuel to the fire.
Staff Column: 
Let’s stop congratulating white mediocrity

Gracie Fleischman, sophomore political science major

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I'm sure many students saw the news reports last summer concerning Venezuela's constitutional crisis. Venezuela's constitutional crisis is the latest example of a prosperous country falling to the perils of socialism.

Maybe you followed the story, maybe it was just background noise. Regardless, it is vital to understand what turned one of the world's richest countries into a tragedy, so that we can prevent it from happening anywhere else. For those not up to speed on Venezuela's crisis, here's the SparkNotes version: The once-wealthy country is now in a crisis where it is incapable of feeding its population, according to Al Jazeera English. It's not because socialism went wrong, or because socialism is bad. The Nicolas Maduro-led government, which, according to the Washington Times, has been consistently unresponsive to the needs of the Venezuelan people, has been incapable of feeding its population, according to Al Jazeera English. 

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I generally celebrate leftist politics, but Chavez's brand of socialism has had some problematic elements. For instance, Chavez's government has been accused of using violence to silence opposition, including by violent acts against protesters and journalists. This is why it is important to be critical of the government and to demand accountability.

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Losing the initial weight was gratifying, a tangible mark of my efforts. But with the physical change came body dysmorphia, a distorted perception of how I looked, which had existed previously but grew alongside my progress. Adopting an all-or-nothing fitness mindset took a toll on my relationship with friends, family and friends. As I got smaller, my body image worsened. After hitting a low point, I was forced to take a step back and ask myself why I had started in the first place. I wanted to be desirable, a standout in a sea of "bikini bodies." When I realized the damage that my original goal had done, I started over.

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Most athletes try to lessen the blow of losses by focusing on positives and finding silver linings from games when there aren't really any to be found, and sometimes when they do acknowledge their problems, they aren't actually addressing ones that cause their losses.

This is the case for women’s soccer. The team has lost three straight games in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), and they have been outscored 7-2. The team is now sitting in seventh place out of eight teams in the conference. Yes, it’s early, and yes, there is plenty of time to address the issues that may have contributed to their run. But what’s concerning is the lack of acknowledgement of how dangerous this situation is and where the issues lie.

On Sept. 20, Chapman lost 3-1 for the second straight game, with the first two goals coming against them in the opening 20 minutes. The second goal was an own goal header. At this point, alarm bells should be ringing. Being outscored 6-2 over the course of two games is a sign of a problem. It’s not the end of the world – it’s Division III. Every team has problems, but you acknowledge and then address them.

Instead, the team looked for silver linings. Junior defender Megan Kawakami said about the own goal, “Mistakes happen and it was an unfortunate one, but we want determination to be there, to be true. Going down 2-0 within the first 20 minutes of a game is an incredibly hard hole to jump out of, especially when the second goal comes in the demoralizing fashion of your own teammate scoring it. Of course that’s detrimental.

The problem with that statement isn’t that “mistakes happen.” Miscommunications happen at the highest level of professional athletics, so to expect that they won’t happen at Chapman is absurd. But acknowledging that there was a miscommunication that made winning extremely difficult is an awareness that the team needs to have.

Sophomore midfielder Rachel Lustig said at the start of the season, “I expect that we will win SCIAC and advance to the NCAA tournament.”

Lustig, junior midfielder Emily Watts and junior defender Ashley Carney have all said that Chapman needs to improve at scoring goals, and it clearly does, but that’s detrimental unless Chapman stops putting itself in early holes. In the past three games, Chapman has conceded five goals within the first 20 minutes of each game. Even in its last win against Pomona-Pitzer Sept. 13, Chapman conceded a goal less than 10 minutes into the game.

The team is struggling to score goals, but its real problem is preventing other teams from scoring first. That’s a problem that Chapman has really faced in eight games. Over the team’s last five seasons, the team that scored first has won 75 out of 85 times – or 88 percent. Perhaps the key, say some, is scoring the first goal. It’s crucial.

There doesn’t always need to be a “positive.” Sometimes being directly and make embarrassing mistakes. That is a natural part of the game. But when mistakes differentiate good teams from a championship contender – which Chapman has said it intends to be – it’s a step to recognizing the areas that are causing it to lose games, and consciously work on those areas so it doesn’t make the same mistakes again.

To read a game review of the women’s soccer game this week, go to thepantheronline.com.

Womens soccer needs a wake-up call

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

In its first season last year, the women’s golf team was made up of “anybody who could swing a golf club,” said head coach Ming Lao.

A year later, the women’s team has improved so rapidly that it may outperform the conference’s top four teams in competitions. Both teams finished second in their first tournament, have set individual team records and have enough collective quality that there is a “friendly competition” between them.

“People didn’t know we had a (women’s) program last year,” said Lao. “It was tough last year, but we managed and we did OK. This year, it’s a whole different story. We’re competing right away.”

This week, senior women’s golf captain Emily Lewis – who was named to the All-SCIAC (Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) second team last year – put up the best 36-hole score in the short history of Chapman’s women’s golf, at the two-day California State Intercollegiate Tournament. She led the women’s team on both days to its best team round ever (18 over par) Sept. 18, before improving on that score the next day (16 over par).

“Last year was definitely a building year,” Lewis said. “This year, I would say there are a lot more girls, who – I don’t want to be mean – but who can play decent golf.”

Lewis finished tied for fourth in the tournament at three strokes over par, with sophomore Kristy Harada finishing three strokes behind her and tying for seventh place.

“I was really surprised,” Lewis said. “I knew we had good golfers, but I didn’t expect we’d be that good, and I didn’t expect our scores to be as low as they were. I think all the other teams were shocked that both our men’s and women’s teams could post such low scores and place second in a tournament that had very competitive Division III teams.”

In the same tournament last year, the women’s team finished eighth, while the men’s team finished fourth. Junior men’s golf captain Griffin Tso said having a women’s team has changed the dynamic of the program.

“It’s been a little bit of a different experience in a good way, just because it’s nice to have a little bit of a lady’s touch now that we’re traveling out to Arizona this season, which is a far trek,” Tso said. “It’s nice to have a mix and it not just be a big group of sweaty guys.”

Junior men’s golf captain Griffin Tso hits a chip shot against California Lutheran University Feb. 9.

The men’s team started off the season well in its own right, with the team breaking its previous 36-hole record of 397 strokes. Chapman finished second at six strokes under par, with sophomore Kristy Harada finishing three strokes behind her and tying for seventh place.

“It’s a nice place, “ Lao said. “It’s a good place to represent Chapman and Orange County in its own sort of ritzy, cute way.”

Players can be selected for nation- als – the Division III Golf Championsh- ips – by an NCAA selection committee, based on their overall performance during the season.

Chapman could make the NCAA Championships as a team in one of two ways. The team could win its conference and qualify via the SCIAC’s automatic qualifier – deter- mined by the team with the lowest collective scores throughout all SCIAC matches at the end of the season – or, by getting an at-large bid, which is also determined by an NCAA selection committee.

Lao said if the season ended today, both teams would likely qualify for the championships.

“Without getting ahead of myself, the scoring average right now totally qualifies us for nationals,” Lao said. “What we shot and who we beat, that’s really an indication that, if we were to stop everything now, we would go to nationals, but it’s such a small sample.”

Tso said when he came in as a freshman, it was Lao’s second year as head coach and the team was still developing. He said the program has made a huge jump since then.

“In my freshman year to sophomore year, we grew a little bit, but in this last year, I’d say we really made a big jump in the program, both in the boys and girls teams,” Tso said.

“Coach Lao has really been able to recruit some high-level players, this year especially, so his recruiting ability as well as his coaching ability has really grown both the boys and girls golf teams tremendously the last couple of years.”

Keating said he has “reserved optim- ism” about both teams being able to qualify for the NCAA Championsh- ips, but that for the women’s team in particular, “it’s an uncharted waters.” Chapman’s next match will be at home, Sept. 27 against Whittier College. Chapman plays its home matches at the Tustin Ranch Golf Club.

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“It was nice knowing (Hval) coming in,” Keating said. “It’s nice to have a face that you can go to. We’re pretty close, so that’s nice.”

Keating said that having his dad who is a professional golfer has given him a unique golfing perspective.

“Since he’s so experienced, he can talk to me about whatever I need to know and he can help me with my game,” Keating said. “He’s always traveling, so that’s another cool thing. He gets to go to a bunch of cool courses and show me where he’s been.”

Keating said he was unsurprised by how well he performed and said he had high expectations for the team.

“I think if we continue to practice and play well, we could try and make a run to go to nationals as a team,” Keating said. “If not, I’m definitely going to do my best to try and get there as an individual.”

Junior men’s golf captain Griffin Tso hits a chip shot against California Lutheran University Feb. 9.
Women’s volleyball extends win streak to seven in five-set thriller

Jacob Hutchison | Sports Editor

As soon as the ball hit the floor, Chapman’s Hutton Sports Center erupted. Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson had just killed off the final point of a taxing fifth set, giving Chapman a victory that had seemed unlikely earlier in the match. She dropped to her knees and raised her fists in the air as the entire volleyball team swarmed her on the court. The Chapman crowd, which provided huge support in the latter stages of the match, sounded off with a near-deafening celebration of the players’ efforts.

The excitement was a result of Chapman’s seventh straight win Sept. 23, which came against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, the No. 7 nationally ranked women’s volleyball team in Division III. The win marks the team’s longest win streak since 2012 and leaves Chapman, the only remaining undefeated team in the conference, sitting atop the standings.

The win came in a final, 48-point set during which the lead changed six times and featured 14 service errors — seven from each team. It ended with an ascertainkille from Johnson, who had a team-high of 20 kills.

“That was awesome,” Johnson said. “Finally, it was over, because that set went on for a long time and I was always worried about the game. I just knew not to take the initiative there, but afterwards, I felt like we were really good.”

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As a Division III school, Chapman typically ends whenever the first team reaches 15 points and wins by two, save for the fifth set. Chapman had an 0-6 record in five-set matches played after Chapman reached 15.

The win is Chapman’s third fifth-set win this season. The Panthers have yet to lose a match that has gone five sets. “We’ve played a lot of set fives and our saying is we don’t lose set five,” said junior outside hitter Courtney Justus. “I had confidence in our team and I feel like we had a lot of momentum going into that fifth set, so I don’t think there were a lot of nerves as much as there was just confidence.”

“The high of Chapman’s match-winning point was a far cry from early on in the match, when Chapman found itself, with the home crowd quieted, in a two-set hole. Late in the third set, Chapman (10-1, 4-0 in conference) again trailed Claremont (9-5, 2-1 in-conference), down 21-16. Four offensive outliers from seeing out the victory when suddenly, Chapman created a huge shift in momentum.

The Panthers scored nine straight points, the longest streak of the game by either team. When Chapman tied the game up at 21, the home crowd erupted from silence, shaking the bleachers with excitement.

“(The crowd) really helps, for sure,” Johnson said. “It helps drive our energy, too. You can’t only play as much energy as a team. So to have the crowd going is awesome. It definitely helps.”

Justus said that Chapman may have underestimated itself earlier in the game due to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps’ reputation.

“Claremont is a good team, they’re ranked,” Justus said. “I think we underestimated our abilities at first and as the game progressed, we realized that we could take this game.”

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps head coach Kurt Vlasich credited Chapman for its offense as the game progressed.

“We were kind of playing ping-pong ball tonight. We didn’t play our normal, consistent game,” Vlasich said. “I think (Chapman) made some good adjustments defensively and we couldn’t put anything away on the outside, so we had to stick to our middle and our right side attack and they keyed in on that, and we weren’t able to.”

Vlasich was given a yellow card by head referee Kim Pickrell, for arguing a “ball-handling” error called on Claremont-Mudd-Scripps’ senior defensive specialist, Mikena Werner.

The call gave Chapman its 10th point and extended its lead in the fifth set. Vlasich said his team was inconsistent in his decisions.

“The referee called a double (touch) in a situation, where it was a double, but he hadn’t called any all night on either team, so at that point, it (would have been) nine all,” Vlasich said. “Generally, referees know not to take the initiative there, but I thought it was a pretty bad call at that point in the match.”

Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson jumps for a kill against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 23.

Head coach Mary Cahill argued with referee Ron Stahl after Chapman lost the second set, but after touching the touch, or ball-handling, error, was only called on the one instance against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

“Their libero is a very good player,” said Cahill. “But I thought she was getting away with (ball-handling).”

And then the referee called a crucial one in that last set.

Chapman’s next match will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 26, when Chapman travels to the University of La Verne (9-2, 3-1 in conference), whose only conference loss was to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 22.

“I play La Verne on Tuesday, so that’ll be awesome, because Claremont beat La Verne in three sets,” Johnson said. “We’ve got to get prepared hopefully they’re down in the dumps. We know we’re a good team, so I feel like we’re going to win.”

Chapman athletics: the challenge of Division III recruiting

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For Chapman’s coaches, recruiting season is a waiting game. Every year, the team has its peak months of interest in athletes, attend their matches and watch their training videos – but they can’t make a commitment until the new school year starts, they don’t know who will be part of the team.

“She found a seven-foot girl, she’s just the best volleyball player, but she would still need to get in on her own merit,” said women’s volleyball coach Mary Cahill.

As a Division III school, Chapman cannot offer athletic scholarships. Awards for academic merit are the most common alternative for athletes looking to ease the strain of tuition. Chapman’s academic coordinator Stino Adams. “Academics are at the forefront. Once that’s there, then we wait.”

During the admissions process, coaches have no sway in decisions, Adams said. “They can’t make an offer to a student that they are recruiting, but in the end, no exceptions are made for applicants with exceptional athletic ability. If they don’t meet the academic requirements for admission, they don’t get written out of consideration for an athletic scholarship.”

In hopes of ensuring that certain students make the cut, Chapman’s recruiters encourage hopeful athletes to boost their grades, test scores and personal statements before applying.

“They basically need to give a reason why they want to be at Chapman besides that they’re good at volleyball and they want to play lacrosse,” said women’s lacrosse head coach Dan Kirkpatrick.

Making sure recruits get in to Chapman is half the battle. Even if an athlete says they want to play or she intends to join a team at a Division III school, there isn’t a signing contract that obligates them to keep their word. Once teams accept them, coaches need to make them want to stay.

“(I’d) say the most important things working against us,” Cahill said. “One, will they get admitted? Two, will they get financial aid? Three, in the end, will they even decide to come?”

The school’s campus and location are major reasons why students commit to Chapman, Adams said. During official visits, during the fall, recruiting reaches out to interested athletes and arrange a meeting, giving them the chance to think about joining the program, they make sure to arrange a visit to campus. “The feel-out process is getting them here on campus,” Adams said. “Once you get them here, the campus really sells itself.”

For junior women’s soccer player Megan Kawakami, seeing the campus for the first time convinced her that Chapman was the right school for her. Kawakami transferred to Chapman from Whittier College her sophomore year so she could continue playing soccer and still have the full “college experience.”

“Chapman happened to be the one school I didn’t look into,” Kawakami said. “I had an away game for Whittier, so I came here. We parked underneath Lastinger Parking Structure and we walked up the steps, and it kind of unveiled the school. I literally thought to myself, ‘Wow, this is what a college campus looks like.’”

Many programs are impressed with Chapman’s athletic program at first, the nonbinding commitment rules of Division III schools can produce problems down the line. On some occasions, players will leave the team to pursue different opportunities.

“It’s inevitable, there will be a guy or two every year who drops, usually because of a scholarship or study abroad,” said assistant basketball coach Dan Krikorian. “We can’t make them play. Basketball is a large part of (recruiting), but we tell them if you’re going to come to Chapman, we’re going to teach you how to play. It’s a whole experience.”

Since academics are the priority at Chapman, athletics ultimately have to come second. After transferring to Chapman from California State University, Fullerton, a Division I school, senior men’s soccer player Elliot Braund had to adjust to Chapman’s focus on academic success.

“The main difference is that (Division I) has a lot more on sports and are allowed to dedicate more time to it,” Braund said. “However, because of this, the academics take a back seat. That’s something that would never be acceptable at Chapman.”

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Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson jumps for a kill against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 23.
Kevin Dayan: from Sao Paolo to Southern California
Brazilian water polo player leads Chapman in scoring in first season

Nicisha Sharma | Staff Writer

When junior utility player Kevin Dayan moved from Sao Paolo, Brazil, to Southern California to play water polo, he wasn’t just living out his dream. He was living his family’s dream, too.

“My grandpa wanted to move to the U.S. for school and he got in (to the school), but he couldn’t make it work and wasn’t able to move here,” Dayan said. “When I told my parents and grandparents my plan to move, they were so proud that I was going to be able to do what they had always wanted to.”

Dayan moved to the U.S. with his twin brother Ilan Dayan, two years ago, and the two played water polo together at Orange Coast College until transferring to Chapman and the University of Redlands respectively this season.

The Dayan brothers faced off for the first time Sept. 23. Kevin Dayan got the better of Ilan Dayan, scoring three goals and getting three steals in Chapman’s 12-7 away win.

Growing up, the twins were inseparable.

“Our family is really close,” Ilan Dayan said. “Our parents are super nice, and always motivated us to practice and to do well in school, and growing up doing everything with Kevin was always so fun.”

Kevin Dayan found his passion for water polo when he was 12 and joined a club in Brazil with his brother. The brothers continued to compete in the sport, going as far as worldwide tournaments in Israel and Spain. When it came time for graduation in 2015, their parents were supportive of the brothers’ decision to move to Southern California on their own to pursue an education and water polo at the same time.

“My dad played squash in the same club where I started polo, which is how I met my first coach,” Kevin Dayan said. “He’s very athletic, and was really supportive and encouraging of me. My mom isn’t athletic at all but she’s my biggest fan. The fact that they’re so supportive is the reason I’m still here in the U.S.”

He caught the attention of men’s water polo head coach Eric Ploessel when he moved to Orange Coast College from Sao Paolo two years ago.

“I’ve known the coach over at Orange Coast for a long time, since we played water polo together in college,” Ploessel said. “He actually helped me get Kevin for Chapman’s team, and so far, all of the amazing things he’s said about Kevin have turned out to be completely true.”

Kevin Dayan decided to attend Chapman after playing against the team in water polo, and said he was attracted to the academic facilities, welcoming environment and pool facilities the school offered. Ilan Dayan, on the other hand, wanted a smaller school, and he decided to attend Redlands, which separated the two for the first time.

When Kevin Dayan started school at Orange Coast College after hearing about it from his Brazilian friends, he and his brother were faced with the task of adjusting to a new country, combined with the regular adjustments that college students face living on their own for the first time.

“The biggest challenge for me in moving was not having my parents there anymore and not really knowing anyone, so I focused all my energy on studying and water polo, and my team became like family,” Kevin Dayan said. “I’ve found that here at Chapman too.”

Kevin Dayan’s dedication to water polo was quickly noticed by his coach at Orange Coast, Adam Lee, as well as by Ploessel.

“He’s brand-new, but since the first week of practice, he’s already been a leader on the team,” Ploessel said. “He’s smart, a hard-worker and talented. He’s a great guy, in the pool and out.”

Kevin Dayan attributes his success in water polo to his ability to fully dedicate himself to every practice. That dedication is something he applies to his everyday life.

“I believe that (practice) time is one of the most valuable things you can have, and you should never waste it,” Kevin Dayan said. “I’m spending three to five hours in the pool every day, so I will always put in 100 percent and make the most of that practice time to become the best I can. If I get tired, I always remember to outwork my opponents, because, while I work, the competition is working hard too.”

Kevin Dayan is a business administration major and economics minor, and plans to continue playing water polo recreationally after earning his degree, putting a focus on building a career within the business industry rather than continuing to compete.

“My English wasn’t great growing up,” Kevin Dayan said. “I never would have expected to be able to leave Brazil, travel the world and move to the U.S, and if it wasn’t for water polo, I would not have been able to come here, and if it wasn’t for my family, I would not have been able to stay.”

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