One hand on the title

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Senior defensive lineman Adam O’Shea holds the conference championship trophy after a one-handed interception secured Chapman’s 46-38 win Oct. 28.

Early Sunday morning, a drunk driver hit two Chapman students’ cars, which were unattended and parked.

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A soccer assistant coach’s sister lost her house and most of her ranch in the Northern California fires.

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Students’ cars hit in DUI collision near campus

Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

A drunk driver hit two unattended parked cars owned by Chapman students five blocks from campus. The collision took place near East Walnut Avenue and Maplewood Street in the early morning Oct. 29, according to the Orange Police Department.

Both parked cars belonged to Chapman students, said Carson Shevitz, a sophomore business administration major who was one of the first to arrive at the scene.

It was not clear at press time the extent of the damage to the cars.

The car that was hit first and sustained the most damage belonged to Leah Woienski, a junior health sciences major, Shevitz said. Woienski, who drove a white Toyota Camry, said she arrived “coincidentally,” after Shevitz — who was already there — asked her to take a friend home from the area.

“I was in so much shock. I was so not anticipating that happening. I panicked,” Woienski told The Panther.

No one was injured in the collision, Orange Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Phillip McMullin told The Panther.

Shevitz, who arrived before the police, said he was driving a Chapman student back from a party when he pulled onto Walnut Avenue and saw a car “flipped on its side,” he said. He arrived just after the driver had gotten out of the passenger side of his car.

“He was just standing in the middle of the road, it was obvious that he was very confused,” Shevitz said.

The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and was taken to Orange resident Ricardo Barron, who was arrested. Barron had left his phone and wallet in the car, Shevitz said, and “couldn’t call anyone.”

“He didn’t know what was going on or what to do,” Shevitz said.

When the driver emerged from his car, he was dressed in a Ghostbusters Halloween costume, Shevitz told The Panther. Shevitz said that Barron got out of his car “perfectly fine” and that he didn’t appear to be injured.

Shevitz saw Chapman University parking stickers on all three of the cars involved in the collision — including Barron’s — which led him to believe that the drunk driver may have been a Chapman student, he said.

However, Dean of Students Jerry Price wrote in an email to The Panther Oct. 29 that his review of the student database “shows no student with that (Ricardo Barron) name.”

The police arrived on scene after receiving a call at 3:10 a.m. for a traffic collision and detained the driver for suspicion of drunk driving, McMullin said.

The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and was taken to the police department. He was released from the police department at 6:30 a.m. after being given a citation, McMullin said.

Sabrina Santoro, Emma Reith and Maggie Mayer contributed to this report.

Nev Schulman talks ‘Catfish’ and sending nudes

The producer and co-host of MTV’s ‘Catfish’ spoke in Memorial Hall

Lorig Yagheszian | Features Editor

Yaniv “Nev” Schulman, the producer and co-host of MTV’s “Catfish: The TV Show,” got personal Oct. 24, discussing everything from his hairy chest and sending nude photos to honesty and self-esteem at the University Program Board (UPB)’s fall speaker event.

“It is really hard to take an attractive photo of the male genitalia,” Schulman said during his talk. “There is a reason they call it ‘junk.’ I doubt any women swoon over the picture. It’s just gross.”

“Catfish” helps people in online relationships find out if their significant other is using his or her true identity.

The event, hosted in Memorial Hall, was free to students, and cost UPB $15,500, said Riddhi Mehra, UPB’s director of awareness.

“Schulman” talks about social media, which is very relevant to students and is different than what we have done in the past,” Mehra said. “Everyone is on social media and talking to different people. You never know who you are actually talking to, so we thought it would be a great way to spread awareness.

The event was originally scheduled for Oct. 11, but was rescheduled after Schulman had a death in his family.

Natalie Brown, a freshman business administration major, was catfished when she was younger, which made her want to attend the event, she said.

A catfish is someone who creates a false identity on social media outlets like Facebook, Schulman said.

“My best friend pretended to be a boy who I had a crush on,” Brown said. “She gave me a fake number and continuously texted me for months.”

Brown realized she was being catfished when she found her crush’s Facebook and discovered that the last name of the person she was texting and the one on his Facebook profile did not match.

Jennifer Johnson, a junior graphic design major, said that she attended because of the prevalence of catfishing in today’s culture, she said.

“I have been watching ‘Catfish’ since it came out,” Johnson said. “My favorite part was learning about (Schulman’s) life before the show, since we don’t see that.”

Dante Clark, a freshman business administration major, had never seen the show, but heard from his friends that Schulman had an interesting perspective about online communication.

“I enjoyed how (Schulman) paralleled the ‘Catfish’ show with actual lessons in life,” he said. “Now I want to watch the show.”
‘Being homeless is not a crime’

Students lead rally to support county homeless population

Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

About 30 students, faculty and Orange residents attended a rally in the Attallah Piazza to support the rights of homeless people and advocate for permanent supportive housing in Orange County.

The Oct. 24 rally made its way to the Orange City Council chambers, with ralliers holding signs that read, “Being homeless is not a crime,” “Where can they go?” and “No unjust eviction,” while chanting, “When homeless rights are under attack, what do we do? Stand up, fight back.”

“It was absolutely important to hold this rally and mobilize Chapman students to become engaged in homeless rights activism,” said senior political science major Brad West, who organized the rally. “It was for Chapman students to give a voice to the people in the riverbed.”

One of the items on the council’s agenda was an ordinance that would prohibit the act of “aggressive solicitation,” or when a solicitor “coerces, threatens, hounds or intimidates another.”

All the students, faculty and residents who attended the rally addressed the council to oppose the ordinance, but the council unanimously approved the first reading. If the second reading is approved at the Nov. 14 meeting, it will take effect in the next 30 days.

“We made our voices heard. Nobody said democracy was a convenient process,” said Juan Bustillo, a junior political science and screenwriting major who attended the rally. “I would call it a success overall, even though we didn’t get what we wanted.”

The turnout for the rally was higher than the protest against homeless displacement at the Santa Ana Civic Center that West and senior peace studies and political science major Atty McLellan organized in February.

West said. Ten people, four of whom were Chapman students, attended the protest last February.

“I was more impressed by, not necessarily the quantity, but the quality of the people that came out,” West said. “Almost everyone there marched down the street (to the city council meeting) and waited three hours to speak for three minutes.”

It’s especially important for Chapman students to engage in this issue, said Daniel Espiritu, a sophomore political science major who attended the rally. “I would call it a success overall, even though we didn’t get what we wanted.”

The turnout for the rally was higher than the protest against homeless displacement at the Santa Ana Civic Center that West and senior peace studies and political science major Atty McLellan organized in February.

Brad West, a senior political science major, was one of the organizers for a rally held in the Attallah Piazza in support of the homeless population in Orange County before the Oct. 24 city council meeting.

“College students are citizens like everyone else. It’s important for all of us to get involved. This rally is something where everyone can make a difference for these most vulnerable people, and that starts with college students,” Faulkner told The Panther.

Nika Darrin, a senior kinesiology and peace studies major who attended the rally, studied abroad in South Africa last semester, where she learned a lot about poverty and homelessness issues firsthand, she said.

“I thought this rally would be a good place to go and voice my opinion and at least try to make a difference,” she said.

Kendra Klint, a junior sociology major, also attended the rally.

“Homelessness is a really prevalent issue in our community. It’s right in our backyard,” she said. “I think it’s important that we stand up for people that don’t have the means to do it themselves.”

Turn to page 12 to read a column about students getting involved in the community.

Go to thepantheronline.com to watch a video from the rally.
Nearly 90 on waitlist for counseling

SGA president proposes resolution to aid mental health services

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Nearly 90 students are on the waitlist for the Student Psychological Counseling Services Said Student Government President Mitchell Rosenberg during the Oct. 27 senate meeting.

Director of Psychological Counseling Services Jeanne Walker confirmed the length of the waitlist, and said most of the increase is due to recent events like the Las Vegas shooting in Oct. 2017 and Sonoma County. The waitlist size is typically 20 to 30 students.

"An issue that we've occurred recently, causing many students to seek psychological help from the university," Walker said. "It's difficult to not be able to see all of the students in a timely way.

Student Psychological Counseling Services has seven staff members that are qualified to speak with students about mental health issues.

"We're now going to push this on an expedited timeline," Rosenberg said. "That may put the administration in a tough place, because they're going to have to figure it out, but we are going to demand to see results that are helping the students.

Walker is optimistic that the university can provide more mental health resources to students soon, she said.

"If I feel confident that the university will help us, but I don't know what that's really going to look like," Walker said.

SGA passes absence policy amendment

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

Senators won’t automatically be brought up for censure after four absences anymore, as student government unanimously passed an amendment to the absence policy at the senate meeting Oct. 20.

A censure is a formal disapproval in front of the senate when a senator has acquired four absences or demonstrates unsatisfactory behavior.

Last school year, three senators were censured for acquiring four absences, according to The Panther archives.

The student body also passed a proposal April 3 to restructure the senate, reducing the total number of senators from 29 to 16.

The amendment, which was proposed by Speaker of Senate Alex Ballard, will allow the president, vice president and speaker of senate to decide whether a censure is added to the agenda at the next senate meeting if a senator has four absences.

Right now, a censure is automatically added to the agenda to be brought before the senate if a senator has four absences.

"This new amendment is a final product of many weeks of discussion that we had in Senate having internally within (student government) with regards to accountability," Ballard said.

The amendment aims to balance accountability for senators while also taking situations like family deaths, hospitalizations or emergent into account.

"The new policy does not change our policy that we have in place right now, where we have a certain number of absences regardless of excused or unexcused," Ballard said. "If it’s for a family emergency, it’s still counted toward your total, so really, we're not excusing anything.

"Vice President Sarah Tabsh previously proposed an amendment to the senate attendance policies at the Oct. 13 senate meeting that would allow absences to be excused by the vice president under "extenuating circumstances.

"This amendment proposal, which the senate denied, would have allowed only three unexcused absences, as opposed to the four absences currently allowed. Tabsh said that the amendment would have created a loophole, because the "discretion" of the future vice presidents is subjective.

Schmide College of Science and Technology Senator Alyssa Nowlen said at the Oct. 13 senate meeting that she doesn’t think student government needs an absence policy.

"We should all be here," Nowlen said during the meeting. "We have a responsibility in doing so.

Ian Policarpio, the College of Performing Arts senator, disagreed and supported the amendment to the absence policy.

"Being in the hospital isn’t exactly a conflict of priorities, your parents dying isn’t exactly a conflict of priorities," Policarpio said at the senate meeting.

Senate updates

Oct. 27 meeting

Mental health resolution

President Mitchell Rosenberg spoke at the senate meeting to discuss the go students on Chapman’s Student Psychological Counseling Services waitlist, and announced his plans to draft a resolution to help with this issue.

"We are going to do everything in our power to make sure (students) receive the help that they need," Rosenberg said.

Funding requests

Young Life, a student ministry club, submitted a funding request to attend an annual conference in New York City. The club is requesting $2,079.97 for gas, food, lodging and for the conference. The request was approved.

Allocations committee

The allocations committee recommended that the senate partially fund the Queer and Trans People of Color Collective’s second annual Queer & Trans Youth Holiday Concert. The request, totaling at $2,079.97 for catering for 150 to 200 attendees and admission for the event, would fund food for about 200 non-Chapman students. The request was approved.

Fitness center

Assistant Director of Student Engagement Michael Keyser aided the senate meeting to discuss the Julianne Argyros Fitness Center.

Fifty-two percent of students reported that their expectations for the fitness center are not being met. The fitness center usage comprises 97 percent of overall fitness participation, according to an infographic in Keyser’s presentation.

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

Compiled by Emma Reith

INCIDENT LOG

Oct. 20

Two Chapman students were involved in a physical altercation at the Conference Center Lot. One student failed to identify himself and left the scene.

Unknown subjects entered the Center for Science and Technology construction site and removed copper wire.

An unknown subject removed clothing from the laundry room in the Sanford Residence Center.

Oct. 23

An unknown subject removed a bicycle that was locked and secured to a rack outside of the Walmant Theatre.

Oct. 24

Unknown subject(s) took a bicycle from a bike rack outside of Becknam Hall.

Compiled by Kate Hoover from the Public Safety daily crime log

Correction: Due to an editor’s error, the story, “University releases annual climate survey results” published in print Oct. 23, misstated a statistic about the percentage of survey respondents who reported experiencing nonconsensual sexual contact or removal of clothing. This information has been corrected online.

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Student voting rates rise more than 10 percent

Blake Waddell | Staff Writer

Voting among Chapman students rose more than 10 percent from the 2012 to 2016 presidential election, according to a report released in August by the National Study of Learning, Voting and Engagement. Voting and Engagement.

The voting rate at Chapman increased from 46.6 percent in 2012 to 57.2 percent in 2016, and more than 3 percent nationwide, according to the study. The report found that Chapman students voted at a rate of about 6 percent higher than the average of the institutions that participated in the report.

The report collected data from more than 1,000 colleges and nearly 10 million students. The largest increase in voting habits at Chapman and nationwide was among millennials, or those born between 1982 and 2000.

"On election night, there was a narrative about (participation) decreasing slightly among millennials that was mostly based off exit polling, but this report shows differently," said Spencer Dixon, the partnership coordinator for Young Invincibles, a nonprofit dedicated to helping students register to vote. "Millennials want to be involved in the process.

Dixon said that as a millennial, he cared the most about issues like the cost of higher education and access to healthcare.

"The (candidates) have issues that people care about. Given the necessary knowledge and information, millennials will get involved," Dixon said.

Nationwide, voting increased the most in Hispanic and Asian populations — 7 percent and 7.8 percent respectively.

Jeffrey Haskell, a senior creative producing and computer science major, believes that President Donald Trump’s rhetoric degraded these communities, leading them to vote against him, he said.

"With a lot of the hate speech Trump said toward the Latino community with the (talk of) deportation and a lot of his degradations he said toward China and the manipulation of currency, those two ethnic groups were targeted by Trump," Haskell said.

Both presidential candidates in the 2016 election used social media effectively, which led them to reach a larger number of millennials than in 2012, Haskell said. Since millennials spend so much time on social media, they were exposed to more political news and content, he said.

"Trump understood the social media aspect and took hold of it, and really pushed his campaign that way," Haskell said. "I think Hillary Clinton also understood how important social media is nowadays."

The difficulty students encounter registering to vote is a result of a lack of knowledge, Dixon said.

"For many students, it is their first election, and the first of anything has barriers," Dixon said. "Students don’t know (about the voting process). The institutions are in a unique role in providing students that information.

At Chapman, Civic Engagement started the “CU at the Booths” initiative following the 2012 election, which helps Chapman students register and vote in elections. They provided several resources on campus during the 2016 election season to prepare students for the election, like National Voter Registration Day, screenings of presidential debates, student political debates and shuttles to polling stations on Election Day.

"We’ve put forth a lot of effort related to voter engagement, voter registration, ballot access and day-of-election vote efforts," said Justin Koppelman, the associate director of civic engagement initiatives at Chapman. "The election itself was a really high-profile one that certainly involved a lot of hatred among college students across the country."

Stop sign proposed at intersection near dorms

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

Student government senator Wil Harris proposed to add a stop sign to the intersection of Rose Avenue and Grand Street, near the entrance of the Jim Miller Parking Structure.

"I received multiple notes from students about the intersection, saying that people were ‘suicidally driving’ through the intersection," said Harris, a student organization senator. "I thought the concern was sufficient enough to look into the topic, so I brought it up (Oct. 13) at the senate meeting.

Adding a stop sign to the intersection is under need-based consideration, said Paul Sitkoff, the Orange public affairs and information officer. He said that there is no data to support a stop sign being placed.

"There have been little to no traffic collisions at that intersection brought to the city’s attention," Sitkoff said.

A few students approached Harris two weeks ago when student government tabled in the Attallah Piazza, the students were concerned about the safety of the intersection, he said. After presenting the initiative during the senate meeting, he spoke with Orange traffic officials, but said that the city acts based upon community interest.

"They’re reactive, not proactive," Harris said. "I understood that it would be up to us to ask them for a stop sign.

Although students voiced concern to Harris about the intersection, other Chapman students have been wary of a stop sign’s impact on the intersection.

"I think a stop sign would increase the chances of safety for both drivers and pedestrians. Because there isn’t traffic data for the intersection, Harris is working with Greg Warren, the Orange administrative manager, to complete a traffic survey.

The city has other projects, so the response to this initiative has been slow, Harris said. He hopes Orange will complete a traffic survey in late November, but wants to gain more student support before then, he said.

"I will be working with Residence Life staff and students who live in Chapman-provided housing to spread awareness about the dangers that come at the intersection," Harris said. "From what I have witnessed from that intersection myself, drivers just don’t stop."

If a community member brings an initiative like Harris’s to the city’s attention, the request is considered important, Sitkoff said. However, Harris is prepared to start a petition if the request for a stop sign is denied.

"If the city comes back and says they don’t think a stop sign is necessary, I will start petitions and try to build a portfolio of information to present them with input from both students and residents who live by the intersection," Harris said. "I am more than happy to pursue this if the city says no."
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Starting to rebuild

Sister of women’s soccer coach loses home in Northern California fire

Missy Lely was in her pajamas when she heard a pounding on her door. It was just before midnight on Oct. 8, and she and her husband, Austin Lely, hadn’t been sleeping well. The wind was howling against the roof of their Glen Ellen home in Sonoma County, California. They opened the door to their neighbor.

“There was a fire,” the neighbor said. “We have to get out now.”

Immediately, the Lelys thought of their animals: 350 chickens, 12 cows, two goats and their blue tick coonhound, Uka. As they ran to check on them, the Lelys looked up at a nearby hill. At the crest of the ridge, they saw a wall of flames creeping into the valley where their home and 450-acre ranch lay.

“It literally felt like we were in the apocalypse, like the world was going to end,” said Missy Lely, whose brother, Josh Johnson, is the assistant women’s soccer coach at Chapman.

The Lely’s home was one of many destroyed by the fire, which started Oct. 8. It is one of the 17 fires in and around Sonoma County that have destroyed about 10,000 acres of land, homes and students’ childhoods. The Nuns fire is 95 percent contained and has destroyed 50 acres of land as of Oct. 27, according to CalFire. Full containment is expected by Oct. 31.

The Lelys had minutes to act that night. There was no time to save anything nonessential and they had to leave in a truck, SUV, utility vehicle, two vans and their new dual-suspension mountain bikes.

Missy Lely said she and her 24-year-old groom Uka, her wedding band, their wedding video, a laptop and some cash they saved.

“That was the worst night of my life,” Missy Lely said. “I was just thinking the worst. It mostly had to do with thinking about the potential of the animals dying alive. I was sick to my stomach thinking about all that.”

The Lelys drove back to Glen Ellen the next morning, and a good portion of the ranch was still on fire when they arrived. Missy Lely said. While seven of the 10 structures on the ranch, including their home, were destroyed, the Lelys kept four of their animals alive.

“It was crazy,” Lely said. “Not one of them was in any danger.”

The fire burned through the whole pasture they were in.

Glen Ellen residents were cleared to return to their homes Oct. 22, two weeks after the fire began.

Lely estimates that the damage to their home and business is about $250,000 to $300,000, but the amount of damage to the property as a whole was even more.

The Lelys applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aid days after the fire.

While the Lelys wait for their claims to process, they have one other way to compensate some of their losses. Missy Lely’s brother, Josh Johnson, has set up a GoFundMe for the Lelys. As of Oct. 29, it has raised $8,995 of its $150,000 goal.

“I’m thankful that my brother started (it),” Missy Lely said. “It’s rallying to pool money together for us to rebuild — even to rebuild our personal lives, because there is a lot of stuff we lost. The siblings have been close since growing up in their 600-person hometown of Groveland, California, just northwest of Yosemite National Park, she said.

They spent most of their time running outdoors and swimming in Pine Mountain Lake, which their house sat on.

Missy Lely said that Johnson has helped her in more ways than she could have imagined.

“He would drop everything he was doing to help us out, and he got on it right away,” she said. “That’s a good brother. He’s here no matter what.”

Playing and now coaching soccer has provided an outlet for Johnson, he said.

“It’s (was) a rough week, to say the least,” Johnson said. “Soccer has always been freedom for me. I can just be in the moment around the game I love, instead of worrying about the livelihood of my sister.”

Johnson plans to drive to see the Lelys in November after the women’s soccer season ends, he said.

In the meantime, the Lelys have pushed on with physically demanding work that, in combination with the poor air quality, has left Missy Lely with a bad cough and congestion, she said.

Until the Environmental Protection Agency removes the hazardous materials on their property, the Lelys cannot begin to clean up the rubble themselves. Waste management companies aren’t even allowed in the area yet, Missy Lely said.

While the Lelys wait to rebuild their property, they are tending to their animals and cleaning up their ranch, starting with the trees that fell or burned.

Missy Lely said that since the fire, she and her husband had two options: either dwell on the past or look forward in a positive way.

“There is no sense for us to give up when we feel like what we’re doing is good for people and the planet,” Missy Lely said. “We’re very passionate about what we do, so that’s what we have to keep doing. We did think about resuming our trip, B which was moving to (Lake) Tahoe and living a life of recreation, and starting a little family. But at the end of the day, we both just feel like we still have to work toward our goals.”

Read the full story on thepantheronline.com

California first to legally recognize third gender

A name in this story has been changed because the person is not out as nonbinary to their family.

When Randy, a freshmnews and documentary major, paid with a debit card, went to Jamba Juice, the cashier did not know his name. The cashier did not know his name.

“The cashier thought I might’ve stolen the debit card,” said Randy, who uses they/them pronouns and requested anonymity. “Unfortunately, this happens pretty often. But with California becoming the first state to legally recognize nonbinary as a third gender, an everyday occurrence like using a debit card may change. The Gender Recognition Bill was signed Oct. 16, and will allow a third gender to be issued on California driver’s licenses, IDs and birth certificates.

“This means to me that my identity exists,” said Mariela Chaidez, a sophomore arts major who identifies as nonbinary. “I feel like I’m nonbinary whenever there could be a question about it. I would love to not have to give an expected explanation.”

Like Chaidez, Randy hopes the acceptance of the third gender will become more prevalent with the new legislation. With that hope comes a conversation about the third gender, as Hynes said that many people don’t accept what they might not understand. Starting in January 2018, a trip to the Department of Motor Vehicles on the legal change of a California-issued identification will come with a new sense of inclusivity, Randy said. Oregon was the first state to issue “non-specific” gender options on ID cards June 9, which allowed people who identify as nonbinary to leave the gender blank on their ID, according to The New York Times. But California takes this further by legally recognizing nonbinary residents’ genders on their licenses.

Some Chapman students who identify as nonbinary, as well as allies of the LGBTQIA+ community, appreciate the new legislation.

“My best friend is nonbinary, and it makes me happy that their identity is finally being legally recognized,” said Nick Curl, a junior television writing and production major. “This shows our state is moving in a more progressive and accepting direction.”

Curl’s desire for a more inclusive state is part of the Gender Recognition Bill’s purpose, written within the bill that “every person deserves full legal recognition and equal treatment under the law.”

“The bill will keep California at the forefront of LGBTQIA+ civil rights,” said Sen. Toni Atkins, the Democratic representative who introduced the bill, at a Capitol news conference, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Any governmental affirmation of inclusiveness is great progress, said Dean of Students Jerry Price.

“A new bill will allow California residents to identify as nonbinary in legal documents beginning January 2018. A new bill will allow California residents to identify as nonbinary in legal documents beginning January 2018.

Although Curl does not identify as nonbinary, he hopes the bill will provide more respect for those who identify as nonbinary because of the bill.

“In my experience, people are afraid of what they don’t know and understand, and once they learn about that thing, the fear washes away,” Curl said. “I’d encourage people to step out of their comfort zones and learn about people’s experiences other than their own.”

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Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

A new bill will allow California residents to identify as nonbinary in legal documents beginning January 2018. A new bill will allow California residents to identify as nonbinary in legal documents beginning January 2018.
Chapman veterans agree with Trump’s condolences

Leslie Song | Staff Writer

Ryan King, a senior philosophy and biochemistry major, watched a soldier die during combat in April 2011. He lost a friend, but he also had to live with knowing that someone died to save his life. When King spoke with the fallen soldier’s family, he couldn’t find the right words to say.

King, who was active in the military from 2007 to 2012, felt like he didn’t do the soldier justice. Like King, President Donald Trump was recently expected to give condolences to a family suffering from a tragic loss, when four American soldiers were killed in Niger after an ambush attack Oct. 4, according to The New York Times. Trump caused controversy by waiting 12 days to contact the victims’ grieving families. However, some veterans at Chapman disagree with the backlash, such as King, who believes that Trump was only trying to do the right thing.

“(Trump) meant well, and he is not someone who is good at speaking, but I don’t think he intended to do any harm,” said King, who considers himself a centrist. “He was trying to console (the family) and show that we owe a debt of gratitude.”

Trump told Myeshia Johnson, the wife of slain Sgt. La David Johnson, who was involved in the Niger ambush, “He knew what he was signing up for, but I guess it hurts anyway.” Johnson’s family accused Trump of disrespecting their family, alleging that Trump could not even remember the deceased soldier’s name.

King agrees that the military is built from volunteers and anyone who signs up knows the responsibilities and consequences that can occur. The men in Niger not only volunteered to go into combat arms, but also to be a part of the special operations committee, where the commitment is even greater, King said. King did not appreciate that the conversation between the deceased soldier’s widow and Trump became publicized, he said. The exchanges between a suffering family and the commander in chief is sacred and should stay private, King said. “It’s frustrating that we’re bringing this up. Stop dragging the military who have fallen into the mud,” King said.

Ben Olson, a senior political science major (left), stands with fellow soldiers in Afghanistan. He served from 2008-2015.
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The Zombie Frappuccino will give you a sugary death

Jackie Cohen | Photo Editor

The Zombie Frappuccino at Starbucks has enough sugar to bring back the undead. A tall Zombie Frappuccino has 35 grams of sugar and costs $4.75, while regular frappuccinos of the same size are usually $4.45. The drink is only available Oct. 26 to Oct. 31. The frappuccino, which is apple-and-caramel-flavored, definitely matches the pumpkin patch fall aesthetic. The green apple-caramel base has “blood” dripping down, which is called zombie mocha drizzle, according to Starbucks’ website. The zombie mocha drizzle takes some time to drip down the apple-caramel base, but as it does, it looks more like blood. It is topped off with “brains,” which is pink whipped cream, said a barista at Starbucks in Carmel Valley.

Every time Starbucks releases a limited time frappuccino, it’s odd that it doesn’t use more normal flavors. The Halloween frappuccino available in the U.K., the Vampire Frappuccino, consists of mocha with strawberry syrup. That sounds a lot more appetizing - and normal - than a bright green caramel apple frappuccino. It seems like Starbucks is trying to make its drinks sound healthy by making them fruit-flavored, but the closest thing the frappuccino had to fruit was fruit and vegetable coloring, according to the drink’s ingredients on Starbucks’ website.

To create this aesthetically pleasing frappuccino, baristas use a lot of food coloring. The coloring on the Zombie Frappuccino, however, was much less intense than the Unicorn Frappuccino’s colors, which were available April 19 to 23. With its slightly tamer pink and green coloring, which are much more common on the Starbucks menu than Unicorn Frappuccino’s colors, which is called zombie mocha drizzle, according to Starbucks’ website.

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Zombie Frappuccino

Season two brings even ‘Stranger Things’

Claire Treu | Contributor

“Stranger Things 2,” which was released on Netflix Oct. 27, is even more thrilling than the first season. It’s cliché to say ‘bigger and darker,’ but that’s really what we tried to do,” said ‘Stranger Things’ co-creator and Chapman alumnus Matt Duffer ’07, according to Deadline. Bigger and darker is exactly what he delivered. Not for the faint of heart, “Stranger Things 2” is hair-raising, plot-twisting and addictive.

In season two, the original and fearless preteen gang of Mike, Lucas, Will and Dustin is faced with yet another hostile force in the ‘Upside Down’ dimension. A growing shadow inside Will starts to lash out while unusual events reveal a ghastly presence in Hawkins, Indiana. The friends team up with new and old characters in nine new chapters of friendship, romance, family and death.

Without compromising familiar and beloved characters from season one, six new characters enter the stage this season. The addition of more developed and independent female characters actively enhances the story. It was most exciting this season to see each character develop. You really feel like you are part of the Hawkins group, not to mention the growing love story between Eleven and Mike, even after so much time apart.

Provoking music combined with intense and powerful camera angles will keep your heart racing and eyes glued to the screen. Using a variety of camera angles and shots, the viewer can step into the scene with the characters. The music, released a week earlier on Spotify, helps viewers relate to the sci-fi feeling of the show, especially when focusing on characters with supernatural gifts, like Eleven and Will.

The cinematography and visual effects are what make this season better than the first. While the original sometimes dragged, the animations are well done and often terrifying. Visual effects make the ‘Upside Down’ and Will’s visions more realistic. Two unexpected and bloody deaths are intensified with convincing animations of the Demogorgon, which is a monster, and its army.

Chapter five is the best episode in the sequel. This episode builds the plot while revealing lingering questions from season one. Characters start to build stronger bonds and love stories heat up.

The closing scene in chapter nine foreshadows another season. Can the Duffer Brothers top themselves with a possible ‘Stranger Things 3’?

Anyone who is ready to binge should watch this season. I am thoroughly impressed with the young actors’ talents and the originality shown in ‘Stranger Things 2.’
Students care about Orange, too

Chapman students get a bad rap in Orange, and maybe we deserve it. This might be an unpopular opinion, but the resentment some Orange residents feel toward Chapman students is valid, especially if we’re peeing on lawns and stealing turkeys. This isn’t new, but it came to a major head in 2016 when residents pushed the city to pass a stricter noise ordinance that specifically targeted Chapman parties, even though it was clearly unconstitutional. The ordinance infringes on our First Amendment rights, which The Panther has written about in a previous editorial.

We’ve been accused for so long of not caring about the community where we live. So why did students show up Oct. 24 to rally to support the rights of homeless people and advocate for them at the Orange City Council meeting? Thirty students showed up to protest and walk to the meeting. They waited two hours before they were allowed to speak for three minutes during public comment. These students were committed to making their voices heard to better their community.

Seniors political science major Brad West and peace studies and political science major Atty McClellan have been organizing efforts for the homeless in the Santa Ana and Orange areas since February, when an Orange County Public Works project to help with flood control required homeless people to leave their encampments at the Santa Ana riverbed.

“We are taught at Chapman to be global citizens, and if we’re not somewhere else, that really starts with our own community,” West told The Panther Oct. 24.

Students have donated money to buy homeless people on the riverbed supplies like food, bottled water and tampons, despite the fact that many live on a college budget. They’ve protested, rallied and advocated for people who society often forgets about or deems unworthy of basic human rights.

The rally wasn’t even originally scheduled for Oct. 24. The city council had scheduled a meeting on Oct. 10. But when the Anaheim Hills fire broke out on Oct. 9, the meeting had to be rescheduled. Students could have easily chosen to cancel the rally, but even with the rescheduled date, 30 students went the extra mile to take care of our community.

Most Chapman students are not turkey-stealers. Most don’t pee on their neighbors’ lawns. Most want a good relationship with Orange residents. Student government even hosted Chapman Dog Day last November to help improve how we interact with our neighbors, and around 250 students and residents showed up willingly.

I know the Orange community still has reservations about us, and I get that. But Chapman students are more than the leftover beer bottles on your front lawn six months ago. Many are interested in being decent human beings, but we’re young and learning. That doesn’t mean we aren’t capable of being a part of this community. We are willing to put in the work to make this city a better place to live in for all of residents. Are you?
A letter to the editor

DeAnn Yocum Gaffney, Associate Dean of Students

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On political correctness and avoidance of critical conversations

Danielle Shorr, sophomore political science major

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Staff Column:

ADHD, a silent struggle

Gracie Fleischman, sophomore political science major

The front page of the Oct. 23 issue of The Panther included a headline: “78% report sexual misconduct.” The news article on Page 3 originally reported that 78 percent of Chapman students who responded to the campus climate survey had experienced nonconsensual sexual contact or removal of clothing. This number was gathered from a report that the Office of the published climate of the survey. However, it is important to note that 7 percent of Chapman students who completed the survey reported experiencing one or more instances of nonconsensual sexual contact last year, not 78 percent. The 78 percent listed is a portion of that 7 percent more business ad.

To be more specific, the climate survey first asked students if they had experienced nonconsensual sexual contact during the 2016-17 academic year. Seven percent of Chapman students who answered this question indicated that they had. The survey then asked these students what type of nonconsensual contact they had experienced. Seventy-eight percent of those 7 percent reported having experienced nonconsensual touching or removal of clothing, compared to other types of contact, such as attempted or completed nonconsensual penetration, which were reported at lower rates.

We appreciate that The Panther devoted portions of last week’s issue to reporting on Chapman’s sexual misconduct climate survey results, examining issues of sexual harassment in two features and addressing sexual assault in its editorial. We applaud The Panther’s work and its efforts. There are important topics for our campus, and The Panther plays a vital role in increasing knowledge and awareness, and furthering dialogue within our community. In the interest of our readers and of the Chapman community continues working to eliminate sexual harassment and assault.

The Dean of Students Office would also like to thank The Panther for not only correcting the information in its article, but also for letting us know that there are many accommodations available through the Office of Disability Services, including peer notetakers, special arrangements for test-taking and even alternate tables and chairs in classrooms.

If you have a hard time testing in a classroom, little sounds distract you or you can’t study in groups, don’t be ashamed. Having ADHD is simply a learning difference that you can treat with medication. It seems like those opposed to critical conversation and political correctness blame political correctness to avoid productive conversations about issues. His disdain for the idea is apparent as he blocked from having it. The term needs updating actively fight for its platform to speak. Political correctness, although a hot button term, may actually have more to do with the conversation. Diversity and inclusion have less to do with being politically correct and more to do with simply creating a space where everyone can be accommodated and not blocked from having it. The term needs updating or complete abandonment for these conversations to progress. Political correctness, while necessary for basic decency, has gotten lost in divisiveness. Political progressiveness gives a much better representation of radicalism and its goals. Political correctness, on the other hand, frequently claimed as a weapon of anti-free speech, has become a buffer to produce political correctness. Marhoefer is persistent that radicalism has become a method of silencing. “This radicalism has been so bad I couldn’t go a week without having a panic attack. When I heard classmates say, “Ugh, I have ADHD” when they got an answer wrong, or “Oh I’m so ADHD” when they forgot something, it made me an

When I first realized that my mind-numbing inability to finish homework quickly or focus on conversations were symptoms of ADHD, I was ashamed. I thought if I just tried harder, if I just studied up a little longer. I could overcome my inattention. That led to sleepless, stressful nights, and
Women’s volleyball seals playoff spot on senior night

Natalie van Winden | Senior Writer

The crowd in the Hutton Sports Center erupted Oct. 28 when the women’s volleyball team secured its place in the conference tournament. With a 3-0 win over Occidental College on the team’s senior night, Chapman avoided the fate it suffered last season, when it narrowly missed out on the conference playoffs due to a tiebreaker.

Leading up to the game, two things had to happen for Chapman to finish fourth, secure a playoff spot in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), and avenge losses to the two teams ahead of it. Both were accomplished in the same night.

“We’ve been waiting for this for about a week,” said senior opposite Kylie Cooke. “We tallied up what the score was going to have to be, and figured out that this was the one game that was going to define it for us. We had to take care of business and it happened.”

The team did not know whether winning would make a difference in its postseason chances. “I wasn’t following the Whittier game,” said head coach Mary Cahill. “I didn’t want to know. I didn’t want the team to be focusing on that.”

The team learned that it had made it to the SCIAC tournament right after the game. “We didn’t find out until the whistle blew at the end of the game,” said senior outside hitter Kiley McGill. “So there was the excitement from winning and from senior night and then our coach told us that we had won (the playoff spot) and we all just lost it.”

As the last home game of the regular season, the game could have been the last ever for Chapman’s four seniors, Cooke, McGill, middle blocker Abby Smith and outside hitter Cheri Raymundo.

“It was crazy,” Raymundo said. “We were just so pumped and we went into it and enjoyed it. I was thinking (about it possibly being my last game) a little bit.”

Cahill said that senior night might have given the players the extra push they needed to win the game, and McGill agreed. “I don’t think it added pressure but it definitely added emotion,” said McGill. “A lot of us were more emotional on the court than usual, but I think it added the fire under our butts. We wanted it a little bit more.”

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Naidine Conde | Web Editor

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When she was a child, junior water polo goalkeeper Alyssa Welfringer would watch Miss Huntington Beach glide by on her float in the city’s annual Fourth of July parade. This year, Welfringer, who had never competed in a pageant before, will be the one in the spotlight after taking home the Miss Huntington Beach title Oct. 14.

“My teammates would come up to me and say, ‘I didn’t know you did pageants,’ and I would say, ‘I don’t do pageants, I’m doing this pageant,’” Welfringer said.

A lifelong native of Huntington Beach, Welfringer saw the pageant as a way to give back to her community, although the $3,000 scholarship for winning didn’t discourage her either, she said. She wanted less to be a pageant winner, she said, and more to be an advocate for her hometown.

“I always thought, ‘What have I got to lose?’” Welfringer said. “If I didn’t win, I would be in the same place as if I’d never done it, but it was worth the shot.”

Before making it to the stage, Welfringer participated in a preliminary application process and an offstage interview. In these stages, contestants show that they have a strong cause to represent if they win, Welfringer said. Her platform is representing the Huntington Beach Children’s Library.

“It wasn’t about the pageant. The pageant was just the last part of the interview for the position,” Welfringer said. “It’s almost a physical tryout – like they have in water polo – to see if you can do the job.”

During the athletic wear portion of the pageant, the contestants weren’t required to dress up for a sport they actually played, but Welfringer wore her Chapman water polo uniform anyway. She believes the authenticity of wearing her own uniform gave her an edge.

“You could clearly tell I actually played the sport I was representing,” Welfringer said.

Although Welfringer felt prepared during the pageant process, she didn’t want to get her hopes up. For a while, she even tried to keep her participation in the pageant a secret from her team.

“This was a decision I made for myself,” Welfringer said. “I didn’t want to get really excited about anything until it was final, since there’s always doubt if you’re going to win or not. There’s no guaranteed outcome.”

Welfringer did let the secret slip one day after practice while chatting with teammates in the hot tub, but their response was overwhelmingly supportive, she said.

“Everyone is excited and super proud (of Welfringer),” said freshman utility player Emily Whitney. “She’s doing it for the right reasons.”

Now that she has earned her title, Welfringer’s responsibilities include representing her city at community events, like its annual Fourth of July parade, the Queen’s Rose Garden Ceremony, the Firehouse Ball and the Duck-A-Thon. Welfringer said that she’s prepared to juggle these responsibilities with school and water polo.

“There are definitely going to be days where I have a match in the morning and then I need to be in a dress in Huntington later that day,” Welfringer said. “But I’m excited to do both.”

Water polo head coach Eric Ploessel has no doubt Welfringer will be able to handle her newfound responsibility while staying dedicated to her team, he said.

“We try and tell the girls, it’s not all about water polo and school,” Ploessel said. “They can do other stuff. Academics, water polo, being Miss Huntington Beach, it’s all possible. I think (Welfringer) is a good example of that.”

Welfringer said she hasn’t had time to promote the Huntington Beach Children’s Library yet, but looks forward to helping and connecting with others in her community.

“The adults come to events, see Miss Huntington Beach and they end up meeting Alyssa,” Welfringer said. “Then I can tell them about the work I’m doing. The kids, to them, I’m just the first princess they’ve met that doesn’t have an animal sidekick.”
Football wins conference title in 84-point ‘shootout’

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

To head football coach Bob Owens, every day is a blank sheet of paper. His team writes a new story each day, he said. On Oct. 28, that story was about another checked box—a conference championship.

For the second time in four seasons, Chapman players hoisted the conference championship trophy. This time, the team held it at home, after its 46-38 win over California Lutheran University.

“It’s crazy, because in the beginning (of the season), we all talk about this, but it’s not really tangible to your ear,” said senior linebacker Lincoln Faletoi. “But now that it’s here, it’s like, man, I can’t believe we did it. (We’re) just going check mark by check mark, doing all the things we said we were going to do.”

Crossing the conference championship off that list was not easy for Chapman. Two interceptions, three missed points and an equally explosive Cal Lutheran offense made the Panthers’ route to victory difficult.

On Chapman’s second offensive play of the game, senior quarterback Ricky Bautista’s pass was intercepted and returned to Chapman’s own 7-yard line. Cal Lutheran scored a touchdown two plays later to take a 7-0 lead.

The last time Bautista threw an interception and Chapman trailed at home was Sept. 9, during Chapman’s first game of the season, a 27-12 loss to Linfield College.

After Chapman responded with a touchdown on its next possession, Bautista threw another interception.

In the span of less than 10 minutes, Bautista had doubled his interception total for the season. Despite those early mistakes, he was nearly perfect the rest of the game, completing 16 of his next 18 passes, five of which were touchdowns.

“It was coach Owens,” Bautista said. “He came over to me and pulled me aside and said, ‘Just relax, take what they give you. If it’s not there, throw it out of bounds or run the ball.’ I just had to stay within myself, relax, stay calm and believe in the offense.”

On Cal Lutheran’s side, senior quarterback Adam Friederichsen passed for 439 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. The preferred targets for the quarterback were touchdowns. Interceptions, missed extra points, and touchdowns were going to make plays and we expected that we were going to make plays.”

That playmaking ability was also apparent in the running game. Senior running back Joe Mudie ran for 153 yards and a touchdown, which came on a 70-yard run in the first quarter.

Cal Lutheran’s senior running back Chris Beeson ran for 98 yards and two touchdowns, including a 59-yard run on a draw play late in the third quarter.

“The speed was very surprising,” Faletoi said. “I can handle a bowling ball running back, we can all handle that. But (Beeson) ran one draw, he ran right down the middle and he just took off and out-ran our defensive backs and our safeties.”

The back-and-forth battle between the two offenses looked to have no end in sight. While Bautista, Isabel Friederichsen, and Faletoi said they enjoyed how much they had to fight for the win, Owens disagreed.

“That’s them talking,” Owens said. “For me, it could’ve been 51-2 and I would have been just fine.”

With less than 10 minutes remaining in the game, Chapman’s offense went stagnant. The Panthers punted on their next two drives, leaving the game in the hands of their defense—more specifically, in Faletoi’s hands.

After Cal Lutheran drove down to Chapman’s 45-yard line, Chapman forced a sack and got a stop on a short run play. On third down, Friederichsen looked across the field for his favorite target, Lacombe. To the audible dismay of Cal Lutheran fans, the ball stuck, this time, in Faletoi’s left hand. (Friederichsen) threw the ball and I was like, ‘If I just hit this down, we win the game,’” Faletoi said. “I was just going to hit it down and it stuck to my hand and I was like, ‘Oh, all right, I’ll take it.”

That moment, while important for any player who’s just single-handedly secured a conference championship, had a special significance for Faletoi, who was playing in his first game of the season. Faletoi, who has two children, almost stopped playing football after suffering a herniated disk in his cervical spine.

Faletoi said he was concerned about his well-being for his children’s sake (after the injury). He said his wife convinced him to continue playing because of his love of the game, which he did for the first time Oct. 28. He said he was very emotional following the interception.

“You have no idea,” Faletoi said. “Man, I was out of breath after that play because all the adrenaline, all the emotions took over. It’s crazy.”

One play later, Bautista kneed the ball, crowning Chapman a conference champion once again. Chapman could still technically share the conference trophy with the University of Redlands if Chapman loses its final regular-season game against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at home Nov. 4, and Redlands wins its final two games against Whittier College and Cal Lutheran.

However, Chapman’s Oct. 14 win over Redlands means it has already secured a spot over Redlands in the NCAA Division III tournament through the conference’s automatic qualifier.

“We’ll celebrate and then we’ll be back to work Monday,” Owens said.

SCOREBOARD

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Soccer
Cal Lutheran 2
Chapman 1
Pomona-Pitzer 1

Men’s Water Polo
Chapman 11
Redlands 10

Football
Chapman 46
Cal Lutheran 38

Women’s Volleyball
Chapman 3
Caltech 0
Chapman 3
Pomona-Pitzer 2
Chapman 3
Occidental 0

Women’s Soccer
Occidental 2
Chapman 1
La Verne 2

Men’s Soccer
Nov. 1 @ Cal Lutheran 7 p.m.*

Men’s Water Polo
Nov. 1 @ Cal Lutheran 4 p.m.
Nov. 4 vs. Whittier 11 a.m.

Football
Nov. 4 vs. Claremont-M-S 7 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball
Nov. 2 @ Claremont-M-S 5 p.m.*

Key: Bold = champion, winner listed first

= Playoff game

* = In-conference game

Above: The football team celebrates Oct. 28 after clinching the conference championship with a 46-38 win over California Lutheran University.

Below: Senior quarterback Ricky Bautista, left, runs with the ball while senior wide receiver Jacob Isabel, right, blocks.

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