This week, The Panther’s taken a short break from hard-hitting news to highlight the very best of Chapman. From the best orders at each dining option on campus to the football team’s success, this issue is dedicated to focusing on the good.

**Best break up location**

It's about that time of the year to either form or break off your relationships and The Panther has narrowed down the perfect on-campus location to do just that.

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**Recognizing football on campus**

After Chapman's defeat against Saint John's University, students were polled and a majority consensus revealed increasing interest in the football team.

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**Best time to go to Starbucks**

Almost everyone craves Starbucks, but no one wants to stand mindlessly in line. We waited and figured out the best time to visit your favorite caffeine chain, so you don't have to.

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Socialism, fake news. Donald Trump: D’Souza speaks on campus

Dinesh D’ Souza, who was pardoned by President Donald Trump in 2018 for an illegal campaign contribution, was brought to campus by Chapman Republicans

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Walking through the Attallah Piazza, Remi Le Bel, a junior sociology major, saw a tabling for Chapman Republicans who were set to host Dinesh D’Souza later that afternoon.

Le Bel was curious to know more about the famous conservative political commentator and filmmaker, so she used what many people use when looking things up, Google. What she found was full of “sadness.”

“I was very taken aback and shocked this man was coming to campus,” Le Bel said. “He made jokes about really serious and horrific things happening in our society.”

With a few questions crafted, Le Bel made her way to the Sandhu Conference Center on the evening of Dec. 3 wearing a rainbow bracelets and a graphic T-shirt with an edited image of Barack Obama giving President Donald Trump the middle finger, hoping to hear what D’Souza had to say. But Le Bel was not able to do that. As she made her way up to the event, a security officer asked if she was for or against D’Souza’s ideologies. She shared that she was against most the things D’Souza has said.

“He asked me to please not ask any questions and I told him I could not promise him that,” Le Bel said. After a minute of stares, whisperings and disapproving looks, the officer told Le Bel it “was not a good idea for her to be there.” Le Bel did not want to disrespect the event and those attending. She complied with the officer’s request but was disappointed she could not hear or question D’Souza.

“Trump 2020! Trump 2020!” was shouted as D’Souza came forward to speak. Around 300 people gathered in the conference center anxiously waiting for his arrival.

The event was hosted by Chapman Republicans with the help of Young America’s Foundation, an organization focused on educating college students on conservative ideals. D’Souza was picked because he was funny, “kinda out there” and interesting, said Taylor Duncker, president of Chapman Republicans.

The club’s members were excited after hearing D’Souza would be on campus, Duncker said.

“We watched clips of his movies,” Duncker said. “This year alone, we brought Larry Elder, Chapman brought Ben Shapiro and George W. Bush and then we brought Dinesh D’Souza. It was like boom, boom, boom. Huge conservative names and we wanted the fire rolling.”

The focus of D’Souza’s discussion was “The Failures of Socialism,” followed by a Q&A with topics ranging from fake news and sanctuary cities to Trump’s successes and failures.

D’Souza spoke on the failures of socialism, using North Korea and Venezuela as examples.

“We have North and South Korea. North Korea is socialist and South Korea is capitalist; look at the result,” D’Souza said. “South Korea is 50 times richer than North Korea; people in South Korea live for 10 years longer.”

D’Souza also gave counter arguments for socialism and its global practices. He posed arguments for socialism from a leftist perspective, saying that capitalism is not effective anymore and that socialism has been successful in the Scandinavian region.

“It does work in the land where everyone is named Sven,” D’Souza joked. Scandinavian socialism was one of the most interesting topics of conversation for many audience members.

“I didn’t know what was going on over there,” said Tyler Elder, a sophomore business administration major, who attended the event. It appeared many audience members found D’Souza charismatic, as laugh after laugh could be heard out the door during the discussion.

“I like him more; I had never heard him speak before,” Elder said. “He was clear in his message, confident and seemed down to earth.”

D’Souza also spoke about the “socialist gang,” a group of four Congresswomen who have been vocal during their short time in office.

“We have A.O.C. (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez),” said D’Souza, which led to a negative reaction from the crowd.

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar was also mentioned as part of the “socialist gang,” along with democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders.

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Another student asked about sanctuary cities, which D’Souza responded saying there is a problem with its symbol of lawlessness. Trump’s failures and successes was also a topic in the Q&A.

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Dinesh D’Souza spoke to a crowd of around 300 people about the “Failures of Socialism” and held a Q&A session, in which he asked critics to come up and ask questions to make the discussion more interesting.

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Punk rock panelists discuss the lasting effect of 1980s movement

Four female panelists speak about the effect of the punk rock era on the socio-political movement

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Students and aging punks alike gathered in the basement of Leatherby Libraries Dec. 5 for a discussion featuring Stacey Russo, teacher, activist and author of the personal narrative, “We Were Going to Change the World.” Russo’s book serves as a platform for 37 different female voices to be heard who, like herself, were influenced by the punk rock scene of Southern California during the 1970s and 1980s. Four interviewees featured in the book responded to flyers by Russo that placed around the area and ranged from DJs and musicians to journalists and fans, giving a holistic view of the various perspectives throughout the punk rock era, which Russo coins as a social movement.

The women are now in the age range of 40 to 70 and less actively involved in the punk rock era, which Russo credits the movement for influencing her political, social and economic beliefs. With new topics like animal rights and female rights under scrutiny, Russo believes the scene was a major proponent for her turning vegetarian at age 16 and being a social activist by bringing a book of women’s voices into a “genre that’s mostly predominately male voices.” Now, at almost age 50, Russo can make you feel better and it’s a great catharsis,” Russo credits the movement for.

The outcast mentality that underscores the entire movement serves as the main reason for many of the women getting involved. “I was attracted to this counter-culture. I was lucky that it was happening at that time,” said Bachman, a drummer for her own band, about why she became an active member of the punk rock scene.

Russo’s book channels the anger and passion expressed through the music into other areas of her life. “We Were Going to Change the World,” and was a panelist at a Dec. 5 punk rock event.

Jerry Price, the Dean of Students, continued the discussion about the administration’s response to present an accurate representation of the Patriot Front event under the rug. That is an ongoing trend.

“Even if we have one student saying they feel unsafe, that is something that the administration should take seriously,” Pantoja said. “At the end of the day, they are a student here and even if it is only one person, that one person shouldn’t feel that way.”

“Although I was not personally targeted, I thought maybe this was not the place I was supposed to be,” Paschke said.

“Not wanting to limit anyone’s freedom of speech, the group wants the administration to put student’s safety first and not ignore or allow hateful speech on campus.

“I don’t think (enforcing stricter rules) is limiting free speech on campus. There is a difference between free speech and saying what you believe: saying what you believe (can sometimes) directly harm people,” Paschke said.

Jerry Price, the Dean of Students, expressed concern when learning that students would want the administration to limit what students can hear on campus.

“I would encourage students to direct their energy at the sources of the hateful propaganda, rather than at the place where the propaganda is directed,” Price said. “It is the role of the students themselves to decide what program they want to go to, what messages they want to read, what makers they want to hear and not (the administration)’s job to tell them who they can or cannot listen to.”

However, Price encouraged the group to continue to exercise their freedom of speech and gather information to present to the administration. The group has also partnered with Jacky Dang, the Student Government Association Diversity Affairs Chair, to update and spread awareness about the student resources available on campus for those who have experienced incidents of bias or hate. Dang is working to update the Cross-Cultural Education and Research Team (CERT) incident notification form.

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“The movement originally started because of the administration’s response to the Patriot Front postings, but turned into an anti-discrimination movement.

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Best Sodexo employee: Qdoba’s ‘people-person’ Willy Benton

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When you order food from one of the on-campus vendors, what kind of items are you looking for to help you decide where to eat? Is it the genre of food? How about the vegetarian or gluten-free options? What about the kind, funny man who works full-time at Qdoba and is incredibly considerate with his all-too-generous serving sizes?

Service with a smile has never materialized itself more perfectly than with Willy Benton. An employee at Chapman since 2006, Benton said he’s wholeheartedly embraced the additional work required of the on-campus vendor to serve the population. In fact, he’s never called out sick or missed a single day on the job.

“When I first got here, I saw all these kids and I’m thinking to myself, ‘Wow, we got to make a lot of food,’” Benton said. “But I wasn’t intimidated. It added to my passion I have for cooking and making people happy.”

When asked what Benton would like to refer his title to, he confidently replied, “A people-person.” On the surface-level, Benton may appear to be a Qdoba first-timer as an ordinary food server: he comes into work to perform daily tasks like clean and prep the Qdoba kitchen, stock the merchandise, and serve the food. However, after returning a few times to bask in the glory of Qdoba’s free queso and guacamole, students quickly pick up on Benton’s warmhearted personality.

“Everyone was saying it’s my first day today, I have the passion to keep customers happy. If I’m having a bad day, I push it to the side and keep going forward with all the goodness,” Benton said. “If you guys aren’t happy with the food one day, you’ll come back for the conversation. The conversation will make you remember this guy, because what he said right here made you laugh.”

It’s not uncommon to see someone say, “Dude, the black guy at Qdoba is awesome!” while walking through the Argyros Forum Student Union – I’ve overheard it twice this semester and I don’t even have any classes on main campus. But Chapman students don’t know much about Benton’s personal life besides his hard work behind the counter.

Growing up, Benton remembers how “terrific” it was to be the only male in the kitchen cooking big holiday dinners for his family. He cites his mother as the master that fueled his interest in the food industry. Now with six of his own children ages 13 to 25, family remains an essential aspect of his happiness and motivation.

“Family to me is everything and growing up, I was always in the kitchen with mom. She had me at a very young age and times back then was kind of hard, so it’s a blessing for me to be here now,” Benton said. “Now if I’m in the kitchen my daughters usually help me. That right there is the most precious time for me because by them helping me out, they’re going to carry that onto their families and theirs.”

Passion is Benton’s cites as his driving force, he said. Not only in the service he provides but the interactions and connections he’s able to form with customers.

“I once had a guest that stopped me and she was like, ‘You’re so nice,’ Benton said. “Just to hear that, that right there brought joy to me because I didn’t do it for other people; I’m just having a conversation. It just makes me see how food and it’s a wonderful feeling.”

Benton remembers the moment he knew Chapman would offer a welcoming place to share his talents. Back in 2006, with no babysitter for his son, Benton walked through Chapman’s interview doors with his son’s hand in his and met Executive Chef Jim Douglas.

“Jim saw me and knew I had a reason to work and to be here. Chef Jim looked at my background, and how I proved myself, how I presented myself and with the conversation that we had, I knew he understood me and I understood him,” Benton said. “Every time I see Chef Jim, I tell him I love him and I embrace him with a hug because my heart is genuine and with him, he gave me the opportunity to work here. The doors are open and he made me feel so at home with everything.”

While employed at Chapman, Benton’s been able to pay off his house in Orange, California, which he originally purchased in 1997. He said he’s grateful for the opportunity he has working on a college campus and his dedication and loyalty to his job is evident with one quick glance. So please, next time you stop by Qdoba, introduce yourself to Willy Benton; he’s sure to spark up a friendly conversation.

“When you guys see me behind the counter and doing what I do, you appreciate that and I appreciate you for appreciating me,” Benton said. “Because that right there is letting you know that I’m doing my job.”

Best times to go to Starbucks: set an alarm for the early morning

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Like any college student, I have a caffeine addiction. With never ending deadlines, unfinished projects and the daunting approach of finals, it’s no surprise that students are consuming an unnatural amount of daily caffeine.

As a freshman hearing there was a Starbucks on campus that was close to all of my classes seemed too good to be true. My first encounter with the on-campus Starbucks was after my 9:00 a.m. class. Walking down the stairs of Beckman Hall, I was greeted with the smell of fresh milk truly worth sacrificing your morning and waiting for their orders. Even the clueless freshman I am, I decided to check in line. Long story short, I got my coffee, surrendered my entire morning and gained a little more patience that day.

I decided to do my due diligence as an avid coffee drinker and complete a list of the best (but mostly worst) times to go to Starbucks. You are welcome in advance.

Disclaimer: This study is not to judge or fault you for your coffee habits, but instead to help you avoid potentially bad experiences. Whether you’re a caffeine addict or just need a pick-me-up, this guide is for you.

7:52 a.m. — Not only are you already dreading your research paper due at midnight that you haven’t started. Who else would get two shots of espresso at 8 a.m.? Nobody, absolutely nobody.

8:15 a.m. — Either you are truly addicted to caffeine or you have a research paper due at midnight that you haven’t started. Who else would get two shots of espresso at 8 a.m.? Nobody, absolutely nobody.

Students have better luck avoiding the Starbucks line if they get up bright and early, despite needing to wake up even earlier to get their order before class.

8:15 p.m. — As a student, you’re already in bed or out doing something. At this time, you don’t want to be waking up even earlier to get your order before class.

2:03 a.m. — As everyone knows, this is when the “hunger games” is over and the best time to attend Starbucks is around 6 a.m. and 2 a.m., when the store is less crowded.

Best Sodexo employee: Qdoba’s ‘people-person’ Willy Benton

Qdoba’s very own Willy Benton has been working at Chapman since 2006. His passion for cooking and spreading positive energy is evident in the kitchen and as a restaurant server.
Chapman's close proximity to Disneyland gives Chapman Grand residents the opportunity to view the fireworks each weekend

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Every weekend at 9:30 p.m., the fireworks from the Disneyland theme park can be seen showering the skies of Orange with their pyrotechnic display. For Chapman students, the four-mile distance between Chapman's main campus and the happiest place on Earth makes study breaks at 9:30 p.m. something to look forward to. However, the main campus isn't the only Owner-owned property where the nightly extravaganza can be witnessed. In fact, the two-mile distance from the theme park to the Chapman Grand apartment complex makes the location a desirable lookout point for its student residents.

The Panther conducted a poll this week and found that the 60 percent of surveyed students prefer visiting the rooftop of the parking structure at Chapman Grand, located in Anaheim, California. It's the ideal spot to gather your friends in the brisk, nighttime air accompanied by thermoses filled to the brim with hot chocolate to keep you warm while you enjoy the vibrant display of colors.

Chapman Grand's rooftop wasn't the only top location to watch the Disneyland fireworks. Others voted their favorite spot to be the third floor patio of the Keck Center of Science and Engineering and another mentioned the fourth floor of Beckman Hall as their ideal location. However, the rooftop of the Chapman Grand parking structure was, in fact, the most favorable amongst those polled.

Since Chapman Grand is much closer to Disneyland Park than the university, the colors and shapes of the fireworks are more visibly pronounced, making the experience similar to being at the park itself. However, for students who are on campus and need a moment to breathe from studying and to receive some form of instant gratification, the show can still be seen from Beckman Hall's fourth floor. The booming sound of the fireworks from this location is also more muffled, which may be preferable for some.

For students who are not residents of Chapman Grand or don't want to view the fireworks from campus, driving to Downtown Disney is your next best option. Admission into Downtown Disney is the closest off-site spot to view the popular display without entering the park. While you have to pay for parking, you can get it validated for up to three hours if you spend over $20 (or five hours if you have Downtown Disney table-service)! If you haven't had the opportunity to see the fireworks yet, gather your friends tonight and bring them to one of these desired destinations for an experience you won't forget.

Best dorm configuration: bunk beds optimize small space

The first hurdle freshmen in the dorms tackle is arranging three twin XL beds, desks, chairs, and dressers

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Twin XL beds, desks, desk chairs, dressers and endless arrangement possibilities are presented to students upon their arrival to Chapman. Although Residence Life and First Year Experience (RLFYE) have the furniture arranged in a random configuration, students are allowed to configure the room to best fit their needs. It is a subjective decision-making process that requires collective creativity to create a functional and comfortable space for everyone.

After conversations, trial and error, and observing what others had done with their dorm spaces, my roommates and I finally decided on a layout. What worked best for the three of us was having an “L” shape configuration of the beds. With our desks adjacent to our beds, it created sections of space that could function as our own.

Dividing the room into sections this way gave each of us our own area to keep our belongings in without being in each others’ way. What ended up being effective was creating individual and personalized spaces within the tiny room that we all shared.

To maximize the storage space in the room in Henley Hall, students can either opt to loft their beds or put their dresser under their bed to create more space along the walls or middle area of the room. Chapman Grand visitors can use bunk beds to further maximize floor space.

Jordan Lebowitz and Jimmy Farley are freshmen business majors living in Henley Hall who took up the challenge of redesigning the RLFYE configuration. Currently Lebowitz's room consists of three beds in an “L” formation against two walls. Two beds are positioned against the left wall and the third bed is vertical to make the bottom of the “L” along the end of the wall in the corner. Two desks are placed back to back in the middle of the room to form an island. The third desk is against the right wall by the bathroom door and their dressers are located under their lofted beds.

Farley and his roommates decided to use bunk beds to optimize the space, which allowed them to fit a couch amongst those polled. Since Chapman Grand is much closer to Disneyland Park than the university, the colors and shapes of the fireworks are more visibly pronounced, making the experience similar to being at the park itself. However, for students who are on campus and need a moment to breathe from studying and to receive some form of instant gratification, the show can still be seen from Beckman Hall’s fourth floor. The booming sound of the fireworks from this location is also more muffled, which may be preferable for some.

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Ah, the everlasting struggle of finding adequate food to eat on campus. It’s a question that’s asked in many tours at Chapman. It’s something we grapple with every day. What should we eat?

When I was a freshman, I was typically without any on-campus food choices. I took my $400 Panther Bucks for granted. Now, I’ve grown. I’m wiser and I’ve gained a newfound appreciation for the little things in life, specifically, the environment in which I literally define Chapman. Along with this, through trials and tribulations, I’ve discovered the best options at each restaurant.

That’s why this piece is being written: to identify and recommend the best food choices at each on-campus restaurant. So that you don’t have to.

In my opinion. Disclaimer: I am a vegetarian, so these are all vegetarian orders. Add chicken or whatever if you eat meat. I don’t care!

Let’s begin with the classic: Qdoba. Advertised on tours as “Chipotle with free guac,” Qdoba is the perfect place to study, eat an actual meal or abuse the bowls freely. And although it receives some hate, Qdoba is genuinely a good option. That is, if you order the right thing. And that right thing to order is a vegetarian bowl.

While many Chapman students go straight for the burrito, this decision is unwise. The bowl is quite obviously superior. The options are endless, from adding beans and rice to removing the meat entirely. And in order to make this bowl the best, add guacamole. It’s truly a game changer. Finally, add guacamole – if there’s any available – and finish off with a light amount of lettuce. This combination is satisfying, sizeable, fairly healthy and packed with flavor.

If you’re looking for something lighter, head over to Jamba Juice and order the most classic of drinks: Razzmatazz. Sure it might make up 90 percent sugar, but it tastes good and it’s the perfect combination of sweet and flavorful. If you’re hungry, don’t neglect the breakfast wraps. A lot of people forget they’re offered at Jamba Juice, and this is a novice mistake.

If you’re looking for the perfect combination of satisfyng yet light, head to Einstein Bros. Bagels. I swear, in the past year alone, Einstein’s popularity has skyrocketed. The line frequently wraps to the door and by the time I’m there, all the cinnamon sugar bagels are gone. Which is a shame, because a cinnamon sugar bagel is the best thing to order at Einstein’s. Pair it with honey almond (my personal favorite) or strawberry schmear and let this baby brighten your day. Plus, it’s just over three dollars and it’s the perfect blend of sweet and salty. It’s a dessert, breakfast sandwich or snack in-between classes.

If you’re in the mood for something to take home, head over to Starbucks. Although getting through the line and making it to class on time is almost impossible, there are some things there that are worth the wait. The best drink to order at Starbucks is an iced dirty chai tea latte. The caffeine – perfect for finals week – and is pretty difficult for the baristas to mess up. Beware, this drink isn’t cheap, so if you’re looking for food to accompany your drink, go for the plain bagel with cream cheese. It’s just over a dollar, and it’s surprisingly filling. If you’re willing to splurge, head for the spinach and feta wrap. It’s delicious and they don’t run out of them before 11 a.m. most days.

Which brings us to Sub Connection. If you’re looking for what to order at Sub Connection, look no further. Just go to Sub Connection, it’s better and it’s literally across the street from campus. I wish I could say I’ve found my perfect blend at Sub Connection, but we all know that it’s just an inferior Subway. Skip the uncertainty of Sub Connection and go to Subway.

I’m sure there are other worthwhile options to order. I haven’t tried every single food item at every single restaurant on campus. And I truly believe these orders are the best at every restaurant. And if you don’t believe me, go try them for yourself.
Best campus coffee: Starbucks vs. Einstein’s

Caffeine is the one drug that has traveled into mainstream culture so much so that we have shops dedicated to satiating the addiction. Coffee shops on college campuses are the perfect study spots and places to catch up with friends. The two places on campus dedicated to supplementing students' daily dose of caffeine are Einstein’s Bros. Bagels and Starbucks – but which is superior? The Panther polled 54 students and found that 69 percent preferred Starbucks over Einstein’s Bros. Bagels. Running from Einstein’s and Star-bucks to coffee joints lines are host- ing, but I always end up going to Einstein’s or going home for the best cup of coffee. But sometimes, nothing compares to a peppermint mocha on a cold rainy morning. That is, if you have a good 30 minutes or more of time.

Although I am a sucker for a Star-bucks vanilla latte, I do find myself going to Einsteins far more frequently. The greatest barrier to overcome when it comes to the Starbucks is not only the line, but also the fact that it takes years to receive my drink after I purchased it. I have often left without all the items I ordered because I felt too guilty to ask for my order’s where-abouts, given how busy the baristas were.

Einstein’s is perfect when you need a cup of drip coffee with a splash of creamer and a sachet of sugar; I haven’t tried their handmade drinks, but the bagels are the perfect meal to keep you satisfied between meetings or study sessions. Also, I feel like this never happened in previous years, but the Einstein’s line will extend out the door at around midnight – making me regret not bringing coffee from home, or packing a snack before rushing out the door minutes before my class is about to start.

My schedule this semester allows for an hour break between my 50-minute 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. classes, where I spend the entirety of my break stand- ing in line at Starbucks and awaiting the items I ordered. By the time I get my drink and consume some food to hold me over, I have roughly 15 minutes to relax prior to class. I am a creature of habit: I usually get a grande iced cold brew with a splash of almond milk. Not for the taste, but purely for the caffeine. But to be completely honest, I prefer this drink to the Einstein’s drip coffee because I like the sweet, non-dairy option at Starbucks.

Einstein’s is affordable and fast; as campus gets more and more crowded, the food options diminish and the lines for coffee and food get longer and longer. After waiting for what feels like hours, it can be heartbreaking when the person in front of you takes the last everything bagel or blueberry muffin. My desire for cheap, accessible coffee is sustained by this bagel joint, but the coffee-lover in me fords the crisp, strong cold brew at Starbucks. All I can do is hope that Philz Coffee isn’t as crowded as the on-campus options tend to be. I am already preparing myself for their Mint Mojito iced coffee and most like- ly will walk the extra couple minutes from campus to get it.

Best bust: actress and singer Ethel Merman

Ethel Merman, a musical theatre mogul, is the only bust on campus that showcases more than the head.

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All across campus, there are busts of many famous people. To me, it is one of the defining features of main campus, and one of the first things I noticed when I toured Chapman.

According to tour guide Aurora Finiam, certain donors choose a person they admire to be on the campus. The bust is a quote from the subject, a plaque commemorating when it was dedicated and who donated it, as well as recognizing the artist who made the bust.

There are statues of national and international heroes, recognizing people who have achieved incredible things from Martin Luther King to Winston Churchill, but when it comes down to “Best Bust”, I believe that has nothing to do with the content of their character, and more about how entertaining their

bronze statue is.

I’m a simple man, I like a fun hat. So, naturally the busts of Ronald Reagan and R.C. Holue stand out to me. Reagan dons a classic cowboy, while Holue’s is more of a fedora.

Of course, I would be remiss to not mention Charles C. Chapman. His large statue, on a pedestal right past Schmid gate, is surrounded by flowers and it’s one of the most picturesque spots on campus. But, unfortunately, he has legs so I don’t think he qualifies as a bust.

When I asked Finiam, she said she thought the best bust at Chapman was the large one of Albert Schweitzer in front of Argyros Forum. This bust is often emphasized on tours when tour guides talk about the intellectual com- ponent of being a Panther. I went to check it out — boring. Only a head and shoul- ders, I want something more interesting than that. I want pizzazz!

Some of the best busts at Chapman are sort of tucked away. There are plenty of busts lining the sidewalks of main campus, but there is also a large amount on the sides of Musco lawn, a space less visible to most students on their daily walks.

This strip of statues features many notable people involved in the performing arts — musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra, or film stars such as Marlon Brando and Humphrey Bogart. The best bust at Chapman stands in this area: the statue of legendary singer Ethel Mer- man. Merman was a famous actress and singer, known for her notable voice and many roles in musical theatre. However, her ranking has nothing to do with her accomplishments.

Merman’s bust is one of the only busts at Chapman (hats notwithstanding) that is not just a person’s face. It shows her, her full of life, with one arm extend- ed and the other arm nonexistent. Merman was known as a vivacious person and this statue captures her eccentricity, you can almost hear her trumpet-like voice. Unlike many of the other busts on campus, this piece feels truly representative of the person and her contributions to her field. The way the Merman bust cap- tures how full life was she makes it an easy winner for “best bust at Chapman.”

The Abraham Lincoln bust is an honorable mention, but it is out for matinaneance and therefore cannot qualify for the ranking at this time. Also, he isn’t even wearing his signa- ture fun hat.

Chapman’s bathrooms: an in-depth analysis

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Beckman Hall (a.k.a. Starbucks bath- rooms): 2/10

- Cold and uninviting atmosphere
- Have to wade through hordes of people, because somehow a class is always just getting out

- High chance you will get stuck in the automated doors while waiting in line

- I always accidentally turn into the hallway before the bathroom and have to play it off like I meant to do that then turn around and walk to the real bathroom

- (Does anyone else do this every time? I’m asking for a friend who is not me.)

- Gets two pity points for simply existing and serving its basic function, but it is still solid low-tier

Argyros Forum: 4/10

- A slightly less uninviting version of the Beckman Hall bathrooms
- The mirror lighting is very fluorescent and makes me feel bad about myself

- Bonus points for having a lot of stalls so you can have to go into a stall next to someone else

- Central location makes it convenient, but it also means it’s very likely you will run into someone you know. If you’re avoiding someone or if you just need some quiet time to reflect, this bathroom is not for you

- Overall it could be much worse, but it doesn’t come close to the top-tier bath- rooms

Smith Hall: 8/10

- Definitely top tier since it has a new modern look (once the building was renovated)

- Fancy subway tile on the walls make me feel like I’m on an episode of Fixer Upper

- Bonus points for having a full body mirror

- Nice lighting: I’ve thrown up here before and I felt 30 percent less horrid than I could have because the atmosphere was so airy and bright

- Many people say this is the best bath- room, I actually agree with them. It’s too out of the way for it to claim the top spot

Doli Hall: 5/10

- It’s fine

Memorial Hall: 7/10

- Super secret bathroom
- Has kind of lobby/dressing room situa- tion going on?

- Nice and spacious, but nobody goes here unless it’s Airbands intermission so unfortunately it gets a lower score than it probably deserves

Wilkinson Hall Basement: 10/10

- The BEST bathroom

- Clean, central, no line, good lighting and nothing is ever broken. Overall excellent bathroom and a clear winner
- If you are stuck on campus and have to take a mirror selfie ASAP, do it here.

- I kind of regret writing this list because I’m ruining the best kept secret on campus but nobody ever uses this bathroom even though it is, like I said, the best

Roosevelt Hall: 6/10

- Fancy and clean single-person bath- room but it’s located in the teacher’s office building so I feel like I’m breaking the law whenever I go in there. I dodged some points because it makes me uncomfort- able

- Musco Center for the Arts: 0/10

- Off limits, we are not worthy enough to use this bathroom

Hashinger Science Center: 2/10

- Disgusting, avoid at all costs
Finals aren’t that bad

Without a doubt, the month of December is one of the most stressful times to be a college student. Finals, group papers, 10-page essays you didn’t realize you had – they all combine at one horrific, magical time, creating the perfect storm that is finals week. And oh my god, it sucks.

But it’s not all bad. I dread finals week just as much as the next guy. I’ve spent my fair share of time crying in the library while simultaneously studying for an exam, eating my Einstein’s bagel, finding the perfect pair of underwear for Undie Run, all while writing an essay about the Iranian Nuclear Crisis. I’ve pulled all-nighters studying for a test I’m never going to be ready for. Finals week is the worst and the entire week, I’m just wishing I could be taking a nap.

But as much as I hate finals week, I kind of like it, too. There’s something bonding about the shared stress that everyone else is experiencing. There’s something truly unique about all of us panicking at the same time. I don’t know if it’s morbid to say, but at least I know I’m not the only one who’s having a difficult time getting through finals without having a meltdown.

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Chapman is too crowded and we’re not prepared for it

For those who aren’t used to being independent, transitioning from college to high school can be a frightening and overwhelming experience. This was the case for me. Initially, I planned to go to college across the country but, at the last minute, I changed my mind in fear of being too far away from my parents. Growing up, my parents were my backbone. When I felt that I had failed, they picked me back up. From being sick to my first heartbreak, they always knew how to comfort me.

The idea of being completely alone across the country became a paralyzing thought. So instead of leaving, I settled for staying local. And not only did I decide to stay local, I chose to attend Chapman, the university my father is a professor at, so I could continue feeling comfortable and secure with his close proximity. I was nervous to start this new chapter in my life, and although my dad would be a walk away, I still cried the first night I slept in the dorms.

Obviously I knew what I was getting myself into when I applied and made the decision to attend, but the experience hasn’t been terrible at all—which surprises many who ask me what it’s like to go to school with a parent professor. When people find out that my dad is a professor at Chapman, they assume he follows my every move, haranguing me about my grades, where I am at, who I am with or what I am doing. This has not been my experience with my dad. In fact, I have no specific memories of him nagging or questioning me about these topics. He always reserves this behavior for times when he is giving some kind of life advice or showing concern for my safety.

Having my dad on campus has actually been enjoyable and helpful. When I need his support, I can easily walk over to his office and ask for advice. Sometimes these conversations remind me how I’m feeling. It’s like having my own personal therapist or counselor available to me without needing to make an appointment. I used to wake up early for work or classes, which was no mistake. We did live in that place and, when we got assigned there, we emailed the residents. In fact, when I was nervous to start this new chapter in my life, and although my dad would be a walk away, I still cried the first night I slept in the dorms.

When we got assigned there, we emailed the university to ask if they made a mistake. There was no mistake. We did live in that place and, to our surprise, it was awesome.

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Having a professor as a parent

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Every time I find myself staring between classes, I look inside Argyros Forum only to find the line for Einstein Bros. Bagels is packed tightly for speed-walk across campus to Beckman Hall, almost out the door. That prompts me to wonder what the impact of the increasing enrollment of Chapman students. Chapman-related noise complaints have been reported to have doubled from 2015 to 2017 and I can only imagine the increase since then.

My biggest concern regarding the overcrowding of campus is the kind of university that Chapman could become as a result. Much of the charm of our school and the local community is earned through the smaller campus and consequently, the smaller community. The bigger Chapman becomes, the easier it is for students to feel like a drop in the ocean. My hope is that with the expansion, the sense of community at Chapman and the environment of the smaller campus stays intact. Because that’s why a lot of us came here in the first place.

Leave North Morlan alone

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Leaving the North Morlan Residence Hall (NoMo) made us the people we are today. If it weren’t for the white-washed concrete walls, questionnable carpet stains and generally haunted atmosphere of NoMo, we genuinely don’t know who we would be.

NoMo gets a bad reputation for looking like a store-brand Motel 6. When we toured it before our freshman year, our moms said, “I hope to God you don’t live in this place.”

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Wilson Field. A lovely, pristine piece of architecture and the home turf of Chapto...
Best of Chapman: Keefe credits play to discipline

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From the first whistle until the final zeroes flash on the scoreboard, he brings a tangible intensity. Yet on the sidelines, he exudes a simple lightheartedness and joy for the sport. The two opposite attitudes bring balance to his game – he's an animal on the field, but around campus, he's another friendly face that would stop in a heartbeat to talk.

Those who sat in the stands of Wilson Field during Saturday games know junior Dillon Keefe as an absolute menace on the football field. He’s an outside linebacker who was named the 2019 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Defensive Player of the Year. His numbers speak for themselves. 10.5 sacks. Two forced fumbles. 72 tackles in 11 games. But it’s the gruff that Keefe truly cares about.

"Numbers are numbers – for me, it’s about 10 wins. All summer, I was here with a bunch of guys, working our butts off," Keefe said. “If those numbers reflect anything, it’s the all the effort that we put in outside of football.”

He certainly prioritizes a strong work ethic. Keefe cited NFL running backs Christian McCaffrey and Saquon Barkley’s Instagram posts – which often feature weightlifting during all hours of the day – as inspiration for him to continue improving.

"It'll be easy to guess that he's dedicated to his craft. Yet what's even more interesting to examine is the person within that helmet – where his drive originates and how it manifests itself in walks of life outside of the field."

During his senior year of high school, Keefe earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America program. "Being in the Scouts for that long always required me to be my best self – I think being your best self is trying your hardest and giving your best effort in any task that you take on," Keefe said. "That's how I go about playing football: no matter who we're playing, it's always me versus the person in front of me. First, I must be my best self in order to beat the person in front of me."

In addition to the physical and mental discipline he's gained over time, Keefe also carries a creative spirit that finds its way into his playing demeanor. He was the former bassist in a local punk rock band called "Chump Change," performing alongside his younger brother, cousin and friend during his time at El Modena High School in Orange, California. And while he no longer plays in the band, music has nonetheless carved out a small role in his football career at Chapman.

During this past semester, if a fan peered closely enough at the Chapman sidelines during a timeout, they could've glimpsed Keefe hopping his head to the music playing over the field loudspeakers. The artist he enjoys may surprise some. Senior offensive back Chris Tiritio told The Panther that Keefe is a fan of the now-disbanded One Direction boy band. But ultimately, music of all kinds serves to provide Keefe a stable mentality during chaotic or stressful games.

"I always want to have fun with it, because if you're not having fun, then it's not worth doing anymore," Keefe said of his attitude while playing. "And I try and go into games as level-headed as possible, because if you take things too seriously, you make a mistake. On the sidelines I reflect and try to have a good time."

Ultimately, if all goes to plan, Keefe will be dancing on the sidelines deep into the National Collegiate Athletic Association playoffs next year. Following Chapman’s historic season, Keefe is already looking ahead for ways the team can further improve upon their recently established level of success.

"There's a lot more barriers to break, and a lot more history we have to make," Keefe said. "This season was a good idea of where we can go; next season's about how we can fulfill our potential, because I know we haven't fulfilled it yet."

Best of Chapman: MacIntyre, Vettel speak on bond

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In searching for their next quarterback, NFL scouts, general managers, analysts and fans of a team all ask the same question – is he our franchise signal caller?"Well, Chapman football took a completely different approach to this idea in 2019 – and it paid off. In the midst of an undefeated regular-season run and a home National Collegiate Athletic Association playoff victory, the Panthers were led by an unconventional two-quarterback tandem of junior Jonston MacIntyre and sophomore Reed Vettel. "You don't see a two-quarterback (rotation) work too often," MacIntyre said. "But we were able to make it work."

The plan was to choose a single starting passer by the time of the team's first PacWest conference game, MacIntyre said. Yet head coach Bob Owens ended up rotating the two in and out throughout that game, with the team beating Oregon Pacific in convincing fashion. Thus, the team chose to stick with the two-gunslinger rotation for the duration of the year – and they found it caused quite a conundrum for their opposition.

"We would switch off every two series (throughout games)," MacIntyre said. "Since we're such different players, they have to gameplan for both of us and we were able to take advantage of that all year. Normally, such an arrangement might create tension in the locker room. Yet throughout the year, MacIntyre and Vettel instead aimed to help each other improve for the betterment of the team, through sharing different parts of their game with one another.

"I'm not the most mobile guy, so he definitely wanted me to run more," Vettel said of MacIntyre's advice. "He helped me through my reads so I could make better throws in different coverages."

Off the field, Vettel and MacIntyre became close. In addition to working on one another's craft, the two dined in fabulous cuisines of Madden, a popular football video game franchise. "As the season went on, the brotherhood got stronger and stronger," Vettel said.

Ultimately, the two have nothing more than empty granola bars at what's to come of their roles. "It's up to the coach about what we do," Vettel said. "Ultimately we want to continue the success we had going this year."
After end of season, Chapman student survey reveals increased awareness of football team

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If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?

Let’s rephrase. This is a classic philosophical question – extremely broad and one that can take an entire month to discuss properly. So here’s a different question, a question more applicable to Chapman students.

If a Panther football team racked up win after win, destroying school records and establishing itself as one of the prominent programs in all of Division III – yet there weren’t always many around to see it – would their success still reverberate throughout campus?

Perhaps surprisingly, the answer is yes.

Attendance significantly improved this year for Chapman football’s home games at Wilson Field. As with most Panther sports teams, there were high points and low points – weeks with over a thousand screaming fans in attendance to those with only a handful of scattered clappers. However, that may simply be due to college students not wanting to spend hours of their Saturday away from studies or friends. Ultimately, what’s more important to examine is whether the atmosphere on campus and the attitude toward the team has changed as a result of their undefeated regular season and run into the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III playoffs.

“We have students with an endless variety of scheduling needs and demands – any given night of the week, any given weekend, I think it would be presumptuous of me to assume that there’s no better use of their time than being at a game,” said Dean of Students Jerry Price, who frequently attended the home games. “I would much rather they care about how the team is doing, care about whether students are enjoying success, be proud of fellow students.”

On Monday, Dec. 3, two days after the Panthers lost to Saint John’s University, I handed out surveys to students sitting around different areas of campus, asking their views on the football team. I was preparing myself for resounding indifference. Yet their consensus revealed a noticeable shift in campus pride.

One of the questions asked was, “Have you heard people (friends, random students, faculty) talking about the football team or their success at all this semester?” Out of 47 participants, 62 percent responded that they had. Additionally I asked, “Would you say you’ve felt an increase buzz on campus surrounding the football team or Chapman sports?” of which 36 percent answered yes.

I discussed these results with Chapman professor Peter Weitzner, who’s been affiliated with the school for over 20 years. A lifelong sports fan, Weitzner began almost each of his "journalism in the 21st Century" classes this fall semester by discussing the football team’s success. He mentioned that of all the time he’s spent at the university, he’s noticed a larger shift in his classrooms’ interest in sports over the past two years.

"That’s an impressive number you gave me," Weitzner said in response to hearing the statistics. "We live in an age of cynicism.”

Weitzner also hypothesized that interest was growing amongst the student body not solely due to the football program’s success, but also because athletes are more visible on Chapman’s campus and interact with their peers much more frequently than in that of a Division I school. Price agreed with this assessment.

"It might be because they’re in their residence hall; it might be because they’re in their fraternity; it might be because we’re in the same study group," Price said. "These students really are students. They’re really going to class; they’re paying the same tuition as everybody else and not only are they going to class – in some places, these students in the field are the best students in the class.”

On a different note, students aren’t exactly forming a mob to storm the stands of Wilson Field in forthcoming semesters just yet. In the same survey, only 20 percent of students said they’d attended at least one game this semester, while just 12 percent said the football team’s success increased their interest in Chapman sports.

However, the simple fact that awareness is spreading among students is indicative of a change in attitude. Ultimately, as senior defensive back Nathan Parkin mentioned, it’s small gestures – such as posting or re-sharing an image on social media – that can build an improved atmosphere.

"It’s the little things like that, that will go a long way. You never know who’s going to see it," Parkin said of posting on social media. "You know, LeBron could see something on Instagram and suddenly show up to a game. Keep showing everybody love – not just football, but all sports."