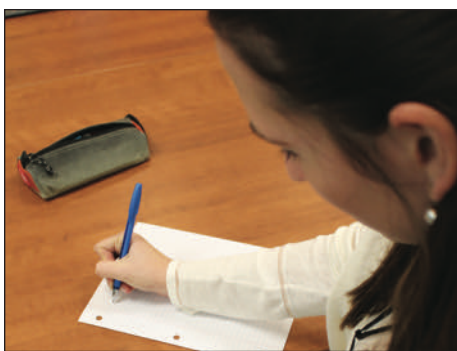




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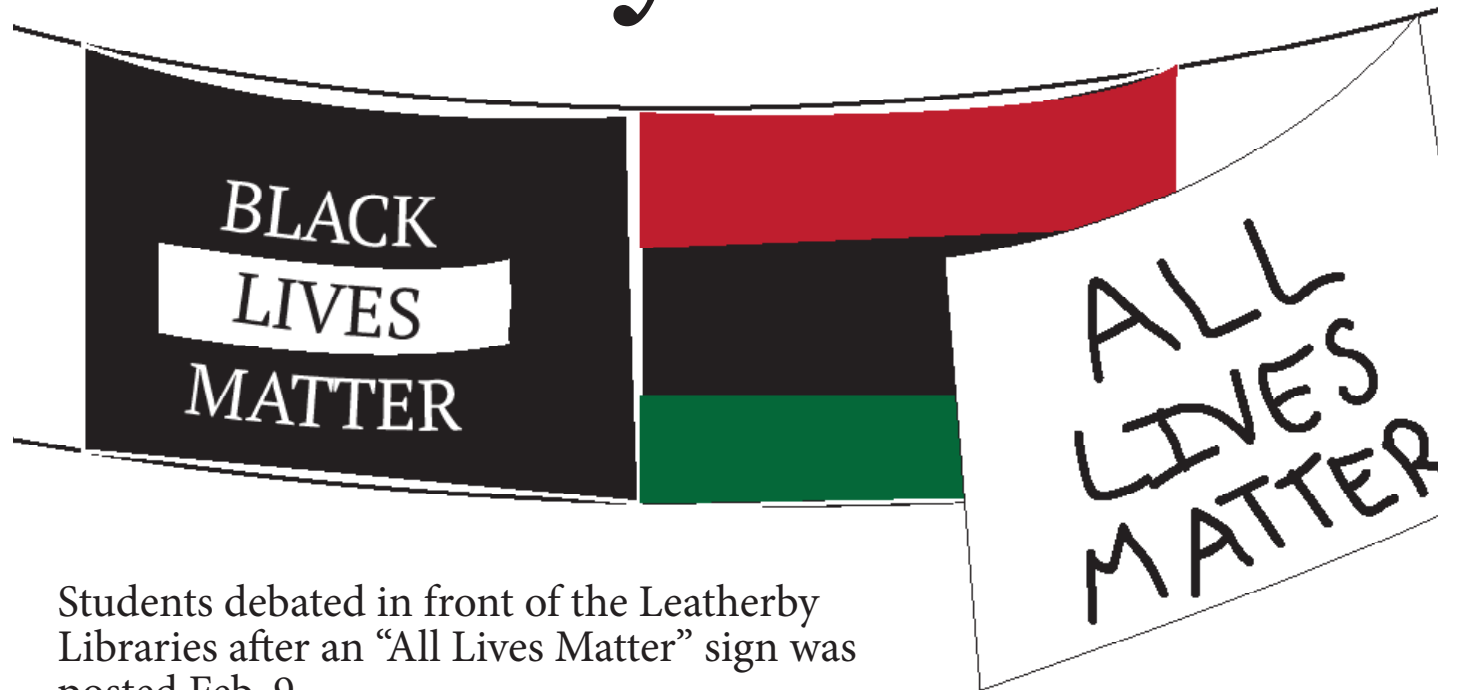


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Photo courtesy of Daniele Struppa
President Daniele Struppa and his wife Lisa Sparks, the dean of the School of Communication, first started dating in 2002 and were married a year later.

'All Lives Matter' sign sparks debate outside Leatherby Libraries

Students gather on steps to discuss religion, Black Lives Matter movement

Caroline Roffe | Editor-in-chief
Rebecca Glaser | News Editor

An "All Lives Matter" sign was posted Feb. 9 in front of the Leatherby Libraries next to the "Black Lives Matter" sign and Pan-African flag posted for Black History Month, said Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba.

The sign was removed by Facilities Management after Public Safety received two calls, Burba said.

"I was the one who posted, who put it up there," said Alec Harrington, a sophomore political science major. "Because I want to see two different opinions being shared on campus. I would like to see the left's idea of what they should have, and also the right, the conservative idea. I would like those two ideas to be shared freely without being shut down."

Around noon, in response to the "All Lives Matter" sign, sophomore screen acting major Arianna Ngnomire sat outside the Leatherby Libraries holding a sign that said, "But will you say it to my face?" when she was approached by Harrington, Ngnomire said.

"It was very profound, because me sitting here, there were a lot of people looking at me, but then the person who actually put the flag up decided to sit next to me and have a conversation," Ngnomire said.

A crowd of people started to gather around Ngnomire and Harrington, Ngnomire said.

The crowd eventually grew to about 50 people.

"I felt like I was a part of a community, because I was really only talking to him one-on-one for a few minutes and then other people came in and supported not only myself but also the Black Lives Matter movement, and it wasn't only black people here either," Ngnomire said. "Everyone really did come out as a community to support my community."

During the conversation, a man ran up with a trash can and attempted to



Photos by JACKIE COHEN Features Editor

Sophomore screen acting major Arianna Ngnomire was on the steps of the Leatherby Libraries holding a sign that read, "But will you say it to my face?" when sophomore political science major Alec Harrington, who posted the "All Lives Matter" sign, approached her for a conversation.

"I want to see two different opinions being shared on campus. I would like to see the left's idea of what they should have, and also the conservative idea."

- Alec Harrington, sophomore political science major

dump trash or hit Harrington with the trash can, said Nikki Thompson, a senior theatre performance major who came to meet Ngnomire.

"He did not succeed in doing that, because Arianna stepped in and put herself in between the young man who put up the 'All Lives Matter' sign and the young man who was attempting to throw trash on him out of anger," Thompson said.

Ngnomire said that she prevented Harrington from getting hit because she didn't want him to get beat up.

"I just want him to be educated," Ngnomire said. "That way he can tell his family and his friends why black lives do matter. I don't know if that will ever happen with him but maybe, I don't know."

The crowd dissipated around 1 p.m. Burba said that the posting of the sign is a policy violation because Civic Engagement didn't authorize it.

In an open letter to the Black Student Union Feb. 9, Dean of Students Jerry Price wrote that the sign was taken down because it was put up without authorization and covered the "Black Lives Matter" banner, which had been approved by the Leatherby Libraries for Black History Month.

"I also want to take this opportunity to clarify that – as an institution that highly values and encourages

free expression – we removed the banner as a response to the students proceeding without authorization and in a matter inconsistent with university policy because it covered your existing banner," Price wrote. "We are not censoring their message; indeed, part of our discussion with the students involved will be to educate them on the proper avenues to communicate a message."

Price told The Panther that there is sufficient reason to suspect that Student Code of Conduct policies may have been violated by posting the sign, and that he plans to meet with Harrington soon.

According to the Chapman website, postings that cover up or obscure a previous posting can be considered a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

"We encourage students communicating whatever message they want to get out there, but you can't do so in such a way that diminishes somebody else's message," Price said.

Jackie Cohen contributed to this report.



About 50 people gathered on the steps of the Leatherby Libraries after a debate about the Black Lives Matter movement turned into one about religion.



Senior television writing and production major Ian Hyland (right) debates with a man who brought up the Christian religion at the debate.

Students protest eviction of homeless

Rebecca Glaser | News Editor
Jackie Cohen | Features Editor

Chapman students gathered to protest at the Santa Ana riverbed Feb. 8 after an Orange County Public Works project that seeks to help with flood control required homeless people to leave their encampments.

Students held signs encouraging people to call local government representatives and passed out water bottles and trash bags at the encampment, which is located at Chapman Avenue and the 22 Freeway, a block from Panther Village.

"We just came here to lend our bodies and our voices," said Jenna Reynolds, a junior graphic design major. "This is the least someone can do for something that's happening in their own community."

Orange County Public Information Manager Carrie Braun said that signs alerting encampment residents of the project have been posted since Jan. 25. The Orange County Sheriff's Office and Orange County Health Care Agency have been sending outreach teams into the encampment to help people during the transition, Braun said.

"The outreach teams, as they've been down in the riverbeds, have been letting those who are encamped there know that this project is coming, but they chose not to leave before the start of the project," Braun said.

Construction workers used a bulldozer to move large pieces of rock to a spot that used to be part of the homeless encampment, a process that Braun said is part of a project that uses the former encampment as a stockpile area for materials to prevent flooding.

Brad West, a junior political science major, said that he and his girlfriend saw an article that described the situation, so they began messaging people who they thought would be interested in protesting. Some students arrived beginning at 10 a.m.

"We've tried to contact elected representatives, but they've been slow to respond," West said. "(The homeless people) have been advised to move to the Santa Ana Civic Center, in that courtyard, but that's already at maximum capacity. And that is literally just them sleeping outside. There's already way too many people there."

Braun said that the outreach teams are not recommending that homeless people relocate to the Civic Center, but

instead are providing transportation to a Santa Ana shelter nearby.

"One of the resources that they've offered is transportation to the courtyard transitional center, which is the shelter in downtown Santa Ana that's adjacent to the Civic Center," Braun said. "But that is a shelter. They're not relocating people with their belongings to set up and then encamp in the Civic Center."

According to the Orange County Register, 461 homeless people lived in the Civic Center as of September 2016. There has been a 283 percent increase in aggravated assaults in that area from 2011 to 2015, the Register reported.

West said that anyone who resists will get arrested, and junior creative writing major Rebecca Rost said that she witnessed an arrest earlier in the day.

Braun said that up until this point, everyone who has been asked to leave has done so voluntarily. Regardless of whether or not there are stockpiled materials on the property, Braun said, it is still considered trespassing for the people who were encamped to be there.

However, one protester was arrested earlier in the day after Braun said he refused to stay on the public sidewalk while he protested and attempted to enter the construction zone.

Imani Woodley, a junior history major, said that she thinks it is unfortunate that the city is trying to move people out of the encampment. "I'm really uncomfortable with how we treat the homeless, and I think, especially in California, where there's so many homeless people and we have so many potential resources to give people," Woodley said. "This is an area that they can be in, be safe and not hurt anybody and just go about their lives, surviving under homelessness."

Rost, who posted a live video of people being moved from the encampment on Facebook, said that the homeless are their neighbors and need help.

"That whole area where they're dumping rocks right now used to be a place where people lived," Rost said.

Read an opinion column about the displacement of homeless people on page 13.



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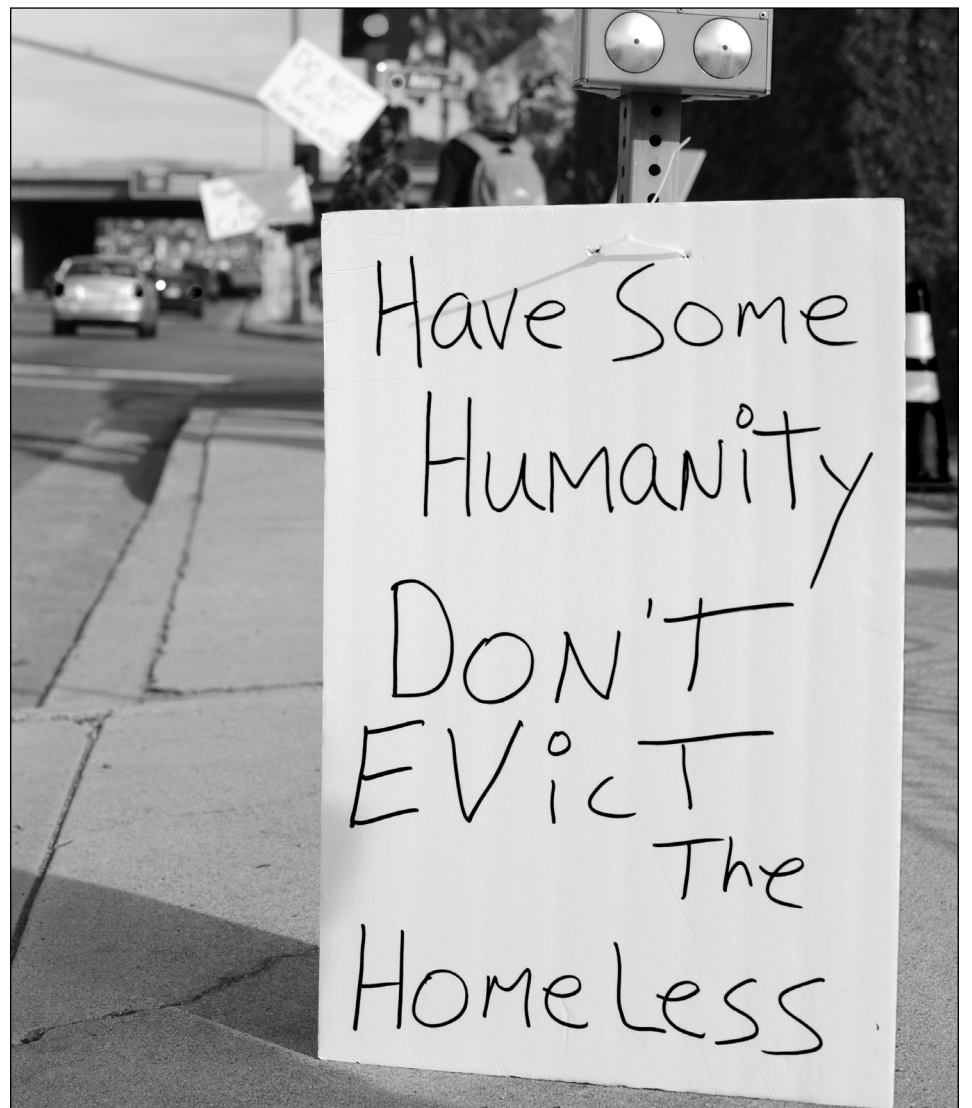
Sophomore violin performance major Safieh Moshirfatemi joined other Chapman students in a protest against the eviction of the homeless population around the Santa Ana riverbed.



The Orange County Public Works department is beginning a project near the Santa Ana riverbed by Chapman Avenue and the 22 Freeway to help with flood prevention, said Orange County Public Information Officer Carrie Braun.



Junior political science major Brad West (left) was joined by junior creative writing major Rebecca Rost (center) and sophomore political science major Dany Zavala (right) to protest the eviction of the homeless population near the Santa Ana riverbed.



Students arrived to protest starting at about 10 a.m. Feb. 8. Some held signs that said, "Protect your neighbors from eviction," and "They have nowhere to go," encouraging people to call local government representatives.

Trump's tax plan may affect university donations

Jamie Altman | Managing Editor

President Donald Trump's plan to lower tax rates will be "disastrous" to charitable organizations, and could affect the amount of donations given to private universities like Chapman, said President Emeritus Jim Doti.

While Doti said it is too early to make exact predictions about a potential decrease in donations to Chapman, he explained that when tax rates are lower, the incentive to donate to a nonprofit diminishes.

"When donors give to higher education or any philanthropic nonprofit organization, they have the opportunity to deduct those donations from their taxable income," Doti said. "The issue with Trump's policies is he would like to lower tax rates. That decreases the incentive to give philanthropically because you're not going to save as much. The higher the tax rate, the greater the savings."

According to the Tax Policy Center, Trump's plan would decrease charitable giving by an estimate of 4.5 to 9 percent.

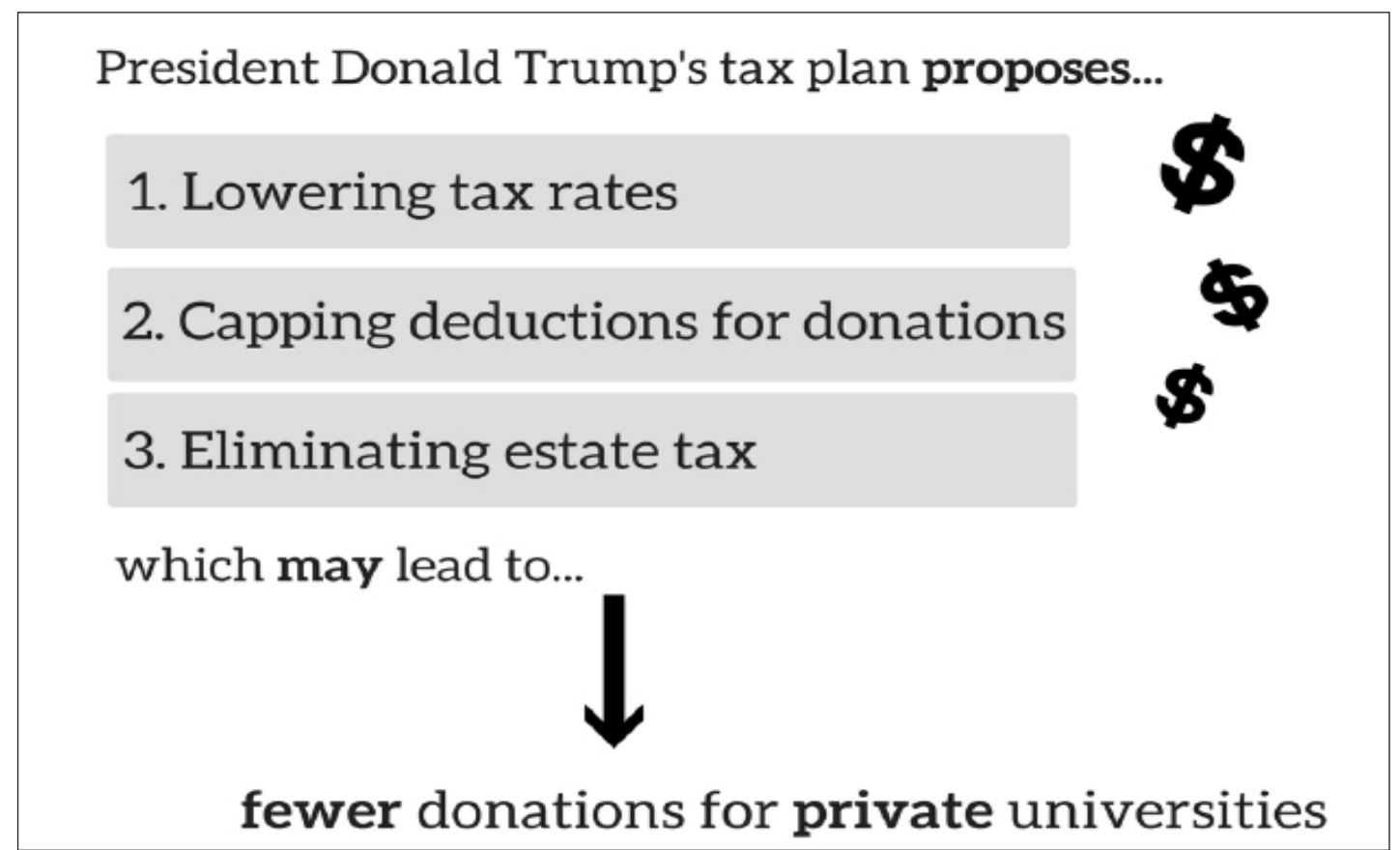
Doti explained that, before Trump's tax plan, if someone makes a \$300,000 donation to Chapman, that amount can be deducted from that person's income before it's taxed. As a result, the person would have fewer federal taxes to pay.

But, in addition to reducing tax rates, Trump's plan would put a limit of \$100,000 on deductions, according to the Tax Policy Center.

Although this cap would raise more than \$1 trillion over a decade, this means that any donations more than \$100,000 will not include any tax benefit, which Doti said will eliminate the incentive to donate more than \$100,000.

The deduction cap would also affect how married couples donate, as their limit would be \$200,000.

According to Business Insider, this means that if wealthy couples want to donate \$1 million and put their name on a college building, they would only be able to deduct a



Graphic by REBECCA GLASER News Editor

According to the Tax Policy Center and President Emeritus Jim Doti, President Donald Trump's proposed tax plan, which includes lowering tax rates, capping itemized deductions for donations and eliminating estate tax, could lead to fewer donations for private universities.

fifth of that.

The final component of Trump's tax plan that Doti said could decrease donations to Chapman is the elimination of estate tax, which is a federal tax on someone's right to transfer property after death and takes into account everything the person owns.

Current law states that you can give \$5.45 million to heirs tax-free, according to Forbes, but any amount higher than that requires an estate tax of 40 percent.

The wealthier a person is, Doti said, the more estate tax he or she will have after death. People in that high wealth bracket prefer to give as much as they can before they die because it will make their estate tax lower.

"Let's say I have a \$100 million estate," Doti said. "If I die after the

first \$10 million, I have to pay a huge estate tax on the \$90 million. I'm inclined to say, 'Why should I give it to the government when I can give it to Chapman University?' This way, it goes to a great cause rather than paying it in estate tax."

In a 2004 study, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that eliminating estate tax would decrease donations to charity by an estimate of 6 and 12 percent.

Donors play a large role in making Chapman affordable, Doti said. Without donations for scholarships, he estimated that tuition would be at least double what it is now.

"Yes, I am concerned," he said. "As a private institution, just look toward the Center for Science and Technology, look toward the campus and the buildings. Think of the endowment we have that helps

support scholarship funds. When people give, they give significantly to scholarship support. There's no question that, generally, capping deductions or lowering rates would have a detrimental effect on giving."

However, President Daniele Struppa added that reducing tax rates means that people will have more money to spend, which could translate to an increase in donations.

"The arguments we make, however, are not based on how much they can deduct, but rather on the reason for the donation," Struppa wrote in an email. "Most people are sensitive to the importance that education has for a strong, stable society, and are willing to invest in the future of their country through donations."

Public Safety reports increase in graffiti incidents

Chris Hennigan | Staff Writer

There have been 16 instances of graffiti on campus from September to February, said Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba, compared to 13 incidents over the same time period during the 2015-2016 academic year.

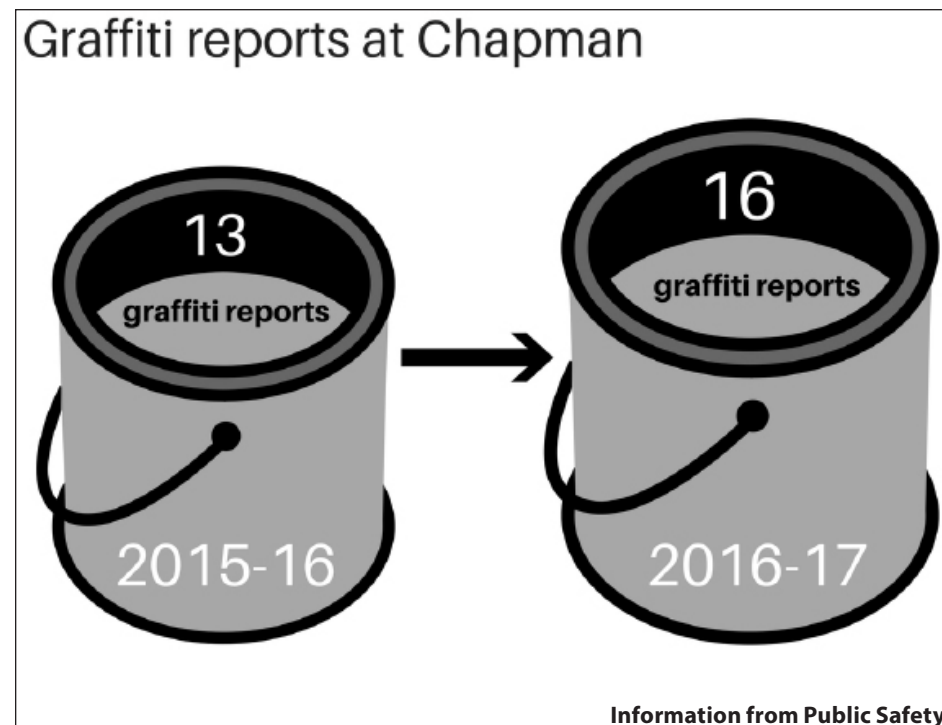
"It's actually only three more (instances of graffiti) from that period to this period," Burba said. "But if you're only talking about 10 or 20 crimes, three is still significant."

Orange police spokesperson Lt. Fred Lopez said that out of eight reports from Chapman regarding graffiti, two people have been arrested. Out of the eight reported, two were by the same person, Lopez said.

"Prosecution is difficult because often it is a misdemeanor offense, which requires it to be committed in our presence," Lopez said.

The majority of the graffiti is scribbled writing, or appears to be quickly made, instead of larger, more detailed pieces. Burba said that even though the graffiti was found on campus, the perpetrators appear to be unrelated to Chapman.

Burba said that most of the graffiti consists of nicknames or



Graphic by REBECCA GLASER News Editor

Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba said that although the number of graffiti reports has only increased by three, the increase is still significant relative to the total number of reports received.

aliases of the people doing the graffiti, and that the instances were most commonly found on large walls and temporary construction fencing.

"The tagging we experience is often done by tagging crews who concentrate their activity on defacing property through various forms of graffiti," Lopez said. "Even

placing stickers on property is a form of tagging. We do have some gang members that also deface property."

Audrey Woodsum, a sophomore business administration major, said she knew of at least one student who had painted a large piece of graffiti on the southeast side of campus near the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts.

Sophomore creative writing major Ilene Preston said that because she came from the public school system, instances of small graffiti don't bother her.

"I have never seen any large, traditional graffiti here," Preston said. "I love the idea of graffiti. It's an art form. I just feel that there is a time and place for it."

Burba could not estimate the yearly cost of removing graffiti on campus. A representative from Facilities Management, which is responsible for removing the pieces, declined to comment for this story.

"It's not an inexpensive thing to have to keep cleaning up this graffiti," Burba said. "These are what I call 'annoyance crimes.' It's ugly, people don't want to see it and it takes money and effort to go and clean it up."

Number of students with flu symptoms increases after recruitment

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Seventy students presented symptoms of the flu at the Health Center in the past three weeks, with a large increase the weekend after sorority recruitment, said Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats.

“Almost every student affected wasn’t vaccinated,” Deats said. “Our first positive influenza case was on Jan. 9, but there was a sharp increase the weekend of the 30th, following recruitment.”

Chapman Panhellenic President Gabriella Chelini wrote in a statement to The Panther that there was no “significant increase reported” during the formal recruitment weekend, but that the Health Center told Panhellenic on Jan. 31 that there were more than 30 women reported to be ill after that weekend. The Health Center also notified chapter presidents, Chelini said.

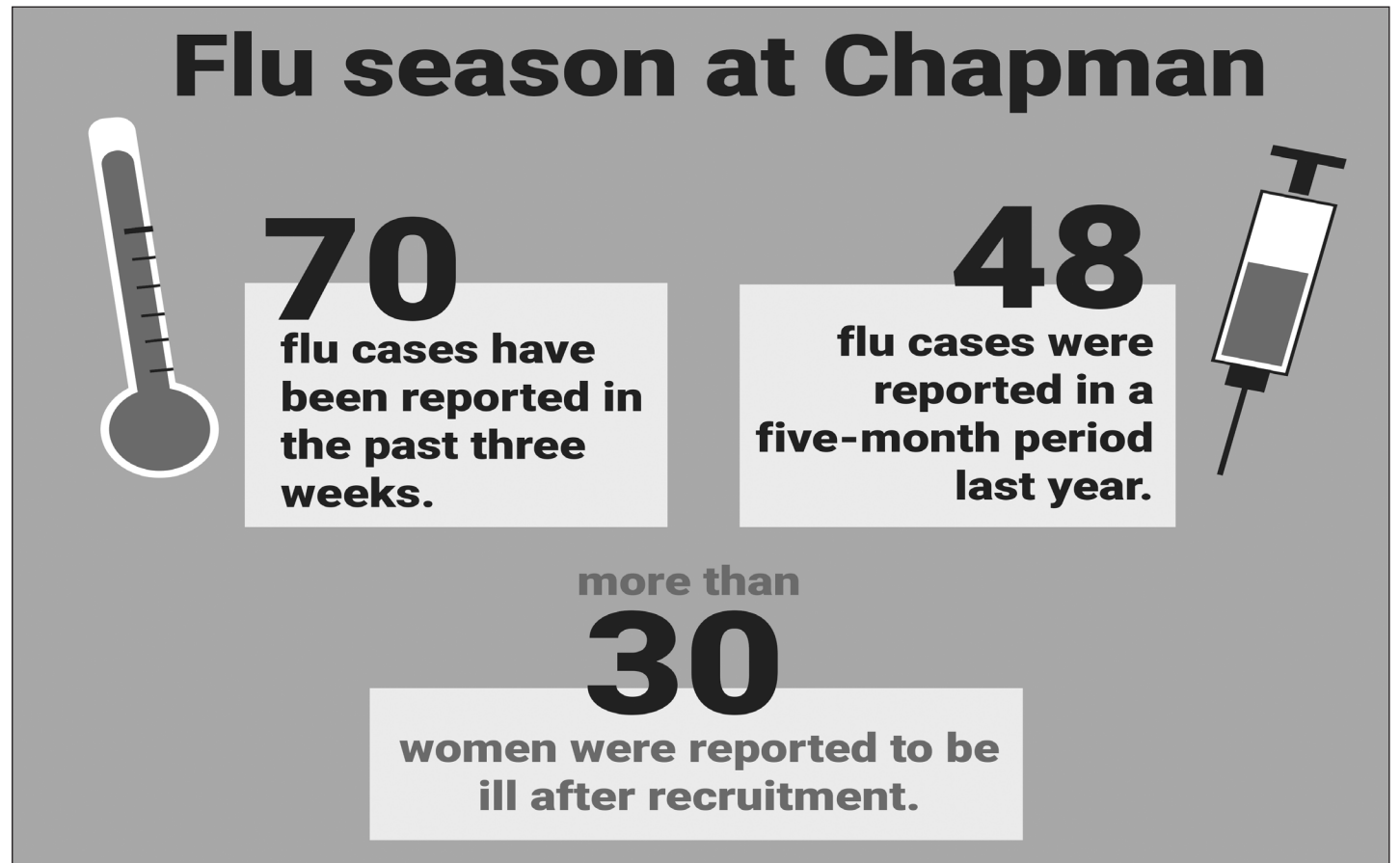
“During rush, I was riding on such little sleep and such little food, but had such an adrenaline high. I didn’t even think about germs,” said freshman political science major and Delta Gamma sorority member Alexa Kehlbeck.

Sophomore creative writing major and Alpha Phi sorority member Taylor Gilley said that she heard that people were sick, but didn’t know it was the flu until they were notified by the Health Center.

“Everyone was chugging Emergen-C and using Purell in between rounds, but that was pretty much it,” Gilley said. “During rush, everyone seemed healthy, and if they were clearly sick, we’d give them the day off.”

During last year’s flu season, 48 students tested positive for the flu at the Health Center over a five-month period.

“Next year, I am going to encourage women participating in recruitment to



Graphic by EMMA STESSMAN Art Director

Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats said that she is going to encourage women participating in sorority recruitment next year to get flu vaccinations beforehand.

get vaccinated so this will not happen in the future,” Deats said. “But the flu shot is still available at the Health Center, and it’s important to wash common surfaces with bleach-based cleaning supplies.”

After four days of recruitment activities, Kehlbeck said she saw her sickness coming.

“I knew I was going to get sick because I hardly got any sleep and was putting all my energy into recruitment for four days,” Kehlbeck said. “I knew people were getting sick but hardly thought about it because we were so busy.”

Gilley said that because recruitment now falls during the spring semester, the

illnesses are different.

“Now that recruitment is deferred, it’s different,” Gilley said. “When I rushed, people just got sick from small colds and stress and lack of sleep, but now girls are throwing up.”

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ChapTones wins first place at a cappella quarterfinal

Maggie Mayer | Staff Writer

Chapman's a cappella group The ChapTones sang its way to first place Feb. 4 in the Intercollegiate Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) southwest quarterfinal, which qualifies the group to compete in the ICCA semifinals in March.

Jordan Decker, a junior film studies major and member of The ChapTones, said that winning was so exciting that the encore seemed to last forever.

"It's one of those moments in life that literally slows down because of how great it is," Decker said.

Seven college a cappella teams competed at this quarterfinal and two advanced, and nearly 500 teams from nine regions in the U.S. and the U.K. compete in the ICCA from January to April.

Teams make video submissions in the hopes of being invited to the quarterfinal, and then the competition moves into the semifinals and final rounds. The ChapTones submitted its video in October 2016 and found out that it would be going to the quarterfinal, located at the University of California, San Diego in November.

Competitors were judged on their vocal performance and choreography by a panel of three to five judges. The ChapTones earned 384 points, winning by a sizable margin of 46 points over Mt. San Antonio College's Fermata Nowhere. Another Chapman a cappella group, Men of Harmony, also competed, but did not place.

The ChapTones member Avery Roberts, a freshman vocal performance major, was awarded Best Arrangement for his interpretation of Kelly Clarkson's "Behind These Hazel Eyes." Groups typically perform two up-tempo songs and one ballad to fill the 12-minute time allotment, but The ChapTones members opted to distinguish themselves by challenging this guideline.

"We decided to take an existing up-



Photo courtesy of The ChapTones

Chapman a cappella group The ChapTones placed first at the Intercollegiate Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) southwest quarterfinal Feb. 4, which qualifies the group to compete in the ICCA semifinals in March.

tempo song and turn it into a ballad," Roberts said. "That makes something really interesting where you still have the intensity and the cool melody of a faster song, but you look into the lyrics and actually express everything that's going on in the emotion of the song."

Stephanie Caress, a junior music and strategic and corporate communication major, is the group's music director. She arranged two songs: a mashup of "Roses" by The Chainsmokers and "End of Time" by Beyonce, and the group's closing song, "Bang Bang" by Jessie J, Ariana Grande and Nicki Minaj.

The ChapTones was founded in 2014 and has 17 members, each of whom agreed that this win is the group's

biggest achievement.

"I think that what set us apart was that we all looked like friends just having fun," said the ChapTones president and junior psychology major Natalie De Kozan.

The group rehearsed for seven hours a week during interterm and about three hours each night leading up to the competition.

The ChapTones compete in the ICCA southwest semifinals at the University of California, Los Angeles in March. If it is one of 10 teams that qualify, The ChapTones will attend the finals in New York City in April.

Senate updates

Feb. 10 meeting

Funding requests

Student government voted to fund \$5,656 for members of club J Street U Chapman to attend J Street's National Conference in Washington, D.C. The organization advocates for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Senators funded \$5,000 for 12 members of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, to attend the Western LEAD Provincial Conference in Seattle, Washington.

The Pua'ikeana Club requested \$7,000 in October for its annual luau. A representative attended this week's student government meeting to follow up on its request, and student government Director of Finances James Hart said the club did not provide enough documentation or budgeting information after requests from the Allocations and Internal Affairs Committee.

Senate structure proposal

Vice President Tyler Porterfield presented a revised senate structure proposal after holding a constitutional review committee meeting to discuss the proposal that At-Large Senator Alex Ballard and School of Communication Senator Matthew Ghan presented at the Feb. 3 meeting. The proposal reduced the number of senators to nine academic, one first-year experience, two at-large and three student engagement senators. Student government did not vote on the proposal because many senators were absent due to the Next Step Social Justice Retreat.

Compiled by Sabrina Santoro

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INCIDENT LOG

Feb. 5

A Chapman student reported that a pair of shoes was stolen from the men's locker room in the Hutton Sports Center.

Feb. 6

Two underage students were caught with marijuana, alcohol and drug paraphernalia in the Jim Miller Parking Structure.

Feb. 7

Someone stole a bicycle that was locked at the Partridge Dance Studio.

Compiled by Sabrina Santoro

Breaking down the numbers: Chapman pours millions into local economy

Rebecca Glaser | News Editor
Kate Hoover | Staff Writer

Chapman has contributed \$43.5 million to the city of Orange since 2010, and the yearly economic impact of the university on Orange County is about \$202,481,785, according to a report released by the university in January.

This figure includes university expenditures, student expenditures, the impact of sales tax on the local government and “education cost savings,” according to a 2009 study by Chapman’s A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research.

“I feel like the residents sometimes may have good reason to dislike Chapman students for the things they choose to do outside of class, but they forget how pivotal we are in the economy,” said Bayley McKenzie, a freshman business administration major.

According to the 2009 study, a university survey found that 1,398 students said that they would have attended a public university if they had not chosen to attend Chapman. Using figures from the California Department of Finance, the study calculated that because of this, Orange County taxpayers saved about \$1,160,510 in state taxes in 2009.

Jack Raubolt, vice president of community relations, said that his biggest goal was to show that the university is integrated into the community.

“We’re not just a university sitting in the middle of their city,” Raubolt said. “It was a good way to show the neighborhood that we are a viable part of this community and how much we try to be good neighbors.”

Raubolt believes that in the three weeks it has been published, the Community Impact Report has been successful in informing Orange residents that the university has improved the welfare of

the city.

Alisa Driscoll, the communications and operations manager of the Chapman Office of Community Relations, agreed.

“There are so many facets of what the university does that so many people might not know about. It’s really just showing the community that we’re here and making a positive contribution, and making sure that they’re aware of that,” Driscoll said.

However, not all residents reacted to the report like Raubolt might have hoped. Adam Duberstein, the founder of citizen group Respect Orange, said that when he sent the information out to members of his foundation, he received mostly negative responses.

Duberstein said that some of the respondents criticized the fact that the piece does not depict the negative impacts of the university, like congestion, parking and quality of life.

“The overall consensus by a number of people was that the piece looked a little fluffy,” Duberstein said.

Raubolt and Driscoll began working on the report, which is called “Interwoven,” in March 2016 and continued their research into September. They worked with Chapman’s Financial Services office, the Campus Sustainability manager, Student Affairs, University Advancement, the Property Management director, Sodexo and the Hilbert Museum to compile information about the university’s effects on the community.

Raubolt is now attending meetings with service organizations, nonprofits and Orange City Council members to gradually inform the city of Orange on the impact of the university.

“There are lots of things in it that they didn’t realize, or things that they did realize but they don’t think we talk enough about,” Raubolt said.

Total economic impact:

\$204,214,012



\$1,160,510
Educational cost savings

\$1,705,227
Sales tax

\$14,074,040
Student expenditures

\$188,434,745
University expenditures

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Real estate:



500

The approximate number of households of Chapman employees, or employees of its primary service providers, who live in Orange

80

The number of homes Chapman owns in Orange constitutes about 4.6 percent of the homes in the historic district

To read more about the Community Impact Report, turn to the editorial on page 12.

Taxes and investments:



Across the globe: how some international students ended up at Chapman

Gracie Fleischman | Staff Writer

Deciding where to go for college is a difficult decision for most, but for international students, it can be even more stressful, as it also includes applying for a visa and leaving their home countries.

Some students like Sienna Newton, a freshman psychology major, had a hard time with the application process, even having to consult YouTube for help, while others like Yuka Tokura, freshman business administration major, said they have had an easy time adapting to life in the U.S.

For freshman political science major Valeriya Lozovan, she said being at Chapman feels more comfortable, since her family experienced anti-Semitism in her home country of Ukraine.

"Everywhere I go, there are a lot of Jewish people," she said, "It feels awesome to be around so many."

Lozovan remembers waking up in the middle of the night to the sounds of screams and yells in the streets outside her family's apartment in Kiev, Ukraine. They lived in Maidan Nezalezhnosti, the city square, where protests broke out against the Ukrainian government in 2013.

"It was very scary," Lozovan said, "So many people were killed: women and children, even the homeless and the elderly."

Her family tried to fly back to the U.S., where they had immigrated in 2007 during the Orange Revolution, but there were no flights in or out of

Ukraine at that time.

When they were able to leave, Lozovan remembers her father telling her they were leaving for a vacation.

"I'm still technically on my spring break," she said.

Tokura grew up picking cherry blossoms in the spring with her family and friends in Tokyo, Japan.

"It was so beautiful," Tokura said.

"Those picnics are my favorite memories from Japan."

Born and raised in Japan, Tokura grew up in Tokyo.

"It's very loud and busy," she said. "Everything is packed."

Although she enjoys Chapman, Tokura said she misses the food, among other things.

"My favorite part of living in Japan is the good (public) transportation," she said. "I miss not needing a car."

Tokura first visited the U.S. during a year-long exchange program in high school. Her host family lived in Orange County, where she discovered Chapman.

Her biggest culture shock came when she saw the bathrooms here. Tokura said that it's odd having a toilet and bath in the same room, they're "very different."

Tokura said her transition to Chapman was smooth because she had learned to take care of herself when she was an exchange student. With the help of her roommates, she improved her English.

"The biggest difference is how we talk to people," she said. "I feel in English, there aren't many ways to



JACKIE COHEN Features Editor

Valeriya Lozovan, a freshman political science major, grew up in Ukraine. Yuka Tokura, a freshman business administration major grew up in Tokyo, Japan. Sienna Newton, a freshman psychology major, was born in Hong Kong, China, but grew up in Australia.

communicate politely."

Newton has known she wanted to attend college in California since she was 11. On a family trip to Los Angeles and Disneyland, the freshman psychology major fell in love with the west coast.

Newton was born in Hong Kong, China, and moved to Sydney, Australia, when she was 11.

"Growing up in China was surreal," Newton said. "The world felt like a really big bubble."

Newton lived in a community in which everyone had a driver and helpers.

Attending an all-girls boarding school in London allowed Newton to get used to living on her own, she said.

"People are more welcoming than

you'd think, but I miss the Australian sense of humor," Newton said. "People here don't know when I'm joking."

Newton knew one other person from home who was moving to the U.S. for school when she applied to Chapman.

"I really like how the American education system lets you take tons of different courses at once," Newton said. "I thought it would be really fun to live in Southern California."

Although many students and teachers are welcoming to her, Newton thinks that if she wasn't from an English-speaking country, it would have been much more difficult for her.

"Most people don't even bother with students that don't speak English," she said.

Q&A about extremism and being a global citizen with sociology professor Peter Simi

Lorig Yaghsejian | Assistant Features Editor

After learning about the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, when a car bomb killed 168 people, sociology professor Peter Simi became fascinated with the idea of extremism and the effect it has on America and the world.

With President Donald Trump's recent executive order that temporarily banned travel from seven predominantly Muslim countries, extremism has become the main focus of Simi's justice and globalization course.

Q: Why did you start focusing on topics such as extremism?

A: I have been studying violent extremism for the last 20 years and it has been an issue that I have been concerned about and I struggle to understand. I wanted to comprehend what motivates people to get involved with types of terrorist groups and how the groups influence different types of violence. I also wanted to see what types of consequences this has in terms of social fabric. So I believe it is important to focus on these issues in the classroom.

Q: How does the state of the government today affect the need to teach extremism in classes?

A: What has happened in recent months really emphasizes the need to teach extremism in classes. This issue is more timely than ever. We have a rise in hate crimes since the most recent election and a lot of rhetoric that has been xenophobic and anti-immigrant. White supremacy groups' actions have been heightened by the election of Trump as well. There have been many events that demand our attention. This class is a way for students who may not be aware to become so.

Q: How do you think the government today affects students at Chapman?

A: At least one student was directly impacted by the recent executive order. There is a lot of potential for more hardships for students when they travel to their homes for breaks and also perhaps study abroad programs. If the country moves in a certain direction and becomes more intolerant and less welcoming to people's differences rather than trying to embrace diversity and see it as a strength, people across the country will truly suffer in terms of what their futures will hold.

Q: How should students combat this?

A: It is difficult because I think we want to be very assertive in communicating through the process of democracy how we feel and utilizing our First Amendment right to express our views. But the events at Berkeley, when Milo Yiannopoulos, a known alt-right member, was going to speak on campus, became violent. Property was destroyed and people were injured.

This event was not helpful. There is a way to express discontent and there's a way to try and bring people together, but preventing people from speaking if they have different views than you is not productive. We have to think carefully about how we go about doing this.

Q: How do you think the rallies and protests students participate in affect the situation?

A: I believe they are very helpful. This is a way to present a message in a positive manner. It is holding up the very principles of the First Amendment, the freedom of assembly. Public expression is vital in today's society. It is sad to see many people suggest that these displays of opinion should be prevented or that they are a waste of time. They are missing the point when you hear those kinds of things; protests and rallies are very much a part of the American experience.



Sociology professor Peter Simi

Zeroing in on cheating at Chapman

Lorig Yaghsejian | Assistant Features Editor

Looking up from her test in American politics, sophomore television writing and production major Ella Lane saw one student using his phone and another with a sticky note filled with information. Neither of them were caught by the professor.

Chapman has experienced an increase in cheating violations that have been reported in the academic integrity violations records from 1995 to 2017.

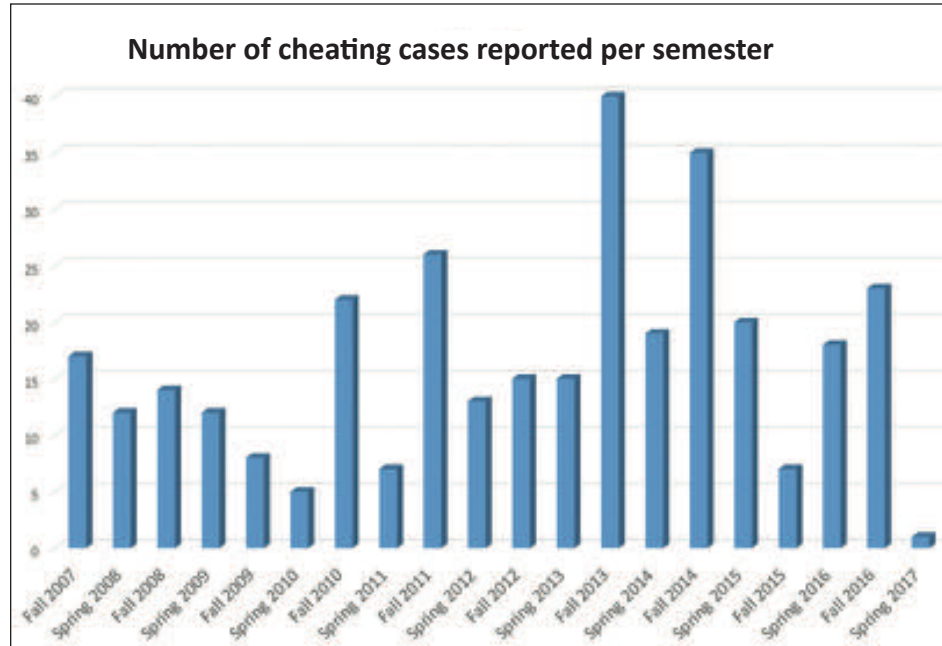
In the classroom

Cheating, according to the Chapman academic integrity violations website, is defined as “using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, information or study aids in any academic exercise.”

Some professors take precautions to ensure that students are not able to cheat and try to make it virtually impossible to see another student’s paper or use their cellphones during the test. “My professor for international relations was very strict about making sure students didn’t cheat during tests,” said Tiana Vazinpour, a freshman peace studies major. “He made us put all of our belongings in the front of the class and had us sit in every other row to make sure we could not see each other’s papers.”

Alyssa Ward, a freshman business administration major, said she has seen her peers cheating without getting caught on multiple occasions and gets frustrated.

“It is not fair to people who are trying hard on the test and getting worse grades, especially when the curve is not being accurate because there are people scoring higher, even though they are not studying,” Ward said.



The number of Academic Integrity Violation cases reported by semester between 1995 and 2017, according to records from the Academic Integrity Committee.

Academic integrity violations

According to research presented by the Academic Integrity Center, there have been 42 cases of cheating or plagiarism reported in the 2016-2017 school year. Four of these resulted in no violation or a written warning.

The violation types mainly include cheating and plagiarism, however, in one incident from fall 2016, in principles of macroeconomics, a student was caught “fabricating and falsifying a scantron,” according to the academic integrity violations records.

“One of the myths of cheating has always been the manipulation of the scantron,” Lane said. “Everyone has heard of ways to do it, such as placing ChapStick on the bar that marks the answers, but I have always been too afraid to try.”

Throughout the years, the number of instances of cheating fluctuates while following a general pattern of growth. For example, in 1995, there were only three reports of academic integrity violations reported, while in 2001, there were 21.

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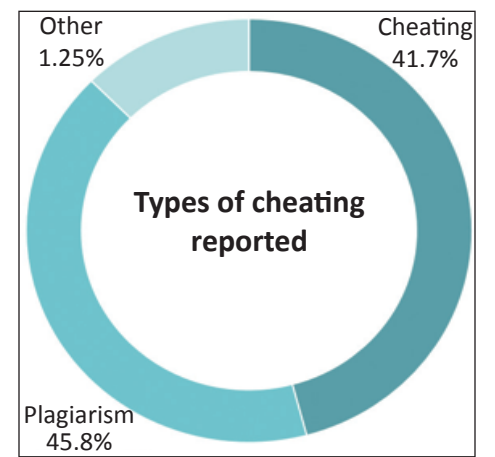
The highest number of cheating instances occurred in 2014, with 57 students reported cheating.

The Panther’s study on cheating at Chapman

In a recent anonymous survey conducted by The Panther, 42.9 percent of the 98 students who responded admitted to cheating on a homework assignment, while 39.8 percent of participants admitted to doing the same on a test.

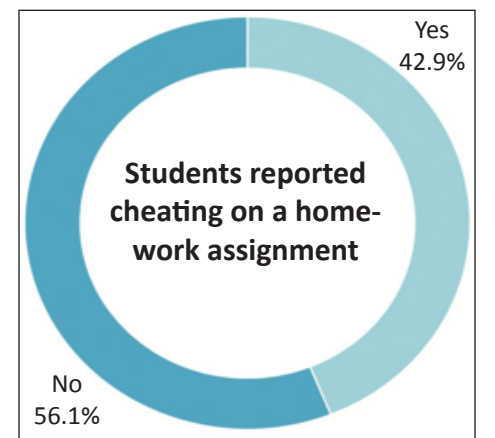
The ways in which students went about the cheating process ranged from using cellphones to having the test ahead of the time. Of the 98 students surveyed by The Panther, six students had received the test ahead of time, 10 had used their phone to look up the answers, three had used their notes during an exam and 11 students had copied another student’s work.

“I think it is obvious that students cheat regularly and do not want to admit to it,” Vazinpour said. “It’s almost a norm now.”

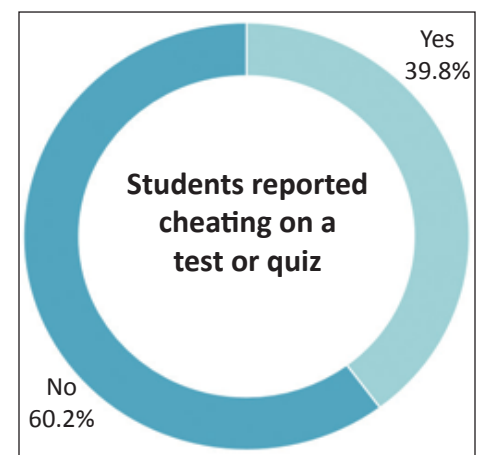


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The types of academic integrity violations reported in fall 2016 and spring 2017, according to records from the Academic Integrity Committee.



In a survey conducted by The Panther, 43 out of 98 students reported cheating on a homework assignment.



In a survey conducted by The Panther, 39 out of 98 students reported cheating on a test or quiz.

Consequences for academic integrity violations

How people cheated

- Asked for help
- Copied
- Used their notes
- Used their phone
- Had the test ahead of time
- Paid someone

First violation

The consequence is the professor’s choice. He or she can either implement a written warning, give a failing grade for the assignment or give the student a failing grade in the class.

Second violation

The consequence for a second academic integrity violation is a letter from the Academic Integrity Committee and a suggested suspension or expulsion from Chapman.

Sources: Student Conduct Code and survey by The Panther

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Love is in the air

Sparks fly: behind Chapman's famous couples

Gracie Fleischman | Staff Writer

Some professors and faculty members at Chapman find love at work and form relationships that last decades. For Lynne and Jim Doti, love bloomed over time, after a fateful interview more than 45 years ago in New York.

On Dec. 28, 1972, former Chapman professors Lynne Doti and Donald Booth interviewed Jim Doti at an American Economic Association meeting, who was working on his doctorate in economics at the time.

"Dr. Booth and I were on a search committee to find a new economist for Chapman," Lynne Doti said. "I had to pick him up at the bus station."

Lynne Doti had been working at Chapman for three years when Jim Doti was hired. They were colleagues working in the same department.

Jim Doti described them as "just two ships passing in the night." At first, their busy schedules at Chapman and their work on their respective doctorate degrees prevented them from getting close, the Dotis said.

Once they both received their doctorate degrees, the Dotis had more time to get to know each other.

"We were pretty friendly," Lynne Doti said. "We would go out with other faculty as a group, got to know each other very well and then all of a sudden, one day, we decided there was more to it."

In 1977, they married and became each other's life-long supporters.

"I certainly wouldn't have been able to be president if she weren't behind me," Jim Doti said. "She is my No. 1 adviser."

Over the years, the two had many different roles. Jim Doti was dean of the Argyros School of Business and Economics, a professor and then the president of Chapman, while Lynne Doti was the associate dean of the business school as well as a professor.

"I felt like we were the Ma and Pa of the business school," Lynne Doti said.

Lynne Doti said she can't imagine



Courtesy of Jim Doti

Jim and Lynne Doti at Chapman in 1977.

a life in which she and her husband aren't involved in the university. One of their favorite activities is to attend Chapman events like the symphony and football games.

"Our social lives revolve around Chapman," she said.

The Dotis try to leave their work when they come home, preferring instead to take walks together, read, and of course, discuss economics.

"We try to keep our Sundays as a family day, not a Chapman day," Jim Doti said.

President Daniele Struppa and his wife Lisa Sparks, the dean of the School of Communication, have a similar philosophy when it comes to balancing their time.

"I'm here 12 hours a day, so by the time I get home, work is rarely the topic of conversation," Struppa said. "I want to totally relax and play with my kids."

In order to balance his busy schedule as president of the university and hers



Courtesy of Daniele Struppa

Lisa Sparks, dean of the School of Communication, and President Daniele Struppa on their wedding day in 2003.

as dean of the School of Communication, the two work as a team, Sparks said.

"I have my assistant and he has his two," she said. "We also have a care coordinator and about eight babysitters. It's kind of a complicated operation."

The couple of 14 years attributes the success of their relationship to their similar philosophies.

"We're aligned in our thinking," Sparks said. "We both strive to be as outstanding as we possibly can at every level from teaching and research to service to the community."

Before the couple married in Struppa's native Italy, they met in an interview in the late 1990s. At the time, Struppa was the dean the College of Arts and Sciences at George Mason University and interviewed Sparks for a junior faculty position.

They started dating in 2002 and married a year later.

"We knew immediately that we were connected in a special way, so we didn't waste too much time," Sparks said. "We got married as soon as we could."

Now, as the president and FLOCU, or "First Lady of Chapman University,"

as they jokingly call Sparks' role, the couple is as busy as ever.

"Lisa supports me in a lot of ways, and I support her with advice on one thing or the other and taking care of our kids," Struppa said.

To wind down, the couple goes on hikes on the weekends and watches television shows like "Blacklist," "Bates Motel" and "The Americans."

"We like binge-watching," Struppa said.

They also share a love for travel and have visited many countries and places like the British Isles and the Mediterranean. Although Struppa didn't share Sparks' love for skiing at first, after many lessons, he joins his wife on the slopes at Mammoth Mountain.

"I'm a very outdoorsy person," she said. "I told him we have to go skiing at least once a year."

Although they have both have busy and successful lives, the couple strives for balance.

"We're a team, but we're also independent," Sparks said.

Despite all their responsibilities, Struppa said, "We are a very normal couple."

Chapman students spread the love on campus

Haley Stern | Staff Writer

Eric Kimura, a senior integrated educational studies major, sat outside Argyros Forum playing music and holding a sign that read, "You have a beautiful smile," when a girl, seemingly discouraged, walked out of the Leathery Libraries and looked up. She began to cry, Kimura said, and thanked him. Kimura gave her a hug, and the two never crossed paths again.

Sharing happiness is what inspires Kimura's random gestures of love, which include pinning clothespins with motivational messages to students' bags, and filling social media with positive stick-figure cartoons, he said.

"If you spread that love, then the world is going to be a better place," Kimura said.

Many Chapman students extend their hearts to others by giving back to their communities in unique ways, transforming their personal struggles into positive energy and compassion

for others.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 25.7 percent of college students volunteer. The organization also states that community service has several mental and physical health benefits, including lower depression rates and higher functionality.

"Break your heart open rather than breaking it apart," said Cailyn Heffernan, a senior psychology major, describing her belief in giving to others, even in the midst of personal hardship.

Heffernan said that her compassion and dedication to helping others came from her difficult upbringing, which included her parents' separation and her brother's struggle with drug addiction.

"I've been through so much," she said. "I understand how pain feels. I hated that struggle was something that people felt."

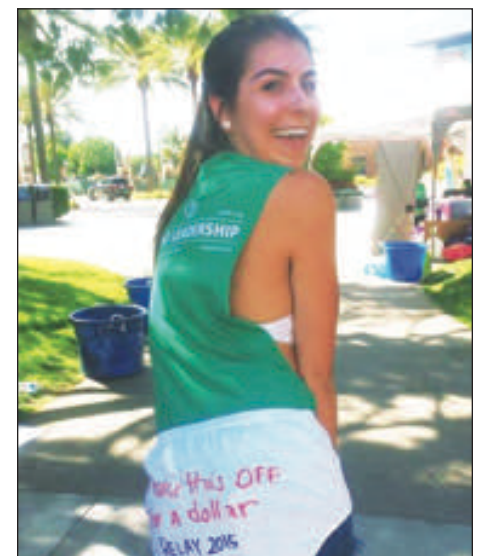
Madi Murphy, a sophomore strategic and corporate communication and political science major, attributes her

desire to give back to her mother, who gave birth to Murphy at a young age and raised her mostly on her own, she said.

"(My mother) giving the entirety of herself to me taught me to give the entirety of myself to others," Murphy said. "I am always going to give people the assistance that they need, even if they are not always willing to ask for it."

Murphy said she has been involved in a variety of causes, including fundraising for a young girl with cerebral palsy's medical bills, working with Court Appointed Special Advocates for children with her sorority Kappa Alpha Theta, participating in beach cleanups and volunteering at senior centers.

"I want to save as many lives as possible so that violence can be minimized. I want to make sure innocent people are being protected," she said. "No matter what my current trials and circumstances are, I am always able to reflect on the needs of others and



Courtesy of Cailyn Heffernan

Cailyn Heffernan participates in a Relay for Life granny panties fundraiser as co-event chair in 2015.

give back in order to make a positive contribution to our world and society as a whole."



‘Fifty Shades’ of close-ups you never wanted to see

IMDb.com

“Fifty Shades Darker,” starring Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson, was released Feb. 10.

Jamie Altman | Managing Editor

“What’s the point?”

This was my friend’s reaction as we sat in the movie theater watching the ending credits of “Fifty Shades Darker” while “I Don’t Wanna Live Forever” by Zayn and Taylor Swift played.

I just looked at her, feeling defensive of the movie that I had just secretly and guiltily enjoyed, but also not really knowing how to answer.

What was the point of a movie that features six extensive and graphic sex scenes (yes, I counted), a blatantly dysfunctional relationship and an insane number of one-liners that

weren’t intended to be funny but nonetheless made me burst out laughing?

The sequel picks up where the previous movie left off: Billionaire Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) is trying to win back the love of Anastasia “Ana” Steele (Dakota Johnson), who took off running once she saw the extent to which Grey’s sadistic sex fantasies could go. Steele eventually decides to give him another chance, but only if they renegotiate the terms.

Wait, you don’t resolve conflict in a relationship by revisiting a contract that explicitly states sexual “hard limits,” agrees upon acceptable sex

toys and dictates how often the woman has to go to the gym? Yeah, me neither.

Perhaps the first point of the movie is this: Never trust a man whose response to “I don’t know what to do with my hair” is “I know a salon.”

From there, their relationship moves from dominant and submissive (it was clear from day one that Steele was never going to be the submissive Grey wanted her to be) to what Grey calls a “vanilla relationship.” This is what most people know as a relationship without secret documents and nipple clamps.

And, to Grey’s credit, he really tries. It also helps that the couple’s on-screen chemistry has significantly improved from the first movie. Scenes include them joking and laughing with each other, and you almost feel like you’re watching a normal couple until Grey pulls out a tube of lipstick to draw a map on his chest that outlines where she is allowed to touch him.

Also, when Steele asks, “Why do you have my bank information?” or Grey says, “I don’t know whether to worship at your feet or spank you.”

Second point of the movie: If he has a file that contains your birth certificate and stalker pictures of you walking on the street, it might be a

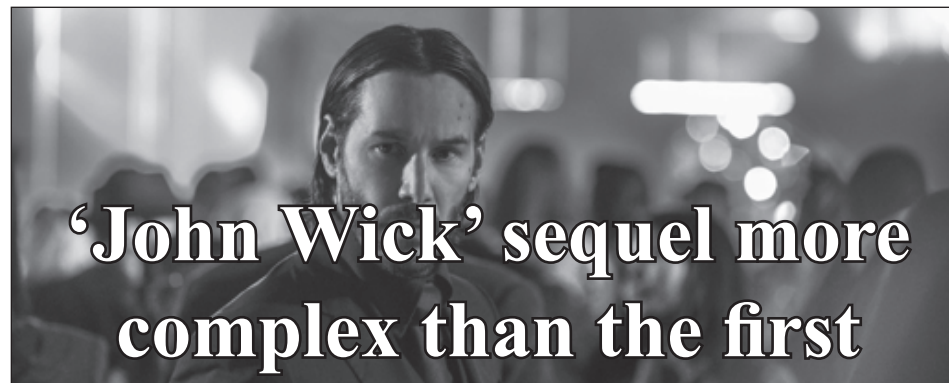
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The movie isn’t without some action (the non-sexual kind). Steele fights off a perverted boss, and one of Grey’s ex-submissives is out to get Steele. At one point, a gunshot fires, causing the audience to gasp, and you know everyone’s thinking, “I just came for the sex scenes; where is this violence coming from?”

The movie caused me to think many times, “That close-up was just not necessary,” including a scene in which Grey instructs Steele to take off her panties at the dinner table, followed by a cringe-worthy elevator scene in which Grey and Steele perform some acts that really should be saved for the bedroom, not in a crowded elevator.

For me, the movie was a constant internal struggle of “Why can’t these two crazy kids work it out?” and “These two kids are crazy and should be institutionalized.”

So maybe the most important point of the movie is this: If you have to say “These don’t go in your butt” in a relationship, it might be time to reevaluate.



‘John Wick’ sequel more complex than the first

IMDb.com

“John Wick: Chapter 2,” starring Keanu Reeves, was released Feb. 10.

Michael Fairbanks | Film Critic

In September 2014, I laid eyes on the poster for a goofy-looking Keanu Reeves movie called “John Wick.”

“Here we go,” I thought. “It’s ‘47 Ronin’ all over again.” Surely it would be another flop in Reeves’ unfortunate attempt at a post-“Matrix” career. But, directors Chad Stahelski and David Leitch’s first “John Wick” film was a symphonic opera of bullets, blood and brutality. It established a neat underground world of suave and dignified hitmen while reinstating the astonishingly physical Reeves as a virtuoso action star who threw himself into every stunt.

Now, Stahelski has gone solo in facing the high expectations that come with following up a cult hit. Wick’s blend of John Woo and James Bond is no longer a surprise, so it is now up to the story to match up with the action sequences.

“John Wick: Chapter 2” picks up almost immediately after the first film. Our favorite bullet-blasting ballet dancer has just gotten his car

back and is finally ready for some R&R with his new nameless dog. However, serenity is short-lived as Santino D’Antonio (Riccardo Scamarcio), a figure from Wick’s past to whom he owes a blood oath, comes back into the picture. He asks Wick to assassinate his sister Gianna D’Antonio (Claudia Gerini) so that he can take her seat on the hit man council. Wick initially refuses, but after Santino D’Antonio takes a grenade launcher to his house, he becomes a little more flexible. Naturally, things don’t quite end up that simple, with this mission eventually pitting Wick against virtually every hit man and hit woman in the world.

The original film got a ton of mileage out of a very simple premise. Boy gets dog, boy loses dog, boy kills everybody even remotely responsible for taking dog. This second chapter is a bit more convoluted and as a result, takes a little while to get going.

As we wait for the action to kick into high-gear, Reeves has to carry things a bit more with non-violent performing, which is rarely a good

choice. While he was equally emotive and intimidating last time around, a lot of that came from not giving him a great deal of dialogue. He has a great deal more here and a lot of it is a little weak. He never enters “Parenthood” or “Dracula” territory but he’s a lot less imposing when he’s forced into conversation.

A lot of the mystique that the first film established gets whittled down in this first half. We find out a lot more about The Continental hotel and the way the whole assassin society functions and frankly, it benefited from being mysterious. That isn’t to say that what we see is bad. In fact, a great deal of it draws from some of the best elements of Connery-era Bond films. However, a few of the new world-building tidbits and characters are pretty silly, and not in the self-aware vein that the returners from the first film (Ian McShane and John Leguizamo) were. Laurence Fishburne, in particular, embarrasses himself in an overtly hammy performance as the leader of a branch of assassins that pretend to be homeless people. I wish I was making that up.

All of these flaws might have sunk “John Wick: Chapter 2” into disappointment territory if the monumentally stylish action didn’t return in full force. Fortunately, Stahelski does his best to somehow up the ante from the original, and it succeeds for the most part. We get plenty of the perfectly-filmed, headshot-ridden shootouts from before, but Stahelski isn’t satisfied to stop there. The second half of this film is comprised of one insane moment after another. Several

hand-to-hand combat scenes between Reeves and Common, who plays the most vexed assassin on Wick’s tail, just might break a couple of bones in the audience. In fact, every confrontation between hitmen is a stone-cold stunner, with Stahelski taking full advantage of the environment, weapons and different physical capabilities of Wick’s opponents. It becomes the assassin war movie that “Wanted” could only dream of being.

Reeves really starts to shine in these sequences. His dedication to the stunt work is nothing short of inspiring. You can tell he’s had years of martial arts training and knows how to handle a gun. A great deal of time is spent establishing Wick as a deity of violence and Reeves gives us that in spades. The work he puts in is what allows Stahelski to create such amazing action, as he never has to cut away to hide a stuntman.

“John Wick: Chapter 2” largely lacks the simplicity and spontaneity of its remarkably robust predecessor. It grinds under the weight of everything it’s trying to establish and while the enhanced world building is certainly appreciated, it doesn’t always work. However, Stahelski does deliver enough stylistic carnage to largely mute those flaws. By the time the climax hits, we’re as invested in the world of Wick as we were before, and a solid final cliffhanger hints at a promising first installment. It’s not the instant classic that came before, but it certainly earns a few gold Continental coins in its own right.



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MONDAY

Can we smile our way to better health?

A guest lecture discusses how positive facial expressions affect people’s physical health.

Beckman 404
Noon - 1 p.m.

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TUESDAY

Global Annihilation Security Project

The Global Annihilation Security Project will be educating students on surviving future disasters.

Attallah Piazza
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Student Involvement Fair

Students will be tabling to promote their organizations and get new members.

Attallah Piazza
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY

“Fifty Shades Darker” with the director

“Fifty Shades Darker” director James Foley will hold a Q&A session after a screening of the movie.

Folino Theater
7 p.m.

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FRIDAY

Global Citizens Leadership Summit

Civic Engagement hosts a summit discussing leadership as well as peace leadership, ecological self-awareness and political engagement.

Argyros Forum 209A
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All lives can't matter until Black lives matter



Olivia Harden
Opinions Editor

I've never felt more uncomfortable on campus than I did Feb. 9. This was the day when the picture surfaced of the "All Lives Matter" flag posted over the Pan-African flag on campus. It's only nine days

into Black History Month and feelings that I don't belong here are already coming to the surface.

Black History Month was essentially created to educate the public on the contributions Black people have made to this country. White history is taught every day in every classroom. We are taught that what is white is normal. The erasure of people who look like me is exhausting, but for the shortest month of the year, we get to celebrate Black excellence.

It's been amazing to walk by the library and feel like Chapman is in solidarity with us and our oppression. On Feb. 9, I was incredibly hurt by the actions of one student on this campus. Having a conversation with that student just made me understand how misinformed so many people must be. Black people are not more violent. Black people are not inherently more primitive. Our humanity is just as valid in this country as others are as well as our existence.

Black Lives Matter is a movement that was founded in 2013 after the death of Trayvon Martin, who was murdered, though it was not considered murder when his case went to court. Black people are inherently more likely to be convicted for a crime, according to The Huffington Post. We are seen as people who are more violent, and that is just not accurate.

I'm curious to see if the university will take any kind of stance against the actions of this student and what the consequences will be. I worry they will not be severe enough. While I can appreciate the thoughts Dean of Students Jerry Price expressed by writing a letter to the Black Student Union about the incident, I am not satisfied with the response. The university took down the student's sign because he didn't follow guidelines for posting signs, not because the sign was taking away from our message for Black History Month which makes me wonder if the university is really in solidarity with us at all.

"All Lives Matter" was essentially created to undermine the Black Lives Matter movement. But, all lives don't matter in this country. If they did, we would be accepting refugees. If they did, transgender people would not be killed at such a high rate. If they did, our president would not have passed an immigration ban from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

Our history in this country has been plagued by oppression from the moment we stepped on American soil. Our existence in history books has been minimized to slavery and the civil rights movement. It's unfair because there is so much history that has been made by Black people. From inventions to ascending to arguably the most powerful position in the entire world, president of the U.S. is all a part of my history, but it's often forgotten.

Please take the time this month to educate yourself on not only our oppression, but also our successes. Both are a part of American history. To pretend neither exist is not beneficial to learning from the mistakes that have been made in this country, and will never lead to equality, equity or liberation. I hope this incident will lead to further education on this campus.

For more information on this, please see page 2.

EDITORIAL



Illustrated by Nate Mulroy

Unraveling the Community Impact Report

The Panther Editorial Board

About nine months ago, the conflict between Chapman's expansion plans and unhappy Orange citizens was reaching its climax.

The residents wanted to preserve their historic, quiet town and stop loud parties while Chapman wanted to grow as a university and students hoped to keep their social lives misdemeanor-free.

Students and residents alike were lining up at city council meetings to voice their opinions, and ultimately new noise ordinance amendments were passed in June to try to limit student partying. The amendments stated that any person who is contributing "to the loud or unruly gathering" can be issued a misdemeanor citation.

When students and the university were arguing over the value of Chapman students and its expansion, one point made over and over was the economic impact that the university has had on Orange's economy. These arguments were made with anecdotes and general observations, but rarely with hard facts or numbers.

But, in January, a Community Impact Report entitled "Interwoven" was released by vice president of community relations Jack Raubolt with the goal to "show that the university is integrated into the community."

The report boasts that Chapman contributes

\$1,705,227 annually in sales tax to the local government and that the total personal income for Orange County from Chapman is \$202,481,785.

But, how meaningful are these numbers, really?

A contribution of more than \$1.7 million seems like a lot, but within the context of the \$43.9 million that the City of Orange received in sales tax in the 2014-2015 fiscal year, Chapman accounts for 3.9 percent.

As for the total personal income, with the knowledge of the nearly \$150 billion in personal income that Orange County reported in 2009, Chapman accounts for 0.13 percent of the total. By neglecting to include the circumstances surrounding the numbers featured in Raubolt's report, it isn't worth much to the community he is trying to reach.

Adam Duberstein, the founder of citizen group Respect Orange, said that the "overall consensus by a number of people was that the piece looked a little fluffy."

We think he's right.

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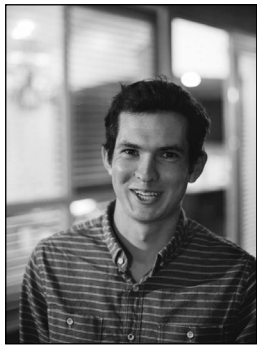
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The dangers of persecution



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“We see what happens when you persecute people. They fold into themselves.” That’s how Mahershala Ali began his acceptance speech after winning Best Supporting Actor at the Screen Actors Guild Awards on Jan. 29 for his performance in “Moonlight.”

He continued, saying that we need to support each other despite our differences of skin color, sexuality or religion, citing his character in “Moonlight” as an example of that support. He did not explicitly refer to President Donald Trump’s executive order to ban travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries, but it’s hard not to think of that and the other orders Trump has signed off on while listening to him.

It’s an amazing speech. You can tell how passionate he is about the subject from the emotion in his voice along with his own experience of converting to Islam despite his mother being a minister. But, I think there’s an important aspect that he doesn’t mention when you persecute people: Eventually, those people who fold into themselves will lash out.

You see it in “Moonlight” during the second act when Chiron, the main character and constant target of persecution, smashes a chair over the back of a bully and I think America saw it when Trump was elected. There are a number of articles explaining how Trump won the election by winning the Rust Belt, the forgotten people who felt persecuted and think America isn’t great anymore. The people who Bill Maher recently called “pillbillies” and “(expletive) drug addicts,” the people who were famously called “deplorable” by Hillary Clinton and the people who would rather watch football and mixed martial arts than a movie.

Trump wasn’t elected in order to fix things; he was elected to break things and make the people who were comfortable in Barack Obama’s America uncomfortable. And we

saw with his first week in office that that’s what he’s going to do. So, how do those of us angered by his orders combat them? The public response, in the form of donations, social media outrage, and airport protests, to his ban on travel which was signed on Jan. 25 was inspiring to see. The \$24 million donated to the American Civil Liberties Union was particularly appealing to me, as I’m not much of a social media warrior or one to make signs and chant.

My plan is to donate to a different organization each month, starting with the ACLU, and then an organization dedicated to fighting drug addiction in the U.S. I won’t be donating a lot, but the key is to do what you can and what is comfortable. Above all else, educate yourself on issues that matter to you from all sides. While you’re doing what you can to fight persecution, try to remember not to get caught up in the minutiae of those you’re fighting against.

Prowling Panther

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How has social media affected your college relationships?



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“It makes it easier to stay up to date with friends.”

The limbo president: leading by lowering the bar



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Donald Trump is the limbo president. I do not mean to imply that Trump’s swearing-in as president is not legitimate and “in limbo,” I mean to assert that the Republican Party and Trump have established a new pattern and principle of leadership by lowering the bar.

They have lowered the bar on principles, on ethics, on morals, on values, on expectations, on courage, on consistency, on truth and on adherence to the Constitution. And no matter how many times the Republican leadership lowers the bar, Trump goes lower. The limbo president goes under the bar.

Trump and the Republican leadership spent an entire election campaign attacking Hillary Clinton for the possibility of a future conflict of interest based on the nonprofit Clinton Foundation. So we should expect Trump to divest himself of his business interests to avoid actual conflicts of interest, right? No, let’s lower the bar. Follow Rep. Jason Chaffetz’s, R-Utah, lead and investigate the director of the Office of Government Ethics. How dare he question Trump? Doesn’t he know that we have lowered the bar?

Let’s lower the bar on cabinet nominees while we are at it. Ben Carson told us he is not qualified. Lower the bar. Eight years ago, the GOP demanded that ethics reviews be completed before any hearings were held on Barack Obama’s nominees. This year, the U.S. Office of Government Ethics had not completed its review of the potential conflicts of interest of billionaire newly-appointed Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. The same DeVos has given hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions to Republican senators, including five who sat on the committee that was “reviewing” her nomination. No problem. Lower the bar. Schedule the hearing for late at night. Limit questions to five minutes. That should solve things. When questioning revealed that DeVos lacked an elementary understanding of numerous basic education department issues, regulations and even federal civil rights laws, lower the bar and deny committee members the chance to ask any follow-up questions.

The treasury secretary nominee Steven Mnuchin lied in his Senate testimony in denying that his company, OneWest Bank, robo-signed documents. Should we follow up on this? No, can’t you just accept that we’ve lowered the bar? Look at newly appointed Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price. He bought shares in a medical device manufacturer and only days later introduced legislation that would directly benefit that company. Forget holding hearings and asking questions. Let’s vote to approve now. Surely they can clear the bar;

it’s practically lying on the floor.

Anti-nepotism laws? Just ignore them. Nothing to see here, folks. Republicans will soon tell us that these laws were a bad idea all along. House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell are the ultimate snowplow parents for Trump.

The S&P 500 is up more than 150 percent since Obama took office, corporate profits hit record levels and income inequality continues to increase with the haves getting richer and the have-nots having to work harder to stay afloat. So, do Trump and the Republicans recognize that corporate America and the wealthy are competing and winning? No, they want to lower the bar for the wealthy and big corporations by cutting taxes. (Kansas? Ignore that, its fake news.) Welfare for the wealthy.

When Trump mocks a disabled reporter, lower the bar. When Trump lies and then doubles down on his lies, lower the bar. Trump is afraid of facts, so the Republicans offer up “alternative facts.” KellyAnne Conway tells us to ignore Trump’s words. Instead, she invites us to look in his heart. What we see is fear. Trump is afraid of science. He is afraid of preparation, ethics, the press, immigrants and foreigners. He is afraid of foreign competition. Batten down the border hatches, put your fingers in your ears and forget American leadership in the world. Lower the bar and leave it to China. Or better yet, Russia. Many people are saying Vladimir Putin’s a great leader, you know.

The limbo president: lowering the bar and then dancing under it.



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“I feel like it kind of skews my expectations of relationships, no matter what they are.”



Leah Thomas

Senior environmental science and policy major

“I guess during the election cycle it’s made some of my friendships a little tense, like when people have different beliefs than I do, and when they express those beliefs in a way that’s not very respectful.”

The crisis at ‘Skid River’



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To the people of Chapman University: Orange County is on the verge of a humanitarian crisis. Orange County Public Works is moving forward with a project that supposedly aims to strengthen the area’s irrigation control system. However, this project includes

placing many large rocks and boulders along the Santa Ana riverbed. For those who may not be familiar with the area, the Santa Ana riverbed is now being dubbed by locals as “Skid River” due to the fact that hundreds of homeless individuals in Orange County have set up their residence there, particularly between Katella Avenue and Chapman Avenue. This construction project is expected to last from February to June, according to the OC Weekly, and has already begun displacing people.

For many of Skid River’s residents, this development has been absolutely devastating. In the early days of the project, the gates were locked and guarded by officers, according to the Orange County Register, effectively

trapping those without the physical capacity to walk long miles or climb fences. Their possessions have already been confiscated, according to Orange County Public Works. They are being told to report to local homeless shelters, according to the Orange County Register, most of which will refuse them if they attempt to bring their possessions or registered pets. And even if they go as far as to surrender their property, the shelters on the list provided by the county are either at capacity or not yet in operation. This leaves most with no choice but to return to an urban-nomadic, and dangerous life and constantly be kicked out of every public place imaginable.

For years, the people of Orange County have watched their own government put property value before the value of life. Gentrification has driven people from their homes. Crumbling, underfunded schools continue to fail students. More and more people are turning to criminal activity in order to make ends meet. The homeless population continues to rise. According to the 2015 biennial homeless census, there were an estimated 4,452 homeless people living in Orange County in 2015, demonstrating a 5 percent increase since 2013. It is clear that local government, both at the city and county level, has failed. Let this be very clear: The county government has chosen to address the issue of the flooding of an empty river during Southern California’s worst drought in recent history, rather than address the issue of

rapidly increasing homelessness and poverty. In fact, the government is making matters worse for those who need help.

Many of the people being evicted from the Skid River are struggling with addiction, are fighting a medical condition, and/or are physically or mentally disabled. These people need food, they need housing and education. They need medical treatment. And most of all, they need to be viewed as actual human beings by their neighbors.

It is time for our local government to act on behalf of its constituents and declare that Orange County will not allow any violation of human rights to happen in our backyards. The students of Chapman University are taking a stand. We are asking people to put political differences aside and participate in what we are calling a mass call-in on Tuesday, Feb. 14. We are asking students to call both the Orange County Public Works, to demand that the department recommit itself to serving all of the constituents of Orange County, and the Orange County third district supervisor Todd Spitzer to demand that he do all in his power to bring an end to this embarrassing example of representative democracy. We also ask that those who do participate encourage any friends, family or associates living in Orange County to participate, as well.

We are also planning to speak at an OC public forum on the same day (Feb. 14) at 9 a.m. and personally voice the same demands.



Sydney Paley

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“It’s made getting to know people a lot easier for me. It was a really great way for me to get to know people right off the bat.”

Check out the full Prowling Panther video on thepantheronline.com

Hoping for home court



Doug Close
Sports Editor

The women's basketball team is on a roll. After winning their seventh game in a row on Feb. 11 after an 82-55 home victory against the California Institute of

Technology, the Panthers booked their spot in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) playoffs for the fifth season in a row. With three games remaining in their regular season, the Panthers have a chance to match last season's 10-game winning streak going into the playoffs.

A winning streak can sometimes be one of those things that players and coaches are reluctant to talk about for fear of jinxing the run of good results or putting too much pressure on players to keep the streak alive.

However, head coach Carol Jue thinks any sort of elephant in the room during the Panthers' final few SCIAC games is the opposite of what the team needs.

"We talk about (the winning streak) every day," Jue said. "I put it out there. I'm not one to say, 'Oh, I regret not saying this.' I talk about it every day at practice about how we're right there, and we gotta stay in the moment. We have to, because we're vying for something bigger - first place, and keeping in first place. We gotta take care of each other and take care of our own games. That's the biggest thing."

As Jue said, there is more than just the pride of a long winning streak on the line. If the Panthers can finish on top of the SCIAC standings, the team could claim home court advantage in the playoffs and gain a huge upper hand in what will likely be their most competitive matchups this season.

The Panthers' next three games are against sixth-place Whittier College, third-place Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and fifth-place Occidental College. Wins against all three would likely guarantee that the Panthers would not face rivals California Lutheran University until the SCIAC playoff finals, should the Panthers advance to that stage of the tournament.

Cal Lutheran has haunted the Panthers in the past two postseasons, even though the Panthers have performed well against the Regals during the regular season. Last year, the Regals ended the Panthers' season in the SCIAC playoff semifinals with a double digit win. The year before? Same story.

The extra frustrating part about that is that Cal Lutheran has only beaten the Panthers in three of its last seven attempts. The thing is that two of those wins have been in the playoffs and ended Chapman's season.

With the playoffs clinched and Cal Lutheran sitting in second as of Feb. 12 (with a game in hand), the Panthers must continue their strong scoring form into the playoffs, or else this winning streak may not mean much in the long term.



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Junior infielder Jared Love bats against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps May 1, 2016.

Baseball wins two, loses two in preseason

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The Chapman baseball team opened its season by competing in the Cactus Classic in Tucson, Arizona, winning its games against George Fox University and Linfield College and losing both Friday games against the University of La Verne and Pacific University.

The Panthers finished the weekend with a wild walk-off 20-19 win over Linfield on Saturday. They'll be looking to carry that momentum into their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) season opener against the University of Redlands on Feb. 17.

"Our bats were tremendous versus Linfield," said junior outfielder Justin Stream. "The top of the order was great and so was the bottom. Our freshman catcher Joe Jimenez had some huge hits in his first career start. (Sophomore shortstop) Jarod Penniman was outstanding all weekend and he came up huge for us in the bottom of the ninth with that walk-off single (against Linfield)."

After finishing in fourth place in the SCIAC playoffs last season, the Panthers were looking to start the year on a high note, which is what they did on Feb. 9 when they beat George Fox 9-5 in the tournament opener.

"Initially, we had some butterflies at first pitch, but once the game progressed, we all settled in and pitched and swung the bats in a fashion that led us to our win," said sophomore pitcher Matt Mogollon.

Stream, Penniman, senior right fielder John Wiehe and junior catcher Gavin Blodgett led the Panthers with two runs each. Four runs in the fifth inning helped set the Panthers up for a winning start to the weekend.

"These tournaments are a great way for us to get our feet wet in a



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Sophomore infielder Andrew Mendonca gets a hit against Whittier College April 9, 2016.

foreign environment," Stream said. "We also saw some teams that we could run into in the postseason."

Blodgett, who made the SCIAC all-conference first team last season, played a significant role in the victory by scoring in the fifth and eighth innings of the game.

Friday didn't go as smoothly for Chapman, as the Panthers lost 7-4 to La Verne in the team's morning matchup before losing later in the evening to Pacific 10-4.

Blodgett once again came up big against La Verne to score and give the Panther a 4-3 lead in the seventh inning. However, the Panthers blanked on scoring for the final two innings as the Leopards picked up two runs in each of the final two innings to claim the win.

"Things didn't all go as planned this weekend, but there was no lack of aggression on our part," Stream said. "Our team competes for all 27 outs. Our game against Linfield was a great test for us, and I thought

we couldn't have fought harder in a crazy game."

Despite winning against strong non-conference teams like George Fox and Linfield, Chapman will be looking to learn quickly from its loss to SCIAC opponent La Verne.

"Our team is well prepared for our opening series versus Redlands," Stream said. "We are extremely excited for this season and have strong expectations for ourselves. We feel confident heading into a series against a talented club (like Redlands)."

The Panthers open their SCIAC season at home against Redlands on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Jayson King contributed to this report.



Photo courtesy of Larry Newman

Junior guard Rob Nelsen shoots a 3-pointer during the Panthers' 64-54 win over the California Institute of Technology Feb. 11.

Men's basketball eliminated from playoff contention

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The men's basketball team was eliminated from playoff contention Thursday after losing to Pomona-Pitzer in a must-win home game, capping off a season that began with the team being championship favorites to win the conference again this year.

Despite having lost their postseason chances after losing 62-49, the Panthers responded to the loss with a 64-54 win over the California Institute of Technology on Feb. 11.

"Like our whole season, we struggled to put together a complete performance (against Pomona-Pitzer)," said sophomore point guard Reed Nakakihara. "We jumped on Pomona early but we slowly let them back in it."

Pomona-Pitzer's 80-61 win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on Feb. 7 had set up a scenario in which the Panthers needed a win against the fourth-place Sagehens to have any shot at a top-four playoff spot.

It was a deflating result for the Panthers, who looked like they may have been starting to turn things around following back-to-back wins after a five-game losing streak from Jan. 12-26, which had been their worst string of consecutive losses since 2013.

Against Pomona-Pitzer (13-9, 9-4), junior forward James Taylor led the Panthers (10-12, 5-8) with 18 points. Nakakihara and junior guard Luke Selway had eight.

It was a physical game as the Sagehens looked to keep Taylor under pressure in the post and prevent the Panthers' shooters from getting open outside.

"I'm OK with physical games," said junior guard Tyler Green. "People might think, 'Oh, the physicality caused the team to not play well,' but we have a bunch of guys who do pretty well with contact. Pomona just played really well, and they beat us."

The Panthers started the game well and jumped out to an early 14-4 lead, but Pomona-Pitzer capitalized on a rough offensive stretch for Chapman to jump ahead 16-14 with just more than six minutes left in the first half.

"Offensively, we were in a rut and couldn't score again," Green said. "The pace of the game was too slow. I thought we should have tried to push it a little more, because

“**We can look back on this season and know that we never want to feel like this again and never let it happen again.**”

**-Junior forward
James Taylor**

(Pomona-Pitzer) is a team that doesn't like pressure too much. More fast-break easy points might have changed things a little bit."

As the game went on, the Sagehens kept finding space deep, hitting open shots resulting from defensive mismatches.

With no remaining shot at the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) playoffs, the Panthers were playing for pride when they defeated Caltech 64-54.

"We're doing this for the seniors now," Green said. "We want to go out and play hard for them in these last games just to go out on a high note."

With the win, the Panthers

avenged a previous loss to the Beavers (6-16, 5-8) earlier in the season on Jan. 26. Solid scoring after halftime carried the Panthers to victory, with Chapman scoring 41 points in the second half, compared to 30 from Caltech.

"It was just a lot of fun," Nakakihara said after Saturday's game. "We came out together and held each other accountable. It made a big difference."

Nakakihara led the Panthers with 15 points, 12 of which came in the second half.

Caltech started off the game strong but traded leads with the Panthers throughout the first half. The lead changed 13 times throughout the game.

"As a collective, we stayed focused," Nakakihara said. "Our season didn't exactly go the way we wanted it to this year, with not making playoffs, but we're not a

team that gives up."

The Panthers pulled away in the final minutes of the second half and had the only double-digit lead in the game with less than a minute to go.

"We're just gonna have fun and compete the rest of the season and use this as a jump-start into our next season," Taylor said. "I think we can look back on this season and know that we never want to feel like this again and never let it happen again."

Caltech was the first win for Chapman since losses to Pomona-Pitzer and the University of La Verne last week. Chapman is 5-8 in the SCIAC with three more games to play in the season. The Panthers face off against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (18-3, 11-2) on Feb. 18 before ending the season with their senior night on Feb. 21 at home against Occidental College (13-9, 5-8).

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Junior guard Irma Munoz looks for a teammate during the Panthers' 80-56 home victory over Pomona-Pitzer on Feb. 8.

Women's basketball clinches playoffs as streak continues

Doug Close | Sports Editor
Jayson King | Senior Writer

The women's basketball team clinched a spot in the playoffs with an 82-55 home victory over the last-place California Institute of Technology Feb. 11, extending its winning streak to seven games. The Panthers also beat Pomona-Pitzer 80-56 earlier in the week on Feb. 8 to set up the Panthers' playoff-clinching scenario against Caltech.

The Panthers are now riding a seven-game winning streak with three games left before the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) playoffs.

"These last three games are just as important as every game we have played so far," said junior guard Jaime Hum-Nishikado. "Even though we are guaranteed a spot in the SCIAC tournament, these last few games will determine who is

No. 1. Whoever gets that spot will get home court advantage in the first round. Having home court advantage will give our team that extra edge we need to get a shot at the championship game."

In Chapman's win over Pomona-Pitzer on Wednesday, senior guard Lauren Sato led the Panthers with 16 points. Hum-Nishikado also had a strong week, coming off the bench to score 27 points (including seven 3-pointers) against Caltech after scoring 10 against Pomona-Pitzer.

The Panthers' seven straight wins is the longest active streak in the SCIAC right now, but Chapman is no stranger to long winning streaks. Last season, the team also had a seven-game winning streak, followed by one loss and then 10 consecutive SCIAC wins.

Against Caltech, senior guard Megan Charles had 18 points for the Panthers (14-8, 11-2), while 11 other

Panthers scored as head coach Carol Jue kept a consistent lineup rotation going throughout the game.

"(Our game plan was) to stay intense on defense and not let their scorers score," Jue said. "(Caltech senior center) Kate Lewis is very good. We had to stop her."

Lewis was held to just six points as the Panthers applied extra pressure to her to force the Beavers' (3-19, 1-12) lower-scoring players to take more shots.

"We had three face guards because (Caltech) has three main girls that they try to get the ball to," Charles said. "We tried to keep them from getting the ball and get defensive stops. That allowed our offense to really play in our system. Overall, we did a pretty good job just limiting turnovers, which is something we have to improve on."

The Panthers will look to maintain first place (and home

court advantage in the SCIAC playoffs) when they travel to take on Whittier College (7-15, 6-7) on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Chapman beat Whittier 71-59 at the teams' last matchup Jan. 21, which was when the Panthers began their winning streak.

"We'll apply the same kind of pressure against Whittier (as we did against Caltech)," Jue said. "They have really good athletes. They're dangerous because they have nothing to lose. When you have nothing to lose, you can beat the better teams that know they have everything to lose."

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