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College admission shouldn't have a price tag



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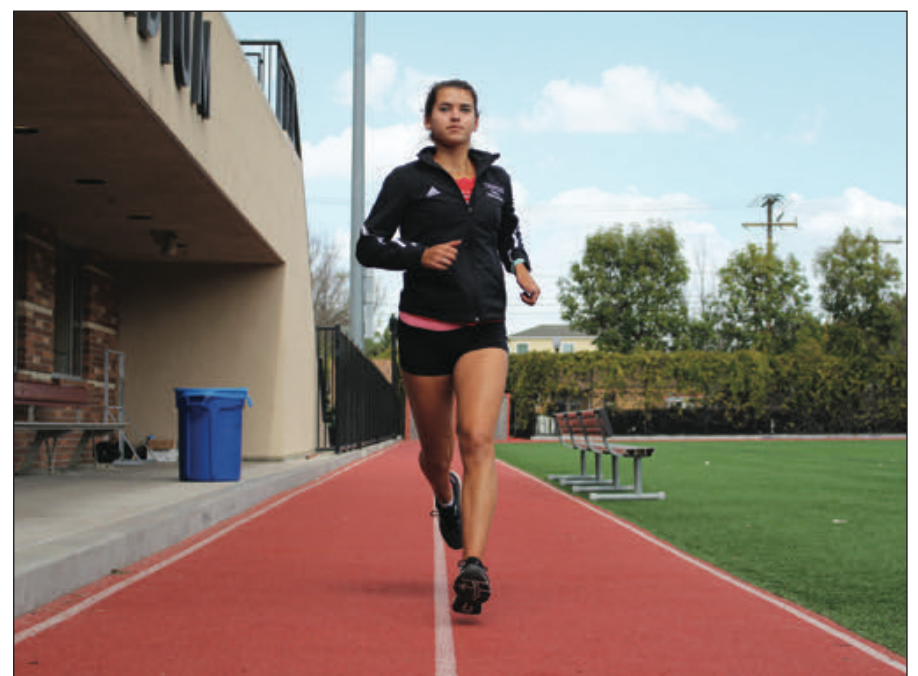
In March, dozens of people, including the parent of a Chapman student, were charged in a massive, nationwide college admissions scandal that involved parents buying their children's acceptance to some of the most prestigious universities in the country. This is a slap in the face to families who work hard to provide their children with an education, The Panther Editorial Board writes.



MIA FORTUNATO **Staff Photographer**

At least 50 students attended a campus vigil for the victims of the New Zealand massacre that claimed the lives of dozens March 15. One student's family member was shot multiple times in the attack.

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CASSIDY KEOLA **Photo Editor**

Members of the women's track and field team have broken multiple records this season – and the team's underdog mentality motivates its members, runners say.

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The Mueller investigation is finished. But do students care?

Dayna Li | Staff Writer

The Mueller report has captivated Democrats and Republicans alike for 22 months, and according to an NPR poll, 76 percent of adults in the United States want to see the 300 page report made public, but some college-aged students are not as concerned.

"I'm just busy, so I haven't had time to wrap my head around the Mueller case," said Rotem Azariya, a senior business administration major. "I have not researched enough to know my opinion."

The investigation has been somewhat of a cloud over President Donald Trump's administration for 22 months and has been the subject of varying media coverage and political debate between political parties.

After the conclusions from special counsel Robert Mueller's findings were summarized in a March 24 four-page letter by attorney general William Barr, Trump took to Twitter to claim "total" exoneration.

The special counsel did not find that the Trump campaign "conspired or coordinated with the Russian government," according to Barr's summary of the report, but also said Trump has not been "exonerated" in regards to obstruction of justice concerns.

In the wake of the report's delivery to Barr and the letter's contested release to the public, cable outlets and news sources alike covered the news intensely. But do voters feel the same sense of concern? A February Pew Research Center poll found that, on a list of American voters' main concerns, Russia and government corruption did not rank among top issues. Top priorities for Republicans include

the economy and immigration, while those of Democrats include Medicare and education.

"It's hard to force people to be informed. People just need to have the interest and look for the information," said Sam Reinhart, a senior screen acting major.

Tom Campbell, a law professor who served as a U.S. senator in the 1990s and early 2000s, told The Panther that students should read Barr's summary for themselves and seek unbiased analysis.

"I recommend that students ... decide for themselves as opposed to commentators who are antagonistic or support the president," Campbell said. "There are few neutral commentators, so go to the web, and make your own judgment."

Mueller did not indict Trump because a sitting president cannot be indicted, though he or she can be impeached, Campbell said.

"That would totally disrupt the president's ability to run the executive branch," Campbell said.

Two presidents have been impeached, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton. Richard Nixon resigned before a vote was held regarding impeachment proceedings, for his role in the Watergate scandal.

Although no collusion has been found between the Trump campaign and Russia based on Barr's summary, 34 people involved in the campaign have been indicted or have pleaded guilty to crimes, like former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who pleaded guilty to finance fraud and faces 47 months in prison.

"Trump is taking a victory lap but more than 30 people have been indicted for various crimes," said John



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Special counsel Robert Mueller was appointed by the Justice Department in May 2017. Some Chapman students have not followed the investigation due to busy schedules and lack of interest.

Compton, a political science professor at Chapman who teaches courses in constitutional law.

Tristan Spangler-Dunning, a sophomore history major, told The Panther he followed updates on the case.

"When the results came out, I was surprised," he said. "It's important for students to follow that type of information, because when someone's being investigated, it's for something."

People think ignorance is bliss, but you miss a lot of important details about who to vote for next."

Compton said he plans to incorporate the Mueller investigation into his teachings.

"The whole situation highlights a problem within our system," Compton said. "If the president is accused of doing something bad, it's hard to investigate those crimes because the president is in charge of the apparatus."

At least 50 attend Chapman vigil for victims of New Zealand shootings

Carolina Valencia | Staff Writer

Freshman Farhan Khan came home around 4 a.m. after a night out and checked his Twitter. A live video of the March 15 Christchurch shootings in New Zealand that left almost 50 dead popped up on his screen.

He didn't know that a family member would be one of the 50 people left wounded.

"My mom's cousin was in the attack and he was shot three times. He is in critical condition still, and he has three young children," said Khan, a business administration major who is part of Chapman's Muslim Student Association (MSA). "A lot of people have sympathy for it, but I have a personal connection."

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You can't be a global citizen if you don't know there are world religions.

- Shaykh Jibreel Speight,
director of Muslim Life

On March 26, MSA honored the victims of the mass shooting with an

event at the Fish Interfaith Center called "Terrorism Has No Religion."

About 50 students, staff and faculty members attended, including Khan, some wearing red to show solidarity and honor those who were killed in the attack. Gail Stearns, dean of the Wallace All-Faiths Chapel and Dean of Students Jerry Price were among those in attendance.

"Red symbolizes love something that can bring us all together, said Hakeem Wakil, president of MSA. "We wanted to denounce Islamophobia and bring the Chapman community together in light of this attack."

The event began with a prayer, followed by an introduction by Wakil. Stearns and Shaykh Jibreel Speight, Chapman's director of Muslim Life, spoke.

"The best thing we could do is to understand world religions," Speight told The Panther. "You can't be a global citizen if you don't know there are world religions - Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, et cetera. Students and faculty are ignorant about this."

Mahmoud Samer El-Farra, director of the California branch of advocacy group March For Our Lives, also spoke to those in attendance about coming together to create change.

"We still have a lot of work to do. We can't ignore it, fight against it," El-Farra told The Panther. "(The shooting) was motivated by white supremacist and white nationalist rhetoric that started here in the United States, so we have to set an example to rest the of the world to denounce hate and any form of racism, religious intolerance."



MIA FORTUNATO Staff Photographer

Hakeem Wakil, president of Chapman's Muslim Student Association, spoke at a vigil for the victims of the March 15 mosque shootings in Christchurch, New Zealand. Some, like Wakil, wore red to honor those killed.

Some members of Chapman's Muslim community were not surprised by the attack, in light of hate crimes targeted toward certain religions taking place on a local and global scale.

About a week after the New Zealand attack, a mosque in Escondido, California, about 75 miles south of Chapman, was defaced with anti-Muslim graffiti that referred to the shooting. A fire that broke out outside the building is being investigated as potential arson.

"All these instances - we have to

be prepared and we have to come together at Chapman so that does not happen," Wakil said.

One of Wakil's professors sent a letter to the Muslim Student Association, he said, and another held a moment of silence during a class.

"It is beautiful to see several deans, professors and people of different religions come together," Wakil said. "It is important to remember the victims, say their names and continue to fight islamophobia, white supremacy and other forms of hate."

\$10 million donation to rename residence hall won't affect construction plans

Lou Vanhecke | News Editor

An anonymous \$10 million donation made to Chapman's new residence hall, The K – originally called the Villa Park Orchards Residential Village – will not go toward building or construction plans, said Dave Sundby, director of Residence Life and First Year Experience, but will help the school's "financial health" after its investment in the housing project.

"What the donation is going to look like for building operations, building features ... well, the building is mostly built," Sundby said. "It's not going to transform what the final project is going to look like."

Sundby was made aware of the anonymous donation about two weeks before it was publicly announced by President Daniele Struppa at Chapman's annual State of the University speech, which took place Feb. 22 this year. Struppa said that he had met the anonymous donor four years ago and kept up communication with her.

"We asked, from her perspective, what was Chapman doing well and what Chapman wasn't doing well," Struppa told *The Panther*. "She found that we should be building more and better residence halls, which is something that we already wanted to do."

Chapman had development plans to build and open a new residence hall on the adjacent side of Palm Avenue "five or six years ago," according to Sundby. The site was deemed unfit for housing construction when



JACK CLENDENING **Staff Photographer**

The K, located adjacent to the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, is set to open fall 2019 and will offer housing for approximately 400 students, helping the university enforce its mandate for all underclassmen to live in on-campus housing.

toxic soil was found. The site was later used to build the Lastinger Tennis Center, which opened Oct. 2017.

"That was the original location where it was going to be. I don't know how similar from a building design standpoint it was, but it was the same idea in that it would have about a 400-student occupancy."

Struppa mentioned residence halls like the \$150 million Chapman Grand, purchased by the university in November 2017, to the donor, then proposed a \$10 million donation.

Struppa called the anonymous

woman the "perfect donor," as her gift did not come with any conditions or specifications, he said.

"With a gift of \$10 million, you could say 'I think you should change the color,' or something like that," Struppa said. "There was nothing, it was just out of sheer generosity."

The K's design is a fusion of the Sandhu Residence Center and Glass Hall, and construction plans were solidified before the donation was made, Sundby said.

"Any new building is a major investment for the university. So a gift, even if the building is close to being

built, helps the university's financial health overall," Sundby said.

The K is adjacent to the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts and will be available to students of all majors.

The residence hall will open fall 2019, Sundby said, but will not be completed in time to accept early arrival move-ins, who are often students with on-campus jobs that begin before school starts. The residence hall will be completed in time for regularly scheduled arrivals, which will take place Aug. 22.

Chapman raising \$225,000 to purchase St. John's Bible copy

Jade Yang | Staff Writer

Most Bibles don't have a gold-outlined depiction of the Twin Towers or a microscopic image of the AIDS virus. But the St. John's Bible, handwritten by a group of scribes and painstakingly illustrated in a project that cost \$8 million, is a new take on the Christian text.

Chapman's Office of Church Relations is raising \$225,000 in hopes of acquiring a copy of the St. John's Bible, a seven-volume, hand-bound leather copy. The Bible's construction began in 1998, and is built to last for 1,000 years, said Nancy Brink, director of church relations.

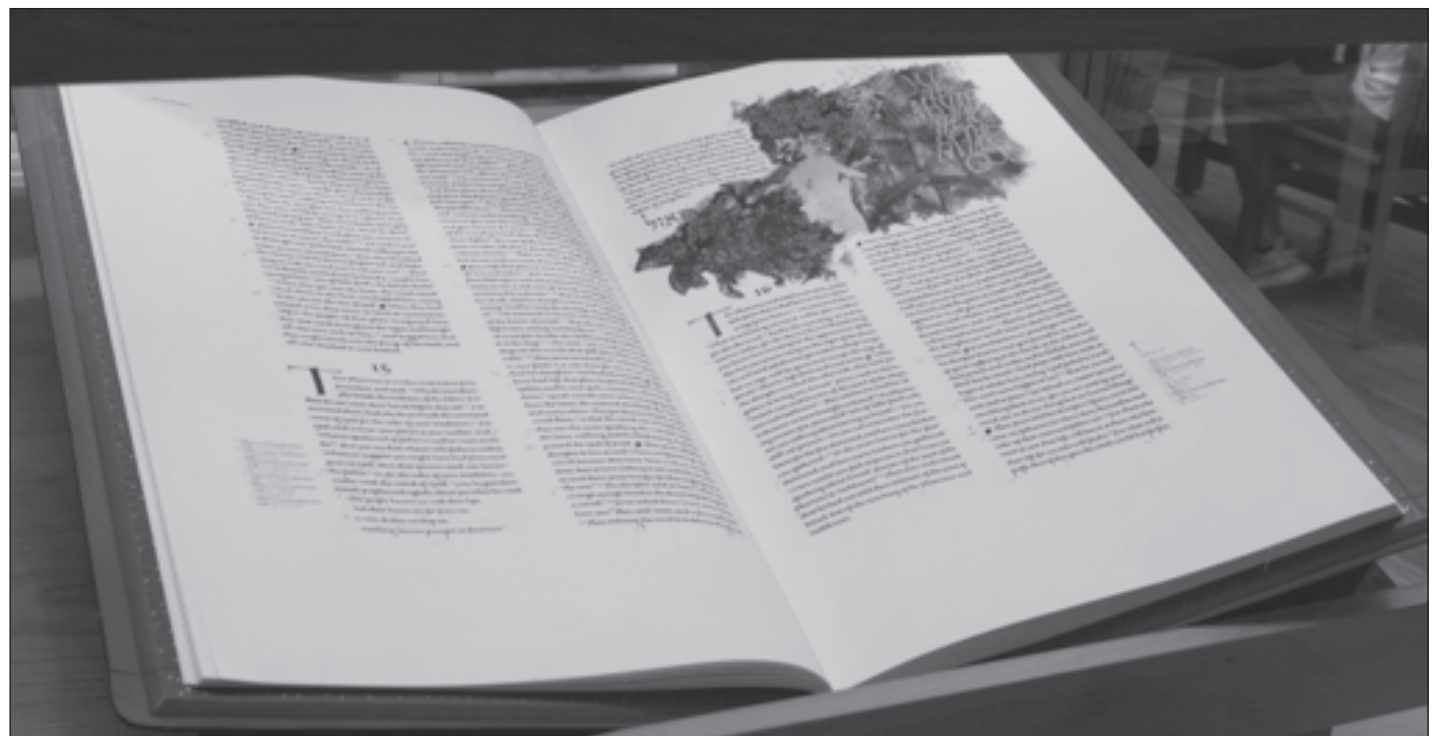
This is not an average Bible, said Tim Ternes, director of the St. John's Bible project at the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library in Minnesota.

"The St. John's Bible is not a picture book," Ternes told *The Panther* in a phone interview. These artworks are invitations into the world, they invite conversation. By its very nature, the Bible is communal. It is my hope that the Chapman community will embrace the communal nature of the world and gather around these pages to reflect, share, debate, discuss and learn from each other," Ternes said.

Donald Jackson, once Queen Elizabeth II's royal scribe, worked with a team of 23 calligraphers and artists to make the first St. John's Bible, which has 1,150 pages and ornate designs, created for a contemporary understanding of the Bible's contents, according to the Leatherby Libraries blog.

"Everytime you see gold in this Bible, the artists are suggesting the presence of God or the divine," said Nancy Brink, director of church relations at Chapman.

Chapman will display a copy of



MAX WEIRAUCH **Staff Photographer**

The Gospel and Acts volume of the St. John's Bible is located on the first floor of Leatherby Libraries, and will be on display until the end of the year. Chapman's Office of Church Relations aims to raise \$225,000 in order to acquire a permanent copy of the unique Bible.

the Gospel and Acts volume of the St. John's Bible during the 2019 school year. Students can view and interact with the volume.

History professor William Cumiford, a member of the committee that brought the St. John's Bible to Chapman, told *The Panther* that he finds the chance to view the book a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

"It's the most important international art project of the past 30 years and it speaks to what's going on in the world right now," Cumiford said. "Chapman wanted to be a part of this legacy because nothing like this will ever happen again."

An edition of the Bible like St. John's has not been produced since

the Middle Ages, Cumiford said.

"Since everything now is going digital, this is a very traditional and non-digital approach," he said.

The unique illustrations, which address modern-day issues like sexism and ethnic diversity, combine medieval approaches with current events, Cumiford said.

"It highlights important things about ethnic and gender diversity, because when men wrote the Bible, they left women out of it most of the time," Cumiford said. "This Bible is inclusive in focusing on women's issues and different cultures."

For Cumiford, the St. John's Bible doesn't just cover religious issues, it's a lesson in history, art and inclusive-

ness.

"It's important for this community," he said.

Rand Boyd, the Special Collections and Archives librarian at Chapman, said the St. John's Bible has allowed him to bring special materials and collections out for students to view.

"It's very exciting to have the St. John's Bible here in the library because it brings attention to the books and collections that we have already here," Boyd said.

President Daniele Struppa will lecture on the St. John's Bible April 9 at 7 p.m. in Wallace All Faiths Chapel.

Popular local ice cream shop A La Minute closes

Sandhya Bhaskar | Assistant News Editor

Los Angeles chain Afters Ice Cream is set to take the place of A La Minute, located in the historic Old Towne Orange Plaza, recently closed.

Situated among the area's antique shops and retail stores, the ice cream shop was known for unconventional flavors like beet, avocado and vanilla with olive oil. A La Minute closed March 22, had a 4.5 star rating on Yelp and was a go-to for some Chapman students.

One of the shop's draws was its unique use of liquid nitrogen, which was poured over the ice cream mixture to eliminate ice crystals, making it creamier. Established in 2012, the ice cream shop used organic milk and locally sourced ingredients.

Minna Thrall, former shift lead at A La Minute and junior history major at Chapman, told The Panther that the shop's closing was due to increased rent and slow business.

"(Employees) were all expecting that we were going to be closing at some point because business is slow, but we were thinking it was going to be more toward summer, because that's when we get a lot of business," she said.

Employees were told by the shop's owners at a March 8 meeting that Afters Ice Cream had bought the location, with the transition expected to happen in April.

Afters Ice Cream, which has 24 locations across California, offers flavors of ice cream like cookie monster, which is a blue-colored vanilla ice cream with cookie bits, and milk and cereal, along with the store's popular



GABRIELLA ANDERSON Staff Photographer

A La Minute team members wrote an announcement in the shop window in early March notifying the community about the closure.

ice cream sandwich, the Milky Bun, a sliced glazed donut with ice cream in between the halves.

"All of our customers (have come) in asking if this is permanent and are very upset. People really love this ice cream, so it's really hard to see it go," said Thrall, who has been working at A La Minute for a year and a half.

Elly Aronson, a junior news and

documentary major, said she was surprised to hear about the shop's closing.

"One of the first times I visited Chapman, my mom and I went to A La Minute," she said. "It was so good, and one of the first memories I have in the Circle. It will definitely be missed."

The remaining A La Minute shops

are located in Redlands, Temecula and Claremont, with the Redlands location about 30 minutes away from campus.

"We (had) a lot of regulars who come in and we all know them by name ... we are grateful for this community we have had around us," Thrall said.

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Meditating in class? Some professors say it helps students focus

Sierra DeWalt | Staff Writer

When Chapman sociology professor Bernard McGrane went through both familial and romantic relationship struggles over thirty years ago, he discovered the Karme Choling meditation center in Vermont and started practicing meditation. After reading *The Heart Sutra*, a classic text of Buddhism, McGrane went through a profound internal experience.

"Something very, very deep in me (clicked) and I started shedding tears left and right," McGrane said.

Now, he incorporates meditation at Chapman. He starts each class off with three to five minutes of sitting meditation and guides his students to think about relaxing each part of their body. He ends the session by instructing students to follow the sound of a small gold, bowl-shaped gong. After these moments of stillness, he said the class is ready to learn.

"When you forget about yourself and you think about someone else, it's very healing for the person doing it," McGrane said. "It somehow, psychologically, is very nourishing for us."

Gail Stearns, dean of the Wallace All-Faiths Chapel, said meditation can help students manage anxiety and identify stress inducers.

"It is important that mindfulness is introduced on our campus by people who practice it regularly and understand its benefits and limitations," Stearns said.

Meghan O'Connell, a junior sociology major, is one of McGrane's students who feels inspired when



CASSIDY KEOLA Photo Editor

Professor Bernard McGrane leads students through a five-minute meditation exercise before each class to increase focus.

meditating.

"When I enter a classroom, I'm already thinking about all the things that need to be done or that need to be turned in," O'Connell said. "When I enter Professor McGrane's class, those thoughts still come, but then I get that minute of mindfulness and then I'm able to reflect and say, 'OK, I can get this done.'"

Like McGrane, communication studies professor Sophie Janicke-Bowles also incorporates mindfulness and yoga into her classes. When her students seem hyperactive and energetic, she guides them through meditation. When the students are feeling lethargic, she takes them through a few yoga exercises like the

tree pose.

"We know from research that when people are hyper-stimulated, these are states where we cannot learn well," Janicke-Bowles said.

McGrane has practiced meditation in his class since the late 1990s, when he first launched a single-credit course in mindfulness and meditation. He's received positive feedback in his course evaluations that discuss how the class's unique strength lies in the few minutes offered to relieve stress.

"A lot of people don't know healthy ways to deal with (stress), and a minute of mindfulness is much better than taking a shot of tequila to calm you down," O'Connell said.

Another effective, yet commonly

overlooked, way to deal with stress is to get enough sleep, said Jeanne Walker, director of Chapman's Student Psychological Counseling Services.

"If there is one thing that will make a difference, it is sleep," Walker said. "Our brains don't function well without adequate sleep, but most students do just the opposite by staying up late and doing all-nighters."

O'Connell believes that the small moments of calm reflection go a long way.

"It really just doesn't take a lot to recognize all the emotions that you're feeling," she said. "Just take that moment for yourself to decompress and refresh your mind."

Some super bloom visitors endanger flowers, officials say

Mitali Shukla | Staff Writer
Satvi Sunkara | Staff Writer

How far are you willing to drive to get the perfect Instagram picture? Well, if you're a California resident, you don't have to go too far. California's 2019 super bloom brought a noteworthy display of hundreds of flower species growing along the west coast, causing thousands of flowers to bloom and is even visible from space. This year's bloom has attracted many to visit the fields — and take Instagram photos.

But, the crowds the super bloom attracts may have a detrimental effect on the fields. Some visitors have walked over and stepped on the field's greenery, including California's state flower, the golden poppy.

"People were obviously there to take pictures, just like my friends and I," said Ashley Birdsall, a freshman integrated educational studies major who went to see the super bloom at Walker Canyon in Lake Elsinore, California. "There were clear paths where we could walk without stepping on the flowers."

But despite these existing paths, many visitors have been going off trail to pick flowers or lay down in fields to get a photo for their social media posts. According to *The Washington Post*, a helicopter illegally landed in a field of poppies in Lancaster, about 70 miles north of Los Angeles, and its passengers began a hike.

Instances like this, along with traffic congestion issues, temporarily shut down public access to Walker Canyon on March 18. Since then, the park officials have required visitors to take \$10 shuttles on weekends to see the flowers.

"By attracting the general public to see this natural beauty, hopefully people will walk away with a greater



REBECCA GLASER Editor-in-Chief

California's wet winter ended a drought that had lasted almost 10 years, causing this year's rare super bloom. But some visitors are causing damage to the flower fields.

appreciation of open spaces, as opposed to more housing tracks and strip malls," said Chapman biological sciences professor Jennifer Funk.

In what might be considered the biggest bloom in the past two decades, the California Travel and Tourism Commission reported that the seven inches of rain since July 2018 is to thank for the weather conditions that

caused the bloom.

"When the rain comes just right, we start getting these soaking rains from fall through winter," said Betsy Knaak, the executive director for the Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association. "The water is just the right amount to germinate these native annual seeds that are stored in the ground here."

After eight years of drought in southern California, the rainfall accumulated throughout the past year help seeds have time to spread and germinate.

"We experienced between nine to 19 years of drought," Knaak said. "When you have a year with more traditionally average rainfall, you get the seeds responding."

Coachella outfits are expensive. But a Chapman designer has a solution

Satvi Sunkara | Staff Writer

Passes to the Coachella Valley Music and Art Festival start at \$429. The festival is 100 miles away from Chapman, but can be further and more expensive if a flight is necessary to get there. And outfits for the festival, which takes place in April, can range from \$40 to \$500.

But self-taught stylist, fashion entrepreneur and Chapman junior Sally Park might have a solution, if only for the expensive outfits.

"I'm really excited to offer festival clothing for the first time," said Park, a business administration major who founded clothing company Oh She's That Bored. "What I make is affordable, can't be easily duplicated and is a tailored process with the customer."

The high price tags associated with the cost of attending Coachella and finding clothing to wear to the music festival is something that some students don't want to spend.

"It's a huge appeal to anyone to have something be one-of-a kind. I wanted a few statement pieces and it was so much more appealing to go to Sally than some store," said Rebekah Halvorsen, a senior peace studies major who wanted customized festival outfits for Coachella and the Ultra Music Festival. "Other companies charge upwards of \$500 to \$700 for a custom jacket."

Park, who is working on a festival collection, intends to offer a more high-end collection and offers payment plans for her clothes. Her current merchandise ranges from \$15 for simple tops to \$250 for a customized jacket, depending on what customers want and what materials they choose to use.

"Clothing like this should be fun, not a financial burden," Park said.

"It will be very different from a lot of festival clothing. I'm going to keep my theme of using a lot of industrial materials and harsher accessories with softer fabrics."

Creating a festival line isn't what Park is used to — as she describes her fashion as an intersection between oversized vintage and street-style clothing. Within the past month of her business being open for custom orders, Park has received and delivered various orders that include tops, custom sorority letters and soon, trendy festival outfits.

"The variations I can throw into it is why it's so fun to make my own clothing in that style," she said.

And with small, individualized businesses like Park's, customers are able to closely work out the design to get what they paid for.

"I loved that I knew where my clothing was coming from and that it was handmade," said Mira Thekdi, a sophomore graphic design major who received a personalized sorority letter jacket. "Sally made it easy to get good quality, personalized clothing."

Park started the business in February after not being able to buy a top that was sold out from brand AllSaints, realizing she could make it herself. Customers place orders for existing pieces or customized outfits through Park's Instagram page and meet with her to discuss ideas and delivery dates.

Despite having no experience in fashion design, Park taught herself how to make custom outfits during the school year. While her work is inspired by the women in her life, it's a one-person business.

"I got my first sewing machine, made friends with all the workers at Jo-Ann Fabrics, watched more YouTube tutorials than you will ever know and re-worked those traditional



Photo courtesy of Sally Park

Sophomore graphic design major Mira Thekdi shows off a custom Kappa Alpha Theta jacket designed and crafted by Chapman junior Sally Park.

techniques into my own," she said.

With the much anticipated Coachella and Stagecoach festivals, Park hopes to keep busy. More than 127,000 people attended the Coachella festival last year, according to USA

Today.

"I am keeping most details of the festival collection hidden as a surprise, but expect a lot of sparkle and a lot of confusing hardware," Park said.

REVIEW

Jordan Peele's 'Us' is unique, but mostly confusing



Olivia Harden | Features Editor

"Us" is a horror movie directed by Jordan Peele, who also worked on the movie "Get Out," another horror film which is centered around racial issues. I'm more scared of racism than ghosts, trust me. And "Us" blew my mind.

Peele's work has an impact on Hollywood by changing the face of horror in the movie industry. The strides made in diversifying Hollywood in the last couple of years are possible because of directors like Peele, and recognizing that 10 years ago, a story would not have been told is important.

While "Us" focuses on a black family, the movie is not centered on race. It plays with the powerful theme of self-identity in a very careful way. I found the film confusing, but maybe that was the point.

For one, I was so confused about the concept of the "tethered selves." From what I understood, each character had a clone. The evil clones came up from the sewers, where they had been living, to murder their

doppelganger with a pair of golden scissors. The tethered clones wear red jumpsuits, reminiscent of blood, and have gold scissors, which I think represent cutting ties.

How were they created? What is their purpose for revealing themselves? Why were they underground? Why do they want to kill their other halves? Lupita Nyong'o's character Adelaide Wilson carried the whole movie. Her alter ego tells us that the clones have lived in darkness for too long. It was clear that the alter egos living underground in isolation was intentional.

I'm not sure another actor could have played the mother's role other than Lupita Nyong'o. The brave faces she puts on when she's about to give a character a beatdown in order to protect her family give you a sense of fearlessness as she quickly becomes the heroine you root for — which is why it's shocking to see her alter ego be so different.

If you're looking for a film that works to expand your consciousness, has a diverse cast, a great lead and combines comedy with horror and thriller genres, I would suggest seeing "Us." Maybe you'll find more clues than I did about how all the pieces fit together.



IMDb

Peele's long awaited film "Us," starring Lupita Nyong'o, gives a more diverse face to horror. The R-rated movie premiered on March 22.

Will work for experience



Maura Kate Mitchelson
Opinions Editor

Two of my friends have summer internships in San Francisco. One will be working in New York City. One will be in Austin. Two more were hired in Denver.

Me? I'm still waiting to hear back from most places I applied and the companies who did respond didn't hire me.

During a family brunch over spring break this year, my grandma asked what my plans for the summer were. I got a little sweaty and told nearly my entire family that I didn't have any yet. When my cousin was asked the same question, she said she got an internship, which my her father went on to describe as (maybe not in these exact words) a fantastic stepping stone on the way to a profitable career and fulfilling life. I got more sweaty.

It seems like everyone around me will be spending their summers gaining valuable work experience to prepare them for their future careers, while I'm thinking about working retail. I'm not opposed to the potential discounts on cute clothes I might receive, but I wish I could be spending that time building my resume instead.

I know that any experience is good experience to have under your belt, but I was really hoping to be in an office building instead of behind a check-out counter this summer. Honestly, I don't know what I want to do after college, but the pressure to become a more desirable future employee, no matter the career, is getting to me.

Initially, I naively only applied to one summer internship. I had toured the company in spring 2018 and became totally fixated on it. The people were welcoming, the office was beautiful and the company atmosphere seemed like a good fit for me. I was set on working there. I had even already decided on my first-day-of-work outfit.

From the interviewer's tone of voice and the fact that she said things like "How are you today?" and "It was so nice to talk to you, Maura Kate," I definitely assumed I'd be hired, but unfortunately I wasn't. Evidently, she was just being polite and I just have no clue how interviews work.

After sadly stalking the company's LinkedIn, I discovered that the interns they'd selected are graduating college this year or will be going into their senior year. While that made me feel a little better about not getting the internship, it also made me worried about the possibility of me being hired elsewhere.

Some of my older friends have reassured me by saying that the summer going into junior year is a difficult time to find an internship and that they also struggled when they were in my position. But at the same time, some of the friends who are my age are being hired at amazing companies – and I'm not. I'm happy for them, but it's hard not to compare myself.

Now, I'm scrambling to apply to any and all internships I think might be a good fit, beefing up my LinkedIn and waiting for the summer store clerk applications at Urban Outfitters to open up.

Maybe this just isn't my year to be the bright-eyed, bushy-tailed intern and eventually, I'll accept that. Right now, the wound is a little fresh, but with time, it'll heal. And that clothing discount sounds better and better the more I think about it.

EDITORIAL



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Admission shouldn't have a price tag

The Panther Editorial Board

Rejection is never fun, but neither is the possibility of your parents going to federal prison so you can tailgate on Saturdays.

A college education is something that's seen as an indicator of academic success, and degrees from certain private universities and Ivy Leagues are weighed more highly than others. This obsession with the "pedigree" that diplomas from certain colleges give their graduates has created an epidemic of lying, cheating and underhanded deals.

On March 12, The Panther broke the news that Chapman was one of several colleges named in a sweeping indictment accusing the parents of many students at universities across the nation of doing just that. David Sidoo, the parent of a Chapman student who transferred out in 2014, is accused of paying someone \$100,000 to take the SAT in his son's place.

The indictment, which also involves parents allegedly bribing athletic administrators and coaches to give slots reserved for athletes to their children, many of whom didn't play the sport they were admitted for, has served as somewhat of a reckoning for college admissions programs. But another issue it brings up, especially at costly private universities like Chapman, is how privilege plays into college acceptance.

While the college admissions scheme, which involved funneling bribe money through a purported charity, has been described as a "side door" into colleges, there's always been a back door: donations. Rapper Dr. Dre, who bragged that his daughter got into the University of Southern California (USC), one of the universities involved in the scandal, "all on her own" donated \$70 million to the university with fellow musician Jimmy Iovine. It's hard to fathom that the university would have denied Dre's daughter admission with that

hefty advance.

Meanwhile, students from underprivileged Los Angeles neighborhoods often take part in outreaches like USC's Neighborhood Academic Initiative, a seven-year program that involves students regularly attending Saturday classes and requires that their parents take part in biweekly sessions to foster a "healthy home environment." Even with all requirements met, the program still doesn't guarantee admission. In 2011, an Ohio mother was convicted of falsifying residency records and sent to jail. Why? She lied about her address so her children could register in a better school district.

When wealthy parents pay to give their children a leg up above hardworking, qualified and diligent students, it's a slap in the face to families who are willing to go to extreme lengths to provide their children with an education. And it speaks to another issue: Why do we care so much about the school name on our diplomas?

In October 2017, about 67 percent of high school graduates were enrolled in college, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That leaves around 33 percent who weren't. Instead of putting time, millions of dollars and potential criminal charges on the line, parents should support their children no matter where they decide to attend – and potential students shouldn't place so much weight on the prestige of their university.

Getting into college anywhere is an accomplishment, an honor and privilege – not a right. No matter where you are, study hard and take advantage of the opportunities in front of you. And a reminder, most employers (based on a 2017 survey of 50,000) don't really care about where you went to college. What they do care about is what you did while you were there.

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America, take a lesson from New Zealand



Lou Vanhecke, news editor

I was walking on campus a few days ago, listening to “Jolene” by Dolly Parton and minding my own business, when I was struck by a weird, somewhat scary thought: What would I do if a shooter was on campus? Where would I go? I couldn’t really come up with a good answer.

I realized in that moment that I have never been part of a school system here in the United States that

didn’t acknowledge the strong likelihood of a mass shooting. According to a 2015 study by The New York Times, there was more than one mass shooting a day in the United States. I was only two years old when the infamous 1999 Columbine High School shooting, at the time the deadliest school shooting in American history, took place in Littleton, CO, taking the lives of 12 students and one teacher.

I remember watching the White House press conference after the 2012 Sandy Hook elementary school shooting that left 20 Connecticut children

dead. Valentine’s Day 2018 marked yet another school shooting, this time at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. It left 17 dead, 17 injured and a damaged community.

There have been shootings in schools, mosques, churches, grocery stores, street corners, bus stops. It seems to me that if you name a place, there’s been a shooting there. With Parkland being named among the top 10 deadliest mass shootings in the U.S., I can’t help but feel that we’ve become desensitized.

March 15 saw the death of almost 50 people in New Zealand at the hands of a white supremacist. He entered two mosques, sacred places of worship, and gunned down families solely due to the religion they practiced.

Now this, sadly, isn’t a groundbreaking event. We’ve had similar situations like this take place in the United States, like the shooting that killed 11 people at a Pittsburgh synagogue in October 2018. But even then, our politicians only offered thoughts and prayers. They gave us a moment of silence, and have merely carried on with their agendas. And yet, other politicians have been vocal. 2020 presidential candidate Beto O’Rourke has even called for a complete sale ban of semiautomatic assault rifles. But, the guns still exist, are still produced and are still bought.

It took New Zealand’s government six days after its first mass shooting in more than a decade to ban the sale of military-style semiautomatic weapons. The country is enacting a nationwide recall of the assault rifles used in the mosque terror attack. Citizens are willingly turning in their guns, non-Muslim women are wearing hijabs

in public to support their Muslim neighbors, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern told the victims of the shooting, “You are us.”

Why can’t we do that in the United States? Guns remain easily acquirable and I can’t understand why. We now have a generation of school students armed with the knowledge that they might be gunned down next and we have Muslims and minority groups sharing their experiences with being looked at as a threat. But we have politicians like Paul Ryan, former Speaker of the House, saying that mass shootings are a “mental health” concern, when only 4 percent of violence is associated with mental illness.

America, ban the sale of military-style weapons. I am not against upholding the Second Amendment, but I also know that semiautomatic machine guns did not exist when Thomas Jefferson helped write the constitution.

I don’t want to wake up to another news notification telling me that 58 people were killed at a concert in Las Vegas, or that 49 people were killed in a Florida nightclub. I don’t want to find out that two students who survived the Parkland shooting took their own lives because of survivor’s guilt, or that a father of a Sandy Hook victim couldn’t bear his grief any longer and ended his own life.

I doubt I’m alone in feeling this way. If you want to get involved and let politicians know that the senseless killing of people across the country needs to stop, call your representatives. Silence is complicity, and like New Zealand has so bravely taught us, moments of silence will get us nowhere.

As a second-semester senior, here’s some advice



Sydney Leal, senior public relations and advertising major

I am a go-getter. It’s in my blood to succeed,

to win, to get whatever I want and to be whoever I want. I went to a high school where the motto was literally “Quest for Excellence.” How fitting. In high school, I was the senior class president, a varsity athlete and maintained a 4.0 GPA to impress the colleges I was determined to get into. Eventually, I was accepted into

my first choice: Chapman.

Throughout my life, I’ve felt like the world was at my fingertips no matter what was ahead, I had the personality type and the willpower to succeed. I didn’t realize how much that would change.

I’m a second-semester senior with no post-grad opportunities. All those days spent driving to Los Angeles for internships to boost my resume seem like a distant, worthless memory. When people say “Go to college, graduate and get a job,” they

don’t mention the fine print that says, “...and you might have an existential crisis every day until then.”

If you think I’m going to talk about how I eventually found the perfect job, you’re incredibly wrong. Instead, I’m going to tell you how I relearned the magic of persistence.

Every day since Jan. 1, I’ve been perfecting my resume, drafting cover letters and spending way too much time on LinkedIn. I’ve had rejection emails pile up in my mailbox and I’ve cried my eyes out to my mom about how I can’t seem to find a lead. I know I’m not the only one in this position, and if you’re in the same place, or any position that makes you question your worth, here’s a piece of advice: Be persistent.

Persistence is your best friend. You might forget about her once in a while, but it’s time to give her some well-deserved attention.

When I talk about persistence, I mean setting small, achievable goals each day. We all have persistent minds until we meet a tall wall of rejection.

Persistence is understanding that the grind of hard work can be what fuels you. Failure can be what gives you grit. We follow the expectation that after one thing is accomplished, we move on to another quickly. For example, we finish grade school, we go to high school, we graduate college ... and then what? The gray area of vagueness after graduating with a bachelors is the hardest pill to swallow. But when I found myself in this state of

self-doubt, I also found truth.

We follow a pattern of reaching the bare minimum and then stopping. We often forget that being persistent doesn’t mean just finishing the job. It’s taking the time to appreciate the pain and tears that come with it and realizing that hard work is pushing past doubt and making progress.

For what it’s worth, I had to learn this all over again this semester. Instead of spending time worrying about the gray areas of my life, I’m taking this opportunity to challenge myself. I make my bed, meditate and work out in the morning. I spend my nights reflecting on the day, reading a book and praying. Life might seem like an endless uphill battle, but I promise, persistence can lead to bigger accomplishments.

The moral of my story? Success is gratifying, but it’s temporary. Find appreciation in your work ethic. Challenge yourself beyond the classroom and in your relationships. Maintain positive thoughts even when negativity is at the forefront of your mind. Every day is your day to show the world that you are more than what is expected.

Remember that we are all in the same rocky boat. Learn to love hardship and to love the process. There’s always a new challenge ahead, but persistence will give you a little push when you need it.

Finally, never give up and remember to lean on people who support you. Tomorrow is another day to achieve something you never have – just keep going.

I’m not applauding Facebook for banning Nazis



Olivia Harden, features editor

Facebook should’ve freed us from the Nazis a long time ago, and they are not to get any applause from me for making a basic move that should’ve been seen as ...

common sense. The website’s policies already prohibited white supremacy – but left a loophole allowing for content upholding white nationalism and separatism.

On March 27, the social media giant

announced it had banned both. Man, what took you so long? In the 15 years that Facebook has been a platform, it has slowly removed hate speech and white supremacy from its platform,

but banning a specific group of people is a much clearer statement, and I am loving it.

While it may seem easy to say hate speech is bad and move on, the issue at hand is more complex. You’re probably thinking, “But wait! What about free speech?” So for all my right-leaning fans out there, this one’s for you. Yes, the U.S. Constitution grants free speech to all of its citizens.

This means that in the United States you are allowed to say whatever you want, including hate speech, but finding the line between protected speech and speech that incites violence is more difficult than you may think, even at the federal level. As a result, Facebook, as a private company, has every right to remove hateful rhetoric its platform.

We’re seeing old tweets and videos of someone making a hateful comment or using a racial or homophobic slur will surface, and two or three days later, that person might be fired from his or her job. According to The New York Times in October 2018, a white woman blocked her black neighbor from entering their apartment complex. The victim of the harassment posted the photos on Twitter, and shortly after the photos went viral, the woman

was fired from her real estate position. In the age of the internet, whatever you put on the web and out into the world is stuck with you forever. The type of content users post is still controlled by social media sites’ terms of services – and so it’s within Facebook’s control to keep prejudice off our timelines.

Facebook is among at least a dozen or so major websites that have taken steps to remove content that promotes white supremacy. And it’s a step in the right direction, especially after the influence Facebook had on the 2016 election. Facebook has also recently introduced measures to prevent the spread of fake news, which can influence millions of users.

The social media giant came under immense scrutiny after it failed to prevent the spread of false information during the 2016 U.S. elections, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg testified to the U.S. Senate.

The power of untruths is haunting, and if we allow white supremacists to stay on such an influential platform, it could be devastating. There should be no hesitation to remove content that threatens someone’s existence, and Nazis are no exception.

Lakers owner talks criticism, hardships of NBA spotlight

Luca Evans | Staff Writer

Despite the signing of superstar LeBron James prior to the start of the 2018-19 NBA regular season, the Los Angeles Lakers have struggled to find themselves progressing, through the team's sixth straight season with more losses than wins. As part of a swirl of rumors around the team's offseason plans, a headline emerged asserting the Lakers were in pursuit of the Los Angeles Clippers' head coach Doc Rivers to replace their own Luke Walton, explained Lakers owner Jeanie Buss. Yet, according to her, the rumor held no truth.

"The headline ... was completely not true. It's crazy," Buss told Jeff Pearlman's sports journalism class March 29.

Three days later, Rivers responded to the rumor establishing his intent to stay with the Clippers, a clear decision given he is under contract with the team until the end of the season in 2021. The next day, Buss said she believes the headline read "Lakers lose to Clippers again."

"There was nothing to that at all," Buss said, with a shake of her head. "How are you supposed to respond to that? I mean, should you respond to it?"

Buss spoke candidly about her career and sharing insight into today's media criticism. She spent much of her life under the scrutiny of the Hollywood lights - when she was just 18, her father Jerry Buss bought the Lakers and ushered in the team that won five championships in the 1980s.

Buss said her father left each of his

four children a stake in the Lakers when he passed away in 2013. In 2017, she outlasted her brothers in a legal battle to be named the controlling owner of the Los Angeles Lakers.

"We haven't lived up to the brand that (my father) created, and he created a culture of winning and success," Buss said. "(The Lakers) were always relevant and they were always in the conversation, and I felt like the team had lost that importance."

However, the Lakers still remain one of the most profitable teams in the league, ranked No. 2 overall on Forbes' team valuation list, with a value of \$1.87 billion. One student asked what Buss' vision for the team was beyond winning championships.

"We want a team the community can be proud of, and we bring in players that can fit part of something bigger than their individual selves," Buss said. "(I want to) build something special that, just as my dad said so many years ago, that the community can be proud of."

Working to formulate that team over time has led to its share of sports journalism criticism. Unlike others, Buss said she doesn't pretend like it doesn't affect her. Buss said to Pearlman that words, in fact, do hurt.

"It does bother me," Buss said. "Your weaknesses will be revealed ... people will attack you at every level."

Buss said dealing with reports like the Rivers controversy can be extremely difficult.

"If you respond to (a rumor) officially, you're giving credibility to non-credible sources," Buss said. "Yet,



CASSIDY KEOLA Photo Editor

Jeanie Buss, owner and president of the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, spoke to a sports journalism class at Chapman March 27.

by not responding to it, then it has a life and it gets into the psyche of fans."

From being named the general manager of the now-defunct Los Angeles Strings at 19 to studying business at University of Southern California to becoming a sports executive in a male-dominated industry, she learned a lesson - everybody's out to beat you, she said.

Now, with 20 years of experience working for the Lakers under her belt, she summed up her ability to tune out

the white noise with a simple statement and a smile.

"I can take it, at my age," Buss said.

Buss's vision for the team involves the intersection of team success and community, because "everybody can be under the flag" of the team's classic purple-and-gold. The Lakers are a brand, Buss said, and she doesn't plan to take her foot off the gas until she delivers a team the community is happy with.

"We won't stop until we're proud,"

Men's lacrosse hopes to take second national championship

Nathanyal Leyba | Staff Writer

For the men's lacrosse team at Chapman, being up for a championship isn't novel. In 2016, the team secured its first national championship against the California Polytechnic State University Mustangs in a 9-5 home win at Wilson Stadium. Fans rushed towards the black steel fences while players threw their gear in the air in celebration. Fans cheered and clapped ecstatically as the team went to the 50-yard line and gathered on the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) stage.

Over the next two years, the team would return to the national championships twice, finishing both times as runner-ups, to Grand Canyon University in 2017 and Michigan State University in 2018. This season, the team carries a record of 7-2. Senior goalie and strategic and corporate communication major Daniel Aguilar is confident in the team's future as the month of March comes to a close.

"We are starting to find our identity and have been stacking great ranked road wins against Cal Poly and Colorado University, Boulder," Aguilar said.

Although Chapman is a Division III university, the men's lacrosse team plays on the Division I level in the Southwestern Lacrosse Conference (SLC). But, as a club team, they still differ from NCAA teams like Duke University or Cornell University, who are not in

the MCLA.

When the team first joined MCLA, they were considered a Division II team. AJ Rafter, Chapman 2014 alumnus and former player for the men's team from 2011-2014, said the team's move to Division I at least 10 years ago was needed.

"We essentially compete better with the Division Is. The competition is better and it's more friendly for our traveling," Rafter said. "A lot of the better Division II schools are out east and in the Midwest."

According to the MCLA website, Chapman has been a part of the conference since 2009, when it was established. The conference consists of 11 teams, a majority of which are from California.

Chapman has averaged 13.36 goals per game this season, while their opponents have scored an average of 9.54 goals against them. Despite the two losses, Jack Phillips, a midfielder and junior strategic and corporate communication major, said one of the things that makes the team successful is its unity.

"We started off rough. It's tough with a light roster," Phillips said. "But it's fun to battle through everything. What makes us so good is the brotherhood we have, no matter how cliché it sounds."

When the team secured the national championship title in 2016, they sported a 39-person roster. The team had 34 players in 2017 and 32 in 2018. During Rafter's senior year in 2014, the team had



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The Chapman lacrosse team has four games left in its regular season, with their next game away against San Diego State University April 6.

53 players on its roster. This year, it has 28. Dallas Hartley, head coach for the Panthers, said this year is an odd one in regards to the incoming freshmen and the senior class. There is no exact reason for the decreasing roster length, other than the two classes being smaller when compared to previous years, Hartley said.

"We usually try to recruit 15 freshmen and our senior class is usually 10. But we only have five seniors this year, along with seven freshmen," Hartley said.

Aguilar, who has seen the program develop over the past four years, said Hartley drives the team's passion.

"He started nine years ago and it's the culture he has established. The fine line he rides as an authority figure but also hanging out with the guys is what sets a good base for the program that allows us to have a great culture," Aguilar said.

With four games left in the regular season, players like Phillips, hope a national championship is in the works.

"It's definitely in the headlights ... We have to start working on our systems more and start trusting each other more on slide packages," Phillips said. "But I definitely believe we will make it back to the championship."

After doubleheader wins and losses, softball looks forward

Kavya Maran | Staff Writer

Before spring break, Chapman's softball team had a mercurial weekend, with two sweeping wins against the Occidental Tigers March 9, followed by two losses to Ithaca College on March 10. Crowds of enthusiastic fans and parents gathered in the stands at El Camino Real Park in Orange to support Chapman's softball team in its first home game of the season. The Panthers tore onto the field March 9 to deafening cheers.

Junior Sarah Hartmann, a right-handed pitcher, said that the team's morale was at an all-time high. The team opened its first game of the doubleheader with a "bang," scoring nine runs in the first inning, said senior Hope Ballard, an outfielder on the team.

"I wanted to make sure that we weren't playing the game as if we were nine runs ahead," Ballard said. "We needed to play the game like it was 0-0 and we still had something to fight for."

The team continued to beat Occidental 13-3 and 12-9 in the first and second games. Riding the high of these wins, Ballard said the Panthers went into the next day's games against Ithaca College brimming with confidence.

"Our team really took the momentum off of the Occidental wins and we tried to use that going forward," Ballard said.

But the March 10 doubleheader didn't go as anticipated, with the Panthers losing both games against Ithaca with scores of 4-1 and 6-2. In the two weeks that followed, the team saw a total of eight losses and two wins. For the Ithaca games, which



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After two wins against Occidental March 9, the Panthers softball team lost to Ithaca in a doubleheader on March 10. Since March 10, the Panthers have lost 10 games and won four.

ended the team's four-game winning streak, Ballard said the Panthers "struggled" to keep up because they'd never faced such skilled pitchers before.

"That's not an excuse, though. We need to be able to come in and face any team and hit any pitcher they throw at us," Ballard said.

Senior Emily Claudy, a right-hand pitcher on the team said the Panthers faced a lack of confidence at bat.

"We all know that our team can hit well," Claudy said. "It's just the matter of having the same confidence in every situation, no matter how much pressure is put on you."

Ballard said the team has learned to accept failure as part of the sport.

"The game doesn't remember what happened yesterday," she said.

Focusing too much on failures can be detrimental and counterproductive to the team, Hartmann

said.

"We play so many games and we play so frequently that there's no point focusing on 'that one loss' or 'that one bad pitch,'" Hartmann said. "A few losses is not going to stop us and we're not going to let it take our momentum away."

Freshman Ayanna Sanchez, a utility player, said what defines an athlete is not a loss, but "how you come back from that loss."

Freshman-heavy women's track and field team breaks multiple records

Luca Evans | Staff Writer

Head coach DeAndrae Woods has instilled a nine-word motto into the Chapman women's track and field team: Believe in, be all in, buy in, locked in.

"It reminds us every week what we're doing this for," said sophomore psychology major and team member Gabi Siguenza. "It's not just to score points, and it's not just to be on the team — it's that you're contributing to something bigger."

This season, Siguenza said the team's achievements are built around the energy of the younger runners. Siguenza and Woods commended the team's focus and readiness to work hard, and Arabella Reece — a freshman communication studies major who has broken Chapman records — used the word to describe the youthful presence on the team.

"A lot of us are mostly freshmen and sophomores, so it's allowing a new energy on the team to be fostered," Reece said.

Since Woods took over as the Chapman coach at the beginning of the 2017-2018 academic year, the new focus on self-positivity, Woods said, has coincided with a slew of successes. Just six meets into the season, five school records have already been broken since the season began in February.

Siguenza broke a former nine-year-long record March 9 in the 400-meter hurdle at the Ben Brown



CASSIDY KEOLA Photo Editor

Sophomore psychology major Gabi Siguenza broke the 400-meter hurdle record at the Ben Brown Invitational March 9, then broke the record again by a second and a half March 16.

Invitational, then broke that same record by a second and a half just a week later at the Irwin Collegiate Scoring Meet March 16.

"I've had to reassure myself a lot this year that I can do these things, because I know that I'm capable of them," Siguenza said. "This year, I've been taking a lot more time to work through anything that might be holding me back."

She remembers a particularly grueling practice earlier this season she said was rewarding to the team's chemistry. The workout consisted of six cycles of running "broken 400s,"

a drill in which the runners sprint 300 meters over hurdles, take a 30-second break and sprint another 100 meters.

"(That) was really awful physically, but when we finished we were just hugging it out," Siguenza said. "It's moments like that where you're continuing to support each other through the worst of it."

Despite the female Panthers' hard work, their success sometimes goes unnoticed due to the small size of their program, Woods said. Reece said that an "underdog" mentality serves to motivate the team and

surprise people who "aren't looking for an outstanding effort."

"I keep reminding our student-athletes that it's OK to not have people recognize who we are," Woods said. "If anything, it's a good thing because the pressure isn't on us."

Siguenza believes as the season continues, the team will gain more attention on campus and across Division III.

"What Coach Woods likes is that we're not noticed right now," Siguenza said. "But I think pretty soon, people are going to start noticing."

'If I lose, I move on': Tennis team talks conference loss

Pri Jain | Staff Writer

As business administration major Adrien Rooney faced off against the second best Division III tennis team in the nation, he came into the singles match against Bowdoin college thinking he was going to lose by a large margin because of the athletic ability gap between him and his opponent. But, Rooney put up a fight and lost 6-7 and 4-6 in the first two sets.

"We all just have to stay focused," said Rooney.

As a freshman, Rooney said there are few expectations of him when compared to the sophomores, juniors and seniors on the team. He said his freshman season gave him an opportunity to improve and build on his weaknesses.

"If I win, I help the team. If I lose, I move on and learn from it," Rooney said. "I have four years here so I can make my mark."

Rooney's doubles partner, freshman strategic and corporate communication major Luke Bennett, believes that the team needs better discipline during its practices.

"At the beginning of the season, we weren't doing much in terms of overall discipline and bonding as a team," Bennett said. "One thing that has really helped us get focused ... That has



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After losing their doubles match against Bowdoin College, freshmen Adrien Rooney and Luke Bennett lost their next doubles match against Haverford College 8-5.

really put us in the zone and gotten us closer."

Although Bennett said he and Rooney have different personalities, he said they complement one another as teammates.

"In terms of Adrien, he's always there, always pumping me up and getting me stoked to play," Bennett

said. "I'm more of a laid-back person so for him to have that kind of energy – it really translates on the court and hopefully it will lead to some wins this season."

Although the two have very different personalities, Rooney said Bennett is the perfect doubles partner for him. While Bennett describes himself as

more laid-back, he said Rooney never fails to fire him up before matches.

"My relationship with Luke ... he's my best friend. I couldn't ask for a better partner," Rooney said. "He plays well and we get hyped before matches together. I'm looking forward to winning a lot of matches with him this season."

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