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Phi Delta Theta members Sam Dennis, sophomore, and Josh Nudelman, senior, act out a fight scene from the Disney Channel movie "Halloweentown" during Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy event, KATwalk, Oct. 10. Phi Delta Theta went on to win the competition for the third year in a row.

Phi Delt casts a spell for charity

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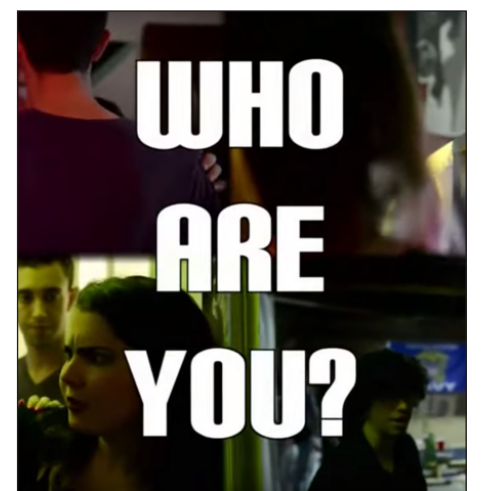
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Greek life struts to Disney Channel

Fraternities and sororities walk the runway in Kappa Alpha Theta's Disney Channel-themed KATwalk

Xavier Leong | Staff Writer

Members of Chapman Greek life showed off their pizza-eating abilities and strutted their stuff on the runway for Kappa Alpha Theta's annual philanthropic event KATwalk in the Student Union Oct. 10.

The theme this year was Disney Channel Original Movies, with the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, who also won the past two years, taking first place for its performance of "Halloweentown." Other fraternities got creative with their runway walks, including Alpha Delta Phi (the Adelpheos), whose members snacked on some pizza during its performance of "Stuck in the Suburbs."

All proceeds benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Kappa Alpha Theta foundation, which are Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropies, according to Jaden Harding, sophomore psychology major and member of the sorority.

"CASA is an organization that helps assign court appointed advocates to children going through the foster care system," Harding said. "So being a CASA is being a stable part of a child's life that otherwise has pretty much no stability. The money goes toward making sure the CASA can get what the child needs that they might not be getting from their foster families."

As of Oct. 11, members of Kappa Alpha Theta did not know how much money the event raised. However Katie Holden, a sophomore and member of the sorority, said that last year's KATwalk raised \$15,000.

The night opened with the members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity re-enacting a choreographed sequence from "Cheetah Girls." Gamma Phi Beta sorority's Kelley Kozlowski, a freshman sociology major who played the role of Lindsay Lohan from Disney's "Life Size," showed her dedication by dying her hair red with hair chalk for

the night.

"I love all the girls in the sorority, and, as a new member, loved the opportunity to get closer to girls in my sorority and meet people in other Chapman organizations," Kozlowski said.

Members of Alpha Kappa Psi, a business fraternity, walked the runway to the theme of "High School Musical," and led a sing-along with the audience.

Lizzie Kunde, a sophomore communication studies major, enjoyed watching Alpha Kappa Psi's performance.

"Their performance was phenomenal and brought back such great childhood memories," she said. "It was fun to sing along with all my friends in the audience."

Other performances included the Delta Delta Delta sorority with "Teen Beach Movie," the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity with "Eddie's Million Dollar Cook-Off," the Alpha Phi sorority with "Kim Possible," the Delta Gamma sorority with "Hannah Montana" and the Pi Kappa Alpha (PIKE) fraternity with "The Luck of the Irish."

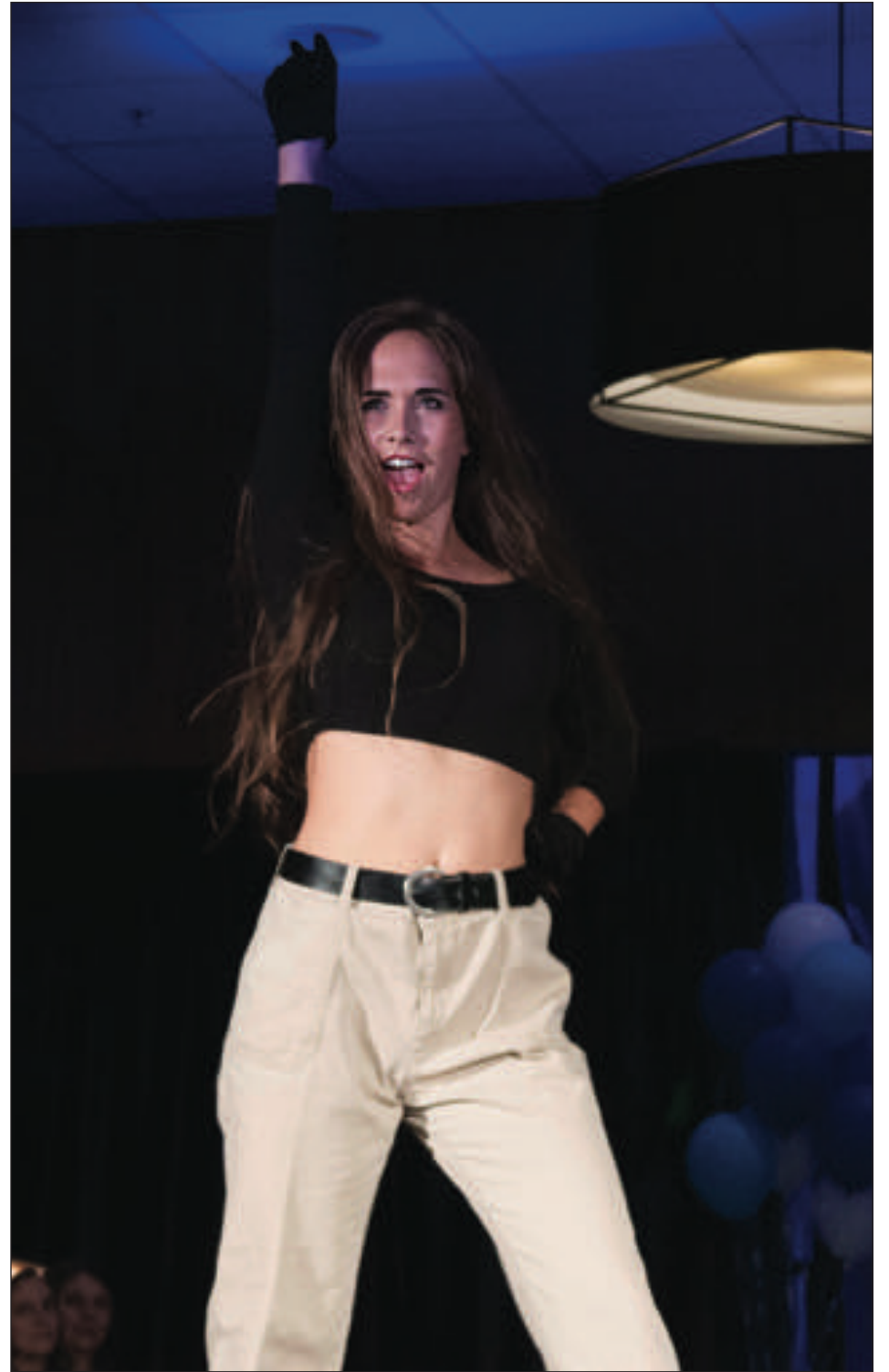
"(Alpha Phi's) naked mole rat slayed, and Pike was a beautiful and shirtless gift from God," said sophomore Allie White, a communication studies and public relations and advertising major.

At the end of the night, the winners were announced. The Pi Beta Phi sorority took the second place prize with its performance of "Cadet Kelly," and in third place was "Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" by the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

Nicole Blitstein, a senior public relations and advertising major, said she liked the humor in all the runway shows.

"All of the chapters did a great job incorporating humor and modern music in all of our favorite Disney Channel Original movies," she said.

Visit thepantheronline.com to watch a video of KATwalk.



Photos by MILES FURUICHI Photo Editor

Cheyenne Catli walks the runway as Kim Possible for Alpha Phi's performance.



Sophomore Robin Genesi and senior Nate Bischoff strut their stuff on the runway, performing "The Cheetah Girls" for Delta Tau Delta.



Members of Alpha Gamma Delta make Kappa Alpha Theta's symbol of the kite.

Chapman makes ground on multicultural center

Jackie Cohen | Assistant News Editor

The addition of a multicultural center at Chapman has been controversial since the early 2000s, but Chancellor Daniele Struppa recently told *The Panther* that a center is closer to a reality than before.

While exact plans for the center are not set yet, Struppa and Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, have started meeting with members of student government to get input and continue fleshing out plans.

"We decided to start with ... the potential benefits, but also we know that other leaders in the university have had reservations about certain perceptions of what a multicultural center brings, and so we were trying to do something focusing on the needs," Price said.

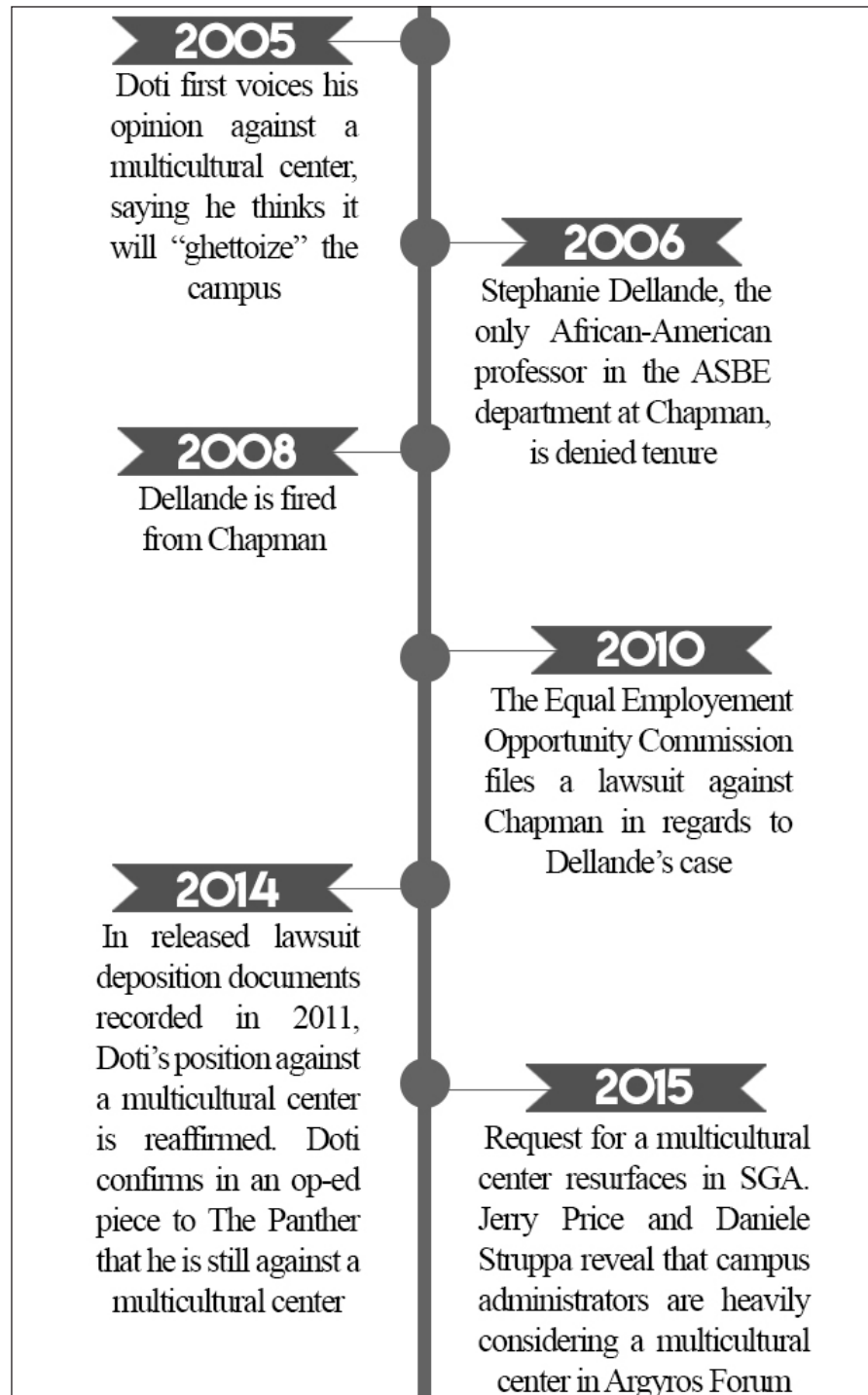
In 2005, President Jim Doti stated that a multicultural center would "ghettoize" Chapman's campus, and vowed that a center would not exist as long as he was president. However, following Doti's recent announcement that Struppa will succeed him as president next August, Struppa told *The Panther* that he, Price and Doti have been discussing the possibility of a multicultural center for the last year.

According to Price, many other campuses have multicultural centers, however, the plan is to create something new at Chapman that fits the university's needs.

"We know we're lacking spaces for student programming and student organizations to meet," Price said. "They're competing for classrooms and they're having to meet late at night when classes are done, so one of the things we thought was trying to address (those) two needs."

Price said the idea for the multicultural center is to have small meeting spaces – potentially in Argyros Forum – with a lounge area, which allows for students to have meetings. The space would be open to all students and would have small areas with cross-cultural themes.

Price added that the space isn't only for students who identify as being a part of underrepresented groups. He explained that while many campuses create multicultural centers for that purpose, that's not "the Chapman culture," and has



RONNIE KAUFMAN Art Director

been part of the reservations that have kept the administration from building the center in the past.

"I have reservations because of my belief that we as a society place too much importance on racial and ethnic identity," Doti wrote in an email. "I believe we should emphasize our common humanity rather than our superficial differences. We are, after all, first and foremost, fellow human beings. Maybe it's totally unrealistic,

but I share Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream: I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Price said that Struppa and Doti didn't want something that would "segregate" students by having a space on campus that was off limits to some students.

"We want something that is going to advance the goals of a cross-cul-

tural center, which is affirming the different identities on campus and providing educational programs, but also make it accessible and welcoming to all students so we can expose the larger student body to some of these issues," Price said.

Price has been working on finding a place in Argyros Forum for the multicultural center. Administrators are considering relocating the Career Development Center and converting its room, Argyros Forum 303, into the center.

While the debate about a multicultural center has existed for a decade, the most recent discussion started less than a year ago. In the spring, Price presented the concept to Struppa and Doti.

"I think the current plans are worthy of consideration," Doti wrote. "Not only do I approve, I personally gave the approval to Dean Price early this year to begin the planning process for the possibility of developing cross-cultural centers on our campus."

Doti wrote that he hopes the center can attract more diverse students to attend Chapman.

"If a cross-cultural center as a symbol will make it possible to recruit a more diverse student body to Chapman by making all members of our community feel more comfortable, then it's worthy of consideration," he wrote. "Symbols are important, and on this matter, they may trump beliefs."

Many students have been pressing for a multicultural center, including junior Tyler Porterfield, student government's campus inclusion chair. Porterfield brought the idea to the student senate in September.

"When I presented it at (the student government meeting), it was just an idea, but I should reach out to Dean Price now that they have gotten the ball rolling, so that I can give (him) the student perspective," Porterfield said.

She liked the idea of having the center in Argyros Forum 303 because it allowed those spending time in the center to collaborate with other organizations there such as Civic Engagement, student government and the University Program Board.

Struppa could not be reached for comment.

Senators consider containing Greek housing

Sabrina Santoro | Staff Writer

Some student government senators discussed the possibility of containing the houses of sorority and fraternity members to a one-block radius of campus during the senate meeting on Oct. 3.

Henry Callander, the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts senator, brought up the idea of Chapman creating its own version of a "Greek row" at the student government meeting.

"I hate to use the word 'Greek row' and I'm not going to use the word 'Greek row,' but if we had a section on campus where we could actually do these functions, it would alleviate all of these problems, and it is something the neighbors would agree to," Callander said during the meeting. "I understand the negatives, but I think the benefits way outdo the negatives."

To make this concept possible, students would not only have to acquire enough property to house Chapman's nearly 2,200 sorority and fraternity members, but also go through a process that involves receiving a permit to allow group-living types of situations

from city officials.

Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, does not believe containing sorority and fraternity housing is plausible.

"They're not going to fit on one block," he said. "Even if you take out the freshmen who live on campus ... that still leaves 1,600 students. I don't know how you're going to fit 1,600 students in one area. I think that's a concept that a historical neighborhood like Orange doesn't lend itself to easily."

Some students think that having a designated block for fraternity and sorority members to reside would have a significant effect on Chapman's "party culture" and the school's relationship with Orange.

James Hart, student government allocations chair, agreed with Callander that containing Chapman's sorority and fraternity houses would benefit both Chapman students and the Orange community.

"While I know some people are averse to the idea of a Greek row – even bringing up the name seems to be unpopular – it does provide a great op-

portunity for a contained area to limit these things," Hart said during the senate meeting. "We don't have to have the Orange community complaining because they know exactly where it's going to be and they can avoid (parties). And it's contained. And it makes things a lot easier. It makes life a lot easier."

Price said that the likelihood of Chapman establishing a Greek row is slim.

"I don't know how in the world we would accomplish it," he said. "The university acquires property around the perimeter as it becomes available, so slowly that the prospects of getting a stretch of land to have 18 fraternity and sorority houses together is statistically impossible."

Dylan Folsom, a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority and a freshman television writing and production major, agrees with Price.

"I don't think having a Greek row would improve Chapman's relationship with Orange, because more people would feel inclined to attend parties, and it would just heighten the partying culture at Chapman," Folsom said.

Sophomore news and documentary major Robin Genesi, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, said Greek housing could help solve problems.

"I disagree with the misconception that only students in Greek life are to be blamed for off-campus social gatherings that bring about noise complaints and other problems, but I feel as though having Greek housing could do a lot to fix the issue that Greek members are a small part of," he said.

Although Price said that it is unlikely that Chapman will have the opportunity to better its relationship with Orange by establishing a Greek row in the future, the school is taking action by fining repeat noise complaint offenders in an effort to make amends with upset neighbors.

"We know that both from research of other universities and some limited experience here in Orange, that when students get significant fines from the city for parties, that seems to have an effect on their decisions to have future parties," Price said.

Callander declined to comment, and Hart could not be reached for comment.

Students build sustainable houses in Solar Decathlon

Caroline Roffe | Managing Editor

At a high of 102 degrees Fahrenheit in Irvine Oct. 10, the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon competitors had no shortage of sun to power their houses.

The Solar Decathlon is an international competition in which student teams compete to build a net-zero energy consumption home. Chapman is part of Team Orange County, which is also comprised of Irvine Valley College, Saddleback College and University of California, Irvine.

"I've personally learned more from this competition than (in) any of my classes," said junior Kiyoko Nakatsui, a Chapman student and member of Team Orange County.

As of Sunday, Team Orange County was in 11th place out of 14 teams. Team Stevens from the Stevens Institute of Technology is in first place, but only four out of the 10 competitions have been scored so far, including comfort, appliances, home life and commuting. The other categories include architecture, market appeal, engineering, affordability, communications and energy balance.

Chapman members participated mostly in the communications competition, which challenges teams to educate others about their houses, their experiences and their projects. However, this category has not been scored yet.

Team Orange County's house,



Courtesy of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SOLAR DECATHLON

Team Orange County's Casa del Sol was in 11th place as of Oct. 11.

Casa del Sol, is designed to be drought-resistant and features a flexible floor plan that can adapt to multigenerational families or become a rentable studio. The team's goal was to build a house that was suited specifically to Southern California life.

Clayton Heard, a senior environmental science and policy major at Chapman, gave tours of Casa del Sol to decathlon visitors. He pointed out various elements of the house that promote sustainability.

"The height of the ceiling was calculated so that at the hottest time of day, it casts a shadow over the outdoor dining table but lets the sun still hit the garden at the

edge of the deck," Heard said. "The skylight is retractable so that there is shade during the day, and then it opens so you can see the stars at night."

Andrew Mason, a member of Team Stevens, said that controlling temperature has been difficult for the team.

"Temperature is where people are really losing points, but we've made our walls to be airtight so no energy can be lost in cooling down the house," Mason said.

Monitors were placed inside rooms of each house to check that indoor temperature and humidity levels were livable. Points are docked if a room gets too hot or humid.

The Solar Decathlon officially kicked off Thursday, Oct. 8. It is open to the public Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Oct. 18, and Chapman provides shuttles for students to go see the decathlon. Students can sign up to go to the decathlon this Friday through Sunday on OrgSync.

David Shafie, a political science professor at Chapman, brought some students on a field trip to the decathlon on Friday afternoon.

"I'm really impressed with our house," Shafie said. "It's impressive that these students built a sustainable house that is actually aesthetically pleasing. Some of the other houses just seem like experiments."

Austin Roberts, a junior political science major at Chapman, went on the field trip with Shafie. Roberts was interested in the decathlon because of a class he took with political science professor Fred Smoller, who was responsible for bringing the decathlon to Irvine from the District of Columbia.

"I thought the (Team Orange County's) house really blended indoor and outdoor well, which is perfect for this area," Roberts said. "But I'm biased, of course."

The competition will continue this weekend as the houses are scored on architecture, market appeal, engineering, communications, affordability and energy balance.

"Students know when they're doing something important," Smoller said. "If we let them work 24 hours a day, they would."

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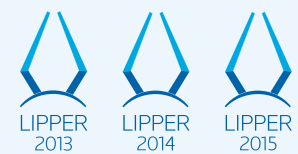
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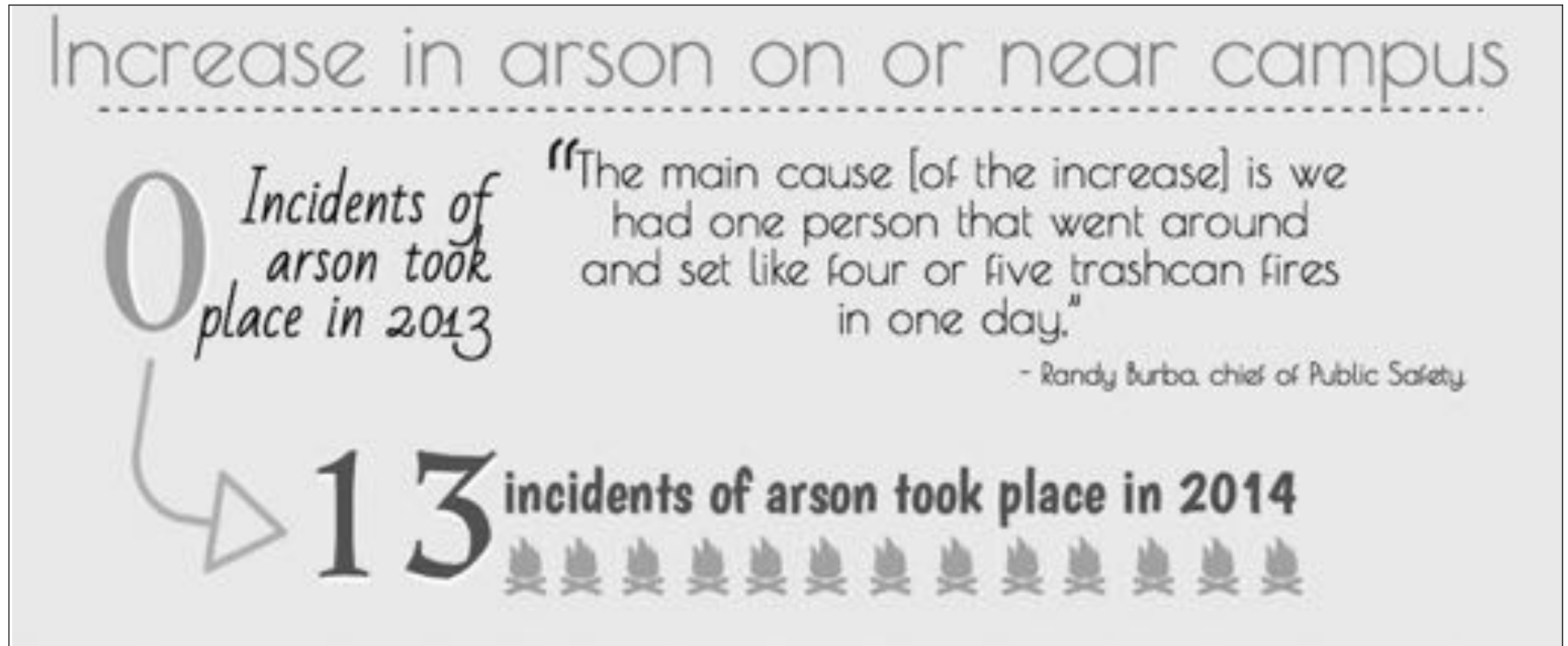
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Annual Public Safety security report shows rise in arson and alcohol offenses



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On July 4, 2014, there were two reports of arson in Sandhu Hall. Dean Jerry Price said that the incidents did not show any pattern or trend that would be a cause for a concern.

Report reveals sporadic incidents of arson

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Public Safety’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, released Oct. 1, showed an increase in arson on or near Chapman University’s campus in 2014.

In 2013, there were no arson reports, but 2014 brought 13 incidents of arson, six of which were on campus and one that was classified as a racial hate crime. Public Safety’s report defines arson as “any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn.”

“The main cause (of the increase) is we had one person that went around and set like four or five trashcan fires in one day,” said Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety.

Mark Davis, the fire and life safety manager at Chapman, said that most of the incidents involved

students attempting to start a fire, meaning there was a flame, but the fire didn’t take off.

The report shows that on July 4, 2014, there were two fires in Sandhu Hall. The first was a piece of paper that was intentionally lit on fire and placed in the bushes by Sandhu, and the second was trash that was lit on fire and thrown in the dumpster in the Sandhu parking lot.

Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, wants to stress that the events were sporadic and did not show a trend.

“Arson concerns me. It’s very scary stuff,” Price said. “This really isn’t something that has been on our radar very much. I think that if you look at the reports individually, they don’t look like any kind of

pattern or trend that would lead us to believe there is some kind of evolution or change in risk.”

Chapman’s Student Conduct Code states that arson, causing a false alarm or tampering with or obstructing the fire alarm system, smoke detectors, sprinkler system, emergency exits, carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, exit signs and other equipment is not only prohibited, but also a federal offense.

In the older dorm buildings – such as North and South Morlan, the Davis and Harris Apartments, Panther Village and other Chapman properties – there are no sprinkler systems, as the buildings were built prior to it being a requirement.

Davis said that students and faculty need to be aware of what’s happening on campus.

“(Arson is) an awareness thing,” Davis said. “Our officers are aware of signs to look for, but it’s also an awareness from students ... to be aware of signs or suspicious activity and report it. When we did have the arson, we put out a crime bulletin so that students would be aware.”

On Dec. 17, 2014, an arson-related hate crime was reported when a swastika was found burned into the ceiling of a dorm room in Pralle-Sodaro Hall. The hate crime shook many students and still has an impact today.

“Who would draw a swastika on the ceiling?” said junior business administration major Conner Svetly. “To my family, especially being Jewish, it’s something that is like engrained in our minds as something that is absolute hatred for who we are.”

Public Safety discusses increase in alcohol offenses

Xavier Leong | Staff Writer

There were 15 percent more alcohol-related incidents in 2014 than in 2013, according to Public Safety’s Annual Security and Fire Report. The report shows that there were 138 incidents in 2014, compared to 120 the year before and 124 in 2012.

Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety, said that between Aug. 31 and Oct. 7, there have been two incidents of students requiring ambulance transport due to alcohol. When deciding to send someone to the hospital, Burba said that there is a certain protocol when making that assessment.

“There is a consultation with a higher medical authority, typically (the Orange Fire Department), who conducts a battery of tests to assess a person’s level of danger,” he said. “If they feel a transport is necessary, they will transport.”

Joshua Leung, a resident adviser in Henley Hall, wrote in an email that alcohol poisoning or overconsumption is a common issue among first year students.



Public Safety consults with the Orange Fire Department when transporting students to the hospital.

“Freshmen are inclined to party heavily their first few weeks of school, and definitely are experiencing the ‘free from authority’ syndrome, where they feel like they don’t need to live by anyone else’s standards and just go wild,” Leung wrote.

Madi Spiegel, a sophomore integrated educational studies

major, agreed with Leung.

“First year students are more susceptible to drink too much because they just got to college and probably have never been away from their parents for so long,” Spiegel said.

More than 70 alcohol-related incidents have occurred so far in 2015, according to Burba. He

said that more students have to be transported to the hospital due to alcohol around holidays and large events, such as venue parties or concerts.

“People tend to drink more in social settings such as these and some drink heavily before events because alcohol is not available at the event, or they are underage and will not be able to get alcohol at the event,” Burba said.

Hospitalization from alcohol consumption results from students who don’t know their limits when it comes to drinking, according to Leung.

“Many people have been sent to the hospital because they don’t know how to responsibly drink or control their behavior,” Leung wrote.

Resident directors Kevin Nicholson and Nathan Worden declined to comment. Resident Director Anne Harmon and Deborah Miller, the director of housing and residence life, did not respond to The Panther’s request for comment.

Members of Greek life compete in Kappa Karnival

Mark Luburic | Staff Writer

The smell of popcorn – or “popkorn” – filled the air on Memorial Lawn as students gathered for Kappa Kappa Gamma’s Kappa Karnival Oct. 9.

Fraternities and sororities from Chapman’s Greek life participated in games to raise funds for Kappa Kappa Gamma’s philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental.

Alpha Gamma Delta was the winner of the games at the carnival. Phi Gamma Delta, or FIJI, won out of the fraternities.

Fraternities and sororities competed in three main events. The first event was a three-legged race, followed by a competition in inflatable sumo wrestler suits. The final round was a race in giant human-sized hamster balls.

The first fraternity eliminated from the competition was Phi Delta Theta. “The flash (tattoos) were pretty cool,” said sophomore Daniel Dickinson, a member of Phi Delta Theta. “I was a little bummed that my fraternity’s team got eliminated immediately. It was really fun though.”

All proceeds benefited Reading is Fundamental, an organization dedicated to motivating young children to read by aiming to make reading fun and a part of children’s everyday lives.

“(Reading is Fundamental’s) programs each contain the power of choice for the child and a can-do spirit from the parents, teachers and volunteers who supervise the events – from an outdoor read-in to parent training to book distributions,” the organization’s website reads.



CAITIE GUTTRY Staff Photographer

Alpha Gamma Delta was the winner of the carnival, which featured a three-legged race, sumo wrestling and human-sized hamster balls.

With the purchase of a \$5 wristband, attendees were given 10 tickets they could redeem on any activity or food item they wished.

Some students had their futures predicted by a fortuneteller.

“Having my fortune told was interesting,” said senior Becca Felman, a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. “They said many things about my life that I already knew. But they also helped me think about many things that were currently bothering

me.”

Throughout the week, Kappa Kappa Gamma tabled in the Piazza and collected money for “Koin Wars.” Students could put coins in buckets to support specific sororities or fraternities. At the end of the week, whichever sorority had the heaviest bucket was named the Kappa Kweens, and the fraternity with the most coins became Kappa Kings.

Senior Megan Sanborn, a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority who

participated in the carnival, said that she likes the feeling of community that comes with Greek events.

“It was really great to see all the sororities and fraternities come together and compete as a community,” she said. “It’s events like these that remind me why I love Greek life.”

The Panther approached many members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, including sorority president Annaliese Baker, who all declined to comment.

Holly’s Trolleys under maintenance, to return soon

Atharshna Singarajah | Staff Writer

Holly’s Trolleys have been out of service for three weeks due to maintenance and issues with the charging system, according to Sheryl Boyd, the assistant director of parking and transportation services.

The trolleys, which were donated by trustee Dave Wilson and his wife Holly, began running last October.

“We are operating the trolleys in a manner not duplicated at any other location, so we have experienced more frequent maintenance issues that require pulling the trolleys from service and (repairing them),” Boyd said. “One trolley was scheduled to return to service (Oct. 9) but experienced an issue with the

charging system.”

A technician was on campus last Thursday in attempt to fix the trolleys, and said they’d resume service the next day. The route will be the same as the previous year, leaving from Schmid Gate, traveling around the Orange Plaza and ending up back at the gate.

Boyd said that she has received mixed reviews regarding the trolleys.

“We have received some complaints over the course of the year (that we have operated (the trolleys),” Boyd said. “We received complaints when the drivers would ring the bell indicating the trolleys were departing a stop, so we stopped the ringing. Students have expressed concerns over the shuttles running

through campus as it interferes with their ability to table in the Argyros Walkway.”

Francesca Sakoulas, an undeclared sophomore, likes the idea of the trolleys, but feels that they require a lot of money to run and does not think the route is the most practical.

“The trolley used to run through campus, practically running students over and making them late for class,” she said. “The only people I have spoken to (about) the trolley said that they have tried it once, just to try it. I have never heard of it being used regularly or as a necessity.”

Boyd said that repairs for the trolleys were covered under warranty through September, but that Chapman will now be responsible

for paying for the maintenance and upkeep costs associated with owning and operating the trolleys. She did not have an estimation of the cost.

Some students enjoy the trolleys and have found them to be very convenient. Sophomore vocal performance major Alexis Dworkin has been awaiting the return of the trolleys, and would be upset if they were no longer on campus.

“I like the uniqueness of it all,” she said. “It’s a cool thing to tell other friends at other universities what we have. I like the transportation idea of it and just seeing it around campus. It was so cute-looking and it always made me laugh and smile.”

Perkins Loan expires, will affect few Chapman students

Patty Torres | Senior Writer

The Federal Perkins Loan, an aid program that helps students who have financial need fund their college education, expired on Sept. 30 after the United States Senate failed to extend it.

The Perkins Loan is a subsidized loan for students, meaning the government pays the interests while the student is in school, according to studentaid.ed.gov. Students have nine months after graduation to begin the repayment, compared to the usual six months provided by other federal student loans.

In 2013-14, more than 500,000 students received the Perkins Loan with an average aid of \$2,172, according to the U.S Department of Education.

At Chapman, more than 150

students receive the Perkins Loan as part of their financial aid packet, according to David Carnevale, director of financial aid.

“The Federal Perkins Loan represents a relatively small portion of students, but these students are students in need, and any fluctuation in their financial aid packages can be distressing,” Carnevale said.

Current students who have the loan will not be affected as long as they complete their education in a timely manner, with no interruption and no change of program, Carnevale said.

“We have the Perkins Loan fund for them unless potential issues arise, like a leave of absence, falling below satisfactory academic program standards or a change in their programs,” he said.

Senior creative producing major Dru Sansenbach receives

financial aid and said it would be a disappointment if a loan that helps her pay for college were to expire.

“College wouldn’t be an option for me without financial aid or loan assistance, so I can only imagine how these students who are in need would feel without an aid that helps them with their funding for college,” Sansenbach said.

The Perkins Loan is a self-sustaining program, meaning that the original investment created a revolving loan fund, which is replenished every year by payments from graduates, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Colleges may have to return the money that they received, but Carnevale said that Chapman has not received any instructions on what to do with the revolving fund.

“The Department of Education has

yet to offer specific guidance about the revolving fund used to award Perkins Loans, although, there is a current policy in place that requires schools to return excess liquid cash,” Carnevale said. “As fewer loans are being made each year, we would be returning more excess liquid cash until we have no loans being made.”

The financial aid office is trying to come up with ways to make up for the loss of the program.

“We will be looking at our current Chapman loan to see how that may be utilized for students who would otherwise have received the Perkins Loan,” Carnevale said.

The financial aid office was unable to release which students receive the loan due to privacy issues.

Disneyland annual pass prices increase

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Disneyland raised the prices of its annual passes Oct. 4, leaving some Chapman students deciding not to renew their passes to the “Happiest Place on Earth.”

Disneyland increased its prices on some of its annual passes, called passports, by about 17 percent, according to its website. Disney increased its lower-tier annual passes by about \$60, its highest-tier pass by \$300 and eliminated the Premium Annual Passport, which allows the Disney-goer to visit Disneyland and Disney California Adventure every day during the year. This pass used to cost \$770.

To replace the Premium Annual Passport, the park will now sell two new top-level passes: the Disney Signature Plus, retailing at \$1,049 with no blackout days, and the Disney Signature for \$849, good for every day excluding select days during the winter holiday.

Some passholders speculate if the increase in price is due to the park’s crowds.

“People don’t understand how overcrowded the park actually is ... all ride lines are usually over an hour wait and it’s gotten to the point where it is hard to walk around at Disneyland without getting trampled,” said sophomore news and documentary major Ovilee May, who owned a pass.

Others wonder if they will be able to afford annual passes after the price increase.

“With the recent price changes, I don’t see how my friends and I can really afford to buy a new passport that was already similar to my current (Premium Annual Passport),” said Helen Cheng, a resident of Orange.

The Disney Signature pass’ blackout days include two weeks around Christmas and New Year’s Day, when the park is reputed to be at its



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Disneyland added two top-level passes, one costing \$1,049 and the other \$849.

busiest. In addition to benefits such as free parking, about 20 percent off merchandise and dining discounts up to 15 percent on the premises, a new PhotoPass feature allows passholders unlimited digital downloads of photos taken of them on rides, walking around the park and meeting characters. Those who still have the Premium Passport will be able to use their passes until they expire, but they will not have the option to renew.

While the price change was not shared until Disney announced it and the new pass Oct. 4, Disney is legally able to make this change, according to its website, which states, “Pass types are limited in quantity, and passes may no longer be available for purchase and/or renewal at any time.”

However, some customers who wanted to keep their Premium Passports found a loophole. They

were able to purchase their passes at Disney Stores, which kept selling at the previous retail price until Oct. 6.

This change is thought to be a push to wean out Disneyland’s crowds, which are expected to increase with the addition of the Star Wars themed areas, which were announced in August.

The area, according to the Disney Parks Blog, will be 14 acres and will plant Disney-goers in the middle of a battle between the First Order and the Resistance, Walt Disney Company Chairman and CEO Bob Iger said.

May hopes that the price raise will help decrease the amount of crowds at Disneyland.

“While a few Californians may think it’s unfair, people visiting from out of state will have a better overall experience,” she said.

Chapman accepting students with higher SAT scores and grade point averages

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As more students apply to Chapman, the university is accepting students with higher standardized scores and grade point averages than in previous years, according to Institutional DataMart, a Chapman database that has statistics about its students.

The average GPA for the class of 2019 was 3.75, compared to 3.68 the previous two years, and the average SAT score increased from 1820 in 2013 to 1877 this year, according to the DataMart.

“Chapman’s selectivity is driven by the university’s increased popularity,” Amy Hammer, an admissions counselor, wrote in an email. “We are not looking to grow the undergraduate population size by a considerable amount, and therefore we are admitting relatively the same number of students with more applying.”

For the fall of 2015, Chapman received 15,599 applications and accepted 7,446 students, comprised of 905 transfer students and 6,541 first year students. This is about a 47 percent acceptance rate, which has remained the same in the past few years.

“I appreciate that Chapman is becoming a more selective institution,” Hammer wrote. “As Chapman’s

reputation and recognition grows, the quality of applications have increased, overall influencing the type of student population we are able to bring in.”

Current students are also excited about Chapman’s rising selectivity. “Chapman’s selectivity will bring a more advanced student body that really cares about learning,” said Stephanie Wigley, a sophomore integrated education studies major.

During the fall, admissions officers at Chapman visit high schools and college fairs to recruit students.

“We travel to 27 states and over 20 countries outside the United States,” Hammer wrote. “Our work ranges from visits to specific high schools, regional receptions, interviews, service projects and college fairs.”

Chapman’s admission information shows that there are currently students from 49 of the 50 states – all except for North Dakota, according to Hammer.

“I believe students today are much savvier in navigating the college application process than in past years,” Hammer wrote. “As technology increases, students are using more and more avenues and resources to obtain information and College Scorecard is one of many websites accessible to today’s degree-seeking first-year student.”

The U.S. Department of Educa-

tions runs College Scorecard, which is a website started two years ago that gives students information on universities.

Usually, College Scorecard shows information such as average GPA, average standardized test scores and average financial aid for each institution.

This year, College Scorecard has

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added a section that includes the average salary of the university’s alumni 10 years after they arrived at the university, which is \$51,800 at Chapman, compared to the national average of \$34,343.

Wigley said that the institution’s name and prestige aren’t as important as what students choose to do with the experiences they have while there.

“You can go to the best university, but if you don’t do anything with it, you just wasted four years of your life,” Wigley said.

Senate updates

Oct. 9 meeting

Gun safety

Dodge College of Film and Media Arts senator Henry Callander discussed gun safety on campus in a response to the Northern Arizona University shooting.

He thinks the community often underestimates the occurrence of campus college shootings.

“The fact that I’ve never heard of anything at Chapman about any kind of shooter drill, it’s unbelievable,” Callander said. “It doesn’t matter what your political stances are on gun rights or gun issues ... Even if it is not an advocacy we take up as the student government, it is our duty on campus.”

Diversity training in freshman orientation

Campus Inclusion Chair Tyler Porterfield plans to introduce diversity training to Chapman’s freshman orientation program.

In a Students of Color event during this year’s freshman orientation, Porterfield noticed student concern regarding the lack of diversity on campus.

Zimride

Chapman’s Sustainability Manager Mackenzie Crigger reached out to At-Large Senator Mitchell Rosenberg regarding Zimride, a social rideshare community that allows students to find other drivers or passengers who are traveling along the same route.

Chapman’s Human Resources, Facilities Management and Parking Services’ never finalized Zimride last year, but administrators hope that it will come to campus this year.

INCIDENT LOG

Oct. 1

An unknown suspect took property from a secured construction site on Chapman property. The incident was reported to the police.

A Chapman student reported his unlocked bicycle stolen from a bike rack by DeMille Hall. The report was forwarded to the police.

Oct. 3

An intoxicated male student was written up in Henley Hall.

Public Safety responded to a physical altercation near the Argyros Forum Parking Lot.

Oct. 6

A laptop was stolen from Kennedy Law Library.

A Title IX sexual assault was reported in Sandhu Hall.

Visit [thepantheronline](#) to read our coverage of the Oct. 6 sexual assault.