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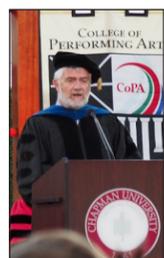


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'Party ordinance' passes unanimously over summer

Rebecca Glaser | News Editor

Chapman students will be fighting for their right to party this fall, after the Orange City Council voted unanimously June 14 to pass amendments to ordinance 03-16A, which is also known as the "party ordinance".

These amendments make the ordinance more punitive for both hosts and attendees, and states that any person who is contributing "to the loud or unruly gathering" can be issued a misdemeanor citation.

"City Council members are fed up with our students," said Chancellor Daniele Struppa, who will become the university's president Sept. 1. "I think it is unfortunate because, as I have said many times, it is a very small number of students who are really the problem."

Denis Bilodeau, a former Orange city councilman who served from 2006 to 2014, is opposed to the ordinance, and has been since its initial passing in 2009.

"I'm totally against (the ordinance)," Bilodeau said. "It's clearly unconstitutional, and the city is attempting to criminalize common human behavior: socialization."

Junior film production major Philip Stilwell agrees, saying in a video published Thursday that the ordinance "oversteps a lot of boundaries."

"This ordinance can attach a misdemeanor to your record for the rest



CHLOE ARROUYE Photo Editor

Chapman students can be fined up to \$800 for a noise ordinance violation.

of your life and it can affect jobs," Stilwell said in his video entitled "Everything wrong with the Orange, CA

"The ordinance is clearly unconstitutional." -Denis Bilodeau

party ordinance." "So many students are already on such a tight budget ... If someone is here to be a student, they should be able to be a student without having the concern of these fines knocking them out of their living situation or making it harder for them to pay for essentials."

The amendments also closed a legal loophole that potentially allowed partygoers to avoid fines by calling the Orange Police Department to request that their party be broken up before outside complaints are made. In the clarified ordinance, hosts can only call police to ask that their parties be broken up if no other complaints about that particular gathering have been made.

Additionally, the ordinance continues to allow residents to sue their neighbors if parties are held on multiple occasions - and if the defendant loses, he or she will be ordered to pay attorney's fees.

"If (the residents) win, the court can award them attorney's fees paid by the other party," said Wayne Winthers, the Orange city attorney.

Despite the fact that waived legal fees make filing a civil suit enticing for residents, Winthers cannot speculate as to whether or not the amendment will lead to an increase in filings.

Winthers also did not clarify whether or not he expects the number of misdemeanor citations to increase. If they do, he said, it will be due to an increase in complaints, and nothing to do with the ordinance itself.

"There is going to be an increase in (police) enforcement," Winthers said. "(Citations being issued) has nothing to do with the amendments. It just has to do with the fact that complaints are coming in more."

Struppa acknowledges that the city has a reason to be upset.

"For a student, it is easy to be up at 2 a.m. and screaming and drinking," Struppa said. "But for the poor guy who has to get up in the morning to commute to Los Angeles, it is just not fair. I think it is going to be a little bit of give and take. I think things are going to work out. We need to be realistic and understand that we have to respect our neighbors."

Caroline Roffe contributed to this report.

Students upset by Orange police chief's orientation speech

Rebecca Glaser | News Editor

Orientation may have not been as welcoming for freshmen as some would have hoped following a controversial speech given by newly inaugurated Chief Tom Kisela of the Orange Police Department at the annual "We Are Chapman" orientation event Aug. 25.

"The other thing - for the ladies, please be careful about drinking," Kisela said toward the end of his speech. "Many of you, if you haven't drank before, you can drink too much, you'll become unable to control yourself."

Kisela went on to describe an event he had witnessed that had taken place a few days prior involving inebriated women.

"We have a bunch of girls walking, they're giddy. And you are giddy - especially when you drink," Kisela told the female portion of the audience.

Kisela also detailed the reactions of older male students upon seeing inebriated freshman women.

"Think about it - new girls on campus, the older guys on campus are gonna teach you about college life," Kisela said.

Rafaela Bassili, a sophomore screenwriting major, expressed her disappointment at how common occurrences of "victim blaming" - when the victim is blamed for his or her behavior during an event - have become.

"It is outrageous that those patriarchal values are still being preached," Bassili said. "I think the university owes at least an apology to the freshmen girls who attended the meeting and should come out with a statement that reminds students that sexual abuse is absolutely never the (fault) of the victim."

Dave Sundby, director of residence life and first year experience, said that Kisela was not scripted, nor did he provide extensive information as to



Photo courtesy of Panther Productions.

Orange Chief of Police Tom Kisela addresses freshmen at the "We Are Chapman" orientation event on Aug. 25 at the Musco Center.

what he would be speaking about prior to the event.

Sundby also emphasized that Kisela's views do not represent the university as a whole.

"Every day we meet as an orientation group. (The speech) was absolutely part of our conversation this morning," Sundby said. "I think that a lot of our students are going through Healthy Panther today and I think Dr. Dani Smith's message is what I understand we value as a university. That's the message that we want to send as a university."

Jerry Price, vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, who had not heard the portion of the speech in question, is aware that some students have come forward to express their concern regarding how it was articulated, however, Price understands Kisela's perspective.

"I can tell you, from my own re-

search and experience, at a college party, women are more at risk to injury, assault, negative things," Price said. "Whenever there's drinking, women are more at risk of negative consequences, even if the women aren't drinking. If things go wrong, it's just in (our) culture - women are more likely to be the victims."

However, Price empathizes with students' concern that the message was gender-specific.

"There are people who get frustrated that suggesting women change their behavior in order to keep safe is somehow giving the people who should be admonished about not harming others a pass," Price said. "Some would say that's victim blaming if you're saying (victims) need to change their behavior."

Regarding Kisela's intent, Price said that the university strives to impart a broader message to its students re-

garding the definitions of consent and incapacitation.

"Understanding consent and inebriation is a tough message, it's not one that you could probably convey in a 10-15 minute talk. Our educational efforts are understandably broader than that, and (we are) trying to help students, especially men, understand their responsibility in this," Price said.

Bassili worries that the speech will have the opposite effect on students.

"Guys in (fraternities) just were reminded that in the sick world we live in today, what lives on are misogynistic, absurd values that are enforced by people who should be protecting us," Bassili said.

Chief Kisela could not be immediately reached for comment.

Turn to page 6 for our editorial on the chief's speech.

MEET THE PRESIDENTS

SEE WHERE THEY STAND ON THE NEW ORDINANCE, NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS AND MORE.

Struppa hopes to improve ranking, make Chapman ‘one of the greats’

Caroline Roffe | Editor-in-Chief

Chancellor Daniele Struppa’s desk is a mess.

He’s in the midst of juggling back-to-back meetings and moving across the lobby of Memorial Hall into his new presidential office. He’ll have to pack up his picture frames, books, awards and scribbled math equations and get situated by the end of the week.

Struppa was chosen last October to replace Jim Doti as president of Chapman University and will officially take over on Sept. 1.

“I love academics, so abandoning that will cost me something,” Struppa said. “But, on the other hand, as with every job I’ve ever done, what you gain is that now you feel you have the opportunity to influence more.”

Expectations for the presidency

Struppa’s biggest long-term goal is to make Chapman more renowned.

He hopes to accomplish this by attracting more exceptional faculty members and focusing on the sentiments of students. He aspires to get every college to be nationally ranked like the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts.

“When students apply to Dodge, most of them want to be there. They wouldn’t go anywhere else because that was their dream,” Struppa said. “This is not yet true for every program on campus.”



CHLOE ARROUYE Photo Editor

Chancellor Daniele Struppa addresses the crowd during Convocation. He will officially become Chapman’s president Sept. 1.

Engineering school

Additionally, Struppa wants to establish an engineering school within the first five years of his presidency, as he believes that engineering graduates get jobs quickly.

“(Engineering) attracts a different kind of student than the ones we have now,” Struppa said. “We have a great emphasis right now on creative spirits, but engineering brings in a group of analytical kids which will add a nice balance.”

New provost

When Doti announced that Struppa would be promoted, he and Cristina Giannantonio, the faculty senate president at the time, formed a search committee to select a

replacement provost.

No provost was selected for the fall 2016 term, so Glenn Pfeiffer, the vice chancellor of academic administration, will serve as the interim provost until a new provost is selected in summer of 2017.

“Glenn is a terrific person, so I am not in a hurry,” Struppa said.

Struppa said that he and the search committee were unsatisfied with the options they found during the first search.

“One of the greater compliments that Jim Doti ever gave me was through his assistant and she said that, since my arrival, Jim’s life has changed for the better because the academics stops with me,” Struppa said. “That’s because I do my job. (Doti) shouldn’t be bothered with

things that are my job to handle. Some provosts are not very good at that.”

Struppa said that he hopes to find someone that the faculty trusts to be the chief academic officer.

“For Jim, I played that role and I’m proud that I did because I made him able to do his part, to fundraise and to think about the larger structure of the university,” Struppa said.

Turn to page 2 for Struppa’s commentary on neighborhood relations and the new ordinance.

SGA president talks neighborhood relations, new goals

Jamie Altman | Managing Editor

It’s the middle of Orientation Week, but student government President Annabell Liao has been busy all summer.

From meetings with Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba to Orange Mayor Teresa Smith, Liao is working to improve campus sustainability and Chapman’s relations with its neighbors.

“As SGA president, I will advocate for increased sustainability, diversity, awareness and inclusion, as well as more positive relations with the city of Orange and Chapman students,” Liao told The Panther.

Neighborly relations

Liao hopes that Chapman students and Orange residents can have the opportunity to interact in person, whether it’s at a mixer or a student-neighbor relations committee.

“I want to have an event (put together by students) and invite community members to our campus so we can hopefully get to know each other a little better,” Liao said.

Liao also joined the Neighborhood Advisory Committee as a representative for Chapman students. Last year, student government was criticized for a lack of representation at city council meetings, but Liao hopes to improve some of the tension that exists between students and their neighbors.

Increasing election transparency

Last spring, Liao ran against and lost to Austin Kernan, who was elected president until he was caught embezzling money from his fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, and



JAMIE ALTMAN Managing Editor

Student government President Annabell Liao discusses better neighborhood relations.

was removed from his position as president-elect. Student government offered the position to Liao, who was the only one who ran against Kernan.

Now, Liao hopes to regain trust from the Chapman community.

“(Kernan’s) specific choices were those of an individual,” Liao said. “They don’t necessarily reflect the values of our organization at all. We are taking additional steps to try and increase our transparency and communication with the student body.”

Liao added that student government will work to improve transparency during the election process.

“It will be up to the students to elect who they believe is the best choice,” Liao said. “These are elected positions. It is up to the student body to make sure they are informed about who they are voting for.”

Communication with students

Liao wants to improve the way student government collects

feedback from students when making decisions. Last year, student government made Chapman a smoke-free campus, but Liao did not agree with the organization’s method in accomplishing this.

“I have some reservations about the way that it was passed,” Liao said. “It was only shared in (vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students) Jerry Price’s email for one week. Personally I would have preferred they have been there longer.”

Liao plans to create forums where students can give opinions on topics.

“(I want) more open forums with the student body so that university-wide, students can come and give feedback on some of the things that senators are proposing, and making use of referendums and having students vote and confirm what they believe about a topic through an election,” Liao said.

INCIDENT LOG

July 25 – Aug. 22

Vandalism

A parked vehicle was vandalized on Chapman property near the Marion Knott Studios.

Theft

Public Safety officers responded to bicycle thefts at Hilbert Museum and Partridge Dance Studio on July 25 and July 26 respectively. Orange police arrested the suspects.

People stole more than \$900 worth of property from the Hashinger Science Center Aug. 1.

On Aug. 19, a Chapman student reported theft of personal property from his or her dorm room on campus.

Harassment/Threats

An Aramark employee was harassed at Wilkinson Hall on Aug. 9.

A Chapman employee said that a student’s ex-boyfriend was on campus causing a disturbance in Beckman Hall on Aug. 18.

Compiled by Sabrina Santoro

Venturing off campus

Jackie Cohen | Features Editor

Being back at school doesn't mean the fun you had this summer has to end. With the new party ordinance having passed, here are some alternative, but equally entertaining ways to spend your time. *Read more about the new party ordinance on page 2.*

don't miss out



Kaaboo Del Mar
Sept. 16-18 in San Diego

In its third year, Kaaboo Festival in San Diego will be featuring major artists including Jack Johnson, Lenny Kravitz, Aerosmith, OneRepublic, Fall Out Boy and The Chainsmokers. The festival is just an hour and a half away from Chapman.



So Cal Corgi Beach Day
Oct. 29 in Huntington Beach

Who doesn't love dogs? A few times a year, corgi owners and dog lovers gather at Huntington Beach for So Cal Corgi Beach Day. The event has gotten so big that they even have apparel for it. It's a great way to unwind as the semester progresses.

Photo courtesy of So Cal Corgi Beach Day



Outpost Fest

Nov. 12 in Downtown Santa Ana

This music, culture and art festival is 15 minutes away from Chapman and will feature indie artists including Matt and Kim and Børns. The festival is a great way to prepare for Thanksgiving Break.

Other activities to check out near Chapman



Sports fans unite

Orange County is home to the Anaheim Angels of Los Angeles and the Anaheim Ducks. You can also venture south to San Diego for Padres and Chargers games or north to Los Angeles for Lakers, Clippers, Dodgers, Kings and Rams games.



No car, no problem

If you don't have a car or don't feel like driving, there is the Orange International Street Fair (Sept. 2-4). There is also a weekly farmers market on Cypress Street, near the Marion Knotts Studios.



Lights, camera, action

Tickets are free to live recordings in Los Angeles for Jimmy Kimmel Live, The Late Late Show with James Corden, The Big Bang Theory, Fuller House and more. Check out iota.com and tvtickets.com for tickets.



In the wild

If you need some vitamin D and fresh air, you can explore the trails of Southern California. There is the classic hike up to the Hollywood sign or you can get your picture taken at Potato Chip Rock in San Diego. Nice trails closer to campus are Peters Canyon and Trabuco Canyon.

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THURSDAY

Politicizing Beyonce

Student Union
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Crucial Relationships Art Exhibit

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



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Vince Staples' extended play "Prima Donna" was released Aug. 25.

'Prima Donna' explores highs and lows of stardom

Doug Close | Opinions Editor
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It was fewer than 10 days ago that Vince Staples announced he would be releasing his first collection of new music since 2015's critically acclaimed "Summertime '06," an album that cemented Staples' status as one of the most promising young rappers.

Reviewing a project like "Prima Donna" is never easy. As a seven-song extended play (EP) rather than a full-length album, it doesn't listen like the full follow-up to "Summertime '06" (and it was never supposed to).

It's more of a narrative project where one song essentially flows into the next with Staples providing commentary that is deeply personal and sometimes disturbing and dark between tracks. You probably won't be playing any of these songs at a party unless you want

things to get very real very fast.

But that is what makes Staples different and is the reason many music fans consider him an artist on the cusp of having an enormous impact on the hip-hop scene and beyond. He's a fiercely honest person with a creative side that you'd be hard-pressed to find in any other 23-year-old rapper. He saves his personal projects to offer a perspective that many parts of America would never hear otherwise. Oftentimes, that perspective includes some very honest and very disturbing details about the system Staples grew up in almost encouraged him to fail.

In the most basic sense, "Prima Donna" follows a dramatized version of Staples and his own struggles in coping with his newfound fame and the constant pressure of the music industry. The EP flows backwards from end to beginning, with the opening

track featuring Staples succumbing to the pressures around him and the closing track serving as an upbeat, triumphant victory lap about him making it in the music industry.

Staples channels the same energy that he brought to "Summertime '06" in "Prima Donna" as he describes his discontent with the consumerist nature of the music industry. In "War Ready," he says, "They only (expletive) with the rapper if the rapper rich, Or got a platinum hit, A chain or two, Seem the music interchangeable."

This resentment of the way music and hip-hop in particular have evolved, appears to manifest itself as an internal conflict for Staples himself. In multiple songs on "Prima Donna," Staples sounds exhausted, depressed and borderline suicidal. The song "Smile," is anything but the positive track you might expect it to be, as Staples starts off by saying, "How you doing everybody hope you had a nice day, Sometimes I feel all alone, Sometimes I can't get away, I feel my life is in danger every night when I lay, So could you do me a favor, smile for me?"

Staples is open about his insecurities, but also about how he is viewed by those around him. He laments the friendships and people he had to leave behind on his path to success, and how in doing this, he might not really be so different from the people in the music industry that he criticizes.

"Loco" dives into a failed relationship Staples had, when his girlfriend tells him that he's worthless as they start to drive each other insane. Looking at the album from the linear story it tells, "Loco" is the song where Staples starts to struggle with the balance of making music and the impact it has on his relationships, leaving him progressively lonelier.

Following "Loco" is the title-track "Prima Donna" which focuses on the stardom and perceived "prima donna" status that can follow a rapper like Staples as he observes friends and people around him begin to treat him

differently. It serves as the thesis for the EP as well as the cover art which shows Staples as literally "big-headed." He raps about how his stardom has become addictive and starts to progressively make him act crazier, but at the end of the day he says, "I just wanna live forever... Fed up with the gang bangin'... Fed up with my life changin' ... I just wanna show you better," as he really just wants to be a better person.

"Pimp Hand" follows "Prima Donna" with a braggadocious, self-confident track where, as he has stated in previous interviews, Staples questions old-school hip-hop artists for trying to decide how modern hip-hop should or shouldn't be. He raps about how times are different and their criticisms don't add up or hold relevance anymore.

The last track, "Big Time," is easily the most confident song on the EP, where Staples is at his most vain and encapsulates the gangster lifestyle by rapping about murder, money, women, cars and clothes. He raps, "Now we're big time, big time, big time... You should have known I go hard in the paint, You should have known ain't no stopping my wave," and the album reaches its reverse conclusion from depression to confidence, ending on a high note.

"Prima Donna" is a seriously solid and thought-provoking EP that dives into the lows and highs of the sudden stardom that can be bestowed upon rappers, especially in the Internet age. With a short film (conceptualized by Staples and directed by Nabil Elderkin) on the way to pair with the album, Prima Donna is the kind of project that will only be more appreciated with time.

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Like a good neighbor, be careful out there



Doug Close
Opinions Editor

There are many things in life that we have the power to choose.

Your neighbors are not usually one of these things.

Yes, this is another column about the ever-strained relationship between

Chapman students living off campus and Orange residents. I've already outlined my thoughts on this vague, subjective and unconstitutional ordinance in months past (as well as the legitimate concerns of Orange residents). But now, with the ordinance in place, it feels counterproductive to write one of those same columns all over again.

Instead, I wanted to share some practical (and hopefully helpful) steps that my roommates and I have taken to stay on good terms with our neighbors while still having our fun.

There are essentially two approaches to throwing parties in Orange. Either you go as hard as you please and accept the reality that you will likely get a ticket, or you take some precautions to avoid neighborly conflict if you're not trying to deal with the police or frustrated neighbors.

And at this point, the only thing saving you from a ticket might be a good relationship with the houses around you.

The main issue, as implied in the new "noise" ordinance, is noise. So, if you're willing to take precautions, you can minimize the amount of noise emanating from your house.

For example, my house has a devastatingly good sound system. But, under this new ordinance, any sound coming from my house that is louder than 65 decibels is grounds for a ticket. That's as loud as an average conversation. If I know we're having people over on a Friday night, I'll put on some Young Thug and stand out at the edge of our driveway to figure out how loud the system can be before it starts to be audible from our street. That volume then becomes the limit, and while it certainly exceeds the ordinances decibel limit, my very kind neighbors have never complained as they probably can't even hear it through their walls.

Closing windows and keeping people inside is also a good call for containing whatever noise you and your guests are making. Instead, splurging on utilities a little to run your air conditioning for a few hours is going to be the more economic option compared to a ticket. If more than a dozen or so people end up in your backyard after 10 p.m., you can pretty much guarantee that cops will end your night's festivities prematurely.

On top of that, there are small, daily things you can do to stay on good terms with the people who live around you. Rolling your trash cans in on time, parking reasonably and introducing yourself to your neighbors can go a long way in getting started off on the right foot. Like all human relationships, compromise is important. Every neighbor is different, so learning what they find acceptable and their general attitude toward college-age neighbors is important when it comes to figuring out the best way to host large groups.

Have as many people over as you like, but just know that ignoring your neighbors or partying in plain sight is likely not only going to dent your bank account, but also your ability to have people over in the future. I don't believe that you should give this legally fuzzy ordinance power over how you socialize, but remember that every choice you make in a party setting can indeed potentially have an effect on your record and your finances.

EDITORIAL



Illustrated by Nate Mulroy

Victim-blaming, student-shaming

The Panther Editorial Board

On Aug. 25, newly inaugurated Orange Chief of Police Tom Kisela spoke to a crowd of freshmen during orientation about the new noise ordinance and alcohol safety. During his speech, Kisela made comments regarding women at parties that have sparked outrage among members of the student body.

"For the ladies, please be careful about drinking," Kisela said a few minutes into his speech. "Many of you, if you haven't drank before, you can drink too much, you'll become unable to control yourself."

Some students took issue with Kisela's comments, noting how he only advised female students to be careful when drinking, but said nothing about male student conduct at parties.

"You are giddy, especially when you drink," Kisela addressed the women in the audience. "Think about it - new girls on campus, the older guys on campus are gonna teach you about college life."

This is victim-blaming. You cannot single out women who drink and leave out the fact that it is often drunk men who cause the kinds of problems he is talking about: rape and sexual assault.

Kisela missed a perfect opportunity to talk to students about "Yes Means Yes" consent laws and bystander awareness. As an authority figure speaking to potentially impressionable freshmen, Kisela completely misrepresented the message that the university and Healthy Panther have been trying to teach about safe drinking habits.

We think the offended Chapman students were spot-on in criticizing this portion of Kisela's speech, and we would like to point out a few other flaws as well, starting with his perspective on how the noise ordinance is interpreted by police officers.

Kisela advised the freshmen that a gathering doesn't need to be "a rager" to warrant a ticket from police. The ordinance states that anything above 65 decibels at street level - the volume of a normal conversation - could warrant a citation.

"Just having these loud conversations can reverberate over into the (neighboring) house and when you're trying to get your kids to sleep

... people gotta get up and go to work," Kisela said.

So forget cracking down on out-of-control ragers - you better not raise your voice above the level of an average conversation or you may be out \$800, like the two students who started a GoFundMe page to pay off their citation so that their "dreams of having nice toilet paper and not living off ramen this year can come true."

We've already talked about how this ordinance infringes on students' constitutional right to assemble. Judging by Kisela's comments, it is also infringing on our right to free speech. If criminalizing backyard conversations isn't an attack on the First Amendment, then we're not sure what is.

Then Kisela warned that Orange police officers "will be out in force" next week during the city's annual street fair, a time during which he said sees a spike in Chapman parties.

Hold up. Isn't the Orange International Street Fair one of the most celebratory events in the city? We polled the newsroom and the majority of our Orange neighbors throw their own parties on Labor Day weekend. Yet Kisela said that the police are out looking hard for parties this weekend. Are they really going to shut down resident celebrations? We doubt it.

The Police Code of Ethics states: "I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions."

So, police officers definitely shouldn't be patrolling the streets looking to shut down one kind of party and not the other.

Kisela represents the Orange police as a whole. When he publicly makes unconstitutional, discriminating and victim-blaming statements, the intent of his message gets lost -- especially during a time when orientation leaders and Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith are trying to teach freshmen about attending parties safely.

Education during Orientation Week should be about not using alcohol as an excuse to sexually assault others. It should be about bystander intervention and taking care of yourself at parties. It should not be about measuring your decibel level.

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Fall sports preview

With teams beginning to finish up their preseason preparations and get ready for their first games of the season, The Panther takes a look at what to expect and hope for from some of Chapman's athletes.

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

Men's soccer

The Chapman men's soccer team will enter this season with high hopes after playing in its first-ever home playoff game last season. While Chapman (12-6-3, 11-4-1) was bested by the University of La Verne (16-5-1, 11-4-1) in a 1-0 conference semifinal loss, only four players graduated last year, leaving the majority of the team's core intact. Despite last season's success, the Panthers will likely be hoping to avenge their semifinal loss and push deeper into the playoffs this season.



Junior Jake Sarmiento dribbles through multiple defenders as he tries to find a pass Oct. 26. All photos: Panther archives

Football

After an outstanding conference title-winning season in 2014 (8-2, 7-0), the men's football team took a step backward last season (4-5, 4-3), finishing fourth in the conference. The Panthers also lost senior running back Jeremiah McKibbins, Chapman's all-time rushing yards leader, along with at least 20 other seniors. Head coach Bob Owens, who won Coach of the Year in 2014, has the most wins all-time at Chapman, with 53 wins. Owens hopes to bring back the same level of performance in this coming season as the team saw in 2014.



Senior running back Jeremiah McKibbins breaks away from a Whittier College defender who tries to close him down for the tackle Oct. 14.

Women's basketball

Though the women's basketball team did not take home the conference championship, the team (19-7, 14-2) had a very successful season last year. Despite defeating California Lutheran University (19-8, 12-4) twice in the regular season, Chapman fell to the Regals 72-56 in the conference semifinals. Though they graduated three seniors, the Panthers will keep their top scoring threat in senior Megan Charles, the second-highest scorer in the conference at 14.3 points per game. If the Panthers can improve their rebounding, where they were second-worst in the conference, and depend on their offense to compensate for rebounding struggles, they will be a tough team to face regardless of the opponent.



The women's basketball team huddles up before taking the court Feb. 8.

Women's soccer

The Chapman women's soccer team (6-11-2, 2-10-2) had a tough season last year, finishing last in the conference. It also faced more player turnover than the men's soccer team, with seven graduating seniors. However, the Panthers will bring eight freshmen into the team, which will hopefully balance out the eight senior players.



Senior defender Baylor Hogan fights for a header against a University of Redlands defender Sept. 30.

Men's water polo

The men's water polo team will enter this season off the back of a strong campaign last season (15-12, 7-4) when it finished fourth in the conference. The team ended the season with a tough 10-9 loss to the University of Redlands (17-14, 8-3) in the conference third-place game. Looking forward, the Panthers will keep their core together after losing only four seniors last year, and should expect to continue last season's successes.



Chapman sophomore utility Christopher Garau completes a pass to a teammate as California Lutheran University senior utility Jack Acampora covers him Oct. 17.

Men's basketball

While the men's basketball team (20-7, 12-4) will not kick off its season until late November, there will be plenty of excitement surrounding the team's upcoming campaign. Led by conference scoring leader freshman Cam Haslam (19.5 points per game, 44 percent 3-point shooting) the Panthers heated up at the end of last season. They won 11 of their last 14 games, including the conference championship, largely due to conference-bests in field goal percentage (48.2 percent) and three-point shooting percentage (41.4 percent). Chapman should expect similar success after the team only lost two seniors on a team that was made up of a combined 12 freshmen and sophomores.



Sophomore guard Rob Nelsen battles for a rebound with a Redlands player. The men's basketball team beat the University of Redlands 84-59 Feb. 13.

Why you should give soccer a chance



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To the average American, soccer is a sport that sits firmly on the periphery. Everyone knows the sport, but it generally sits behind football, basketball, baseball and hockey

in terms of relevancy. This is largely because Americans already have these other major sports to focus on. It also does not help that the top-tier American soccer league, Major League Soccer, is still far behind the level of other national soccer leagues in Europe.

It's also not hard to see why soccer is so big in a country such as Great Britain, where, like most of the world, it is called football. Not only is the sport ingrained in the culture there, but the two other main sports, cricket and rugby, aren't exactly the simplest or most enthralling of sports. I could not even attempt to explain the most basic rules of either one.

Though soccer is the most interesting sport by proxy, there is something about it that makes it more than just another sport for those who grow up loving it. Soccer is culturally entrenched in many European countries and Great Britain is prime among them.

My favorite soccer club, Everton Football Club, makes up half of the most intense British rivalry in soccer, the "Merseyside Derby," between the two top-tier Liverpool-based teams: Everton FC and Liverpool FC. Regardless of which stadium the game is played in, the other club's stadium can be clearly seen from just a few streets over.

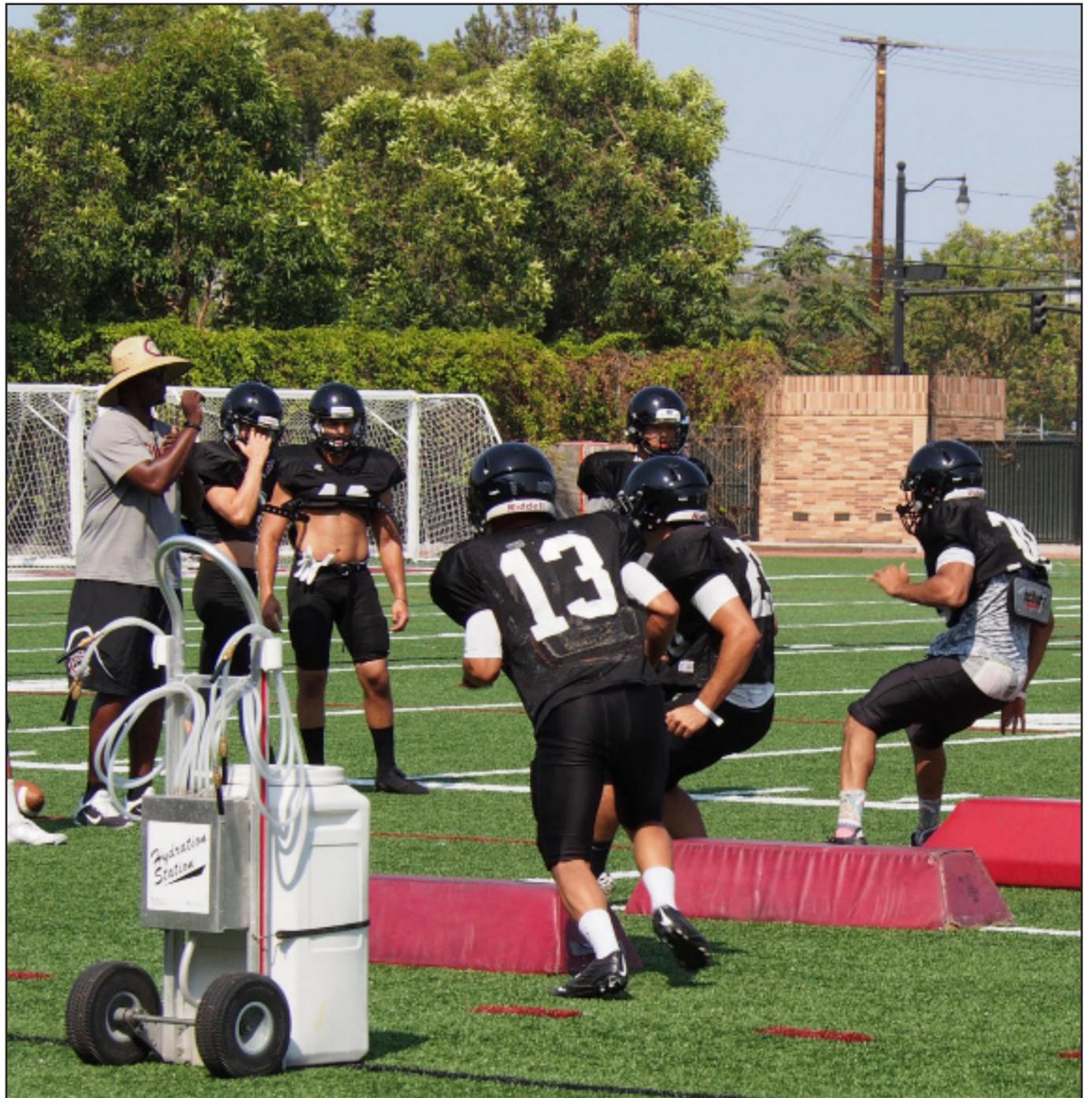
Not only does the locality of European soccer intensify the atmosphere, but so does the "table" setup. In most soccer leagues outside of the United States, there are multiple tiers of soccer, where, for the most part, three teams battle for promotion or relegation.

In the 20-team English Premier League, the clubs that finish 18th, 19th and 20th are dropped to the Championship, the second tier of English soccer. On the other side, the top three teams in the Championship get promoted to the Premier League.

To put this in perspective, there are no rookie drafts or incentives for doing poorly. If you have a horrible year in the Premier League, you simply get relegated and lose possibly hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue from Premier League TV deals, sponsorships, ticket sales, etc. So something like the Philadelphia 76ers, who "tanked" their basketball seasons for three years in a row simply could not happen in soccer. Every team has to fight to survive game-in and game-out.

There is no other real way to appreciate soccer than to watch these top-tier games. And sure, you might get the 0-0 draw that people love to use in generalizing how boring soccer can be, and yes, that can be painfully boring. But it is essentially the same thing as watching a pitcher's duel in a baseball game, except baseball takes longer and there's a stop after every pitch.

Maybe you'll still hate soccer after watching it, but it is ignorant to disregard the most popular sport in the world. I'm not asking you to fall in love with soccer, just to give it a chance. Or don't and be that kid who's just too cool for the most widely loved sport in the world.



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Chapman's football team warms up for the season on Wilson Field, Aug. 25. The football team starts its season Sept. 10 at Linfield College.

Football looks to shake off tough year

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When the Chapman football team kicks off its season Sept. 10 at Linfield University, it will hope for a better start than last season. In their first game last year, the Panthers (4-5, 4-3) were defeated 52-14 by Linfield College (12-1, 9-0) in a game where the most memorable play may have been a flop by then-sophomore kicker William James, which was put on YouTube under the title "Worst Flop in College Football History?" and has more than 345,000 views.

Following the Linfield game, the Panthers lost their next two games, and three of their first five conference games. Though the Panthers would go on to finish with a winning 4-3 record in the conference, those three losses marked the first time since 2011 that Chapman lost more than two conference games in a season.

Coming after a conference title-winning 2014 season, head coach Bob Owens said the decline in performance can largely be attributed to a loss of talented players, and how difficult it is to remain at a constantly competitive level in college football.

"I think like most

programs, when you go on a run of three or four straight years, you lose people, and especially at the collegiate level," Owens said. "There's no team in the country where they have three or four straight years that they don't lose a great senior class or a combination of junior-senior class. Then they're in that rebuilding mode, and that's kind of where we found ourselves (last season)."

Junior quarterback Mac Vail said this cycle of negativity was largely due to the way the team dealt with its struggles.

"I think we need to do a better job of handling adversity," Vail said. "When things go wrong, we need to look internally and make adjustments to be better the following week."

Vail added that the most important thing for Chapman's offense is to maintain consistency.

"To win on offense, we need to be consistent and limit negative plays," Vail said. "If we keep the chains moving, good things will happen and our offense will be effective."

Even though the team lost more than 20 players after last season, Owens

said he had a good idea of where the team's strengths and question marks lie. The head coach said the team's groups of linebackers, defensive linemen, wide receivers and quarterbacks all look strong and competitive.

"The question marks are going to be in our secondary and just finding the right guys to complete that group," Owens said. "And there's some question marks in our running back core and our offensive line."

The running back position is one that Chapman has rarely had to worry about in previous seasons, with the school's all-time rushing yards leader, Jeremiah McKibbins, leading the way.

"We obviously have had a three-year period of having the most talented running backfield in the conference," Owens said. "We've been spoiled, not just by (Jeremiah) McKibbins, but the other guys – Kean Stancil, Terrell Dolberry and Cody Chapple. And that's four guys that could have gone to most teams in our conference and started."

At this point in late summer, the team has

just kicked off its training camp, only beginning drills with pads on in the last week.

The dynamic and expectations of the team can be reflected in the team's large group of returning players as well as incoming players, something that Owens said he was most excited for going into the season.

"We think we've got some solid returning players, and we've got some pretty exciting new players, both transfers and freshmen," Owens said. "I think the excitement for us is being able to blend those two products together. And it's the excitement and the challenge."

Owens said that it's tough to assess exactly what the team will look like when it starts, but that his expectations haven't changed.

"Expectations are the same as they've always been," Owens said. "Play hard, give major effort and challenge each team that we play. We want to make each team that we compete against play hard, and we want to make the least mistakes between the two of us, and that gives us an opportunity to win."