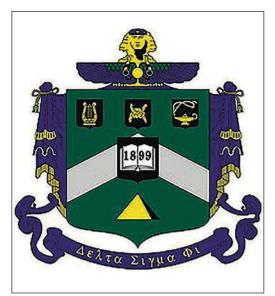
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# The college drinking game





The IFC approved the addition of a new fraternity, which has had six chapters shut down nationally in five years.

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Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson spikes against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 23. The Panthers have won seven games in a row. Sports, Page 15

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# IFC welcomes new fraternity Delta Sigma Phi

# 'Delta Sig' has had 6 chapters shut down nationally in past 5 years

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Chapman's Interfraternity Council (IFC) will welcome its ninth fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi (Delta Sig), to campus this year after voting to expand last fall, said Greek Life Program Coordinator Jaclyn Dreschler.

Delta Sig has had at least six chapters disaffiliate over the past five years from college campuses nationwide, which is more than the two other fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi, that presented in April in hopes of bringing a chapter to Chapman.

Despite the chapter shutdowns, Dreschler said that Delta Sig rose above the two other fraternities because of its national values and local alumni presence.

The fraternity had its Eta Lambda chapter on Chapman's campus from 1988 to 1996, but was closed down due to "financial instability," said Delta Sig Recruitment Specialist Joe Burns.

"It's tough to compare chapters based on how many shut down, because there are so many different reactions from separate organizations on different issues," Dreschler said. "We understand there have been violations with other chapters —we're not pretending they don't happen — but what's happening on any given campus is unique to that campus a lot of times."

Chapman has had one fraternity

disaffiliate from its campus in the past three years.

Brandon Weghorst, the associate executive director of communications for Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE), told The Panther in 2014 that Chapman's SAE chapter received a four-year suspension from campus for "health and safety violations."

Delta Sig's chapter shutdowns have mainly resulted from hazing, drug and alcohol violations at the University of Arizona, California Polytechnic State University, the University of Idaho and California State University, East Bay.

We understand there have been violations with other chapters - we're not pretending they don't happen...

- Jaclyn Dreschler, Greek life program coordinator

Delta Sig chapters have also been shut down at San Diego State University due to the disruption of a "Take Back the Night" march against sexual assault, and at High Point University in 2012 due to allegations of a hazing-related death.

We want to continue the idea of being a diverse fraternity. We want to be atypical.

- Joe Burns, Delta Sigma Phi recruitment specialist

These violations do not set a precedent for what Delta Sig's chapter at Chapman will be like, Dreschler said.

"This national organization is quicker to shut down chapters because they think (the misconduct) is unacceptable and they need a fresh start," she said. "I think some other national organizations are a little bit more liberal with what is acceptable (in terms of hazing, drug and alcohol-related misconduct)."

Dreschler said the Greek life program's expansion committee takes a national chapter's "character" into account, in terms of its risk management policies, philanthropy and values.

policies, philanthropy and values. "I think as a whole, what they were able to offer was similar in all of the organizations, but in terms of support throughout their colonization process,

from alumni and from their national office, Delta Sig stood out," Dreschler said.

Once selected, each fraternity has a plan for establishing itself on campus. When a chapter charters, it means the fraternity's expansion team, as well as a group of interested students, are given permission to establish themselves and officially initiate members through the national organization.

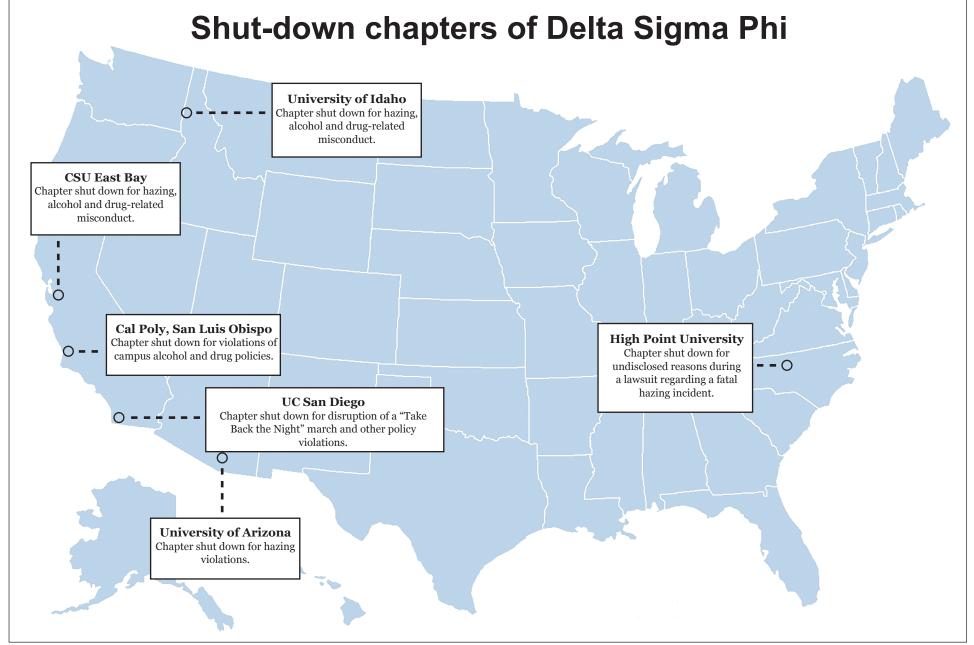
With recent expansions of Delta Sig at schools like Loyola Marymount University and the University of California, Irvine, the groups typically charter within 12 to 15 months, Burns told The Panther in April. It took Loyola Marymount University three semesters to charter.

Delta Sig will have two fully trained recruitment specialists on Chapman's campus for six weeks following IFC's spring 2018 rush, with an additional leadership specialist the last week to help select the leadership of the fraternity, Burns said.

Delta Sig is known as the first fraternity to initiate men without regard to race, religion or creed, Burns said in his April presentation.

"We are the first nonsectarian fraternity in existence," Burns said in his presentation. "We want to continue the idea of being a diverse fraternity. We want to be atypical."

Turn to page 12 to read the editorial about the new fraternity.



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NEWS 3

### Bike theft most common campus crime, says Public Safety Chief

**Kate Hoover** | Assistant News Editor

The number of bicycle thefts at Chapman has been increasing over the past few years, with 12 reports made since the beginning of this semester alone.

Thirty-one bikes have been reported stolen so far in 2017, compared to 50 total in 2016 and 49 in 2015.

Bike theft is the most common crime at Chapman, said Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba.

"That's one of our biggest problems every year, simply because we have so many bikes all in a condensed area," said Burba.

A lot of the thefts on campus are opportunity crimes, Burba said.

"At the start of the semester, we get a lot of bikes that get left behind, so there's also a lot of unattended bikes," he said. "It creates this environment where it's easier to come and find a bike to take when you have so many in that area."

Burba said that, recently, those who have been caught or arrested for stealing bikes have not been students.

"We have a big increase in the homeless population, and there's some within that group that will go by and just grab a bike for easy transportation," he said. "Opportunity thieves, people from other towns, some homeless, passers-through, people wanting to sell them for drug or alcohol money – there is no one type of bike thief. It's a variety of possible thieves."

Public Safety has been working with the Orange Police Department to handle the issue of bike thefts on campus.

"We tell them where we have the problems, so they can also tell their patrol officers to keep an eye on that particular area," Burba said. "They



GRACIE FLEISCHMAN Staff Photographer

Thirty-one bikes have been stolen so far in 2017, compared to the 50 total bikes stolen in 2016, according to Public Safety. Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba said that bike theft is the most common campus crime.

have actually made a couple arrests in our area of stolen bikes, so the joint effort clearly does make a difference."

Public Safety patrols the campus 24/7, he said, and there are almost 400 cameras on campus.

"A lot of bike racks are within camera view and we do solve some of (the thefts) with cameras. We just made an arrest the other night that we saw on camera," he said.

Chandana Srinivas, a junior strategic and corporate communication major, had the front tire of her bike stolen last semester. Srinivas says her bike was worth almost \$300.

"I keep my bike in the living room so that some idiot doesn't take my tire again and leave a useless bike for me to use and repair," Srinivas said. "And because I feel like Public Safety doesn't really have that much control over who comes in and out of our campus, especially the Residence Life area."

Burba said that, in his time at Chapman, he has seen a wide range in price for the stolen bikes, from \$50 to \$1,000

Jessica Tredota, a sophomore undeclared major, said that her bike was stolen from her apartment complex.

"My bike was my main way to get to and from campus. Since I don't have a car, and my bike just got stolen, I feel very limited and out of control," Tredota said. "My roommates have cars and they do give me rides on some of the days if our schedules align. But if they don't align, then I'm basically forced to spend more money on taking an Uber or just spend more time getting home by just walking."

Tredota lives about two miles from Chapman.

To prevent these thefts from happening, Burba said he encourages students to register their bikes, which is free.

"We've had some success stories of some bikes getting returned to some students here at Chapman," Burba said.

Burba also encourages the use of a u-type lock, because cable locks are "fairly simple to defeat with a good pair of garden shears."

Srinivas said that more precautions should be taken to prevent bike theft on campus.

"There needs to be some sort of service that will reduce campus trespassers with ill-intentions," she said. "We are such an open campus though that is sometimes really good for us to stay connected with the surrounding community, it can also be a really negative thing for the students here."

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# 4 senators elected to student government

Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

Four new senators were elected to student government Sept. 20, filling three student organization senate seats and one underclassman senate seat.

About 17 percent of the student body -1,156 students - voted in this election, which is a five percent increase in voter turnout from the last election.

Of the 22 total candidates, 14 students ran for the three student organization senate seats, which went to Tyler Brooks, Maytal Sarafian and Erin Mason.

"I truly campaigned at my fullest, from meeting people before class and performing magic (from) table to table in the dining commons and other locations around campus. I strived to develop a personal connection with everyone I met," Brooks said.

Brooks, a freshman business administration major, earned 21 percent of the vote, while Sarafian and Mason received 11 and 10 percent respectively.

Brooks earned 498 of the 2,366 votes cast for the student organization senate seat, with the number of eligible voters at 6,744.

Brooks's first initiative as a senator will be to meet and learn about the various goals of each organization, he said.

Student government could not provide The Panther with the total number of students who voted for the student organization seats, because individuals were allowed to vote for up to three candidates for that senate seat.

"I believe that learning about each club will allow me to better advocate for and advise them when needed," Brooks said. "Additionally, I am currently working with the User Experience Society at Chapman, an organization that specializes in website design, to create websites for the



Photos courtesy of student government

Clockwise from top left: Saba Amid, Maytal Sarafian, Tyler Brooks and Erin Mason were elected to the student government senate Sept. 20.

various clubs and organizations on campus."

Mason, who earned 225 out of the 2,366 votes for a student organization senate seat, said that two of her goals are to add an ice machine to the dorms and "bring more attention" to sports events.

"I feel ready to serve the student body," Mason said. "My plan is to be the voice for the student organizations and show them that they made the right choice."

Sarafian received 266 out of the 2,366 votes cast for a student orga-

nization senate seat. She did not respond to a request for comment from The Panther.

Eight students ran for the underclassman senate seat. Saba Amid, a freshman political science major, won with 181 out of 1,156 votes, or 25 percent of the vote.

"Winning always comes as a surprise," Amid said. "Now that I have a senate seat, I really look forward to implementing changes like the water filling stations, getting input from students and increasing transparencv."

# Senate updates Sept. 22 meeting

New senators sworn in

The four new senators elected to student government Sept. 20 – student organization senators Tyler Brooks, Maytal Sarafian and Erin Mason, and underclassman senator Saba Amid – were officially sworn into the senate.

**Funding requests** 

A funding request from the Accounting Society, which was previously tabled, was funded in full by a unanimous vote from the senate. The funding request was for \$1,353.56 to cover costs for food at the club's Meet the Firms event.

A \$2,858.14 funding request for Chapman Hillel's Homecoming Shabbat dinner was also funded in full. This event, which was funded by student government in previous years, increased in cost compared to past years, Allocations Committee chairman Wil Harris said. This increase was because Hillel had to have its event catered by Sodexo this year, Harris said.

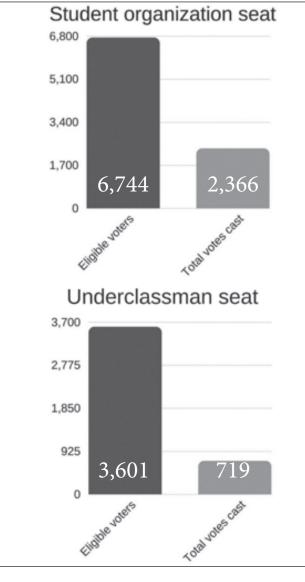
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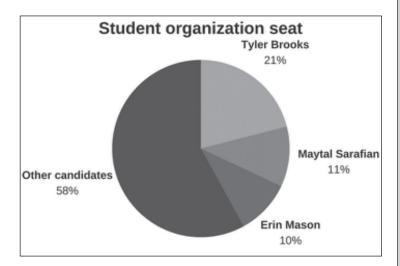
Diversity Affairs Committee Chair Jackie Palacios suggested establishing a "buddy system" program, where a student can be walked to his or her car at night, similar to the pre-existing Safe Ride through Public Safety. This suggestion, Palacios said, came from her experience with a man following her to her car in the Lastinger Parking Structure. Harris added that this program could be significant since more students are now parking in the Cypress Lot and the West Campus Structure. Rosenberg is creating an OrgSync form for senators to add thoughts, questions and concerns to. That form will be given to Public Safety when student government meets with department next week.

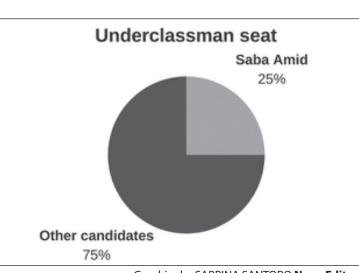
Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

Compiled by Emma Reith

# Fall senate election results breakdown







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### INCIDENT LOG

Sept. 16

An unknown subject removed the front wheel of a bicycle that was locked and secured to a bike rack outside of Henley Hall.

Sept. 17

Two subjects were observed smoking and in possession of marijuana at 236 E. Rose Ave. A conduct referral was made.

Sept. 18

An unknown subject removed a bicycle that was locked and secured to a bike rack outside Pralle-Sodaro Hall.

Five subjects were cited and referred to student conduct for possession of marijuana and alcohol.

Sept. 19

An unknown subject removed a bicycle that was locked and secured to a bike rack outside Bhathal Student Services Center.

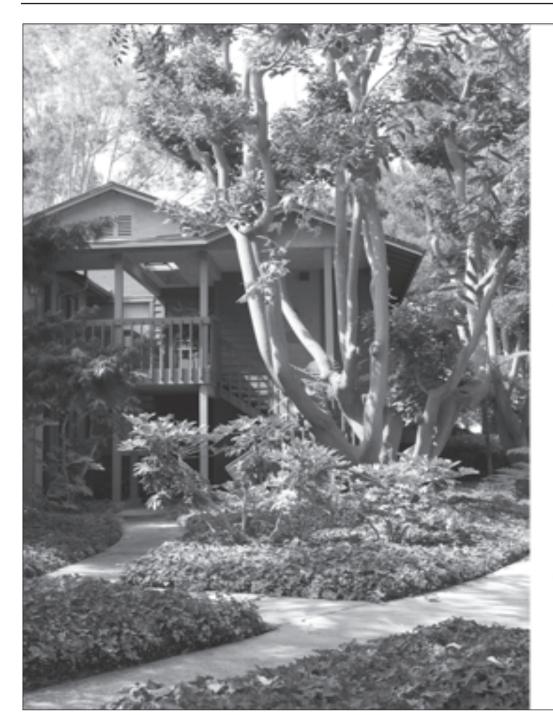
Sept. 20

Three subjects were seen skateboarding in the Lastinger Tennis Center and trespassing after hours. Public Safety officers responded and the Orange Police Department arrested the subjects for vandalism.

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Four senators were elected to student government. Left: About 17 percent of the student body voted in the election.

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### Top floor of residential lot allocated to help with parking issues

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

To alleviate the pressure on high-demand parking areas during peak times, the top level of the Jim Miller Parking Structure near the residence halls was designated Sept. 11 for commuter students and faculty, said Sheryl Boyd, the assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services.

The reallocation for overflow parking could take away as many as 75 spots from residents during its allotted hours (Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) Although the additional parking is designated for commuters during these times, it is not being used as much as parking and transportation services thought it would be because it's "too far away," Boyd said.

"So far, we average less than 10 students using it, which is the same with the Villa Park Orchards lot for overflow. We're averaging at less than 10 people who are taking advantage of that," she said. "You can look on the cameras, you can go to physical counts. They're not using it."

Laurel Speck, a junior television writing and production major, said that she hasn't used the new overflow parking, and that she doesn't think it will make a significant difference for most other commuter students.

"I would rather sit in Lastinger (Parking Structure) and wait to find someone who is leaving than drive all the way to the dorms, park at the top and walk back to main campus," Speck said.

The Panther created a time-lapse video to see how quickly the Lastinger Parking Structure filled up Sept. 6. By 9:42 a.m., the structure was full. Boyd believes that this was due to a higher demand for parking during the first two weeks of class.



JACKIE COHEN **Photo Editor** 

Students were notified Sept. 11 that people with commuter parking passes are allowed to park on the top floor of the Jim Miller Parking lot to alleviate parking problems.

"It's the same thing that we experience at the beginning of every semester. We've seen the demand decrease since then," she said.

As the first few weeks of the school year conclude, students like Speck and sophomore business administration major Pooja Sudhalkar said that they have not seen any improvement in parking availability.

"It's ridiculous at this point, honestly," Sudhalkar said. "I know it's supposed to have gotten better by now, but it hasn't."

Though Sudhalkar believes the parking demand hasn't decreased,

Boyd said she has noticed a decrease. "The Cypress lot hasn't filled in the past two weeks. It filled the first two weeks of school, and it's not filling now," she said. "So students are finding parking in the existing lots, just as we said they would."

Still, Sudhalkar is skeptical of how efficient using the newly allocated Jim Miller parking will be for commuter students.

"I feel like it would take me longer to get from the top floor of Jim Miller to campus than it would to just park in Dodge or wait for someone in Lastinger to leave," she said.

Freshman biochemistry and molecular biology major Hana Neutz said parking at the dorms isn't always easy, but she hasn't noticed a difference since the spots were reallocated for commuters Sept. 11.

"The first few weeks, it took a long time to find parking in Jim Miller, but now, there just seem to be more free spaces underneath Pralle-Sodaro Hall," she said. "I still usually do have to go to the third or fourth floor of Jim Miller to find parking. I've never had to go to the top floor,

though."

Parking Services has been monitoring lot use since the start of the fall semester, Boyd said, and she is still confident in seeing the difficulty in parking ease in the next few weeks.

"We obviously have equipment in place so we can monitor this, we have officers that drive and do counts, and that's why we provide parking maps color-coded to all students so they know that Lastinger and Barrera are not their only parking options," she said.

The 75 parking spots in Jim Miller will be available for the remainder of the academic school year, until construction for the new Center for Science and Technology concludes, which will add about 300 parking spots, Boyd said.

# Gender-neutral restroom added to Argyros Forum

**Olivia Ducharme** | Contributing Writer

A single-user restroom has been added to the first floor of Argyros Forum

Although Dean of Students Jerry Price told The Panther last semester that the university didn't have plans to build all-gender bathrooms in existing buildings, he said that he started this project toward the end of the spring semester to accommodate transgender students and staff on campus

"We feel like students in particular, but also staff and visitors to campus, would benefit from a single-user restroom," said Price. "Primarily in our case, it has been for students who identify as transgender, but also because the visitor center is here."

While Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill in September 2016 that required all single-user restrooms to be converted into gender-inclusive restrooms, Chapman didn't need to renovate any of its existing single-use restrooms because they already met that criteria, Vice President of Campus Planning and Operations Kris Olsen told The Panther last March.

Price told The Panther in March that he had received reports from some transgender students who felt uncomfortable using the multi-stall bathrooms that most buildings have. The new addition means that there are now 12 gender-inclusive restrooms on campus and in the dorms.

The restroom is located near the Sodexo offices, behind the Amazon lockers and next to the Sodexo employee restroom. The plumbing and



 ${\sf CATIE}\ {\sf KOVELMAN}\ \textbf{Staff}\ \textbf{Photographer}$ 

A single-user restroom has been added to the first floor of Argyros Forum to accomodate transgender students and staff.

space was available, making it the best place to add an additional public restroom, Price said.

"We found out if we shifted one of their offices, we can make two restrooms, side-by-side – one for the public and one for the employees."

Alicia Correa, a senior violin performance major and transgender student who uses they/them/their pronouns, did not know that the bathroom had been added to Argyros Forum.

"I didn't even know about its existence. It seems really far out of the way. I wish they had a sign for it," Correa said. "I really like that they added it, though."

Price said that he would have

preferred to build a gender-inclusive restroom with several stalls on the bottom floor, but the addition of a single-user restroom made more sense with the location of Pankey Visitor Center.

"A lot of the times, we have events with parents and small children, they aren't as comfortable taking their small children into (the multi-stall restrooms)," Price said. "I felt strongly that this being in the hub of student activity on campus, that we really needed some option here."

Chapman also has plans to add new single-user, gender-inclusive restrooms to renovated buildings like Reeves Hall and Roosevelt Hall, and new buildings like the Center for Science and Technology.

Like Correa, other students said that they were unaware of the location of the new restroom until Price emailed the student body his weekly announcements Sept. 11.

Senior sociology major Kristin Nystie said she felt that the information about the new restroom was buried at the bottom of his email.

"There could've been more attention given to that. I bet a lot of people don't even know it's there," Nystie said. "I feel like a statement could've been made explaining what it was for, too. It's something progressive to be proud of."

Price said his email was the first time the new restroom had been announced.

"This is just a pre-opening, we don't even have signs up in the hall-way. I don't even know who is aware of it since I now put it in the announcements, so I haven't gotten any feedback on its location," Price said.

Junior creative writing major Tori O'Leary said that the new restroom is a "great idea."

"I'm glad to see our school is accepting and understanding of its students," O'Leary said. "We're a unified group and we need to provide a necessity like that for those who need it."

The addition of the restroom takes up a part of the Sodexo office space in the back of the first floor of Argyros Forum. Price said the company, which provides Chapman's food, was "incredibly flexible" about sharing its space.

To read a column about single-user restrooms, turn to page 12.

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### SGA initiative may allow students to use declining balance in Plaza

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

Students may soon be able to buy a coffee at The Aussie Bean or a sandwich at The Filling Station using their declining balances.

Student Government President Mitchell Rosenberg's initiative to allow students to use their declining balances at some restaurants in Old Towne Orange is in the administrative approval stage, he said.

Declining balance is a method of payment that Chapman students can use that is similar to a debit account. Money can be added to the students' accounts as needed, and students can make purchases at restaurants and shops on campus with student ID cards. The purchases are tax-free.

The project has gone through student government, the Financial Services Department and Chapman Restaurant Services. It is now in the hands of Chapman's Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt, awaiting approval, Rosenberg said.

"The administration will look into the security and technology issues to make such transactions possible, and report back to Mr. Rosenberg as to our findings," Hewitt wrote in an email to The Panther.

Hewitt did not specify a timeline for the approval of the project.

Rosenberg told The Panther earlier this month that one of his goals for the first month of his presidency was to make progress on the project, because many other colleges, like Loyola Marymount University, already have a similar system in place.

"Hewitt has to take his time to reach out to contacts and go through the proper channels to work out the transaction details," Rosenberg said. "I've been assured that it's on his desk and he will take it from there."



Photo illustration by JACKIE COHEN **Photo Editor** 

Student government is trying to make it possible for students to use their Panther Bucks at select places in the Orange Plaza.

Dean of Students Jerry Price said that there are three components that will need to be addressed before the proposal is approved: the financial aspect, Chapman's partnership with Sodexo and how the initiative would affect community relations.

If the project is approved, students or their parents would load the declining balance through Blackboard, then go to a merchant and pay. Blackboard would then reimburse the merchant for their purchase, Rosenberg said. It is not yet known specifically how the merchants would be reimbursed.

Merchants would also be charged a transaction fee that would go back to Chapman. Although the transaction fee might appear to be a setback, for some local business owners, the benefits of the program would outweigh the costs. Kenneth Negron, the manager of The Filling Station, said that students make up a large number of the restaurant's customers. Negron said he would be willing to include The Filling Station in this potential program if billing could be worked out with the university.

"If we can work out billing, and also take into consideration how this would affect the tip at the end of a student's meal, then I'm completely willing to work it out," Negron said.

Gavin Wilkinson, the owner of The Aussie Bean coffee shop located on East Maple Avenue, said that he would "love to accept the declining balance."

"I think that the university supports the town, and that the town should reciprocate and support the university," Wilkinson said. "We enjoy having students here at our business, so The Aussie Bean is on board."

Price agrees that he thinks this initiative could have a positive impact on community relations between Chapman and Orange.

"We are always looking for ways in which we can enhance interactions with the community," Price said. "Something like this could work out to and be a big help."

Although other colleges, like New York University, Loyola Marymount and University of Akron allow students to shop off campus, this is a new venture for Chapman, because businesses in the Orange Plaza have never accepted declining balance as a form of payment, although student government previously proposed the use of Panther Bucks in the Plaza in October 2016.

If approved by the administration and businesses in the Plaza, there would be limitations to where declining balance could be spent off campus, including businesses like The District Lounge or O'Hara's Pub, compared to restaurants like Bruxie or The Filling Station, Rosenberg said.

"If there are any businessese that center around alcohol, they won't be eligible to be included in this project," Rosenberg said. "Ultimately, it would come down to the university for judgment."

Negron agreed with Wilkinson that the use of declining balance would benefit Chapman students.

"I remember being in college, and finding food that works in your favor for both price and portion is difficult," Negron said. "We're here as a business to help the students."

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# Drinking in college:

# The line between social and binge drinking

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

When sophomore Sienna Newton goes out with friends, she likes to drink. The psychology and strategic and corporate communication major said she drinks about once a week with her friends, and can consume about six drinks in one night. At her worst, she will feel too hungover the next day to be productive, she said.

"I think I'm just a casual drinker. I don't think it's a problem as long as you don't binge drink constantly," Newton said.

Although Newton is typically able to stop at six drinks, she can still be considered a binge drinker. Binge drinking occurs when blood alcohol content levels reach 0.08 grams per deciliter, which is typically after four drinks for women and five for men, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Almost 60 percent of college students reported drinking alcohol in the past month and nearly two-thirds of them were binge drinking, according to a 2014 national survey by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

. At Chapman, 47.4 percent of all alcohol-related incidents in the fall 2016 semester occurred in the first month, according to data provided by Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba. Burba reported that 11 alcohol-related incidents have taken place since the beginning of the semester, in late August.

These incidents include minors in possession of alcohol, medical aids involving alcohol intoxication, alcohol-related ambulance transports, public intoxication, student policy violations - like empty alcohol containers in dorm rooms - and providing alcohol to a minor.

Newton said that binge drinking in college is "not a secret," which is why Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith hosts Healthy Panther sessions every year during Orientation Week to warn new students about the risks of excessive alcohol and drug use in social

"Alcohol doesn't cause bad things to happen," Smith told The Panther. "Alcohol makes people vulnerable."

Binge drinking can be especiall dangerous for freshmen, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The first six weeks of a student's first year is "a vulnerable time for heavy drinking and alcohol-related consequences because of student expectations and social pressures at the start of the academic year," the institute said.

Newton said that some of her peers freshman year felt pressure to binge drink in order to explore their newfound freedom away from home.

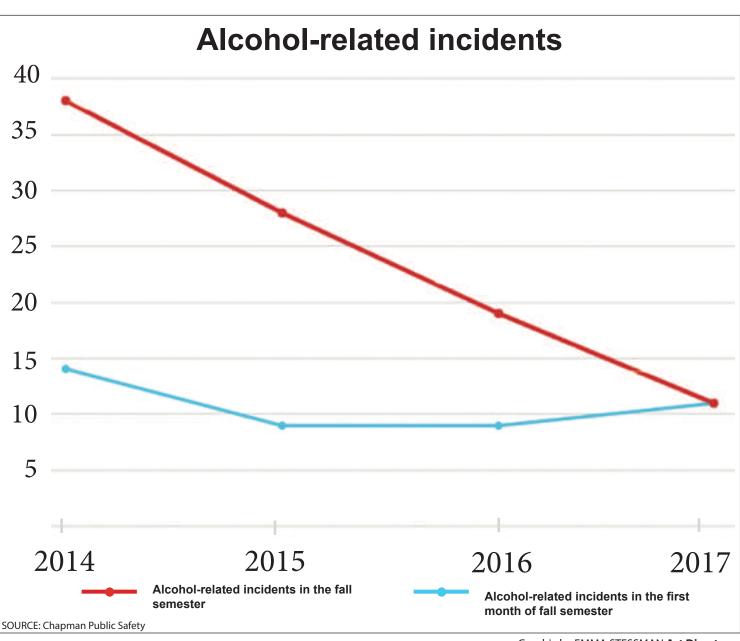
"For some people, it's their first time drinking and it is connected with adulthood and making your own decisions," Newton said. "Some people might think that you look cool and older if you drink."

Smith attributes the number of firstmonth incidents to "the college effect," which she cites in her dissertation as "the increased and excessive use of alcohol by first-year college students re-



Photo illustration by CATIE KOVELMAN Staff Photographer

Four drinks for women and five drinks for men is considered binge drinking, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.



Graphic by EMMA STESSMAN Art Director

siding in dorms when compared to same-age peers not attending college."

'Mom and dad aren't here to be hall monitor to make sure they are behaving," Smith said. "I think too much freedom too soon without practice with healthy coping skills can set students up to get in trouble."

Some students binge drink as a coping mechanism, said Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith. She encourages these students to visit the Student Psychological Counseling Services.

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# The cause and impact

# Students use booze to cut loose

Tyler Miller | Staff Writer

Valeriya Lozovan has only been to a Chapman party sober once, and she felt awkward and bored, she said. After that, she refused to go to another Chapman party without drinking first.

"When I drink, I feel really good," Lozovan, a sophomore political science major said. "It makes me feel confident about myself and it makes me feel more fun. I feel like people like being around me when I'm drunk."

Some Chapman students said they drink because they have a better time in social situations, feel more confident and make connections with the people they are drinking with. Motivating factors to drink, as identified by a Cooper and Colleagues study conducted by the National Center for Biotechnology, include mood enhancement, tension reduction and social motives.

Lozovan said she started drinking when she was 12 years old.

"I'm from Ukraine, and the culture there is that everyone starts drinking very early," Lozovan said. "People in America don't really know how to drink because kids here are sheltered from alcohol by their parents when they are younger, so when they get to college, they 'go hard' with alcohol. But in Europe, because we are exposed to it from an early age, once we get to college we don't find that it is something we have to drink a lot of."

Rape Crisis Counselor Dani Smith recognizes that some students will binge drink not only to rebel against years of parental restriction, but also to numb their stress, anxiety or other mental issues.

"There are students who battle anxiety disorders, or anxiety in general, and some try and self-medicate with alcohol, pot or other drugs. This cycle can get them into trouble because it doesn't help with the original problem anxiety and simply adds another: alcohol or drug issues," Smith said. "What the student needs to do is get some help for the anxiety."

From the different tastes of alcohol to the sensation it provides, senior creative writing major Kiki Dy said she loves every aspect of alcohol.

"I feel kind of guilty because my friends don't," Dy said. "They don't like the taste and they don't love the feeling, but I love it."

Dy, who started casually drinking with her family when she was 12, says that her early exposure to alcohol allowed her to work out the kinks of drinking that college students who previously have not been exposed to alcohol can experience.

"I learned my limits during high school," Dy says. "I've been in control, and I've had nothing but good experiences. I'm a mature drinker now."

Dy's recipe for a good night out is made up of close friends and alcohol, she said.

"I prefer to drink with close friends," Dy said. "If I go out, it's with close friends or with people I know I will be entertained by."

Jerry Hu, a sophomore creative producing major, said he doesn't drink regularly because it's too expensive and he doesn't feel like it's a necessity.

"It feels good in a sense, but I don't want to be in that state of mind all the time," Hu said. "I don't like parties anyway because there are a lot of peo-



Photo illustration by JACKIE COHEN Photo Editor

Some Chapman students say they drink to have a better time in social situations.

ple. It is sweaty and there is loud music and intoxicated people. If I'm sober, I don't think I'd be able to deal with all those people.

Hu thinks that ultimately, the decision to drink is personal.

"Everyone has their limits, everyone

has different study habits and learning styles, and if alcohol affects them, then it's their decision to either continue it or stop it," Hu said.

Emiko Kaneoka contributed to this report.

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# Psychology professor perspective:

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

Although students might binge drink because it's "fun," psychology professor Steven Schandler said that the deeper reasons for excessive alcohol consumption are stress, anxiety, insecurity, a desire to fit in and relationship trauma.

"It's one thing to periodically do it, but if you can link binge drinking to midterms or classes, that's self-medication," Schandler said.

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant, which can temporarily relieve stress and anxiety through its pharmacological effects, Schandler said. When dealing with relationship trauma, students may also use alcohol as a psychoactive substance to slow down the brain, and ultimately provide an escape from their thoughts.

"People facing relationship trauma are looking for some level of escape," Schandler said. "Alcohol is a way of pharmacologically doing that."

However, insecurity and desire to fit in aren't directly impacted by alcohol consumption, he said. Instead, Schandler said that people facing these problems may binge drink if the people who make them feel secure also consume alcohol socially.

Schandler said that when binge drinking is used to solve these psychological problems, it only provides a temporary solution. Cognitive behavioral therapy can be used to treat these problems by working within the patient's mind instead of relying on alcohol.

"Every one of these things is experienced by every one of us. Our reaction to them is what produces the negatives or positives," Schandler said. "The question is how much do you want to be in control, or how much of that control do you want to give to something else?"

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President Struppa: one year later

Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer

When President Emeritus Jim Doti passed the presidential torch to Daniele Struppa after 25 years, Struppa said that Doti gave him a vital piece of advice that stuck.

"The advice he gave to me when I took this job was to treat people with respect," Struppa said. "If you treat people with respect, you will understand that they have different ideas, and that makes the job much easier."

Struppa became president Sept. 1, 2016, and was officially inaugurated on Sept. 30. One year later, he has created a legacy of his own.

Struppa said the university has had a record-breaking year in fundraising, and that in the next five years, he hopes the endowment will be more than half a billion dollars. As of last spring, Chapman's endowment was \$322 million. Struppa said that he is proposing to the Board of Trustees that the new money acquired be used solely for scholarships.

Also in the last year, Struppa said that he has seen growth in the Chapman community because of the political and academic discussion that has taken place.

Encouraging students to be politically or socially active is something Dean of Students Jerry Price said has been vital to the campus.

"(Struppa and I) share this notion of the value of freedom of academic expression," Price said. "For us, it's not a political issue, it's one of academic value."

Every five-year plan is known as the strategic plan, serves as a roadmap for the university's goals. Struppa said



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President Daniele Struppa was inaugurated Sept. 30, 2016, almost one year ago.

he is currently making the transition to the next five-year plan, and he is eager to share the accomplishments of the last one, which he developed as chancellor, with university personnel this semester.

As the university transitions into its next five-year plan, which will take place over the course of this academic year, Struppa said part of what he wants to enhance is an initiative called the "Chapman experience," which is a philosophy to make faculty and resources accessible to students, parents, alumni and donors.

"I like to see us offering real topnotch services to students who apply, students who join us, and alumni," he said.

Struppa said he wants the university to be more forgiving when, for exam-

ple, students miss a payment or feel like they aren't getting the assistance they need academically or financially.

"We still have a lot of ways that we can improve. It's helpful that my daughter is a student here, so sometimes I see the obstacles that we create unwillingly," he said. "When people complain, I don't take it as an offense. I take it as an opportunity to help."

Apart from the newest strategic plan, Struppa said the last five years have been the most successful from an academic standpoint, with strides made in the Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences and the creation of the School of Pharmacy.

He wants to further develop the university-owned buildings on the Rinker Campus in Irvine over the next five years, and hopes that a school of engineering open by 2020, after it is approved by the board. In February, Dale and Sarah Ann Fowler donated \$45 million toward building an engineering school in the Center for Science and Technology.

Abigail Atchinson, a senior computer science major, said she likes what Struppa is doing for the sciences, and it's refreshing to see a president with a background in physics and mathematics.

"I was really excited to see Struppa become president because I think Chapman has a lot of potential to expand its science and technology wing. It'll be cool to see that grow and overlap with our reputation of Dodge," she said.

In the last year specifically, one thing Struppa said that he's proud of is the opening of the Cross-Cultural Center in February, because he wants students to know that the university is supporting diversity and discussion in the national political and social climate. A cross-cultural center was something that Doti had vowed would never happen as long as he was president.

Struppa also said that his experience as president has allowed him to receive a more direct and positive reception from students.

"When I became president, I'd been at Chapman for 10 years already, so it's kind of an unusual situation. Most of the time when people become president, it's a new university for them, so there is a period of discovery. For me, that was very different," he said. "One of the things that has made my job really nice that I wasn't expecting is how students embrace me. I feel this is an extension of my home."

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Netflix

"Jerry Before Seinfeld" premiered on Netflix Sept. 19.

### Seinfeld's Netflix special reminiscent of simple 90s humor

Jamie Altman | Editor-in-Chief

The most Jewish thing about me is probably how much I love Jerry

I grew up watching "Seinfeld" reruns with my dad. At my house, we drink out of a mug that says "No soup for you!" I've spent more hours than I'd like to admit playing Seinfeld Scene-It, and when I was editor-in-chief of my high school newspaper, I added a Seinfeld quote of the week next to the staff box.

Although the series ended before I was even old enough to watch TV, my family and I have managed to keep "the show about nothing" alive. This is why when comedy special "Jerry Before Seinfeld" popped up in my Netflix queue Sept. 19, I eagerly pressed play.

Decades after propelling to superstar comedic fame and writing and starring in a nine-year sitcom that won three Golden Globes and 10 Emmys, Seinfeld returns to the New

York City stage at which he started, back when he was a nobody living in a shoebox apartment.

Onstage in front of a live audience, Seinfeld chronicles his life, from growing up in the South Bronx to performing on stage for free during the 1970s, a time he said when standup comedians were "the new hot thing.'

"I would come over here in the middle of the day and I would make a hamburger," he said. "I would have another hamburger at night, and I was consuming about 30 pounds of chopped meat a month. I was like a trained seal coming in here, just feeding me and I would come up (and tell jokes)."

In between different phases of his life, the hour-long episode would cut to Seinfeld in various places in New York City that were significant to his comedy career, including his childhood home and a Manhattan intersection where he would just watch people all day.

"Would I have been funnier if I grew up in Peoria in a whorehouse raised by prostitutes? Absolutely," Seinfeld said, standing in front of his South Bronx house. "But this is what I had to work with."

But to me, Seinfeld is uniquely funny because he is able to turn these mundane everyday events into humor; he doesn't rely on sex and hookup culture to make people laugh. Jokes about lying on the bank floor out of boredom and slipping in the shower while listening to

the radio were reminiscent of the simple humor that was the mark of "Seinfeld," which created entire episodes about waiting for a table at a Chinese restaurant or looking for a car in a parking lot.

Toward the end of the special, Seinfeld sits in the middle of a long suburban street that is covered in thousands of sheets of paper; he had kept every joke he had ever written. Sitting cross-legged, Seinfeld looks at these jokes with humility and appreciation, explaining to the camera why he thought specific bits were funny or not.

Seinfeld's comedy works not because he lands every joke, which he didn't. Some bits cracked me up, and others made me want to lie on the bank floor out of boredom. But Seinfeld is funny because he is relatable. He is able to take something simple - such as the difference in prepositions between getting on a train and getting in a cab - and make the audience think, "How have I never thought this was funny before?"

Not just any comedian can earn laughs by wondering how newspapers are able to fit whatever happens in the world exactly into its pages every day. (And yes, this was a Seinfeld quote of the week in high school.)





VALERIYA LOZOVAN Contributor

The iPhone 8 was released Sept. 21.

### iPhone 8: not worth the hype

Valeriya Lozovan | Contributor

I purchase a new iPhone every year because, to me, Apple is a company that is changing the world. But this

phone just reminds me of the iPhone 7: It has a home button, the

really.

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Every fall, Apple

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Many watch

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Tim Cook to

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headphone jack is gone and you still get to pick between two sizes. The iPhone 8 starts at \$699 and iPhone 8 Plus at \$799, so the pricing didn't

change much, either.

Although it isn't my favorite phone, the design is beautiful. The phone comes in three different colors: space gray, gold and silver. You can choose between a white or black screen in the front, but with this phone, the back is also made out of glass.

When I first heard that the phone will be made out of glass, I imagined that it would crack easily. Luckily, Apple considered people like me - the ones who do not know how to hold objects properly - so the new iPhone is made out of durable glass that should not break easily.

The new iOS 11 is more convenient and efficient, and overall, it looks better. Now, as most of us know, once Apple releases the new iPhone, those who did not purchase it start experiencing difficulties with their phones - almost like clockwork. I haven't heard people complain yet, but I am waiting for the stories.

With the new update, there is a new app called "Files," which is a more efficient way of storing things than on iCloud. Other than that, there are not a lot of additions. Some apps look different, some timer settings have changed, messages look different and FaceTime makes a weird noise now when calling people.

However, there is one game-changer. You know that feeling when you take a screenshot of a fraternity member's Instagram post and you want to send it to your friend right away? Now, when you take a screenshot, the picture appears in the left corner of your phone and you can share it with your friend, edit the screenshot and delete it right away so no one catches you stalking.

The new iPhone is nothing special. It does have a pretty finish to it, the new camera is great and you can charge it without physically plugging it into the charger. The new system allows the phone to be charged quickly by being placed on a pad without needing to be plugged in. Other than that, the iPhone 8 is not something I would purchase. If you absolutely need a new phone, go for it. But if your phone still works, don't bother spending \$700 on a phone that you basically own already. Until we get to see what the iPhone X looks like, iPhone 7, I'm stuck with



### **25 MONDAY**

#### **Compass Program**

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# New restroom, same problems



Olivia Harden Opinions Editor

On Sept. 11, Dean of Students Jerry Price announced in his weekly email the installment of a new single-user gender inclusive restroom on the first floor of Argyros Forum.

This addition is a pretty big deal. Transgender

students and advocates have been pushing the administration for more gender-inclusive restrooms on campus for at least the last two years that I have been on campus. Despite the efforts made by student activists, Chapman had no plans to add any single-user restrooms to buildings that were not being renovated or built, yet a new restroom has found its way inside Argyros Forum.

While writing this piece, I had to think about my objective. I don't want to speak for transgender voices about genderqueer issues. I don't want to tell you what issues transgender students face. Students like '17 alumna Landyn Pan and junior Kyler Asato have already written columns that can speak far more to that than I can. Rather, I'd like to discuss Chapman's flaws when it comes to listening to students' voices.

I am grateful that the administration listened to students, and that it was willing to problem-solve. In the past, Price said that no new bathrooms were being added to older buildings because of plumbing. By thinking outside the box, Price and others involved in the project were finally able to meet students' needs.

"We found out if we shifted one of (Sodexo's) offices, we can make two restrooms, side-by-side – one for the public and one for the employees," Price said

But someone's need to feel comfortable using a public restroom is a basic one that should have been met with more urgency.

The new single-use restroom is one of 12 on Chapman's campus, including Residence Life areas. Students, staff and faculty who do not feel comfortable using binary-defined bathrooms or who don't look the part of typical gender-defined roles should not be subjected to long walks across campus to find somewhere to relieve themselves. The Student Union, typically viewed as the hub of campus life, did not have somewhere for its transgender population to pee inside.

The news was in Price's weekly announcements, but the lengthy email is often skimmed, and there hasn't been much attention brought to the restroom at all. There aren't even signs to let anyone know it's in the building. Price referred to this as a "pre-opening," but this information could easily be made more accessible.

Supporting transgender students should not be controversial. If it was possible to find a way to make the plumbing work in Argyros Forum, there may be ways to add more restrooms across campus. The key to this is urgency and the willingness to empathize with student concerns. Instead of just saying it's not possible, find out if it really is possible.

Students had to ask for a Cross-Cultural Center for more than a decade before it was built. In the era of President Daniele Struppa, the center was created in no time. I hope that all faculty and administration will actively and urgently work toward progress with marginalized communities on this campus

### **EDITORIAL**



Illustrated by Meghan Noyes

### More fraternities add fuel to the fire

The Panther Editorial Board

Chapman's Interfraternity Council (IFC) will welcome its ninth fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, to campus this year after voting to expand last fall. However, that fraternity has had six chapters over the past five years from college campuses nationwide disaffiliate due to hazing, alcohol and drug violations.

Chapman's decision to add this fraternity is bizarre when the other fraternities that IFC was considering - Alpha Tau Omega and Alpha Sigma Phi - had considerably fewer disaffiliations.

While Chapman may not have Greek housing, and doesn't plan to add a Greek row anytime soon, unofficial fraternity houses exist and tend to throw large house parties that disrupt surrounding neighbors. It's no secret that Chapman and Orange have a strained relationship. Chapman officials have worked hard to ease those tensions adding more on-campus housing, requiring that students register their off-campus addresses and sending thick envelopes in the mail reminding students to be courteous to their neighbors.

Relations have improved since Orange City Council passed amendments to the "party ordinance," as noise complaints and Chapman-related calls to the police have decreased over the last two years. But adding a fraternity that is nationally known to be problematic will set back all of this progress.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) will also be eligible for recolonization, as the four-year suspension of the controversial fraternity will come to an end next fall. SAE is another fraternity that has been nationally recognized for the wrong reasons, with reports of sexual misconduct, racist incidents and drug and alcohol violations. Chapman's chapter was suspended in 2014 after being put on probation in 2007 and 2012. SAE's

return to campus is highly likely, and these two new fraternity chapters making their way on campus is just asking for trouble.

Greek Life Coordinator Jacklyn Dreschler said that Delta Sigma Phi rose above the two other fraternities because of its national values and local alumni presence. However, she also told The Panther last spring that national reputations would be considered.

Delta Sigma Phi values surround "building the better man" of courage, action and excellence. To put that in perspective, Alpha Sigma Phi's values include charity, honor and patriotism. SAE's mission statement encourages members to be "the true gentleman," and have conduct that "proceeds from good will" and has "an acute sense of propriety."

What do all these values have in common? They're meaningless, empty statements that shouldn't be a factor in deciding which fraternity to add to a campus that already has rocky relations with its neighborhood. The Expansion Committee needed to place more weight on and consideration into the fraternity's national reputation.

But it also needed to consider if adding a new fraternity would even benefit Chapman that much. While the IFC has decreased from nine to eight chapters over the last two years, the number of men who rush fraternities hasn't increased. In fact, the number has gone down. Fraternities had 629 members in 2015, reaching as low as 562 that fall. Last spring, there were 618 members.

Fraternities aren't being overcrowded, so what does Chapman hope to accomplish by adding this new fraternity during a fragile time between the university and the city? It's only going to add fuel to the fire.

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# Fitness in strength, not an image

Four years ago, I dove feet first

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Danielle Shorr,

senior creative writing major

edgeable. In my years of attending public school, gym class

would later point out I was operating backward. Needless to say, I was less than knowlwas a nightmare. When I decided to work out this time around, my goals were strong enough to get me into the gym in the first place, but not substantial enough to motivate me long term.

If you think that getting the body of your dreams will be the ultimate source of your happiness, I hate to break it to you, but you're wrong. If you think that being lean will be the key to a lifetime of confidence, you're wrong. The truth is that if you aren't healed internally, altering your appearance won't get you where you need to be. I know this because I've been

Losing the initial weight was gratifying, a tangible mark of my efforts. But with the physical change came body dysmorphia, a distorted perception of how I looked, which had existed previously but grew alongside my progress. Adopting an all-or-nothing fitness mindset took a toll on my relationship with food, friends and family. As I got smaller, my body image worsened. After hitting a low point, I was forced to take a step back and ask myself why I had started in the first place. I wanted to be desirable, a standout in a sea of "bikini bodies." When I realized the damage that my original goal had done, I started over.

My new goal was to set goals that didn't have anything to do with how I looked. I was introduced to powerlifting and functional training, which gave me a sense of accomplishment beyond what I was used to. I devoted three months to intense study and passed the personal training certification through the National Academy of Sports Medicine. Now, I train a variety of clients who remind me on a daily basis why I love

The question I get asked most often is about how to find and keep motivation. I encourage clients to find balance and to focus on strength and endurance as motivators, rather than a number on a scale or a dress size. Having abs is a cool accomplishment, but it's even better able to do a full set of pullups or squat more than your body weight. Everyone wants the quick fix, but the fact of the matter is that close to nothing in life works that way, fitness included. Instead of following a cookie-cutter meal plan, or a trendy vegan diet, find what works for you personally.

Set some goals and figure out what you need to reach them and go for it. Don't make it about a timeline or a certain date. If you make fitness a lifestyle, you'll have more than enough time to get there.

# Pay attention to Venezuela



Juan Bustillo, junior political science and screenwriting major

I'm sure many students saw the news reports last summer covering Venezuela's constituent assembly, and how Venezuela is just the latest example of a prosperous country falling to the perils of socialism.

Maybe you followed the story, maybe it was just background noise. Regardless, it is vital to understand what turned one of the world's rich-

est countries into a tragedy, so that we can prevent it from happening anywhere else.

For those not up to speed on Venezuela's crisis, here's the SparkNotes version: The once-wealthy country atop the world's largest oil reserves is now incapable of feeding its population, according to Al Jazeera English. It's not because socialism went wrong, and it's not because of U.S. imperialism.

The Nicolas Maduro-led government which, according to the Washington Times, has been conducting fraudulent elections for nearly two decades, is now reduced to trafficking cocaine to keep itself afloat financially. (Forget about any of that drug money trickling down to the people who former President Hugo Chavez once promised to help.)

Citizens took to the streets in April to protest an illegal national assembly, according to the Washington Post, which allowed Maduro to single-handedly replace the few opposing voices left in the government. The protests, which were met with the full force of the National Guard failed to prevent Maduro from taking complete power according to BBC News.

After 20 years, the true dictatorial nature of the Bolivarian Revolution has revealed itself.

It must be emphasized that President Donald Trump is irrelevant to this analysis; it would be equally applicable under Hillary Clinton. On the contrary, I'm more concerned by the clear shifts to the left side of U.S. politics that could lead us to a fate similar to Venezuela's, one in which charismatic leaders seize control of the government and use it to profit under the false guise of democracy.

These shifts in the U.S. include restrictions on free speech (like preventing figures from nonviolently speaking in public), submission into cults of personality (as with figures like Trump and former Cuban president Fidel Castro), and a romanticization of oppressive regimes, like the Soviet Union.

I generally celebrate leftward politics, but Chavez's Venezuela demonstrates that these progressive movements require careful scrutiny. It shows that we shouldn't pursue capitalism or socialism; rather, we need to pursue the greatest sustainable levels of political and economic democracy possible. I've seen people pushing for any form of capitalism over socialism, or vice versa. It is the decades-old mentality that led Venezuela to its current state.

Venezuela's crisis should be of interest to college students (and anyone interested in global politics) because there's frighteningly little separating the U.S.

from a similar fate. Even in our flawed democracy, the people have a voice. That collective voice must be vigilant. It has the power to bring true democratic change or empower a wolf in sheep's clothing. For a similar crisis to happen, all it takes is one charismatic leader with an authoritarian streak to be voted into

That leader may be benign at first, like Chavez was, but then he or she might make proclamations like British Prime Minister Theresa May, who declared that she was willing to cut back on human rights laws if it meant being able to punish more terror suspects according to The Telegraph. Or like the former chairwoman of the Democratic Party Donna Brazile, who tweeted that the government should decide what is and isn't fake news. Or it could even be Trump, who, as a candidate, said that he wanted to "take out (the) families" of terrorists, according to The Hill.

While these may sound like reasonable policy proposals, imagine the reality if they were implemented. How much power would that give to elite government officials? The ability to deny human rights to anyone deemed a terror suspect? The power to unilaterally declare a piece of news fake? The green light to ignore international laws protecting innocent civilians from military actions?

Left- and right-wing labels are extraneous. Authoritarianism is already dangerously pervasive in neoliberal democracies worldwide, and all it takes is one persuasive leader to turn those sentiments into policy. The reason I say it with this confidence is because I've already seen it happen in Venezuela.

If the topic of Venezuela's warning interests you, check out Alternatives in Democracy's meeting on Sept. 28 at 10 p.m. in the Cross-Cultural Center.

### Staff Column:

# Let's stop congratulating white mediocrity



Gracie Fleischman, sophomore political science major

▲ he 69th Primetime Emmys aired Sept. 17, and once again, most of the affection rained down upon mediocre white directors, actors and TV shows.

However, history was made with four wins from people of color: Sterling K. Brown became the first black actor to win outstanding lead actor in a drama series since 1998, and Riz Ahmed

is now the first South Asian man to win an Emmy in any acting category. Also adding to the history books were Donald Glover, who became the first black director to win outstanding directing for a comedy series, and Lena Waithe, who become the first black woman to win in the comedy writing category, according to the Emmys website.

It's taken a long time for people of color to win these awards, when mediocre white people such as Katherine Heigl and Kiefer Sutherland have won in the past.

White-dominated shows like "Sex and the City" have won Emmys for its relatable drinking "sexcapades" with white women dressed in overpriced shoes. For a black-dominated show to even be nominated for an award, it must be top of the line, full of amazing actors and deal with very serious issues of race, like Donald Glover's show "Atlanta."

Later on during the show, Brown's acceptance speech was cut short, giving him no time to even thank his family for his historic win. In contrast, Nicole Kidman rambled on for close to three minutes without being cut off. Another white actress winning an award for acting in a mostly white movie hardly deserves that amount of screen time.

Just a week earlier in a different nationally televised event, we saw another example of white mediocrity being congratulated. Chapman '17 alumna Nicole Renard competed in Miss America Sept. 10 as Miss Washington alongside Miss Texas, whose reply to a question about the Charlottesville attacks made the

"It was very obvious it was a terrorist attack," Miss Texas Margana Wood said at the pageant, condemning President Donald Trump's response (or lack thereof) to the violence.

By merely stating facts and demonstrating basic human decency, Wood was lauded as a hero. Although her answer was great to hear and it shed light on the problems that exist in our political landscape, why should her answer get so much attention? People of color have been speaking out for centuries about the

injustices that affect them but are ignored by white

A rare example of a white person owning up to her mediocrity is Adele. The singer dedicated her 2017 Grammy win for album of the year to Beyonce, her fellow nominee. Adele got choked up while speaking to her love for Beyonce, saying, "What the (expletive) does she have to do to win?"

Beyonce's "Lemonade" was one of the most critically acclaimed and influential albums of the year, making Adele's win for "25" a little shocking. Adele recognized that although her own work is impressive and her album was meaningful, it lacks the cultural significance that "Lemonade" had. Her tear-filled apology to Beyonce was a great example to those who easily reward white people, and it shined a light on the idea that perhaps the album was "too black" for the Grammys. In fact, Adele actually refused to accept the award, saying, "The 'Lemonade' album was just so monumental and well thought-out and beautiful and soul-baring."

Although many more people of color are receiving awards and opportunities these days, the fact remains that white people are held to lower standards. This doesn't mean that the work that white people do is inferior - it just means that as a society, we need to stop congratulating mediocre work.

Backstage at the Emmys, Issa Rae, creator and star of HBO series "Insecure," told a reporter, "I'm rooting for everybody black."

Me too, Issa, me too.

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### Women's soccer needs a wake-up call

Most athletes like to try to

lessen the blow of

a loss. They focus

on positives and

find silver linings

from games when

there aren't really

any to be found, and



Sports Editor

sometimes, when they do acknowledge Jacob Hutchinson their problems, they aren't actually the ones that cause their

This is the case for women's soccer. The team has lost three straight games in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), in which they have been outscored 7-2. The team is now sitting in seventh place out of eight teams in the conference. Yes, it's early, and yes, there is plenty of time to address the issues that may have contributed to this poor run. But what's concerning is the lack of acknowledgement of how dangerous this situation is and where the issues lie.

On Sept. 20, Chapman lost 3-1 for the second straight game, with the first two goals coming against them in the opening 20 minutes. The second goal was an own goal header. At this point, alarm bells should be ringing. Being outscored 6-2 over the course of two games is a sign of a problem. It's not the end of the world – it's Division III. Every team has problems, but you acknowledge and then address them.

Instead, the team looked for silver linings. Junior defender Megan Kawakami said about the own goal, "Mistakes happen and it was an unfortunate one, but it wasn't detrimental." That's just not true. Going down 2-0 within the first 20 minutes of a game is an incredibly hard hole to climb out of, especially when the second goal comes in the demoralizing fashion of your own teammate scoring it. Of course that's detrimental.

The problem with that statement isn't that "mistakes happen." Miscommunications happen at the highest level of professional athletics, so to expect that they won't happen at Chapman is absurd. But acknowledging that there was a miscommunication that made winning extremely difficult is an awareness the team needs to have.

Sophomore midfielder Rachel Lustig said at the start of the season, "I expect that we win SCIAC and advance to the

NCAA tournament." Lustig, junior midfielder Emily Watts and junior defender Ashley Carney have all said that Chapman needs to improve at scoring goals, and it clearly does, but that won't matter unless Chapman stops putting itself in early holes. In the past three games, Chapman has conceded five goals within the first 30 minutes of each game. Even in its last win against Pomona-Pitzer Sept. 13, Chapman conceded a goal less than 19 minutes into the game.

The team is struggling to score goals, but its real problem is preventing other teams from scoring first, and scoring early. In Chapman's games this season, the team that has scored first has won seven out of eight games. Over the team's last five seasons, the team that scored first has won 75 out of 85 times – or 88 percent. Needless to say, scoring the first goal is

There doesn't always need to be a "positive." Sometimes teams lose badly and make embarrassing mistakes. That is a natural part of the game. But what differentiates a good team from a championship contender – which Chapman has said it intends to be – is its ability to recognize its mistakes, identify the areas that are causing it to lose games, and consciously work on those areas so it doesn't make the same mistakes again. Toreadgamecoverageofthewomen'ssoccer gamesthisweek,gotothepantheronline.com.

## Golf teams turn heads in first tournament

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

In its first season last year, the women's golf team was made up of "anybody who could swing a golf club," said head coach Ming Lao. A year later, the women's team has improved so rapidly that it may outperform its male counterparts in competitions. Both teams finished second in their first tournament, have already had players set individual team records and have enough collective quality that there is a "friendly competition" between

"People didn't know we had a (women's) program last year," Lao said. "It was tough last year, but we managed and we did OK. This year, it's a whole different story. We're competing right away."

This week, senior women's golf captain Emily Lewis – who was named to the All-SCIAC (Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) second team last year put up the best 36-hole score in the short history of Chapman's women's golf, at the two-day California State Intercollegiate tournament. She led the women's team on both days to shoot its best team round ever (18 over par) Sept. 18, before improving on that score the next day (16 over

par).
"Last year was definitely a building year," Lewis said. "This year, I would say there are a lot more girls, who – I don't want to be mean – but who can play decent golf."

Lewis finished tied for fourth in the tournament at three strokes over par, with sophomore Kristy Harada finishing three strokes behind her and tying for seventh place.

"I was really surprised," Lewis said. "I knew we had a good team going into it, but I didn't expect our scores to be as low as they were. I think all the other teams were shocked that both our men's and women's teams could post super low scores and place second in a tournament that had very competitive Division III

In the same tournament last year, the women's team finished eighth, while the men's team finished fourth. Junior men's golf captain Griffin Tso said having a women's team has changed the dynamic of the pro-

"It's been a little bit of a different experience in a good way, just because it's nice to have a little bit of a lady's touch now that we're traveling out to Arizona this season, which is a far trek," Tso said. "It's nice to have a mix and it not just be a big group of sweaty guys."

The men's team started off the season well in its own right, with the team breaking its previous 36hole record by 23 strokes. Chapman finished second at six strokes under par as a team, just one stroke behind tournament winners Ottawa University, Arizona, which shot nine

strokes under par on the last day. Lao said he was impressed by how well his team played from the lead, despite dropping from first to second place on the last day of the tourna-

"We played good while we were ahead, we just got jumped by a freak show," Lao said. "(Ottawa) finished nine under (par), it's sick. That's a lot of birdies. We lost by one stroke because they went ham."

Lao said the improvement in the men's roster has been enormous.

"It's incredible," he said. "There has been a huge change in the depth of our roster. Last year, we had a couple

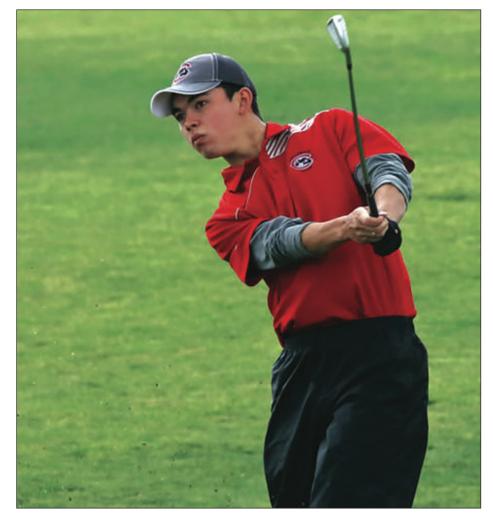


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Junior men's golf captain Griffin Tso hits a chip shot against California Lutheran University Feb. 9.

good scores, but the bottom half were usually weak... Now we don't have any bad scores, so we're raking."

Freshman Avery Keating also set the men's team record for the lowest score in a 36-hole round. Portland, Oregon natives Keating and freshman Brody Hval (who Lao referred to as "studs" and who both have fathers who are PGA professionals, like Lao himself) knew each other before coming to Chapman.

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People didn't know we had a women's program last year. Before, I took anybody that could swing a golf club.

### - Head coach Ming Lao

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"It was nice knowing (Hval) coming in," Keating said. "It's nice to have a face that you can go to. We're pretty close, so that's nice."

Keating said that having his dad who is a professional golfer has given him a unique golfing perspective.

'Since he's so experienced, he can talk to me about whatever I need to know and he can help me with my game," Keating said. "He's always traveling, so that's another cool thing. He gets to go to a bunch of cool courses and show me where he's

Keating said he was unsurprised by how well he performed and said he has high expectations for the team.

"I think if we continue to practice and play well, we could try and make a run to go to nationals as a team," Keating said. "If not, I'm definitely going to do my best to try and get there as an individual."

Players can be selected for nationals - the Division III Golf Championships - by an NCAA selection committee, based on their overall performance during the season.

Chapman could make the NCAA Championships as a team in one of two ways. The team could win its conference and qualify via the SCIAC's automatic qualifier - determined by the team with the lowest collective scores throughout all SCIAC matches at the end of the season – or, by getting an at-large bid, which is also determined by an NCAA selection committee.

Lao said if the season ended today, both teams would likely qualify for the championships.

"Without getting ahead of myself, the scoring average right now totally qualifies us for nationals," Lao said. "What we shot and who we beat, that's really an indication that, if we were to stop everything now, we would go to nationals, but it's such a small sample."

Tso said when he came in as a freshman, it was Lao's second year as head coach and the team was still developing. He said the program has made a huge jump since then.

"From my freshman year to sophomore year, we grew a little bit, but in this last year, I'd say we really made a big jump in the program, both in the boys and girls teams," Tso said. "Coach Lao has really been able to recruit some high-level players, this year especially, so his recruiting ability as well as his coaching ability has really grown both the boys and girls golf teams tremendously the last couple of years."

Lao said he has "reserved optimism" about both teams being able to qualify for the NCAA Championships, but that for the women's team in particular, "it's uncharted waters."

Chapman's next match will be at home, Sept. 27 against Whittier College. Chapman plays its home matches at the Tustin Ranch Golf

"It's a nice place," Lao said. "It's high-end. It's a good place to represent Chapman and Orange County in its own sort of ritzy, cute way."

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### Women's volleyball extends win streak to seven in five-set thriller

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

As soon as the ball hit the floor, Chapman's Hutton Sports Center erupted. Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson had just killed off the final point of a taxing fifth set, giving Chapman a victory that had seemed unlikely earlier in the match. She dropped to her knees and raised her fists in the air as the entire volleyball team swarmed her on the court. The Chapman crowd, which provided huge support in the latter stages of the match, sounded off with a near-deafening celebration of the players' efforts.

The excitement was a result of Chapman's seventh straight win Sept. 23, which came against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, the No. 7 nationally ranked women's volleyball team in Division III. The win marks the team's longest win streak since 2012 and leaves Chapman, the only remaining undefeated team in the conference, sitting atop the standings.

The win came in a final, 48-point set during which the lead changed six times and saw 14 match points – seven from each team. It ended with an assertive kill from Johnson, who had a team-high of 20 kills.

"That was awesome," Johnson said. "Finally, it was over, because that set went forever. I really wasn't too nervous because whenever we go to set five, we always win. We kind of have a joke in our team that we always win set five because we run so many sprints, so we're never tired."

The fifth and final set, which typically ends whenever the first team reaches 15 points and wins by two, saw an additional 19 points played after Chapman reached 15.

The win is Chapman's third fifth-set win this season. The Panthers have yet pong ball tonight. We didn't play our

to lose a match that has gone five sets. "We've played a lot of set fives and

our saying is we don't lose set five," said junior outside hitter Courtney Justus. "I had confidence in our team and I feel like we had a lot of momentum going into that fifth set, so I don't think there were a lot of nerves as much as there was just confidence."

The high of Chapman's matchwinning point was a far cry from early on in the match, when Chapman found itself, with the home crowd quieted, in a two-set hole. Late in the third set, Chapman (10-3, 4-0 inconference) again trailed Claremont (9-5, 2-1 in-conference), down 21-16. The visitors were four points away from seeing out the victory when suddenly, Chapman created a huge shift in momentum.

The Panthers scored nine straight points, the longest streak of the game by either team. When Chapman tied the game up at 21, the home crowd erupted from silence, shaking the bleachers with excitement.

"(The crowd) really helps, for sure," Johnson said. "It helps drive our energy, too. You can only create so much energy as a team. So to have the crowd going is awesome. It definitely helps.'

Justus said that Chapman may have underestimated itself earlier in the game due to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps's reputation.

"Claremont is a good team, they're ranked," Justus said. "I think we underestimated our abilities at first and as the game progressed, we realized that we could take this game."

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps head coach Kurt Vlasich credited Chapman for adjusting to its offense as the game progressed.

"We were kind of playing ping-



IAN CRADDOCK Staff Photographer

Junior outside hitter Lindsey Johnson jumps for a kill against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 23.

normal, consistent game," Vlasich said. "I think (Chapman) made some good adjustments defensively and we couldn't put anything away on the outside, so we had to stick to our middle and our right side attack and they keyed in on that, and we weren't able to execute."

Vlasich was given a yellow card by the head referee Kim Pickerill, for arguing a "ball-handling error" called on Claremont-Mudd-Scripps's senior defensive specialist, Mikena Werner. The call gave Chapman its 10th point and extended its lead in the fifth set. Vlasich said the referee was inconsistent in his decisions.

"The referee called a double (touch) in a situation, where it was a double, but he hadn't called any all night on either team, so at that point, it's the fifth set, (it would have been) nine all," Vlasich said. "Usually, referees know not to take the initiative there, but I thought it was a pretty bad call

at that point in the match."

Head coach Mary Cahill argued with referee Ron Stahl after Chapman lost the second set, but a double touch, or ball-handling error, was only called in the one instance against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

"Their libero is a very good player, but I thought she was getting away with (ball-handling)," Cahill said. "And then the referee called a crucial one in that last set."

Chapman's next match will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 26, when Chapman travels to the University of La Verne (9-2, 3-1 in-conference), whose only conference loss was to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Sept. 22.

'We play La Verne on Tuesday, so that'll be awesome, because Claremont beat La Verne in three sets," Johnson said. "They got whooped, so hopefully they're down in the dumps. We know we're a good team, so I feel like we're going to win."

# Chapman athletics: the challenge of Division III recruiting

Kali Hoffman | Staff Writer

For Chapman's coaches, recruiting season is a waiting game. Every year, they meet with potential student athletes, attend their matches and watch their training videos – but they can't make any promises. Until the new school year starts, they don't know who will be part of the team.

"I could find a seven-foot girl who's just the best volleyball player, but she would still need to get in on her own merit," said women's volleyball coach Mary Cahill.

As a Division III school, Chapman cannot offer athletic scholarships. Awards for academic merit are the nost common alternative for athletes looking to ease the strain of tuition, said Chapman's recruiters. As a result, recruiters look out for players who not only excel in their sport, but in their

"They have to be a student athlete, not an athletic student," said football recruiting coordinator Stino Adams. "Academics are at the forefront. Once that's there, then we just wait."

During the admissions process, coaches have no sway in decisions, Adams said. They can create a list of students that they are recruiting, but in the end, no exceptions are made for applicants with exceptional athletic ability. If they don't meet the academic requirements for admission, they don't get in. If they don't qualify for a merit scholarship, they don't receive one. In hopes of ensuring that certain students make the cut, Chapman's recruiters encourage hopeful athletes to boost their grades, test scores and personal statements

#### CHAPMAN ATHLETIC RECRUITING

The three recruiting challenges for Chapman coaches, according to women's volleyball head coach Mary Cahill

#### WILL THEY BE ADMITTED?

Division III schools cannot offer athletic scholarships. Even if coaches want the players to come, they still have to be admitted, like any other student.

### WILL THEY GET FINANCIAL AID?



Chapman tuition is \$50,954 a year. Without a favorable aid package, students may be inclined to attend school



#### WILL THEY WANT TO ATTEND CHAPMAN?

Regardless of how well coaches present Chapman to prospective athletes, the decision comes down to the students.

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before applying.

"They basically need to give a reason why they want to be at Chapman beyond that it's sunny all the time and they want to play lacrosse," said women's lacrosse head coach Dan Kirkpatrick.

Making sure recruits get in to

Chapman is only half the battle. Even if an athlete says he or she intend to join a team at a Division III school, there isn't a signing contract that obligates them to keep their word. Once the students are accepted, coaches need to make them want to stay.

'We've got three big things working against us," Cahill said, "One, will they get admitted? Two, will they get financial aid? Three, in the end, will they even decide to come?"

The school's campus and why students commit to Chapman, Adams said. During official visits, during which recruiters reach out to interested athletes and arrange a meeting to talk about joining the program, they make sure to arrange a formal tour.

"The feel-out process is getting them here on campus," Adams said. "Once you get them here, the campus really sells

For junior women's soccer player Megan Kawakami, seeing the campus for the first time convinced her that Chapman was the right school for her. Kawakami transferred to Chapman from Whittier College her sophomore year so she could continue playing soccer and still have the full "college experience."

<sup>e</sup>Chapman happened to be the one school I didn't look into," Kawakami said. "I had an away game for Whitter, so I came here. We parked underneath Lastinger Parking Structure and we walked up the steps, and it kind of unveiled the school. I literally thought to myself, 'Wow, this is what a college campus looks like."

Even if students are impressed with Chapman's athletic program at first, the nonbinding commitment rules of Division III schools can produce problems down the line. On some occasions, players will leave the team to pursue different opportunities.

"Inevitably, there might be a guy or two every year who drops, usually because of an internship or study abroad," said assistant basketball coach Dan Krikorian. "We can't make them play. Basketball is a large part (of recruiting), but we tell them if you're going to come to Chapman you have to come for the whole experience".

Since academics are the priority at Chapman, athletics ultimately have to come second. After transferring to Chapman from California State University, Fullerton, a Division I school, senior men's soccer player Elliot Braund had to adjust to Chapman's focus on academic

"The main difference is that (Division I and II schools) focus a lot more on sports and are allowed to dedicate more time to it," Braund said. "However, because of this, the academics take a back seat. That's something that would never be acceptable at Chapman."

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# Kevin Dayan: from Sao Paolo to Southern California Brazilian water polo player leads Chapman in scoring in first season

Nishaa Sharma | Staff Writer

When junior utility player Kevin Dayan moved from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Southern California to play water polo, he wasn't just living out his dream. He was living his family's dream, too.

"My grandpa wanted to move to the U.S. for school and he got in (to the school), but he couldn't make it work and wasn't able to move here," Dayan said. "When I told my parents and grandparents my plan to move, they were so proud that I was going to be able to do what they had always wanted to."

Dayan moved to the U.S. with his twin brother Ilan Dayan, two years ago, and the two played water polo together at Orange Coast College until transferring to Chapman and the University of Redlands respectively this season.

The Dayan brothers faced off for the first time Sept. 23. Kevin Dayan got the better of Ilan Dayan, scoring three goals and getting three steals in Chapman's 12-7 away win.

Growing up, the twins were inseparable.

"Our family is really close," Ilan Dayan said. "Our parents are super nice, and always motivated us to practice and to do well in school, and growing up doing everything with Kevin was always so fun."

Kevin Dayan found his passion for water polo when he was 12 and joined a club in Brazil with his brother. The brothers continued to compete in the sport, going as far as worldwide tournaments in Israel and Spain. When it came time for graduation in 2015, their parents were supportive of the brothers' decision to move to Southern California on their own to pursue an education and water polo at the same time.

"My dad played squash in the same club where I started polo, which is how I met my first coach," Kevin Dayan said. "He's very athletic, and was really supportive and encouraging of me. My mom isn't athletic at all but she's my biggest fan. The fact that they're so supportive is the reason I'm still here in the U.S."

He caught the attention of men's water polo head coach Eric Ploessel when he moved to Orange Coast College from Sao Paulo two years ago.

"I've known the coach over at Orange Coast for a long time, since we played water polo together in college," Ploessel said. "He actually helped me get Kevin for Chapman's team, and so far, all of the amazing things he's said about Kevin have turned out to be completely true."

Kevin Dayan decided to attend Chapman after playing against the team in water polo, and said he was attracted to the academic facilities, welcoming environment and pool facilities the school offered. Ilan Dayan, on the other hand, wanted a smaller school, and he decided to attend Redlands, which separated the two for the first time

When Kevin Dayan started school at Orange Coast College after hearing about it from his Brazilian friends, he and his brother were faced with the task of adjusting to a new country, combined with the regular adjustments that college students face living on their own for the first time.

"The biggest challenge for me in moving was not having my parents there anymore and not really knowing anyone, so I focused all my energy on studying and water polo, and my team became like family," Kevin Dayan said. "I've found that here at Chapman too."

Kevin Dayan's dedication to water polo was quickly noticed by his coach at

Orange Coast, Adam Lee, as well as by Ploessel.

"He's brand-new, but since the first week of practice, he's already been a leader on the team," Ploessel said. "He's smart, a hard-worker and talented. He's a great guy, in the pool and out."

Kevin Dayan attributes his success in water polo to his ability to fully dedicate himself to every practice. That dedication is something he applies to his everyday life.

"I believe that (practice) time is one of the most valuable things you can have, and you should never waste it," Kevin Dayan said. "I'm spending three to five hours in the pool every day, so I will always put in 100 percent and make the most of that practice time to become the best I can. If I get tired, I always remember to outwork my opponents, because, while I work, the competition is working hard too."

Kevin Dayan is a business administration major and economics minor, and plans to continue playing water polo recreationally after earning his degree, putting a focus on building a career within the business industry rather than continuing to compete.

"My English wasn't great growing up," Kevin Dayan said. "I never would have expected to be able to leave Brazil, travel the world and move to the U.S, and if it wasn't for water polo, I would not have been able to come here, and if it wasn't for my family, I would not have been able to stay."



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- Junior Kevin Dayan

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### **SCOREBOARD**

Men's Soccer

Chapman 4 Whittier 1
Chapman 2 UC Santa Cruz 2

Women's Soccer

Whittier 3 Chapman 1 Claremont-M-S 1 Chapman 0

Men's Water Polo

**Chapman 15** La Verne 9 **Chapman 12** Redlands 7

Women's Volleyball

Chapman 3 Redlands 0 Caltech 0

Claremont-M-S 2

Football
Trinity (Tex.) 41 Chapman 35

Key: Bold = Chapman, winner listed first

Chapman 3

### **UPCOMING GAMES**

Men's Soccer

Sept. 27 @ Redlands 7 p.m. Sept. 30 vs. Caltech 7 p.m.

Men's Water Polo Sept. 30 vs. Cal Lutheran 11 a.m.

Football

Sept. 30 @ Pomona-Pitzer 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 27 vs. Redlands 4 p.m. Sept. 30 vs. Occidental 11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

Sept. 26 @ La Verne 7 p.m. Sept. 29 vs. UC Santa Cruz 7 p.m. Sept. 30 vs. Pomona-Pitzer 6 p.m.

Key: Bold = in-conference game