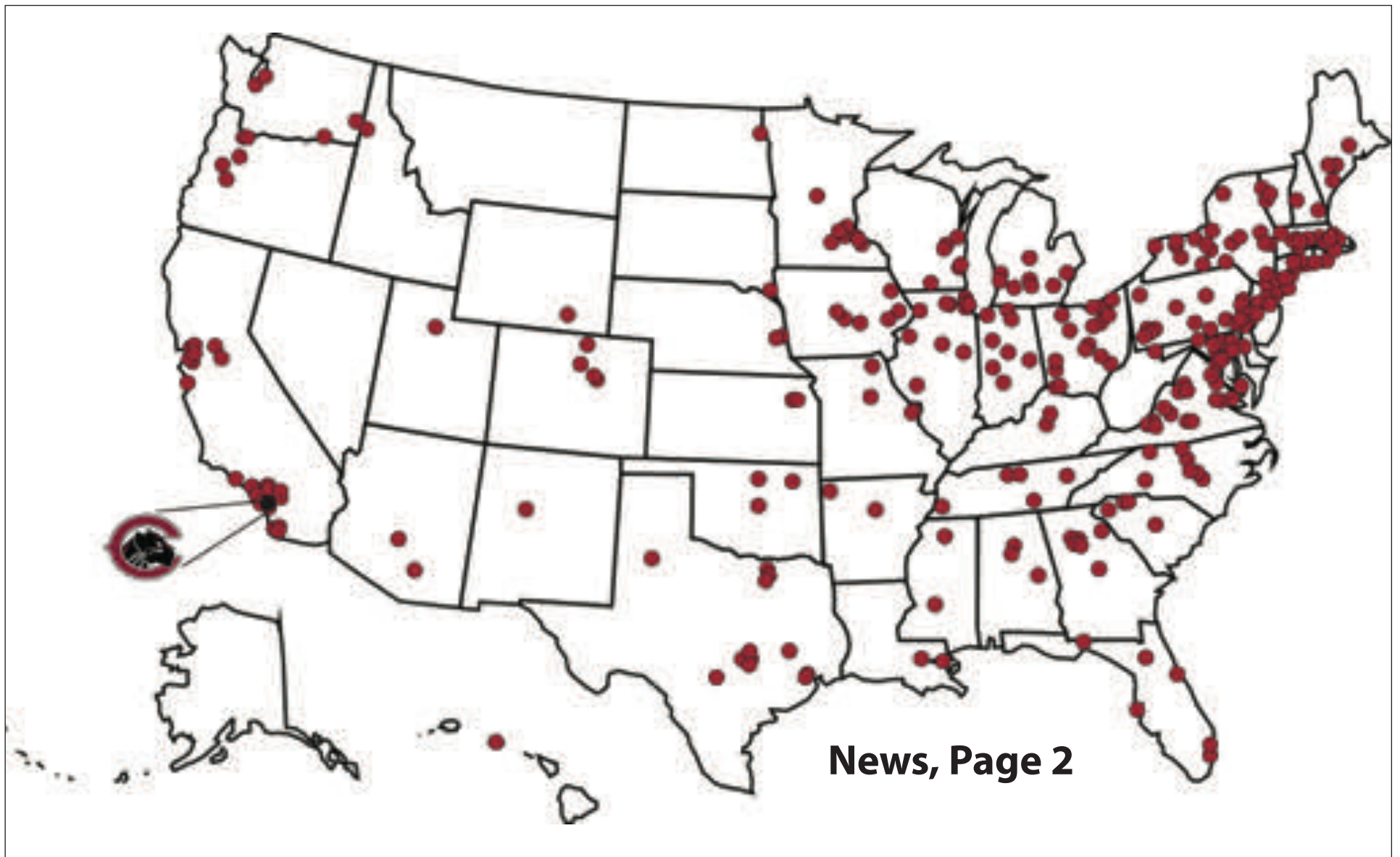


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## Chapman admitted into honor society



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Chapman became a member of prestigious academic honor society Phi Beta Kappa Aug. 3. The university will join 286 other chapters at schools across the nation, including Harvard University, Princeton University and Yale University. Its chapter is set to open in spring 2019.



### Chapman football player tackles leukemia

After being diagnosed with leukemia this spring for the second time, offensive lineman Hunter Spriggs takes time to recover.

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Tending to succulents is trending for some students, who are buying, selling and caring for the plants.

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The Phi Beta Kappa Society, one of the oldest honor societies in the U.S., has 286 chapters across the nation. Chapman will join those chapters in spring 2019.

# Phi Beta Kappa chapter to open spring 2019

Dayna Li | Staff Writer

Chapman was admitted Aug. 3 into the Phi Beta Kappa society, one of the oldest collegiate honor societies in the U.S. – after submitting its fourth application in the past 12 years. Chapman's first members will become part of the society in spring 2019, and will join members at schools like Harvard University, Yale University and Princeton University.

President Emeritus Jim Doti originally pushed for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter, said Provost Glenn Pfeiffer, but the most recent application was led by professors who were Phi Beta Kappa members themselves. The professors included Lisa Leitz, chair of peace studies department, law professor Kyndra Rotunda and Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Dean Janeen Hill. The previous applications were written by Janeen Hill and the late Director of Fellowships and Scholarship Programs, Barbara Mulch.

"We've increased the value of a Chapman education," said Lisa Leitz, who put together the most recent applications and organized a campus visit by Phi Beta Kappa officials in April 2017. "We got recognized for doing it right, so everyone's degree has (gone) up in value."

Because Phi Beta Kappa favors laboratory sciences, Chapman implemented a physics program that generated graduate students by the university's 2015 Phi Beta Kappa application. Chapman's new \$130 million, 140,000 square foot science building, the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, also played a role in its Phi Beta Kappa acceptance.

"(The Keck Center) was certainly part of the information (Phi Beta Kappa evaluated)," Rotunda said. "I think that our growth at Chapman and the increase in our offerings and the types of students that are being attracted to Chapman (contributed)."

The society is open to undergraduates from the top 10 percent of their graduating classes who major in the arts or sciences and focus their studies in liberal arts. This includes all majors in Wilkinson College, the sciences, performing arts, economics, education, and film studies and the School of Communication. Chap-



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Faculty met Sept. 1 to discuss the constitution, regulations and requirements for potential students to be qualified for membership in the Phi Beta Kappa society.

man's Phi Beta Kappa membership will be funded by a \$3 million endowment raised by Chapman's Board of Trustees.

"The idea is that they're going to take it out of the endowment and put it towards a set of programs to help students be ready for Phi Beta Kappa," Leitz said. "This means an increase for scholarships in going abroad and an increase in money for students who want to research or go to conferences."

Chapman has begun selecting faculty officers from among professors who are already members of the society. The university is also working with an individual at another Phi Beta Kappa university who will help the officers draft a constitution.

During an initial meeting Sept. 1, faculty members discussed the constitution and the bylaws and requirements to become a member of the society. Officers were appointed, Rotunda said, and attendees discussed selecting qualified students and the spring 2019 induction ceremony.

"I think it's great we have such a strong leadership program on campus," said Caroline Ribak, a senior creative producing major. "I think in general, there are non-academic ways to assess whether these top 10 percent of candidates have the qualities of a

great leader."

Since Phi Beta Kappa's founding in 1776, 286 chapters have been opened at U.S. universities with strong arts and science programs, according to the society's website.

Each application round takes about three years, Leitz said. There were two main applications submitted in separate rounds – each was several hundred pages long – along with several separate reports. These reports were primarily focused on the university's funding from the Charles Koch Foundation and Title IX, a law focused on gender equality in educational programs.

"(The report on the Koch funding) found that the agreement protects academic freedom and that hires are to be done according to standard Chapman hiring procedures," Leitz said.

The Phi Beta Kappa members reviewing the application also considered the 34 Chapman professors who are Phi Beta Kappa members, the number of students who would be eligible, the quality of the student body, the university's commitment to the humanities, arts, and social sciences and the integration of liberal arts into all undergraduate programs, Pfeiffer said.

"They look at everything: from faculty, scholarships, course offer-

ings, the types of courses we offer, the length of time it takes students to get through the program and graduate," Rotunda said. "They even have included some inquiries on diversity and what kinds of things we're doing to create a welcome environment. They leave no stone unturned."

Phi Beta Kappa national committee members visited Chapman in April 2017 and met with faculty, administrators and students. They evaluated "the truthfulness in the application, the commitment of faculty and administrators, and our ability to keep that commitment," said President Daniele Struppa in an email to The Panther.

Chapman's case was presented at a triennial conference in Boston in August, where it needed to a two-thirds majority of votes Phi Beta Kappa representatives in order to be admitted. About 200 people attended, which means at least 134 representatives voted to approve a Chapman chapter.

"This (admission) means we are among the top 10 percent of universities in the United States. It brings recognition to Chapman for our contributions in (the liberal arts) disciplines," Pfeiffer wrote in an email to The Panther. "I'm really excited we have a chapter, I believe we're deserving. We should be very proud of it."

# New policy tightens pass/no pass deadline

Jasmin Sani | News Editor

Chapman students will now have five weeks instead of 12 to change a class to pass/no pass – meaning that they will receive credit without receiving a letter grade – after the university implemented a new policy this fall.

“Chapman has gotten increasingly stricter as we have gotten more academically able students, so we’ve raised the bar a little bit,” said Nina LeNoir, the vice provost for undergraduate education. “In some schools, you have two weeks (to pass/no pass a class).”

The policy was originally implemented so students could take courses not within their major.

“We want to encourage students to take courses that are outside their comfort zone, without worrying about their GPA,” she said.

But for some students, only a few, if any, heavily weighted assignments have been graded by the five-week mark. This could make students unsure about choosing classes they might be challenged by, said Kaitlyn Schoen, a sophomore business administration major.

“I could definitely see this change making people hesitant to go out of their comfort zone,” Schoen said. “There isn’t time to see your skill level, so people might think they won’t do a good job without trying first.”

But LeNoir said the university believes it has been too lenient in



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Students will now have up to five weeks to turn in a pass/no pass form to the Registrar’s Office. The deadline was 12 weeks prior to the change.

the past and cited other California universities that have even shorter deadlines, such as Orange Coast College, which doesn’t allow students to switch to the pass/no pass feature once the class begins.

Other universities with stricter pass/no pass policies include Occidental College, which gives students four weeks to change grading status, or the University of California, Los Angeles, which allows two weeks.

As Chapman aims to increase its selectivity, some administrators have discussed the idea that the pass/no pass policy should have higher standards that reflect the challenging level of students’ classwork – and that students should know within five weeks

if they’re doing well in a course, LeNoir said. But Schoen disagrees.

“(With 12 weeks) you have more time to know what your grade will really be,” she said. “By then, there have probably been one or two tests, and you can see how you are performing.”

Chapman has also changed the minimum passing grade for a pass/no pass class from a C to a C-. If a student receives a grade below a C-, then he or she will receive no credit and the class won’t affect the GPA. This change comes after some students thought that any range of C-level grades were within the cutoff.

“(The decision to lower the grade) came up because we had petitions about it. (Students) said they didn’t

know the date or that they needed to get a C instead of a C-,” LeNoir said.

Students who have issues with the changes can petition student government to bring those complaints to the administration.

“Many students have a perfect GPA and they are afraid to take anything that might jeopardize that 4.0. That’s just the way students are,” LeNoir said. “We don’t want them to not take (a class) because it might penalize their GPA. We want them to take classes that will exercise their mind and challenge them.”

Maura Kate Mitchelson contributed to this report.



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Classes originally located in Smith Hall will be moved to locations across campus until renovations are completed fall 2019. Some classes are in Chapman’s Fowler School of Law.

## Classes in Smith Hall relocated for construction

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A \$9 million renovation project on Chapman’s nine-classroom Smith Hall has caused several classes to be moved to different buildings on campus.

Ken Murphy, associate provost said that the majority of displaced classes are now being temporarily held in the Hashinger Science Center. Several labs in the basement will act as classrooms until Smith’s construction is completed in fall 2019.

The remaining Smith Hall classes – which include creative writing and political science – have been moved to Kennedy Hall in Chapman’s Fowler School of Law. These are the first courses not related to law taught at the law school since its opening in 1995, according to an email sent out by the Registrar’s Office to students who have class in the building this

semester.

Chapman political science professor Fred Smoller had his 33-student local politics class moved to Kennedy Hall.

“I’ve been to other schools where they have done this type of renovation and it can be really disruptive,” Smoller said. “With this situation, I think they have done a first-class job. I’m very pleased to be teaching in Kennedy.”

The process of relocating Smith Hall classes to Hashinger has been relatively smooth, said Annette Casas, associate registrar. But the temporary nature of the classrooms has brought up a few issues.

“It was a little difficult scheduling classes, and this week, I’m getting a lot of classroom change requests because the rooms (in Hashinger) might not be big enough to accommodate the (whole) class,” Casas said.

“One of the rooms in Hashinger has some technology issues, so (Murphy) is working on getting those issues resolved.”

Some of the classrooms in Hashinger are using old furniture, projectors and technology that were once used in Smith Hall because the university “didn’t want to put a lot of money” into the temporary classrooms, Murphy said.

“Maybe not all the rooms (in Hashinger) are what was expected, but I’m asking everyone – both students and teachers – for patience around this one year while we are dealing with this,” he said.

The new up-to-code Smith Hall will include a full Americans With Disabilities Act upgrade with an elevator. All nine classrooms will be fully renovated, some fitted with new dual screens and monitors.

Aside from the technology up-

grades, Smith Hall’s new classrooms will also have easily movable furniture meant to help students work in groups. New monitors will also allow professors and students to project information onto multiple screens at once.

“There is a big movement in academia towards classrooms that are flexible ... We will have classrooms that enable learning mediated by technology,” Murphy said. “There are going to be three rooms where there is pretty significant technology added.”

Kris Olsen, the vice president of campus planning and operations, said because Smith Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places, the renovation must follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for preserving a historic building.

# Police end Silent Disco after noise complaint

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On Aug. 22, during Chapman's Orientation Week, about 150 students took to the basketball courts near the residence halls to participate in the Silent Disco, an event for incoming freshmen, which ended up not being so silent when students began singing loudly to Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

The Orange Police Department and Public Safety arrived at the event to end it after an unidentified resident made a noise complaint between 11 and 11:30 p.m., Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba wrote in an email to The Panther. Orange's noise ordinance prohibits sound over a certain level past 10 p.m. No citations were issued when police arrived.

"Students get excited and people were singing along (to the Silent Disco music)," said Dave Sundby, the director of Residence Life and First Year experience. "Even though there was good energy ... it was past (the time of) the noise ordinance. The staff should have asked people to be more quiet and recognize we were in an outdoor space in earshot of neighbors."

Silent Disco is an event where students receive wireless headphones from a DJ who plays a few different genres of music at the same time. Students can switch back and forth between genres by using a dial on the headphones, indicated by a color change on the border of the headphones.

An Orange resident also walked to the dorms to talk to Residence Life and First Year Experience staff, which organized the event, when the Orange Police Department showed up, Sundby said. Burba would not disclose the resident's name.

Michael Wahlstei, a resident who lives on Center Street, doesn't mind living right next to campus where there can be night activity.

"I've always lived in college towns, so it's not something unusual for me,"



Photo courtesy of Maria Harfouche

About 150 freshmen students danced and sang at the Silent Disco in the dorm basketball courts before Public Safety and the police arrived Aug. 22.

he said.

Promise Johnson, a freshman broadcast journalism and documentary major who attended the event, saw police cars pull up and said officers told students to lower their voices.

In the next five to 10 minutes after officers arrived, the outdoor event was shut down, Johnson said, leaving students to take part in other nighttime activities offered – like playing billiards, painting or watching a cappella groups perform in the Randall Dining Commons.

"I guess at some point we were being too loud, since we all had headphones and were singing," Johnson said. "The police told us they were shutting it down ... and we all just had to end up leaving."

When the police officers arrived, the Orientation Leaders – who help monitor the event – took charge of the situation responsibly, Johnson said.

"I think the Orientation Leaders handled things really well," Johnson

said. "I can tell they were doing their best ... when they shut it down, but it was all done respectfully."

Based on the feedback from last year's Silent Disco event, Residence Life ordered more headphones this year to draw more students, Sundby said.

"There were a lot (of students) on the basketball court," Johnson said. "There were probably like 100 people. I know people were coming in and out."

While Johnson returned to the dorms to participate in other activities provided by Residence Life and First Year Experience, she said that some students went off campus to attend fraternity parties.

One of the purposes of these campus events, which are part of Chapman After Dark, is to provide the freshmen with a way to socialize in a safely and on campus, Sundby said.

(The goal is) to hang out and make good, healthy, substance-free choices on campus during orientation," he said. "We plan all these orientation

events so students can connect with each other, be social and feel part of Chapman ... (while) providing safe and healthy alternative options (to off-campus parties)."

This is the second year Residence Life and First Year Experience has offered freshmen a silent disco event, and it's likely that if it's held again, it will be moved to another location so that Chapman's neighbors aren't disturbed.

"I'm excited that students are engaging in these activities we're putting on that we want for them to be a part of and have fun," Sundby said. "We need to find a way to continue to provide these opportunities without having the same impact on the community."

Sundby said there's a possibility of moving the Silent Disco to the flat-bottomed floor of the Jim Miller Parking Structure or the Lastinger Parking Structure. The Panther reached out to the police for a statement on the event, but had not received a response by press time.

## Counseling center offers additional services

Carolina Valencia | Staff Writer

After a bolstering of Chapman's Student Psychological Counseling Services following a 90-person waitlist in fall 2017, the center is offering new services, including a 24-hour hotline and an app called "Therapy Assistant Online," both of which are to help students outside of the traditional face-to-face counseling sessions. The center is also in the process of hiring a case manager.

Many students on the waitlist last fall never received treatment, said Jeanne Walker, director of Student Psychological Counseling Services.

"It was very frustrating for students and (the staff) because we know it is a risk to (keep students on the waitlist)," Walker said. "We were overwhelmed and not happy with the result."

The changes came after Mitchell Rosenberg, student government president, proposed improvements to Chapman's campus mental health services. Therapy Assistant Online was one of those improvements.

Through the app, Chapman counselors can suggest therapeutic activities like psychological exercises or assignments for a student to complete throughout the week. A Chapman counselor will monitor students' progress on the app, until the next in-person counseling session.

Walker said the app aims to reduce



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The new nontraditional therapy services offered by the counseling center aim to offer additional assistance to students and reduce the amount of people on the counseling waitlist.

students' dependence on face-to-face counseling, which would help cut down on the amount of students on the waitlist.

"The philosophy changed from 'We want to be able to help everybody for everything,' to 'We want to be able to bring in the students and identify what they need,' Walker said. "We can get them where they need to be and help them find other resources and

work with them in a different way."

The case manager is the first person a student seeking help would interact with. They would help direct the student to counseling, academic advising or another university department.

An additional staff member for Residence Life and First Year Experience will also be hired to help freshmen, who Walker said tend to be the ones in need of more help during

their transition into college.

The interviews for the case manager position were recently completed, wrote Dean of Students Jerry Price in an email to The Panther. The position is expected to be filled in the next few weeks. Chapman is still in the process of hiring an off-campus residence hall staff member, Rosenberg said.

"I am very confident moving forward to really help students get the help they need and make sure they can finish in four or five years here in a way that is successful and healthy for them," Rosenberg said.

The 24-hour hotline is available for student, faculty and even parental use.

The counseling center works with students on a limited number of sessions to meet students' demand and prevent the waitlist from building up. Even with the additional services being offered this year, some students prefer traditional face-to-face counseling.

"I think the crisis hotline is a really great addition, but as to the app, I feel like it defeats the purpose of counseling and therapy, which is about having a personal connection away from the noise of everyday life," said Giovanna Zavala, a junior screenwriting major who was stuck on the counseling center waitlist last year. "(The app) feels kind of like a gimmick more than a real solution to lack of funds and resources."

# Some residents have “zero tolerance” for partying students



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Nine residents sat around a table Aug. 30 in the backyard of Orange resident Steve Lichten, who lives on North Waverly Street, to discuss their experiences living next to houses that Chapman students rent. From left to right: Steve Lichten, Chris Gray, Debbie Gray and Geoff Burgueno.

*Orange residents describe students' “epic” Halloween parties, fence jumping and public urination and defecation.*

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It's 4 a.m. Orange resident Frank Grijalva, who lives half a mile from Chapman, has been up for an hour – but his neighbors are just going to sleep.

As he gets ready for work, he can hear them moving around in the house to his left. Despite having renovated his home years ago to dull the noise, he can still hear the sound of empty alcohol bottles clinking, doors opening and closing and the voices of college students making their way home from a party the night before.

“Permanent residents have no idea who lives next to us,” he said, gesturing to his front lawn, which he said is sporadically littered with beer cans, energy drink labels, condoms, and cigarette butts. “We walk outside, and we don't know what we're going to find.”

Chapman President Daniele Struppa predicted that the construction of Chapman Grand and Villa Park Orchards Residence Hall will allow 60 percent of undergraduate students to live in university housing, but going by the fall 2017 enrollment headcount, that still leaves at least 2,800 students living off campus. Chapman University had an undergraduate population of 7,020 in fall 2017, but information for fall 2018 is not yet available on the Chapman website.

Many undergraduate students live in neighborhoods surrounding Chapman, and the relationship between these students and longtime residents hasn't always gone smoothly.

From 2015 to 2017, Chapman-related noise complaint calls to the Orange Police Department have close to doubled, according to data from the Orange Police Department, and 2016 amendments to Chapman's noise ordinance – commonly known as the “party ordinance” – made it so party hosts and attendees in a “loud and unruly gathering” could be issued a misdemeanor citation or fined.

Some Orange residents, like the nine neighbors The Panther spoke with on North Waverly Street, say they are fed up



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Chapman students Lagi Pakola, an undeclared sophomore, and Alison Freeman, a sophomore business administration major, baked homemade cookies for their neighbors after moving in, but have yet to give them out.

with living so close to students and their ever-rotating crowds of party guests.

“Nobody moved here to have this happen,” said Orange County native Kristen Matsumoto.

The neighbors of North Waverly Street, some of whom have lived in the same home for more than 20 years, said they anticipate at least one loud party a month.

In particular, some talked about an “epic” Halloween party three years ago, where one of the estimated 250 guests was “crapping all up and down the sidewalk” while “completely drunk and wearing an Indian outfit,” said resident Steve Lichten. Because of bad experiences with parties, Lichten said it's now commonplace for him to submit a complaint to the police or the city before talking with the students face-to-face.

Resident Yolanda Alvarez said a few of these partygoers have jumped over her fence and onto her property. One night, her daughter awoke to two girls urinating against their house, she said.

Lichten, her neighbor, said he is also tired of students trespassing.

“This is Orange County. Most of us are armed,” he said. “If someone jumps into my yard, there's probably a better chance they're going to get shot because I don't

know what's going on. You don't jump into somebody else's yard.”

Each of the residents The Panther spoke to on Waverly Street said they

“This is Orange County. Most of us are armed. If someone jumps into my yard, there's probably a better chance they're going to get shot because I don't know what's going on.”

-Steve Lichten, resident

had called the cops on students multiple times.

“I like to be known as the street where we have zero tolerance for this,” said Iraida Oliva, who lives in Orange with her husband, Danny, and their three children.

But the student residents of Waverly Street believe their new neighbors need to reevaluate their outlook on college kids.

Sophie Gandesbery, a sophomore health sciences major, said she felt her new neighbors were immediately hostile to her and her roommates simply because they are Chapman students. Their neighbors complained about limited street parking spaces and trash cans that were left out overnight before even welcoming them to the neighborhood, she said.

“We're adults, we deserve an open mind,” Gandesbery said. “We're open to being constructive.”

Lichten admitted that sometimes, Chapman students are treated as “guilty by association.” Still, the neighbors of Waverly Street say they have a hard time trusting any collegiate newcomers based on their negative experiences.

Another group of seven Chapman students – all members of a fraternity – lives across the street from Lichten. One of the housemates, junior business administration major Michael Rice, said he understands why permanent residents are wary.

“We came in with a bad rep already,” he said. “I understand, we get it. There were people living here for four years (before us) and (the residents) are super over it, but that doesn't mean we are being disrespectful.”

Jack Raubolt, vice president of Community Relations at Chapman, wrote in an email to The Panther that an “increase in familiarity and communication” between students and other locals could help ease tensions.

Some students and residents agreed that mutual respect is the key to coexisting in a historic neighborhood next to a growing college campus. Others, like Rice's roommate Ricky Hofert, a junior business administration major, believe the issue may not have a solution.

“We're trying our best to coexist, but we're college students with no kids,” Hofert said. “We are trying to learn how to live on our own.”

# Old Towne Urth Caffe to open in December

Hayley Nelson | Staff Writer

Shallom and Jilla Berkman, co-founders of Urth Caffe, first decided to open a new location of the California chain in Old Towne Orange four years ago. They purchased a historic building in the circle that was built in 1888, but have run into a series of complications throughout the years, Shallom Berkman said.

"The second floor was condemned, and there were serious foundation issues ... last week, we finally had electricity for the first time," Shallom Berkman said.

Despite these obstacles, the Berkman's knew they wanted to stick with the project. After finding an old photo of the building through the city's historic department, they decided to restore the building to its original look. There have been a few reconstructions, but at least 50 percent of the building's features were original details discovered during the construction process, Shallom Berkman said.

They originally planned to open in the beginning of this summer, but due to extended construction complications, they're now planning on opening the Orange location in early December, Shallom Berkman said.

Arianna Jones, junior health sciences major, was hired at Urth Caffe and expected to work at the Orange location. However, because of the delayed opening, she began working 22



MELISSA ZHUANG Staff Photographer

The new Orange location of Urth Caffe, at 100 W. Chapman Ave., was set to open at the beginning of this summer. It now plans on opening in early December.

miles away at the cafe's Laguna Beach location.

"People beforehand had just concreted over things, instead of going through the city," Jones said. "(The Berkman's) took the time to legally do

it, which is why it's taken so long ... I don't mind. They really, really care about their employees."

Although Jones has to drive for 30-60 minutes to get to Laguna, she says she still enjoys her job. She was

worried that working there would make the food and drinks lose their appeal, but even after six months, she still loves the fresh baked goods and drinks, she said.

"(Shallom and Jilla Berkman) travel everywhere to make sure the products that they're using come from the right places," Jones said. "They're very passionate about their jobs."

Mac Miller, sophomore vocal performance major, has been looking forward to finally trying Urth Caffe's vegan options in Orange, she said.

"I'm personally thrilled. A vegan-y, hippie, coffee and tea shop within walking distance from campus, where I can go study and have a good beverage. It's perfect," Miller said.

The Berkman's are interested in reaching out to Chapman student organizations and potentially hosting future Chapman events at the new location, Shallom Berkman said. Jilla Berkman insisted four years ago that she only wanted to open up a new location in Orange if they could buy a building in the circle, Shallom Berkman said.

The location also plans to offer a Chapman discount, free WiFi and lots of studying space for Chapman students, Shallom Berkman said.

"It took time and expense, but I'm very proud of it, and I love the community," Shallom Berkman said. "I think this is going to be the most beautiful Urth Caffe we've ever opened."

# Succulent tending is trending on campus

Zach Davis | Staff Writer

Walk into a dorm room at any college and there's a good chance you will spot a succulent on the windowsill. Scroll through Instagram or Pinterest and you're almost guaranteed to find one featured in someone's newest post. Nurseries carry them, florists use them on corsages and there's even a variety for sale in Old Towne Orange. Succulents are no longer just small desert plants – they're an accessory, a statement and even for some college students, a lifestyle.

Succulents in particular have grown in popularity in recent years. Searches for the plants on Pinterest have risen over 97 percent in the last year alone, according to popular digital media company Refinery29. In comparison, searches for pets has remained stagnant.

"Succulents are a huge comfort to have when you're making a home away from home," said Ricky King, sophomore broadcast journalism and documentary major, who has been caring for the plants for several years

King also profits from succulents' rise in popularity. She sells the plants out of her house and runs the Instagram account @plantlife\_cu, ad-

vertising "dorm-friendly, affordable greenery" to all Chapman students.

She plans to keep the account growing this year, since she now lives off campus with more space to care for and propagate the plants. She also sells cacti and is beginning to sell air plants.

"If anyone just moving in to a new place wants to make it feel more like home, I'd definitely recommend getting plants," King said.

Succulents are popular among college kids because they don't require a lot of attention or care, said Anne Huber, an employee of Dragonfly Shops and Gardens, a business in the Orange Plaza.

"They don't require the care of perennials or annuals, so that's why people are attracted to them now. They're drought tolerant," she said. "Succulents don't need intensive care, but they do need some. I water mine once a week (during the summer) with drainage, but come winter, every third week or so."

Dragonfly Shops and Gardens, which is located less than a half a mile from campus, gets a lot of Chapman student traffic, Huber said. The shop saw an increase in student customers after they began putting succulents on the sidewalk outside the store last year, she said.



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Dragonfly Shops and Gardens, less than half a mile from campus, sells various succulents and plants.

Kamaile Patton, sophomore peace studies major, said she is attracted to the low maintenance plants' care, and said she only waters her succulents once a week and said that all they truly need is access to a lot of

sunlight.

"It's nice because I can go home for the holidays and not have to worry about my plants dying while I'm gone," Patton said.

## How to care for your succulent:



Water your plant once a week during the summer and every three weeks in the winter.



Dry soil is okay.



Don't overwater your succulents.



Succulents don't need a lot of light.

# Dude, where's my bike?

*Thirty-two bicycles found on campus were impounded by Public Safety and donated to the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition this summer.*

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Bicycles are often a way to navigate across campus for those who prefer not to walk, do not have the luxury of a car or the balance to ride a skateboard. When students first come to campus, Public Safety requires them to register their bikes for free, because it's the easiest way for them to locate misplaced, lost, impounded or stolen bikes, said Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety.

About 45-55 bikes are impounded each year, but usually only 10-20 percent are claimed, Burba said.

Public Safety donates all bikes that are unclaimed for more than 90 days. This year, 32 bikes were donated to the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition this summer. Public Safety makes an effort to contact the owner before bikes are donated, Burba said.

"I like to say it was stolen by Public Safety," Austin Ferguson, senior kinesiology major whose bike was impounded by Public Safety twice, he said.

"The first time my bike was 'improperly locked,' so Public Safety cut the lock and took the bike, hence why I say they stole it. The second time I left it on campus after the semester ended," Ferguson said.

The first time Ferguson's bike was

impounded, Public Safety called him the same week to tell him. The second time, Ferguson said, Public Safety didn't notify him, and it took about two months for him to realize that his bike was gone.

Bikes can be impounded for being unlicensed or unregistered, blocking Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access or being parked in a place that poses a danger to others, Burba said. Sometimes, they are taken for safekeeping if they are unlocked and an easy target for theft, Burba said.

Impounded bikes are kept in a storage area in the Lastinger Parking Structure.

"Sometimes (Public Safety) will find a seat, a kickstand or gears that were taken off the bikes at some point and we store them here too," Public Safety Sergeant Michael Kelly said.

When Public Safety impounds a bike, they sometimes have to break its lock, but they sell the newest model of U-locks for \$20 so bike owners can purchase a new lock when they come to pick up their bike, Burba said.

Ferguson's bike locks were cut both times, forcing him to buy new ones, he said. While his bike wasn't damaged the first time it was impounded, the second time, his



KALI HOFFMAN **Managing Editor**

Bikes that are impounded are placed in a storage area in Lastinger Parking Structure.

light mount had been removed, he said.

At the end of the school year, notices are sent or placed on the racks telling students that they need to take the bikes home or find storage if they are leaving for the summer, Burba said.

"The students are sent an email from the Resident Life and First

Year Experience staff stating that the students need to remove their bicycles from campus during the summer, Burba said.

"They are also given information that Orange Cycle will store their bicycle over the summer for \$10 a month in case they can't bring their bicycle back home with them," he said.

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## OC belongs to everyone



Gracie Fleischman  
Opinions Editor

Christina Ignatius, a Chapman Fowler School of Law alumna, lawyer and law tutor, recently posted a racist rant on Facebook. She describes herself on her Facebook page as the nation's "most requested" law tutor and boasts

that she's helped students get top scores and has handled million-dollar lawsuits.

But, Ignatius wasn't smart enough to realize that posting an anti-Asian tirade on social media wasn't such a great idea. Apparently, the wildly successful film "Crazy Rich Asians," which uses the lavish lifestyle of the Singaporean upper class as a backdrop for a love story, sparked her Facebook outburst. Her post has since been taken down.

The law tutor claims that Asians have taken over Orange County, by "flooding" in and "taking over our mall at South Coast Plaza," according to the Orange County Register. In the post, lists harmful and racist stereotypes about Asians, including insulting their driving ability, using phrases like "rice rockets" and "tiger moms", according to Yahoo Finance and even mocking their accents.

This kind of hate speech should never be tolerated, no matter your status or education level. Ignatius' embarrassing display proves that white people can always find a way to be racist.

From one white woman to another, I want Ignatius to understand that her whiteness is not indicative of her superiority. It doesn't matter how far you rise in the professional world, you can still sink to the level of making fun of the very people that she clearly envies.

She describes Asians in Orange County as being wealthy, buying all the expensive labels she wants, driving Mercedes and speedsters that she is obviously jealous of. In reality, she's just repeating the tried and true "model minority myth", which many white people use to hide their prejudiced views behind a complimentary veil.

Originating in the 1960s, the myth of a model minority perpetuates the stereotype that Asians are the "best" of all the minorities because of their success in America. No matter their accomplishments, assuming that a large group of people from many different countries and continents are all the same is wrong.

What makes Ignatius' remarks even more ridiculous is the fact that she is glossing over the benefits of Asians immigrating to Orange County. A January report by the Orange County chapter of Asian-Americans Advancing Justice shows that in 2012 alone, Asian-American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander businesses generated almost \$26 billion in revenue and more than 100,000 jobs in Orange County.

Assuming that all Asians are wealthy is also incorrect. In fact, nearly 20 percent of Thai-Americans, 16 percent of Vietnamese-Americans and 15 percent of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders (NHPI) are at or above the poverty line in Orange County. Some groups, like NHPI, have an unemployment rate of almost 13 percent.

Ignatius refers simply and broadly to "Asians" in her online rant, but who exactly are the people to which she is referring? Out of the 3 million residents of Orange County, nearly 600,000 identify as Asian American and more than 19,000 identify as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander. Vietnamese-Americans and Korean-Americans are the first- and second-largest ethnic subgroups among Asians in Orange County. We also have the third-largest Asian-American and NHPI populations in the nation.

Treating different Asian groups as one makes it difficult to acknowledge all the success they bring to Orange County, while also making it harder to pay attention to those who are struggling with unemployment and poverty.

So Christina Ignatius, be thankful. Without the contributions the Asian community has brought to Orange County, you wouldn't have a high-end mall like South Coast Plaza to shop in – it wasn't your mall to begin with.

## EDITORIAL



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## Why can't we be friends?

The Panther Editorial Board

In 1954, then-Chapman College moved from Los Angeles to charming, idyllic Orange. Sixty-four years, thousands of additional students and several new buildings later, the university and Orange residents are deadlocked in a continued conflict over land, parties and what constitutes as neighborly behavior.

As recently as Aug. 22, a resident called the police to complain about an Orientation Week event for freshmen after hearing students belting out Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" well past Orange's noise curfew of 10 p.m.

It's easy to vilify that neighbor for shutting down a campus event intended for freshmen who just arrived at Chapman. But The Panther interviewed several residents this week who recounted experiences with Chapman students far worse than loud '80s music.

Those residents described lawns littered with alcohol bottles, condoms and cigarette butts, students urinating against walls and an infamous 2015 Halloween party where one student was "crapping all up and down the sidewalk" while "completely drunk and wearing an Indian outfit," according to one neighbor.

Based on data from the Orange Police Department, Chapman-related noise complaints almost doubled from 2015 to 2017. Orange's noise ordinance, known more commonly as the "party ordinance," was amended in 2016 so that party hosts and people who attend a "loud and unruly gathering" could be issued a misdemeanor citation or fined.

But Orange residents haven't been the best of neighbors, either. At a 2016 city council meeting, neighbors wore anti-Chapman shirts and described female students as wearing FMPs (expletive me pumps). Just this week, The Panther interviewed Orange resident Steve Lichten, who said that if someone trespasses on his property, there's a "chance they're going to get shot."

There's wrongdoing on both sides, but peacefully co-existing in a cramped town like Orange isn't a choice,

it's a necessity. It is just as unacceptable for neighbors to antagonize Chapman students as it is to urinate or defecate on someone's property, but neither issue will be solved without both parties making an effort.

Being a good neighbor goes both ways. It's hard to expect students to approach their neighbors and be communicative if students feel as if they're already unwelcome, like sophomore health sciences major Sophie Gandesbery, who felt her new off-campus neighbors were immediately hostile to her and her roommates just because they attend Chapman.

It's important to understand that this is the first time living away from home, without the guidance of a parent for many students. Mistakes like accidentally leaving trash cans out overnight, like Gandesbury described, are bound to happen, but they are not an excuse for hostility or premature judgement.

And instead of throwing frequent wild and raucous parties, students should discuss with their neighbors the best day to have friends over and set a firm and reasonable curfew.

Being aware of residents with young children is also a basic common courtesy – it's not too much for your neighbors to ask that you be quiet so their children can sleep. If you know you are living next to a family, you may have to resign yourself to the notion that loud parties may not be in your future – houses of friends who live next to other students might be a better setting for ragers.

Communication and face-to-face conversation may seem like oversimplified solutions, but they are the only way to determine whether residents and students will be friends or enemies. Despite the fact that college is often portrayed as a time to party and let loose, the reality is that most of us are adults, so it's time for both students and residents to act like it.

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## My first week as a bisexual at Chapman



Maria Neis,  
freshman Spanish major

After I committed to Chapman in May, I joined a Facebook page for incoming students. I wrote the standard introduction post: where I'm from, what my major is and what my interests are. Still, I wanted to get to know people in the LGBTQ community.

I saw posts where people made group chats based on things they had in common, like their majors or what

state they were from – but I couldn't find a group where I felt like I fit.

It can be difficult to find friends as a freshman. I knew I couldn't find my own group by being stagnant – so I had to become a leader and create my own, and I'm so glad that I did. I made a post asking my fellow LGBTQ students to contact me if they wanted to be part of a group chat, and about 20

students responded.

We talked all summer long. We confided in each other about our pasts and our hopes for the future. For some of us, it was our first time talking to a large group of queer people. It was a huge comfort to know that I wouldn't be alone at Chapman.

“**Some people in the group chat told me that they were wary of posting their sexual orientation on a public forum due to their past experiences.**”

I even planned a video chat in which many of us took part. Seeing the faces and hearing the voices of people in the same situation eased my stress and soothed my fears about starting a new chapter in my life.

As an Orange County native, I've never been worried about homophobia. I have never had a problem telling people that I am bisexual, despite how conservative much of the area is. But some of the people in the group chat told me that they were wary of posting their sexual orientation on a public forum due to their past experiences.

Together, we have built a community where we do not need to be scared, and where we can be ourselves, free from public judgment. It is our hope that this positive attitude will grow within the next four years.

I've already made fast friends with many of the queer people in the group chat since arriving at Chapman. We've shared meals, sat next to each other in classes and spent late nights talking. Because of this group chat, Chapman already feels like a second home to me. I was scared that I wouldn't be able to connect with anyone, but I feel so close to these people because of our shared queer experiences.

I've only been at Chapman for a few days, but already, I am so happy that I chose this school. There are so many ways for me to become involved in the LGBTQ community, with clubs and resources like the Queer-Student Alliance, the LGBTQ minor and a Chapman-sponsored web page dedicated to LGBTQ students. I realize that I haven't been here long, but I'm ready to grow this accepting community, and I can't wait to see what Chapman has in store for me.

## Political profiteering is undermining higher education



Daniel Espiritu,  
junior political science major

A profiteer is a person that garners a profit by exploiting a bad or unusual situation.

We often reserve this term for people who profit off of the scarcity of necessary goods during famine or wartime.

Similarly, a political profiteer is someone who profits from exploiting a bad or unusual political situation.

Since the election of President Donald Trump in November 2016, racial and political tensions have risen. The FBI noted an increase in hate crimes in 2016 compared to those reported in 2015.

These tensions, among other things, may have provided the opportunity for conservative-leaning misinformation to become a lucrative industry, which has resulted in a number of individuals and organizations that seek to profit.

Alex Jones is a prime example of a political profiteer. He has made a living as a radio show host for Infowars, a conservative news media company, and came under scrutiny after the parents of a six-year-old child who was killed during the 2013 Sandy Hook Elementary

School shooting filed a defamation lawsuit against him. The parents reported death threats and online harassment after Jones began circulating conspiracy theories claiming that certain school shootings were an elaborate hoax.

Political profiteering can also take shape on social media. Conservative 101 is a right-wing clickbait-style site that publishes articles with inflated claims and little substance. The articles are then circulated by Facebook pages like Conservative Hub, which has more than 1.2 million “likes”.

Here's an example. Conservative 101 published an article Aug. 27 with the headline, “Comey could face up to five years for what he was just caught doing.” This article is based on information in this article published by the online magazine The Federalist. The article provides no source for the information included in the article.

By training readers to jump to conclusions, it becomes easy for them to dismiss the arguments of the opposition because they aren't in line with those of the organizations they follow in the media, or on outlets like Facebook and Twitter.

Organizations like these Facebook pages are an example of political profiteers who are spreading misinformation that negatively affects the academic discussion about politics. Some profiteers, like Turning Point USA, go as far as to challenge not only the credibility of academics, but of higher education in general.

Turning Point USA does this by sharing a number of memes on its Facebook page, one of which urges young people to avoid attending a university because certification from a trade school is more valuable and less expensive. The dollar amounts in the meme are not at-

tributed to any specific schools or credible statistics.

Turning Point USA has also compiled a blacklist of professors with which they disagree as part of a project called the Professor Watchlist. The project's aim is to “expose and document college professors who discriminate against conservative students and advance leftist propaganda in the classroom,” according to its website.

After taking a look at some of the entries, I've noticed that a majority of the professors on the list merely have opinions that Turning Point USA disagrees with (such as one professor thinking her university's slogan is sexist).

It's odd that the same organization associated with college students dressing up as crying babies to protest the existence of safe spaces in Feb. 2018, has now compiled a list of professors they disagree with and cried “discrimination.” To make matters worse, providing evidence is optional when nominating a professor for the list, and some professors have received death threats as a result of being named, according to CNN.

It's imperative for us, as members of an academic community, to identify the issues caused by political profiteering and inform our fellow students about its harmful effects. These profiteers are crowding political discourse with false information and discrediting academics without evidence. I'm not suggesting that anyone should attempt to silence these profiteers – because that would be a violation of their freedom of speech and expression – but I encourage people to look out for the signs of political profiteering, choose your media sources carefully and discuss this topic with your fellow students.

## Yemeni coffee: Taste the price of history



Muhammad Karkoutli,  
junior economics and political science major

Would you pay \$16 for a cup of coffee?

For some, the mention of coffee conjures up troubled stomachs, caffeine jitters, and too much creamer. But those side effects are for those who frequent chains like Starbucks.

I bought this \$16 dollar coffee because it's no ordinary coffee. It's from a region where the concept and culture of coffee emerged. It's from Yemen, a country

located in the southern end of the Arabian Peninsula, overlooking the Red and Arabian Seas.

Coffee was first roasted, brewed and consumed by Sufi monks in Yemen. They discovered that the drink enabled them to pray throughout the night and soon, coffee houses multiplied throughout the Islamic world.

Coffee was met with opposition once it arrived in Europe – it was even labeled it “the bitter invention of Satan.” But after Pope Clement VIII tried the drink and gave his approval, a wild expansion in coffee consump-

tion ensued. Beans were smuggled, planted, and traded across the globe spanning South East Asia, South America and Africa. The drink has spawned several industries: farmers, exporters, importers, roasters and cafes. And it all began in Yemen.

Sixty percent of the world's coffee production is coffea Arabica, a coffee plant that first grew in the mountains of Yemen. (Some coffee purists often debate coffee's true origin: Ethiopia or Yemen.) While the coffee trade did begin in Yemen, modern coffee export statistics don't reveal this fact. The top coffee exporters are Brazil, Colombia, and Vietnam, according to the Observatory of Economic Complexity. The top coffee exporters in the world do not include Yemen, even though it is the birthplace of the trade.

That's partially because Yemen is currently mired in a civil war – and civil war is not conducive to thriving trade. But that isn't the only issue. Yemeni coffee's quality has been largely inconsistent due to a combination of factors, including inadequate technology, outdated agricultural methods, civil war and lack of economic development. Above all, war-torn Yemen is in the midst of the United Nations dubbed the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

But recently, Mokhtar Alkhanshali, a young Yemeni-American, set off on a journey to revitalize the Yemeni coffee trade. Alkhanshali traveled to over 30 different coffee regions, introduced improved agricultural methods and rekindled the Yemeni coffee trade as the civil war broke out. He was able to import and improve the quality of Yemeni coffee, with one of his varieties

receiving a 97 out of 100, the highest-ever rating from Coffee Review magazine. That's the coffee available for \$16 a cup at Blue Bottle Coffee, a California roaster.

That price tag is what piqued my interest. Why the price, was it any good, and where could I get some? After some research, I ordered a package of ground coffee. When it arrived, I ripped open one of the packets, spilling some in the process, and took a deep whiff. The coffee smelled like sweet berries or possibly, as the bag noted, tamarind, apricot and wine.

I dumped the packet into my well-used glass pour-over. After a few minutes and several bouts of carefully pouring increments of hot water over the ground coffee, it was ready. The coffee is light and complex, similar to a tea, with a caramel aftertaste that eliminates the need for additives like sugar or milk.

But perhaps more interesting than the coffee's flavor is its story. Each tree that grew the coffee beans was properly cared for. Each bean was hand-picked, dried, processed, packaged, shipped and roasted. Ordering a cup of coffee isn't as simple as you might think – behind your coffee order is an ecosystem in constant flux.

So should you dish out more than is normal for a cup of coffee? If it's Yemeni coffee, the answer is yes. It's a steep price, but with each sip, you're tasting the coffee history that emerged from Yemen. It's only right to pay back a long overdue debt to the region that gave us coffee. If that's not enough of an incentive, the coffee tastes great. Don't take my word for it, try it yourself.

# Football wins first game of the season

Joseph Bulman | Staff Writer

Chapman's football team ended its first game of the semester with a 36-6 win over Pacific University Sept. 1, starting their season off at 1-0.

"We expected to (win)... We felt like this was our time," head coach Bob Owens said.

The game was scoreless with just under two minutes left in the first quarter, when the Panthers almost put themselves on the board with a last-minute touchdown, but two flags were called and the touchdown was waived. The momentary burst of excitement, however, seemed to provide a boost to the team's morale.

Despite being completely covered, junior wide receiver Trevor Vill caught a touchdown pass that ended the first quarter, and Chapman kept the energy going, finishing 21-0 at halftime.

**“That mental connection, that friendship ... it's going to pay off.”**

**- Ian Fieber, senior quarterback**

Senior quarterback Ian Fieber credits his offensive success to the team's dynamic. Saturday's game was Fieber's first for Chapman, but he said he was lucky to have spent this summer building camaraderie with his fellow Panthers, particularly with Vill, who connected on two of



MAX WEIRAUCH Staff Photographer

The Panthers won their first home game Sept. 1 by 30 points, with senior quarterback Ian Fieber completing 21 out of 29 passes against Pacific University. Chapman takes on Whitworth University Sept. 15 for their next game.

Fieber's five touchdown passes.

"When I'm comfortable I'm going to go out and produce," Fieber said. "That mental connection, that friendship... it's going to pay off."

Pacific made effort towards a comeback with eight minutes left

in the third quarter, but Chapman quickly answered with another touchdown.

Senior wide receiver Dominic Vaccher also finished with two touchdowns, and senior tight end Jacob Chobanian ended the game

with the team's fifth. Freshman wide receiver Spencer Corona completed four of the team's five field goal kicks.

Chapman has its next game Sept. 15 at Whitworth University. The homecoming game is set for Oct. 13 against Occidental.

## Women's soccer falls to Knox College 2-0

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor

After a physical nonconference game against the Knox College Prairie Fire, the Chapman women's soccer team lost 2-0 in the home opener Aug. 31.

Chapman opened the game with a shot on goal in the first minute, but Knox returned the favor, scoring the first goal of the game from the 15-yard line in the 34th minute.

Knox College dominated the majority of the first half, with one shot on goal.

**“We're a very young team, and I think everyone was really excited.”**

**-Elly Aronson, junior forward**

Less than 30 seconds later, Chapman made an offensive push, with sophomore forward Emmie Farber passing a sharp cross to junior forward Bailee Cochran. Chapman had four shots in the first half, but no goals.

Knox performed more vigorously



GABRIELLA ANDERSON Staff Photographer

Freshman defender Rory Biles weaves through Knox senior midfielder Corina Levya, left, and Knox senior forward Yvette Rodriguez, right, during Chapman's first home game Aug. 31. Knox defeated the Panthers 2-0.

than Chapman, which the Panthers did not anticipate, Farber said.

"This team, they were really, really aggressive," Farber said. "They were probably a good amount stronger than we were. We're kind of a small team so, again, we didn't really know what to expect from them."

Head coach Courtney Calderon said the team found success in their

multiple chances at scoring, but needs to improve the final execution of their shots for future games.

"We had multiple chances, now we just need to finish," Calderon said.

Despite beginning the game with a lot of nerves, the team was able to meet some of the expectations they set for themselves prior to the game, said junior forward Elly Aronson.

"We're a very young team, and I think everyone was really excited, but also really nervous," Aronson said.

"Our expectation is to really go out, focus on what we've been doing in practice and execute. I think we did a lot of good things tonight."

Chapman women's soccer takes on Whittier College at 7 p.m. September 5.

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# Spriggs finds family in football during leukemia recovery

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor

Hunter Spriggs, Chapman football offensive lineman, has been battling opponents on the field since seventh grade, but after being diagnosed with leukemia for the second time late May 2018, Spriggs prepared to tackle a much tougher opponent.

“This, I knew was going to be slightly life-altering, so I prepared myself for that,” Spriggs, who is a senior, said. “I just got myself mentally ready for the hardest battle I was ever going to face.”

Spriggs was first diagnosed with leukemia in July 2017, and initially was treated with oral chemotherapy. After his second diagnosis in May, Spriggs underwent a bone marrow transplant Aug. 30, replacing his own bone marrow with his brother's stem cells.

Kevin Ashton, the football team's strength and conditioning and defensive line coach, said Spriggs is still a crucial component of the Chapman football family and a role model for the freshman players, even while he is recovering.

“The freshmen realize this is part of the family they've come in to. This is about them hearing about Hunter and all the things he's done for this program,” Ashton said.

“ **I just got myself mentally ready for the hardest battle I was ever going to face.** ”

- Hunter Spriggs,  
senior offensive lineman

Alec Kohn, senior offensive lineman, said he met Spriggs during move-in day their freshman year. Spriggs was the only one who offered to help while Kohn and his parents were struggling to lug furniture across campus, he said. Since then, Kohn said Spriggs has selflessly uplifted his friends and teammates in every situation.

“He came down (from El Dorado Hills, California) and brought me a birthday present and left it for me in the basement while he's going through cancer,” Kohn said. “I never told him it was my birthday. I didn't bring it up, and he thinks of me.”

Both Spriggs' teammates and other members of Chapman stepped forward for him after his diagnosis, he said, and he has found a family in the Chapman football team.

“I've never been closer with people before in my life,” Spriggs said. “The coaches are like second fathers, mentors, to me, and I've never had people have my back so effectively as this group of people have.”

Head coach Bob Owens said the team plans to send videos and cards with their favorite memories of Spriggs to show their support. The team wants him to be reminded every day that they are thinking about him, Owens said.

The team also FaceTimed Spriggs during football training camp so he could see all his teammates, Owens said.

“We saw him with his little bald head and we laughed,” Owens said.

Despite the difficulties brought on by his cancer diagnosis, Spriggs kept a positive attitude during practice, Ashton said. While recovering from treatment, he joined in during training and practice, taking every opportunity to be with the team, Kohn said.

“Even when he was going through his chemo the first time, he was lifting in the weight room and coming to practices,” Kohn said. “And I was like, ‘Hey, are you supposed to be doing this?’ And he was like, ‘Well, they never said I couldn't do it.’”

Spriggs works hard, Kohn said, and makes time to assist the team without seeking praise.

“Hunter has never been the ‘guy’ here, he won't necessarily get all the plays or get recognition,” Kohn said. “But he comes out with a good attitude and he always gives 100 percent of his effort and



Photos courtesy of Larry Newman

Besides football, senior Hunter Spriggs also enjoys participating in other outdoor activities including skiing, hiking, off-roading, and swimming. Spriggs said he also loves to travel.

does what he can to help the team, however that may be.”

Spriggs plans to focus on recovering from the transplant, he said, with hopes of returning to campus in the spring.

“My goal right now is to get healthy,” Spriggs said. “After that, I want to get back to school for spring. Hopefully, I can play spring ball. If not, I want to get ready for summer.”

Owens said the team acts a single unit, sharing every good and bad experience.

“When one of us celebrates, we all celebrate, and when one of us hurts, we all hurt,” he said. “He is awesome, and he's loved, and he's missed. I mean, we're football coaches, so you need to stop (the interview) now because we don't want to cry.”

Kali Hoffman contributed to this report.



Spriggs is a senior business administration major and he hopes to come back to campus for the spring semester. Depending on the length of his recovery, Spriggs anticipates that he will resume football either for the spring or summer season.

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football head coach