Student Health Service

Chapman University Student Health (CUSH) is staffed with nurses and physicians to promote good health and to access and treat a variety of physical ailments that affect students. Services include first aid treatment, primary medicine, gynecological services, immunizations, and health screening. Some medications are provided for a modest fee and some prescriptions are called into the student’s pharmacy of choice. When a student’s condition is beyond the scope of CUSH, the student may be referred off campus for health care to a physician or clinic in the community.

CUSH is located in the Wellness Center adjacent to the School of Law. Students wishing to utilize the services of the Wellness Center must pay a Health and Counseling Fee (currently $75) each semester. Call (714) 997-6851 for complete information.

Student Psychological Counseling Services

Confidential psychological counseling is provided to students who have paid the Health and Counseling Fee. Individual counseling, group counseling, consultation with a psychiatrist, or referrals to appropriate outside agencies are included. On-campus counseling services consist of brief psychotherapy, with assessment and referral available to the private sector for those with additional therapy needs. SPCS also offers workshops related to academic and interpersonal issues. Additional information is available at (714) 997-6778.

Children’s Center

The Children’s Center provides daily full-time and part-time care for children ages two to five, as well as a traditional half-day preschool experience. Chapman students from the psychology and education departments observe the development and behavior of the children to fulfill lab requirements for their coursework. Students from other departments also utilize the center for additional class requirements or as a place of employment during the academic year. The center is open to students, faculty and staff at reduced prices and is located adjacent to the student housing area. Call (714) 997-6648.

Campus Bookstore and The Agoura

The Campus Bookstore located in the Student and Administrative Services (SAS) building adjacent to the law school is the main source for law textbooks for classes. Both new and used textbooks are available along with general books, notebooks and other classroom supplies. Books that are not in stock can be specially ordered. For more information, call (714) 997-6809 or drop in. The Agoura gift shop in Argyros Forum sells an array of Chapman clothing items and school logo gifts, greeting cards, and a variety of snack items. The phone number is 714-997-6718.

Dining Services

The dining service at Chapman consists of a number of interrelated service points designed to meet the dietary requirements of Chapman’s diverse student backgrounds and tastes. The staff prides itself on its very personalized service and “made from scratch” preparation methods. Argyros Forum, the primary site for food service operations, has The Retro Café, The Green Burrito, a coffee shop, a buffet service, and a snack bar. The Argyros School of Business and Economics, directly across from the law school, houses Java City and The Cyber Café, an espresso bar that also sells baked goods, beverages, and grill items. The dining service operates a complete catering department available for both campus and approved non-college events. ARAMARK, a well-established national corporation, is the exclusive food service provider for Chapman’s main campus.

Housing

Although Chapman University maintains on-campus residence halls, priority for this housing is given to undergraduate students who typically fill all available rooms. For this reason,
David Sherak
Class of 1999

Life is full of surprises. I began law school with a degree in criminal justice and every intention of specializing in criminal law. I wanted to be a prosecutor or do criminal defense work. The idea of specializing in tax law was the furthest thing from my mind, but that’s exactly what happened. I got involved in the tax court clinic and discovered that tax law isn’t simply about numbers, but rather how these numbers impact the lives of real people.

I attended Chapman primarily by night so that I could continue running my own business. Before I chose Chapman, I visited other law schools. I actually sat in on classes at one of them and didn’t like what I saw. The class was huge and the professor belittled the students. It wasn’t what I considered a positive way to learn. Chapman proved to be the polar opposite. It’s a place where relationships among staff, faculty and students seem to thrive. I’ve had some great conversations with my professors over lunch. It’s a very engaging, inclusive environment.

Before I began law school, I did an undergraduate internship at the U.S. District Court for Pre-Trial Services in San Diego. I asked various attorneys I met what they knew about Chapman’s law school. Even though it wasn’t small yet, they were all familiar with Chapman’s reputation for excellence and told me they thought it would be a terrific place to learn the law. They were right.

graduate and School of Law students generally live off-campus. There are many homes and apartments for rent in close proximity to the campus. When an applicant has been admitted to the law school, the Admissions Office upon request mails up-to-date apartment guides and rental information. Bulletin boards in Argyros Forum also display current rental and roommate postings.

The university is currently building additional residence halls. This may result in on-campus housing options for law students in the future.

Judy Argyros Fitness Center
The Fitness Center, located in the Hutton Sports Facility, is open to law students at no charge. To use the Fitness Center, a student must present a valid ID. Only Chapman students, staff and faculty may use the Fitness Center; no friends or relatives may do so because of insurance issues. The Center provides a variety of cardio equipment, treadmills, bikes, free weights and Star Trek machines. Current hours of operation and rules/regulations may be verified at 714-997-6930.

International Student Services
The International Student Services Office addresses the needs of international students enrolled at Chapman University. The office acts as a source of information and assistance with the goal of helping to make the international student’s experience at Chapman as productive and meaningful as possible. Among the services provided are counseling on financial and personal matters, seminars and brochures on immigration requirements, and information on international social and cultural events. The office organizes various events throughout the year to introduce international students to their new surroundings. For additional information, call 714-997-6829.

Campus Safety and Parking
The primary role of the campus safety department is to provide a safe working and learning environment for students, faculty and staff. The department operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and provides a variety of services including information and safety consultation, lost and found, escort service after dark, conflict resolution, crisis intervention, property identification, vehicle registration, and bicycle licensing. The campus safety department requires that all vehicles and bicycles on campus be registered. For more information, call (714) 997-6763.

There are several commuter parking lots on campus including a multi-level parking facility during the 2000-01 academic year. School-year parking permits must be purchased in order to park in campus lots. These are sold by the Campus Safety Office and currently cost $50 for the academic year. On-campus parking is free during summer months.

Other Services
As members of the larger university community, law students can take advantage of the many educational, cultural and recreational opportunities offered by Chapman University for all its students. Concerts, plays, art exhibits, recitals and lectures all combine to enhance the student’s non-formal education and provide respite from a busy schedule of studies. Law students may also access the newly-renovated fitness center facilities and outdoor tennis courts.

Chapman University has an intramural sports program and law students are encouraged to field teams and engage in friendly on-campus rivalry. All students are provided with a university identification card that allows them to access these services and to earn student discounts at a number of businesses in the community.
University Administration

James L. Doti, Ph.D.

President Doti was born, reared, and educated in Chicago. He earned his B.S. in economics at the University of Illinois, and his A.M. and Ph.D. in economics at the University of Chicago.

A prolific author in the field of economics, Dr. Doti began his teaching career at Rosary College in Illinois, before joining Chapman University (then Chapman College) in 1974. Since that time, Dr. Doti has served as dean of the School of Business and Economics, as director of the college’s Center for Economic Research, and as president. Dr. Doti has earned a remarkable reputation as a student, faculty, and community-oriented president. Under his leadership, Chapman has grown dramatically in every way. The School of Law is the cornerstone in his ongoing campaign to make Chapman the best private institution in California.

Hamid Shirvani, Ph.D.

provost and senior vice president

Dr. Hamid Shirvani is the newest member of Chapman’s academic management team. He assumed his position in July 2000, after serving at Queens College, The City University of New York, where he was vice president for graduate studies and research and tenured professor of urban studies since 1995. Dr. Shirvani holds a Ph.D. in urban planning from Princeton University and master’s degrees from Harvard University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Pratt Institute. He has served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, and dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Colorado.

In addition to his responsibilities as Chapman’s provost, Dr. Shirvani will hold an appointment as a tenured professor in the Art Department. He is the author of several books, including Beyond Public Architecture and The Urban Design Process.

School of Law Administration

Parham H. Williams, Jr., J.D., LL.M. vice president, dean and professor of law

Dean Williams was named vice president and dean of the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University. During the next eleven years, he presided over a period of significant growth and development for the law school. Highly qualified new faculty were added, the academic credentials of entering classes were increased, and a state-of-the-art law library building was constructed.

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Scott W. Howe, J.D.

associate dean for academic affairs and professor of law

Dean Howe earned his bachelor’s degree summa cum laude in economics from the University of Missouri, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his J.D. and master’s degree in law from the University of Chicago, where he served as administrative and article editor of the Michigan Law Review.

After law school, Dean Howe practiced criminal law in Washington, D.C., and Texas. For five years, he was a staff attorney for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, representing persons charged with crimes ranging from larceny to first-degree

awarded a Sterling Fellowship for graduate work at the Yale Law School. He received the J.D. degree from Yale and was named to the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Law. His teaching and writing interests in subsequent years included evidence, criminal procedure, criminal law, and professional responsibility.

After serving as associate dean, Williams was named dean of the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1971. During his fourteen year tenure as dean, he conceived and developed the Law Center concept, in which related programs are united under central administrative authority, producing greater efficiency and effectiveness in all the programs. The University of Mississippi Law Center which he administered included the School of Law, the Law Research Institute, the State Judicial College, the State Prosecutors College, and the Court Reporters Training Program. In the late 1970s, he led the planning for the new Law Center building, a beautiful facility that was completed in 1978.

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Dean Howe was also on the faculties of two other law schools before arriving at Chapman. Initially, he was an adjunct professor at the University of Texas Law School, where he supervised a clinical course on death penalty litigation. He subsequently served for seven years on the faculty of Western New England College School of Law, earning tenure and the rank of full professor. He also was twice voted Professor of the Year.

Dean Howe has written extensively in the area of criminal law and procedure. His works have appeared in numerous journals, including the Michigan Law Review, the Georgia Law Review, the Boston University Law Review, the Iowa Law Review, and the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

Dean Howe is admitted to practice in Washington, D.C., Massachusetts, and numerous federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court.

Dean Punu earned the bachelor's degree cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh, and the M.A. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Hawai'i. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. Her thirty-year career in the administration of student services and enrollment management in higher education includes positions as assistant dean at the East-West Center in Honolulu, as director of M.B.A. admissions at Berkeley, and as assistant dean at the University of Hawai'i School of Law.

An active participant in the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), the National Association for Law Placement, the American Bar Association, and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Dean Punu has made numerous presentations before LSAC national conferences and has served as a member of LSAC's Minority Affairs Committee and Newcomers Planning Committee. She has been appointed chair of the 2002 Newcomers Workshop.

Dean Punu has been featured as a guest panelist on Hawai'i Public Radio and on Honolulu television news programs, and was a contributing author and member of the editorial board of the Price of Paradise, Volumes I and II. Between 1995 and 1998, she was the vice-president of the board of directors of the Domestic Violence Clearinghouse and Legal Hotline in Honolulu.

At Chapman since 1998, Dean Punu is responsible for enrollment management including recruiting, marketing, admissions and financial aid; for other student services, including career services and registrar functions; and, for administration, including budgetary and fiscal matters, space and facilities, and information technology.