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Fires burn throughout California



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Students wore masks on campus before classes were canceled Oct. 9 due to a fire in Anaheim Hills. The campus closed for two days but was not evacuated.



The Canyon Fire 2 burned 9,200 acres and closed campus for two days.

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Canyon Fire 2 sparks campus closure

Photos by JACKIE COHEN Photo Editor

A brush fire that started in Anaheim Hills led to evacuations in the surrounding areas. Chapman was not evacuated, but classes were canceled Oct. 9-10 due to poor air quality and traffic.

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The 9,217-acre brush fire that blazed through parts of northern Orange County Oct. 9 is 90 percent contained as of Sunday and all evacuations have been lifted. It is expected to be fully contained by Tuesday, according to Anaheim Fire and Rescue.

Air quality in the area near Chapman was categorized as “unhealthy for sensitive groups” Oct. 14, according to the Air Quality Index, but was considered moderate the next day.

Most college-aged people won’t be prone to serious health implications after the temporary exposure to smoke, said Jess Mandel, a pulmonary health specialist at the University of California, San Diego Department of Medicine.

“In general, these kinds of exposures tend not to be particularly harmful to the majority,” Mandel said.

The blaze, which began at about 9:45 a.m. Oct. 9, burned about 2,000 acres in five hours.

While the university was not located in any of the mandatory evacuation areas, Chapman’s campus was closed and classes were canceled from Oct. 9 to Oct. 10 due to poor air quality and traffic throughout the surrounding areas, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt wrote in an email to the Chapman community.

“In all the years I have been at Chapman, this is the only time we have cancelled classes and operations for two consecutive days,” President Daniele Struppa wrote in an email to the Chapman community.

If the fire jumps to half a mile near campus or closer, the university has a contract with the American Red Cross to relocate students and anyone else who needs help, Hewitt said. Some of the mandatory evacuation areas for the fire, which have since been lifted, were about two and a half to three miles away from campus.

Some subpopulations were at greater risk for experiencing health complications due to the air quality after the fire, including the elderly and those with asthma, Mandel said. Chapman’s health center treated about 40 people after the fire broke out Oct. 9, some of whom experienced respiratory symptoms or had asthma.

Sienna Newton, a sophomore psychology major who has asthma, said that she didn’t go to the health center for treatment.

“I can’t really breathe, like at all,



A student, center, covers his mouth as he walks to class to avoid inhaling more smoke before classes were canceled Oct. 9



A student wears a mask to block larger pieces of falling ash as she walks around campus Oct. 9.

and my house is old, so I can’t even breathe the air when I’m inside,” Newton said. “When I do, it just really doesn’t feel safe. It almost just feels like I’m breathing in thick ash, and sometimes literal ash would fly into my face.”

Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats said that Student Health Services saw a surge of students with respiratory issues on the day of the fire, and that she drove an inhaler to a student who needed it.



Smoke covered Chapman’s campus Oct. 9 as a brush fire burned in the Anaheim Hills area.

“We were increased in students with complaints of symptoms related to the fire, whether they were asthmatic, and their inhalers were expired, or they were having some respiratory issues because they were already sick,” she said.

Deats said that she doesn’t anticipate that the health effects from the fire will affect Chapman students long-term.

The health center also distributed masks to students during the fire.

Although traditional masks can block larger pieces of ash, they’re not effective in keeping out the particles that can cause reactions like asthma attacks, Mandel said.

“You would need a tight-fitting mask with very small pores,” he said. “For the vast majority of people, they’re really not necessary.”

Jack Ruhl, a freshman television writing and production major, said some students in Morlan Hall had to keep their doors closed to keep the smoke out, as they could not control the central air conditioning themselves. However, the air conditioning was effective in filtering out the smoke, he said.

“It was a little bit scary that we didn’t have any control. I wish we could have done something about it, though it never got too bad,” Ruhl said.

Jordan Wilhelm, a junior kinesiology major, left her apartment complex near campus in the wake of the fire to stay at a friend’s house in Pasadena, although she does not live in a mandatory evacuation area, which included parts of Tustin, Anaheim and Orange.

“It’s hard to breathe... It’s like there’s not enough oxygen in the air,” Wilhelm said. “I don’t want to breathe in deeply, even though I feel like I have to, just because I know it’ll be bad for me to do that.”

Michaela McLeod, a senior film production major who lives in East Orange, one of the areas included in the evacuation, said that part of why she and her roommate left the city is because they have two kittens who they didn’t want breathing in the smoke.

“We were very concerned with their well-being,” McLeod said. “I wasn’t necessarily scared, but it was just a cautionary thing, so if anything were to happen, we wanted to make sure we’d be prepared.”

Provost Glenn Pfeiffer said that it’s up to individual faculty members to decide how they will structure their classes after the cancellations. “Any students that weren’t able to prepare for a midterm exam, for example, should be given consideration,” Pfeiffer said. “I think faculty are understanding and willing to respond. Those are all legitimate reasons for delay, hopefully it shouldn’t be a problem.”

Jacob Hutchinson, Sabrina Santoro and Blake Waddell contributed to this report.

Turn to page 12 to read an editorial about how students reacted to the fire.

How administrators decided to cancel class

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor
Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

When Canyon Fire 2 lowered the air quality and increased traffic near Chapman's campus Oct. 9, university administrators decided to close the campus and cancel classes for the first time since President Daniele Struppa started working at Chapman as chancellor in 2006.

"Our intent was simply to allow people to deal with whatever emergencies they had to face personally, at home," said Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt.

The university has an emergency operations plan that calls for Struppa, Provost Glenn Pfeiffer and Hewitt to make decisions in the face of an emergency, Hewitt said.

"One of the things that we did was we consulted with (Director of Student Health) Jacqueline Deats in the health center," Hewitt said. "As Monday turned into an increasingly difficult day for more people, we asked her to give us advice concerning irritation from smoke, and we asked the Public Safety department to give us advice concerning traffic challenges in the surrounding areas."

Hewitt communicated with Struppa and Pfeiffer on the phone during the day when the fire started, he said. When they decided to cancel classes Oct. 9, Hewitt said that the two major considerations were health and traffic conditions.

"In part, it was due to those two factors, with Jacqueline (Deats) saying, 'Yeah, the smoke is now intense enough that it can disaffect people, even healthy people,' and Public Safety saying, 'Yup, traffic is getting terrible,

for people that need to get where they need to go, they need to get started.'"

Hewitt said that Public Safety communicated directly with the Orange County Emergency Operations Center because it was the most current source of information about changes in air conditions.

"Throughout the entire night, on the hour, I was receiving dispatches from the Orange County Emergency Operations Center that included all this information: the scope of the fire, how many changes since the last hour, how many firefighters were on scene now, what the current wind direction and projected near-term, the number of structures burned or damaged. It was very comprehensive," Hewitt said.

Hewitt said that choosing to cancel classes on Oct. 10, for the second day in a row, was "simply an abundance of caution."

"On (the morning of Oct. 9), there was a good deal of fog over the campus. That did two things: It trapped the intensity of the smell of the fire, but the moisture in the air actually aided the firefighting effort," Hewitt said. "At that point, we were able to see that we were out of danger."

When it came to the emails sent out to update students and faculty, Pfeiffer said that he and Struppa focused on how the fire affected academics, while Hewitt focused on administration.

"(The emails) didn't break up evenly. So there were times when I sent a message within 45 minutes of (Glenn Pfeiffer) sending a message," Hewitt said.

They thought it was "better to over-communicate" than to try to decide who was sending the right message, Hewitt said.

Oct. 9

9:45 a.m.

A brush fire broke out in the Anaheim Hills area.

11:03 a.m.

Public Safety sent the first email to the Chapman community about the fire.

1:13 p.m.

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt emailed that campus would remain open and classes would continue.

2:49 p.m.

Hewitt emailed that classes were canceled for the rest of the day.

Oct. 10

7:35 a.m.

Hewitt emailed that campus would be closed for the day.

4:54 p.m.

Provost Glenn Pfeiffer wrote in an email that classes would resume Oct. 11.

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Five-year strategic plan: Administrators push for more growth in sciences

Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer

Faculty members lobbied for a graduate school in engineering and improvements to the Rinker Health Science Campus at the Five-Year Strategic Plan Town Hall Meeting Oct. 13.

"We are not doing a good job yet in graduate education," said President Daniele Struppa at the end of the meeting.

Every five years, the Chapman administration devises goals for the following five years.

About 130 faculty, staff and students attended the meeting, which built on the discussion of the newest five-year plan, which was brought up at a fall faculty meeting last month.

The plan sets goals for financial, academic and overall development at Chapman. Struppa composed the last plan while he was chancellor, and will conclude at the end of the spring 2018 semester.

Some of the goals of the last plan were completing the Musco Center for the Arts, developing the School of Pharmacy and opening the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine and the Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences.

Struppa said the newest plan, which he developed with Provost Glenn Pfeiffer, will begin this summer. While the plan still needs to be approved by the Board of Trustees in early December, it's unlikely to change by the time the board votes, Struppa told The Panther.

A common complaint from faculty was about the lack of resources at the Rinker Health Science Campus. Lawrence Brown, the associate dean of student affairs in the School of Pharmacy, said he wants to see more events held at the Rinker campus to encourage a "stronger culture" and sense of community for graduate students.

The university also needs to be more proactive for first-generation students and those with disabilities, said Chelsea Dempsey, the staff co-chair of an advisory group that deals with the status of disabilities and accessibility.

"I've been here for almost 16 years, and I don't know that there's ever been a comprehensive review on student services," she said.

Of the approximately 10 students who attended the meeting, three were members of Net Zero Chapman, an environmental club that wants the campus to be fueled by renewable energy.

Senior business administration major Kevin Leake said he supports the faculty's vision for the campus, but that it lacks student input.

"We were here out of curiosity and subsequently to see how we could align our own views for a renewable energy-based campus with the faculty's," he said. "I think it would have been helpful to have better student representation."

Other talking points included development in science and technology wings, the Rinker campus in Irvine, and expansion.

Struppa said that there are projects that still need more funding, one priority being the engineering wing in the Keck Center for Science and Engineering. 40,000 of the 150,000 square feet in the center will be an engineering wing, a project he said will cost about \$30 million.



IAN CRADDOCK Staff Photographer

About 130 students and staff attended a discussion of Chapman's newest Five-Year Strategic Plan in a Beckman Hall lecture hall Oct. 13.

"(The Keck Foundation) plays a very important role because it allows us to complete the campaign for the tech center," Struppa told The Panther. "Now we need to (start) a new campaign to open up the inside where the school of engineering is going to be."

According to Struppa, the last school year was record-breaking for

fundraising, with the university collecting \$109 million from donors. He said he hoped to raise around half of \$1 billion over the next five years.

Executive Vice President of University Advancement Sheryl Bourgeois said the university hasn't had a formal comprehensive fundraising campaign since 2003, making it a priority for her department.

PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN



ENGINEERING WING

Chapman is aiming to complete the engineering wing in the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, which will cost about \$30 million, said President Daniele Struppa.



RINKER CAMPUS

The university has plans to address faculty complaints regarding a lack of resources at the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine.



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

After earning its highest ranking yet in the U.S. News and World Report's list of "best colleges," Chapman hopes to be nationally ranked in the next five years.

Graphic by SABRINA SANTORO News Editor

Chapman administrators discussed the next Five-Year Strategic Plan, which will be approved in December. Topics included fundraising for an engineering wing in the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, providing more resources for the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine and becoming a nationally-ranked university.

Senate updates

Oct. 13 meeting

Operating procedures amendment
Vice President Sarah Tabsh proposed an amendment to the senate attendance policies that would allow absences to be excused by the vice president and "extenuating circumstances." The amendment would allow only three unexcused absences, as opposed to the four absences currently allowed. If approved, a loophole would be made from the amendment, because the "discretion" of the future vice presidents is subjective, Tabsh said.

Student Organization Senator
Wil Harris suggested that the vice president should be the one who decides censure-ship before the senate. The amendment was denied after Harris suggested drafting a new one at a later date.

Budget proposal approved
Director of Finance Corey Snyder presented student government's annual budget. Based on the total undergraduate student enrollment, which is 6,495, student government's budget for this school year is \$266,866.11. The budget was approved.

On-campus WiFi issues
Phillip Lyle, the director of enterprise infrastructure services at Chapman, and Chief Information Officer Helen Norris spoke at the meeting to answer questions about the campus's internet connection, and other technical issues students have been facing.

More than 2,000 access points for internet connection are spread around the campus, and more have been added in outdoor areas, Lyle said.

One of the biggest complaints Norris has received is regarding cell service on campus, and not WiFi, she said. Tabsh said 20 percent of complaints she receives are WiFi-related.

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

Compiled by Emma Reith

INCIDENT LOG

Oct. 6
An unknown suspect(s) stole a victim's unattended laptop in Argyros Forum.

Oct. 7
Six minors had alcohol and were found dumping beer cans and cups from the Jim Miller Parking Structure.

A subject trespassed near the Fish Interfaith Center.

Minors had alcohol in Pralle-Sodaro Hall.

Oct. 9
A broken outer window pane was found at Glass Hall, and a report was forwarded to facilities.

Oct. 10
A subject reported two bicycle lights missing from his or her bicycle near Marion Knott Studios.

Oct. 11
An unknown subject removed a bicycle that was locked and secured to a rack outside of Henley Hall.

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Government, environment and war: *Chapman survey reveals America's top fear same as 2016*

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

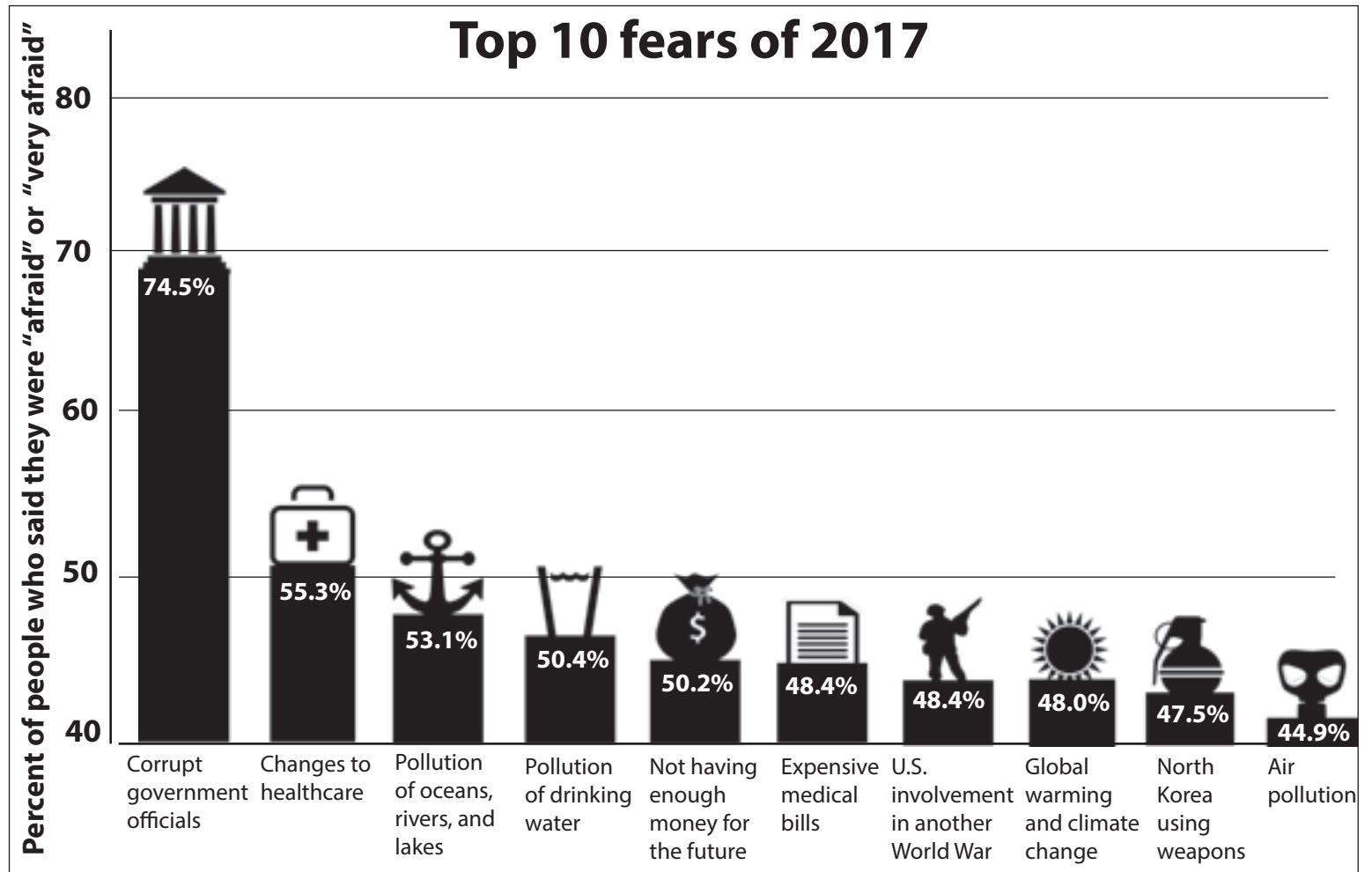
The fourth annual Chapman Survey of American Fears showed that the country's fear of the "corruption of government officials" has remained the No. 1 fear since 2015.

While maintaining its position as the No. 1 fear, America's fear of corrupt government officials rose to 74.5 percent this year, compared to 60.6 percent last year.

In May 2017, the Wilkinson College of Arts and Humanities asked a random sample of 1,207 adults from across the country about their level of fear of 80 different topics, ranging from crime, government, environment, personal anxieties, technology and more.

The top 10 fears had the highest percentage of Americans reporting that they were "afraid" or "very afraid" of that item in the survey.

The other top fears included changes to healthcare, the pollution of oceans, rivers, lakes and drinking water, financial concerns, U.S. involvement in another world war, climate change, North Korea using weapons, and air pollution.



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74.5 percent of American's surveyed for Chapman's annual study of American fears worry about the corruption of government officials. This same fear topped the 2015 and 2016 surveys.

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Caught in the

Poor air quality causes students to evacuate

Jade Boren | Assistant Features Editor

Ashes fell on Chapman's campus on Monday, Oct. 9. Some landed in students' eyes, and others sent some students to the health center. Devon Cohen and his friends decided they wouldn't be victims of the burnt orange sky, so the 12 freshmen loaded in two Jeeps and drove to Newport Beach to escape the smoke.

"Our whole friend group decided 'Hey, we can't deal with the air quality here.' It's already hard for me to breathe, this definitely doesn't help," said Cohen, a freshman business administration major.

But it wasn't the fear of the Canyon Fire 2 reaching their dorms that caused them to evacuate. It was the poor air quality, Cohen said.

Like Cohen, many students fled to towns to escape the ashes, not the flames. The ash that some students felt like they had been breathing in was not the most dangerous part of wildfire smoke, said Christopher Kim, a Chapman chemistry professor. It's something you can't see: 2.5 particulate matter, which is found in most wildfires Kim said.

Wildfires bring two types of particulate matter: 10 and 2.5, said Chapman physics professor Ramesh Singh. Ten particulate matter, measured in micrometers, is black carbon that is more commonly known as soot, said Yun Gon Lee, an atmospheric sciences professor at Chungnam National University in South Korea.

But the 2.5 particulate matter concentration during the fire was relatively low compared to other events, besides wildfires and pollutions, Kim said.

"The air quality here was terrible and even if (classes weren't canceled), I wasn't going to come," said Zoey Shapiro, a sophomore integrated educational studies major. "I have trouble breathing, but I'm more sensitive to change in air quality. I get sick easily, so I was worried."

Cohen had been previously diagnosed with a minor heart complication and didn't want to take the risk and stay on campus. But Kim believes that students free of health problems didn't have to leave Orange because of the air quality alone.

Staying indoors with a high efficiency particulate air filter would have been the most ideal course of action, Kim said. High-efficiency particulate air filters screen toxicants and can be installed in a house.

"I had friends who were leaving and I could've gone with them, but my other roommate said, 'You don't need to leave,'" said Ethan Kennedy, a freshman computer science major. "So we stayed. I didn't feel that alarmed."

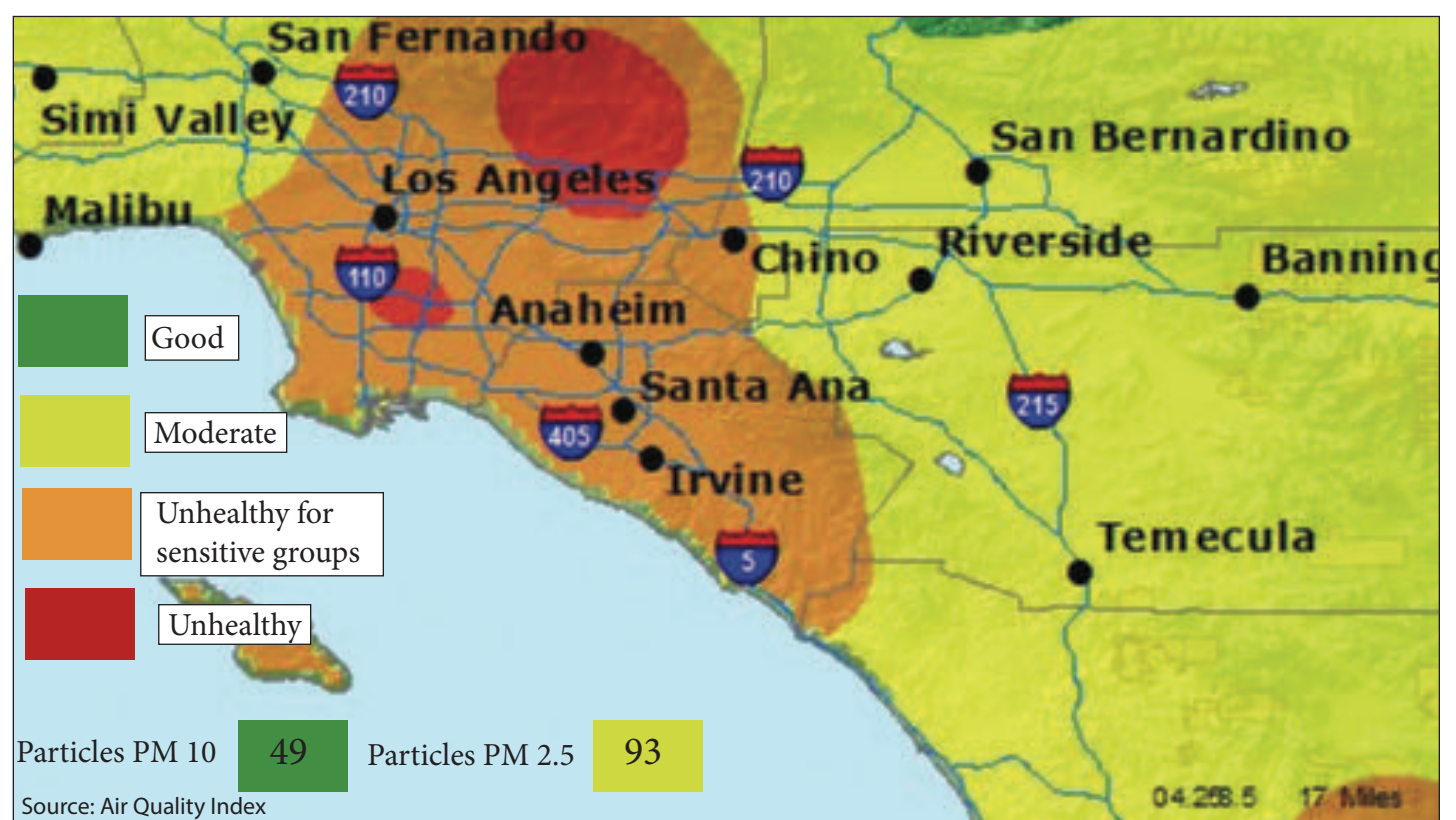
As for long-term impact on the air quality at Chapman, Kim and Singh are not worried. Singh said that the wildfire would not damage the air quality in the long run.

Particulate matter from wildfires most likely will not cause many deaths, even if particulate matter levels are high, according to a 2010 study



JACKIE COHEN Photo Editor

Some students evacuated campus because of bad air quality, rather than fear of flames.



Graphics by LORIG YAGHSEZIAN Features Editor

The worst day for air quality was Oct. 14, as it was categorized as include older adults, children and people with lung diseases, such as asthma.

conducted by the International Journal of Wildland Fire about the effects of wildfire smoke exposure.

Instead, the study found that the particulate matter levels contributed to an increase in hospital visits that are related to respiratory or asthma problems.

Chapman evacuation plan for on-campus housing

- Students with vehicles on campus who live in the area would be instructed to leave campus.
- Students who do not have vehicles on campus would have arrangements made to transport them by bus or shuttle to an available shelter designated by the city, county or state.

Source: Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba

flames

Some students' homes destroyed in Northern California fires

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

When Lauren Averill's father sent her a video link that captured the devastation of the Atlas Peak Fire burning in Sonoma County, she knew her childhood home was gone.

"I don't have a home to go to for Thanksgiving or Christmas, I will never see the house where I had memories of growing up throughout my life, and more importantly and much more devastating than that, my parents have nowhere to call home," said Averill, a senior political science major.

Nineteen percent of Chapman's students are from Northern California, said Robert Pankey, director of Institutional Research, and some students' daily lives have been riddled with stress as fires threaten their hometowns and families.

The Atlas Peak Fire in Napa County is considered one of the fastest growing fires in modern California history, according to the Sonoma County Sheriff. Fire officials still haven't determined what caused the fires to break out on Sunday, Oct. 8, but the dry conditions and lack of humidity aided the fire's ability to spread so quickly, according to the sheriff.

The two largest fires raging in Northern California - the Tubbs Fire in Santa Rosa and the Atlas Peak Fire — have collectively burned about 52,000 acres and are two of 17 fires burning in and around Sonoma County. The fire has killed 33 people and destroyed 1,500 structures, and 256 people are missing, according to the Sonoma County Sheriff.

"My parents got up and looked out what used to be my bedroom window, where they could see the glow of the fire off in the distance," Averill said. "My dad was running around the house, grabbing essentials and was able to get birth certificates, baby photos, my dog and some clothes. I'm just fortunate they're alive."

Averill's parents made the 20 minute drive to Rohnert Park, a city about eight miles east of Santa Rosa. It took them two attempts to find a hotel with availability, but they are now safe, Averill said. Averill's aunt and grandparents later joined them, she said.

While Averill's family evacuated, Lily Foster's parents are still at their Sonoma house waiting for the signal to leave.

When Foster's mom called her to ask what she wanted to save from her family home, it hit her that her hometown was burning to the ground.

"It doesn't feel real," said Foster, a junior business administration major. "Many buildings I've been to (when I was) growing up or drove past every day are in ashes."

Although Foster's family is safe, Sonoma has now been under a state of emergency for a week.

"Our house is currently OK, but my family is not allowed to leave the house because of how bad the air quality is," Foster said. "My heart is breaking for my hometown."

Averill and Foster hope that Chapman students realize the impact of the Northern California fires and the Anaheim fire, which started Oct. 9 and burned 9,200 acres, causing

"I will never see the house where I had memories of growing up throughout my life."

- Lauren Averill

Chapman to close for two days.

"It's hard when people in the Chapman community don't understand the magnitude of these events," Averill said. "I can't blame anyone too much, as I am sure I would be acting the same way if I wasn't drastically affected, but it is disheartening to witness people celebrating classes being canceled by going out and drinking while people are losing their homes and lives."

Averill said she has been in contact with Jaclyn Dreschler, the program coordinator for Greek Life, who she works closely with. Dreschler has offered resources on campus, such as connecting her with Dean of Students Jerry Price to work with her professors in case she travels to be with her family.

"I've been thankful for the support from the Chapman community. A number of friends have reached out to check on my family and to see how I'm doing," Foster said. "My boss from campus has been emailing me to check in, as well as a professor who knew that I'm from Santa Rosa. I'm thankful for the support."

Natalie Teague, a public relations and advertising major, said she is shocked by the impact that the fire in Sonoma has had on her and her family. Her family and house is OK.

With homes and businesses burned to the ground, Averill said she is worried about the future of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County.

"I don't know how people are going to recover from this," Averill said. "Rebuilding an entire community will take so much time and resources that we currently don't have, so Santa Rosa is going to need all of the help it can get."

In efforts to help raise money for the affected communities, Foster has started a t-shirt campaign. 20 percent of the overall income of the campaign will go to the Redwood Credit Union, an organization dedicating 100 percent of donations to the communities.



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In Petaluma, a city in Sonoma County, some woke up to ash and smoke Oct. 9

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Some students wary of attending events after recent shootings

Leslie Song | Staff Writer

Once every two months, Mariana Rivera goes to a movie theater to watch the latest action film with her friends. But after looking at a long list of mass shootings in public spaces - including one at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, five years ago - she finds herself unable to enjoy these new releases.

In the wake of the largest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, when a gunman killed 58 people at a music festival in Las Vegas, according to the Washington Post, Rivera said she is now hesitant to go out in public spaces - even areas that previously brought her joy and comfort.

Rivera isn't the only student experiencing this type of fear. After the Las Vegas shooting, there has been an increase in student visits to the Chapman counseling center, said Ed Fox, associate director for the Student Psychological Counseling Services. Fox could not provide exact numbers.

"Now that (these shootings) are happening in a country that I live in and, more recently, in a neighboring state, I feel unsafe going to public places. I have second thoughts when going to places where people congregate in a single area and that are more exposed," said Rivera, a sophomore accounting major.

The Las Vegas shooting brought more than a sense of unease - it also taught Rivera to be more alert.

"It doesn't withhold me from (attending these events), but it's definitely a recurring thought," Rivera said.

Although Rivera was not at the Las Vegas shooting, she still feels connected to the attack and the victims after hearing stories from the people around her, she said.

Like Rivera, many students decided

to seek counseling services because they felt emotionally connected to the events of the shooting, despite not having been personally affected, Fox said. The media's portrayal and coverage of a tragic event can cause harm to students, he said.

"(Students) have this vicarious feeling of having been there, and if they knew people who were there, (with) the combination of endless news stories and being around people who might've been impacted, they start to feel symptomatic and on edge," Fox said.

In many cases, students seek help because they don't feel safe, he said.

For Cassidy Keola, a sophomore communication studies major, the Las Vegas shooting has been the closest act of violence to take place near her.

Upon hearing about the shooting, Keola said she felt numb.

"I've become desensitized by it because it happens so regularly now," Keola said. "I see the news and the headlines and it doesn't go through my central route of thinking."

Rather than fearing an attack, some students, like Keola, view recent shootings as an opportunity to learn what to do during a live shooter situation.

"During the Vegas shooting, (the shooter was) above. So I don't know if I would duck or if I would run ... I wish someone taught you those things," said junior psychology and strategic and corporate communications major Kyler Hannah.

For Hannah, being near people who were impacted by the shooting made her think about the events repercussions, she said.

"(Shootings) will happen on college campuses and then that will scare me. It makes it more real because it's more relatable. (The shooting) makes me more fearful, but at the same time I



Panther Archives

Some students have said they fear large, open spaces after recent shootings.

don't want to live in fear," Hannah said.

Although Chapman doesn't offer mandatory lectures about preparing for an attack, Keola said she thinks Chapman reacts well to the aftermath of events, such as the shooting.

"Chapman sends out those emails when something like a shooting happens that includes numbers and resources," she said.

For anyone, including those who have been directly affected and those who have not, Fox recommends tuning out coverage of the event so that students don't have to process much information.

"Sometimes there's too much overstimulation," Fox said. "When you see an event like this, which is so outside the range of what a person would

have to experience, it's something that draws you in and it affects your emotional state," she said.

Specifically for students who have experienced trauma, or are experiencing post-traumatic stress, it's important to incorporate structure in daily routines and process the event in a safe time and place so they don't repress anything, he said.

"Try to separate in your life what's happened before with what's happening currently, or what might happen in the future. Treatment for post-traumatic stress is not to eliminate anxiety but to put it back into perspective and hopefully get people back to a more normal way of functioning and not avoiding," Fox said.

Rollback on birth control will not affect Chapman insurance

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

Megan Titus started taking birth control when she was 14 years old to regulate then severe menstrual cramps. She took the pill regularly for four years, but when she didn't receive her pills on time one month in high school, the menstrual pain caused her to nearly faint. After going to the nurse's office, she went home for the day.

"The pain was a reminder of how much I need to take birth control," said Titus, a freshman screenwriting major. "It's a health necessity for me."

But after the Trump administration rolled back the Affordable Care Act's birth control mandate on Oct. 6, it could be harder for Chapman students to obtain birth control with insurance coverage. The mandate required most employers to provide birth control coverage without copayment, but now, employers can deny birth control coverage on moral or religious grounds, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Those with Chapman student health Insurance will not be affected, since student insurance is not an employer-sponsored policy, said Student Business Services Director Rebecca Schlafer. However, students who are insured through their employers or their parents' employers could lose their birth control coverage, she said.

Around the same time, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a guidance Oct. 6 that provides broad protections against nondiscrimination laws for religious groups, citing the importance of "religious freedom."



GRACIE FLEISCHMAN Staff Photographer

Some Chapman students say that because birth control is no longer covered under their health insurance, they will be forced to go without it.

"This is the opposite of religious freedom," said Gail Stearns, the dean of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel.

"(Employers who deny birth control coverage) are imposing their religious convictions on their employees, and they're not allowing their employees to exercise their religious freedom."

Titus is one of about 55 million women in the U.S. who had access to birth control without copayments or deductibles under the Affordable Care Act mandate, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Now, insurance providers who have religious objections to birth control as a contraceptive could cause this number to decrease and women's

health expenses to rise, according to the National Women's Law Center survey.

Fifty-eight percent of birth control pill users take it for more than just pregnancy prevention, according to a 2011 study by the Guttmacher Institute, a U.S. sexual health research and policy organization. These purposes include menstrual pain, menstrual regulation, acne, endometriosis - which is when tissue grows outside of the uterus - and other unspecified reasons.

While sophomore political science major Hannah Richardson started taking birth control as a preventative measure before becoming sexually active, she now takes it to regulate her

period, she said. Many of her friends use birth control for menstrual pain, like Titus, and have never used it for contraception, Richardson said.

Richardson's birth control is covered by her parents' insurance, but if coverage was denied, she would consider canceling her prescription because it's expensive, she said.

"It's not fair for these politicians and men, who have never experienced what it's like to worry about pregnancy, to decide whether I can control my body or not," Richardson said.

Using birth control as a contraceptive gives women control of their lives, Stearns said, and denying insurance coverage due to religious or moral convictions is wrong.

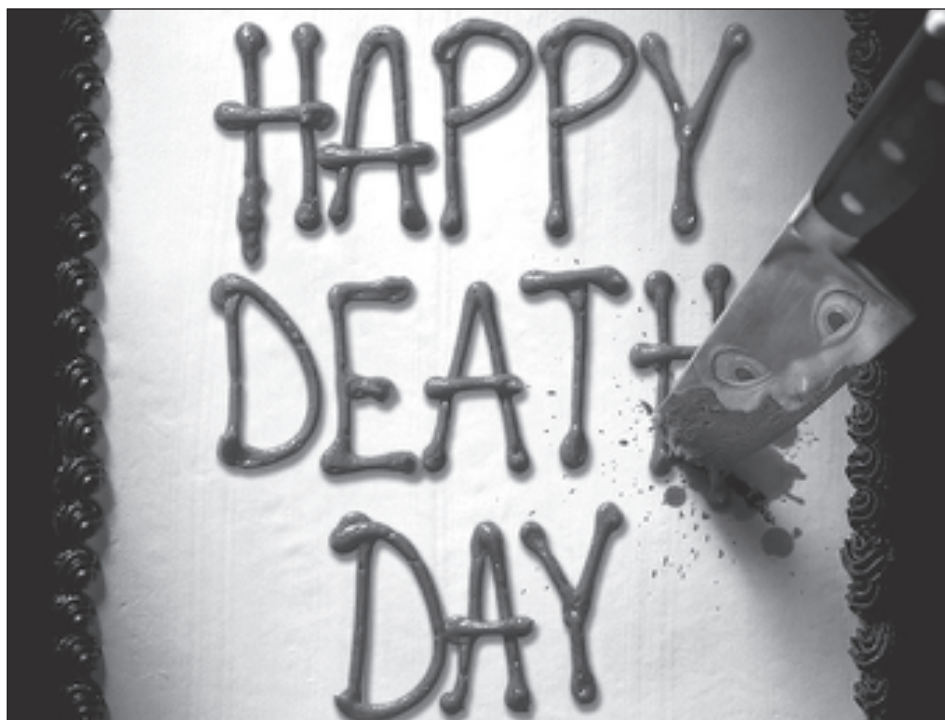
"This is anti-child and anti-woman across the board," Stearns said.

She believes that those against all types of birth control are likely also against abortion, which leaves sexually active women without options if they aren't ready to have children.

"Whether (women) believe in 'sex only within marriage' or not, (birth control) gives women the opportunity to raise children when they feel ready to love and care for them," Stearns said. "It's very important for women's freedom."

The only way for birth control opposers to understand those who use it is to remain open and to "sit down and talk to people" about their needs, Stearns said.

"I think people need to open themselves up to understand the lives of women and why they want birth control," Stearns said. "You can hold a principle (against birth control), but then there's also reality and how (birth



IMDb.com

“Happy Death Day” was released Oct. 13.

‘Happy Death Day’ is actually really happy

Jade Boren | Assistant Features Editor

A horror movie has never made me smile or feel inspired. That’s the text I sent to my best

friend after I watched “Happy Death Day.”

“Happy Death Day” is like a Halloween special on Disney Channel that always comes with a lesson. But instead of spooky witches,

there’s a villain that kills the main character with a shard from a bong.

Director Christopher Landon did not need to take such a didactic route. He had the “Groundhog Day” premise, first of all, which is entertaining enough since it’s something a box office horror hasn’t done. Landon’s take on the time loop genre through the perspective of a sorority woman named Tree (Jessica Rothe). Tree has to relive her birthday every day, starting from waking up in bed and ending with being murdered by nightfall. The reason someone won’t let Tree live past her birthday could have potentially been much darker.

The first time Tree wakes up, I thought I was supposed to take this movie as seriously as I took other horror movies, such as “Insidious.” With that initial mindset, the movie’s jabs at collegiate life made me roll my eyes. The over-the-top sorority cattiness (no sister would ever call another sister “chunky” for drinking chocolate milk) and the creepy goth wandering campus reminded me of what a man in his 40s would think college is like.

But the more times Tree woke up in bed on that same day, I realized that Landon was not trying to blow his audience away with science fiction plot twists. Neither was he trying to disturb us. When we see Tree attempt to expose her killer’s identity in a montage scene of goofy antics with Demi Lovato’s “Confident” as the song of choice for the sequence, I realized, “Ah. Landon is trying to be

campy.”

By the 15th time the killer stabs Tree, I realized that the movie wasn’t supposed to be inventive horror.

Once I accepted this, I realized this was strangely a movie about empowerment (strut around naked on your college campus and everyone will love you), confidence (fart in front of your date—who cares, we all die in the end) and being a good person (just sign that annoying global warming petition).

I cheered alongside Tree as she embarked on her gory hero’s journey, so much so that the ending almost didn’t bother me. Spoiler alert: It’s happy. It’s clean. Tree gets the boy.

But that’s weird for a scary movie. I couldn’t help thinking there was something fishy with the boy. There’s something a little ominous about next-door-neighbor types.

I thought perhaps I was just being cynical. I should’ve been happy, even if Tree never got to the root of the question, I couldn’t help but scream: What’s the point of all of this?

Then I read that Landon hopes to make a sequel, Landon said.

“If I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to make a sequel, the answer to that question is the premise of my sequel.”

I knew it. No good scary movie can end too neatly. I’m looking forward to Landon making Tree’s life messy again.



Wikicommons

“Laila’s Wisdom” was released Sept. 22.

Rapsody clever, insightful in ‘Laila’s Wisdom’

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

Female rappers are often talked about with a disclaimer. It’s usually something along the lines of, “She’s great... for a woman.” It’s a stigma that stems from the overly macho, often anti-queer, misogynistic sentiments that plague rap. It makes it exponentially harder for female

rappers to get the credit they deserve. MC Lyte, Lil’ Kim, Missy Elliott, Bahamadia and Lauryn Hill are just a few historically prolific female rappers who don’t exploit the popularity of hip-hop (like Iggy Azalea) to make a quick hit. They can hold their own with any other rapper out there, and with her latest album, Rapsody has proven she’s in that elite class.

“Laila’s Wisdom” named after Rapsody’s grandmother, Laila is North Carolina-based rapper Rapsody’s first

limited play released through Jay-Z’s Roc Nation label. Rapsody, whose real name is Marlanna Evans, has been putting out solo material since 2008, but she’s gone relatively unnoticed until now.

“Laila’s Wisdom,” released Sept. 22, gives you a look into the events that shaped Rapsody as a person and an

artist. It’s filled with highs and lows that interchange seamlessly, balancing between funky and upbeat bass lines on “Pay Up” and harmonized choir melodies on “Nobody.”

The majority of this album is an imperious, sincere take by Rapsody on a number of topics: her family and upbringing, love, self-worth and self-image, the power of money, the oversaturation of social media and the state of race in the U.S. None of these topics come off preachy or narcissistic because the album is so honest.

“Black and Ugly” is a prime example of this, as she raps about people criticizing her for her looks as a non-skinny black woman. “I remember when y’all used to call me ugly, isn’t it ironic now you all just wanna love me, so concerned wit weight I’m mo’ Chucky than I am chubby, confidence of a porn star, the day I cut the horns off.”

While Rapsody makes these acute analyses, she also rattles off clever similes. They range from throwbacks to her days watching the NBA or “The Cosby Show,” to modern quips at a college basketball player chronically tripping players or girls who are obsessed with Snapchat.

My only knock on this album is the overwhelming number of other artists featured. Not only are 13 artists featured, but they are spaced out poorly. There are 14 songs on

the album and starting with track seven, every song has a feature. It almost seems like Rapsody is trying to cement her own credibility with the credentials of her surrounding cast. The collaborations generally work well, but they detract from what should be a stand-alone solo project.

There’s also a song on this album that was released 11 months ago. “OooWee” features Anderson .Paak and debuted on Rapsody’s last project, “Crown,” which came out Nov. 17. The song is catchy and features another marketable artist, but it doesn’t have a place in this album.

“Jesus Coming,” the last track on the album, is a beautifully sad song that grips you and makes you wonder when you called your mom. Amber Navan’s reverb on it is raw, emotional and evokes sad nostalgia. It’s not a song that’s fun to listen to – it’s talking about the tragedy of innocent people killing one another – but it’s my favorite on the album because of how emotionally honest and beautiful it is. It’s a testament to Rapsody’s range as an artist and how far she’s come from her days of putting out college mixtapes.



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MONDAY

From Rwanda to Humanitarianism

Romeo Dallaire, a former Canadian senator and army lieutenant-general, will talk about his experience in Rwanda.

Memorial Hall
7- 8:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY

RealBreak Yoga

Students can attend an all-level yoga class based on the Hatha Yoga tradition, including Pranayam (breathing exercises), asana (physical practice) and meditation.

Fish Interfaith Center
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Safe Space training

The Cross-Cultural Center will host a Safe Space training session, designed to create a safe haven that is open to all students.

Argyros Forum 304
4 p.m.

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THURSDAY

Diwali: Festival of Lights

University Program Board and Fish Interfaith Center will celebrate a festival important to Indian culture. All faiths are welcome.

Fish Interfaith Center
7 p.m.

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FRIDAY

UPB Presents: A Night at Blaze Pizza

Students can receive a 50 percent discount at Blaze Pizza in the Plaza with a valid student I.D.

Blaze Pizza
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Emergency updates need accuracy



Olivia Harden
Opinions Editor

The Orange County Register published its first story on “the biggest fire to hit Orange County in nearly a decade” at 9:58 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9. The sky was gray and the sun was bright red. I’ve never seen anything like it. A 15-minute drive from campus, a fire raged

on.

My Mondays are usually pretty lazy. When I walked outside at about 10 a.m. to let my dog out and get the mail, I immediately knew something was wrong.

My eyes started to hurt from being out there for just a hair too long. I called Sparky inside and pondered whether I would be able to make it to my 4 p.m. class, which is The Panther. I don’t have a parking permit, but even though I was concerned for my lungs and eyes, I wasn’t sure how it would go over with my professor if I decided to skip class when campus was still open.

Realistically, this should never have been a concern. The emergency operation plan put together by Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt and Provost Glenn Pfeiffer did not initially have the most current information, and classes weren’t officially canceled until 2:30 p.m.

Even though Hewitt wrote in his 1 p.m. email advising that students “who are experiencing health effects due to the smoke from (the) fire use their best judgment as to how to respond,” he also reported that the fire was only 25 acres at that time. Classes were still going on. How well would it go over if I missed class, and how could I let my team of editors down?

But Hewitt’s email did not have the most updated information on the fire. By noon, the blaze was estimated to be about 500 acres, according to Anaheim Fire and Rescue. It’s true that information during a local emergency is not always accessible, but the difference in impact of a 25-acre fire and a 500-acre fire can be seen by the packed health center Oct. 9.

Forty students were seen at the health center on Monday. Two students were worried about ash in their eyes while others were seen for respiratory problems, said Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats. And although Jess Mandel, a pulmonary health specialist at the University of California, San Diego Department of Medicine, told The Panther that the air quality was “not particularly harmful to the majority,” several students were seen for respiratory issues and cold symptoms that were worsened by the fire. Many students live in Anaheim Hills, one of the areas affected by the fire, and I think Chapman should have been more considerate to students who may have had to evacuate.

It’s clear that the administration was concerned about how this fire would affect the campus. But emergencies bring chaos, and it’s important to be as up-to-date on information as possible in order to keep students safe. It’s an unsettling thought to think that some of these health concerns could have been avoidable. Students trust Chapman to provide them with credible information that puts their needs first.

Once the school was informed of the worsening conditions, it responded with haste and kept a close eye on the situation. Although Hewitt was not able to confirm canceled classes for Oct. 10 until 7:30 a.m., the school took into consideration and responded to all of the concerns of students, including travel and traffic.

As a student, I never want to make the choice between my health and my education. I wish I could say I always pick my health, but let’s be honest: I stay up too late writing papers, I eat in ways that are cheap and convenient, and I know that having a cough is usually a subpar reason to miss a class. I want to be confident in the decisions Chapman make for students regarding classes and concerning my health.

EDITORIAL



Illustrated by Meghan Noyes

California fires are not a reason to celebrate

The Panther Editorial Board

California has been ablaze for the last week. Canyon Fire 2 began early in the morning Oct. 9 in Anaheim Hills. It’s still burning, and is not expected to be completely contained until Tuesday, Oct. 17, according to Anaheim Fire and Rescue.

Meanwhile, the Atlas Peak Fire in Napa County is considered to be one of the fastest-growing fires in modern California history and is one of 17 fires burning in and around Sonoma County. Some students’ childhood homes have burned down, and their family members have been evacuated.

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt decided to cancel classes on Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday as air quality decreased and traffic concerns became more pressing, he told The Panther. As a result, some students took to their social media to celebrate that classes were canceled.

“Some call it evacuation, we call it a long weekend,” was the caption of one Chapman student’s public Instagram post. Another student rejoiced about “trading our snow days in for smoke days,” and others celebrated the lighting caused by the orange hue and smoke in the air that contributed to their Instagram aesthetic.

These posts were completely insensitive to the matter at hand. Students from Northern California are still going through an extremely difficult time as the fires continue to blaze through Wine Country. The fires are real and threaten the families and homes of many Chapman students. The least we can do is be respectful toward their pain.

While there weren’t any students whose houses in Orange or Anaheim burned down, 25 structures in the area were destroyed and 53 were damaged. Some stu-

dents had to evacuate their homes, and 40 were treated in the health center for fire-related health concerns on Oct. 9, including respiratory problems and cold symptoms that were worsened by the fire. Two students went to the health center with ash in their eyes that had to be treated with eye flushing, said Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats.

In the Sonoma and Napa counties, the fires have killed 40 people, destroyed 220,000 acres and burned down 5,700 structures as of Oct. 15, according to the Los Angeles Times. Nineteen percent of Chapman’s students are from Northern California, said Robert Pankey, the director of Institutional Research.

“It’s hard when people in the Chapman community don’t understand the magnitude of these events,” said senior political science major Lauren Averill, whose Sonoma home burned down. “I can’t blame anyone too much ... but it is disheartened to witness people celebrating classes being canceled by going out and drinking while people are losing their homes and lives.”

Instead of escaping to the beach or throwing parties, students can donate to people like Jake Kloberdanz, a Sonoma winery owner who has raised \$384,500 for fire and rescue organizations. GoFundMe has put together a centralized location for all the fundraising campaigns supporting fire relief efforts. Even if students don’t have money to donate, they can sign a change.org petition to waive the 8 percent fee on GoFundMe donations so that more money can reach Northern California residents in the wake of the fires.

While it was nice that classes at Chapman were canceled for a day in a half, natural disasters are never a reason to celebrate - especially when it’s happening in two different parts of the state and threatening people’s homes, families and health.

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Put yourself in the minority



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By no fault of their own, people who haven't been to an international school have a hard time grasping the social and educational dichotomy of attending an American school in China. On one hand, it was a high school filled with people who looked like me, struggling to fit the mold of the perfect, Asian, Ivy League

intellectual. On the other hand, we were taught by peers and faculty, subliminally or not, to be as white possible.

You see this clearly in social groups, where Asian kids who wore Kanye West's Yeezy sneakers and American Apparel were at the top of the social hierarchy, and the kids who had a harder time assimilating to American

culture were left at the bottom. The more you could look or act like the handful of white kids at my school, the better off you were socially.

As a member of that institution, I couldn't escape the reality. What was socially ingrained in my mentality, without me even knowing, was the fact that if I wanted to be "cool," I had to distinguish myself as less Asian and more white.

When, I graduated, I was ecstatic to move to California and pursue advertising and distance myself from anything Asian-related (as disgusting as it is to think about now). I made many white, straight friends, which, for some reason, was an indicator of success and my inherent ability to fit in. Freshman Max couldn't care less about the issues affecting minorities, especially Asian-American ones.

"These (racist, homophobic) jokes don't bother me because I'm not sensitive," I would think.

In an effort to prove that I'm not like my Asian peers, I saw these jokes my peers made as an individual reflection as opposed to a societal one. I never demanded respect because doing so would highlight the fact that I was problematic, and that some of my peers were problematic as well.

For some reason my sophomore year, I took a queer

studies course. In class, I noticed a freshman, straight, white guy. I could tell he was uncomfortable, and outside of his comfort zone, but so was I. Why was he there?

He didn't have to challenge himself. Why create the discomfort of deliberately putting yourself in a place where you're the minority? Why create an environment in which what you say may be questioned or labeled as racist, where your entire sense of achievement is explained on a flawed idea of this meritocracy?

But with everything that has been happening, and will continue to happen, in the social and political climate, it's more important than ever, especially for straight, white, cisgender, male folks to take these classes. (Although I want to focus on white folks, my Asian community is not exempt from scrutiny.) Put yourself out of your comfort zone and see what it's like to be the minority for once, even if it's just in a classroom setting.

Sharing a Facebook post is no longer enough for you to justify your stance as an ally. Some people may never know what it's like to be a transgender woman in our society or to be a black man, but the least we can do is learn about all the intricacies that undeniably exist in our community.

We need smart weapons regulation, not blunt, emotional action



Jack Eckert,
junior screenwriting major

I have hunted and shot clay pigeons in Pennsylvania and Scotland. I go to the gun range to shoot with handguns on the weekends, and I occasionally read a copy of Guns & Ammo magazine. I'm a gun enthusiast who proudly supports the second amendment, but what I saw happening in Las Vegas

on Oct. 1 – helplessly watching from 7,000 miles away, as I'm studying abroad in New Zealand – horrified and enraged me.

A shooter armed with at least 23 weapons in his hotel room killed 58 people who came out for music, fun and to hear Jason Aldean work his magic. I am calling the shooter a terrorist because, while he had no visible connections to global or domestic terror groups, despite a desperate claim from the handicapped Islamic State, what he did was the definition of terrorism.

In the wake of this horror, there has been a lot of noise. Some demand tougher gun regulation, and others say that now is not the time to talk politics. As a Second

Amendment supporter who values the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms for self-defense, recreation or hunting, I believe that smart regulation is needed.

It is very concerning that the shooter was able to establish an arsenal of 23 weapons in his hotel room, plus an additional stockpile of 19 firearms in his home, including explosives. I support the rights of private collectors to maintain a collection, but I would love to hear an explanation as to why a single individual needed 42 firearms.

Additionally, no one outside of official law enforcement, military or paramilitary outfits should have access to fully automatic weapons, or a device that can be converted to one.

We have seen the failings of strict gun control before, and broad restrictions and banning weapons are not solutions. A perfect example of this was the November 2015 Paris attacks. France has some of the strictest gun laws in the world, yet the ISIS operatives got their hands on AK assault rifles, killing 130 innocent civilians.

Instead, there needs to be a steroid amount of funding directed toward the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), giving it the teeth it needs to hunt down black-market arms suppliers. Boosting the ATF could significantly help American cities like Chicago, which has fallen victim to excessive black market-supplied gun violence.

Another act of smart legislation is to supply metropolitan law enforcement with military-grade weapons, gear and training. It was militarized police tactics that killed the Baton Rouge shooter in July 2016, saving countless

lives. Additionally, during the Watertown, Massachusetts shoot-out, local police struggled to access their military rifles, resulting in a 12-minute firefight with the Boston Marathon bombers. Law enforcement officers having easier access to weapons could have minimized the firefight's length and other officers' subsequent injuries.

It's no secret that America has a gun violence issue, with Vegas being the 273rd mass shooting in the past 275 days, with mass shooting defined as a single incident in which four or more people are shot, according to The Independent. With each mass shooting, there are more signs of how preventable they could have been. The Pulse nightclub shooter was briefly on a terrorist watch list, yet he was still able to acquire weapons for the massacre.

Restricting citizens from obtaining semi-automatic handguns and concealed carry permits for self-defense is not the solution. In fact, responsibly armed citizens have prevented criminal shooting sprees in the past. But the key word is "responsible," and rigorous mental health and background checks for concealed carry and handgun ownership are necessary.

As time goes on, I fear we will learn more about how the Las Vegas shooting could have been prevented had there been tougher regulation, or had local law enforcement been better armed to neutralize the threat when it began.

What happens now is up to policy makers, but the greatest insult to the victims of this massacre would be to do nothing.

Diversity of skin color is nothing compared to diversity of opinion



Ryan Marhoefer,
sophomore business
administration major

Racial tensions have obviously heightened over the last few years. But as tensions have risen, the quantity of logical debate has dropped alarmingly quickly.

Unfortunately, today, if you are not in a "victim group" (anyone of an "oppressed" class), then charges of racism are not far behind if you call out hypoc-

ris, reveal truths or especially if you call for the end of forced diversity (diversity for the sake of diversity). This movement for forced diversity has attempted to dismiss and silence countless voices.

The obsession with multiculturalism and political correctness, in a vain attempt to create "inclusion," has created an environment where students only hear one side. And, as in all echo chambers, radicalism is unavoidable. This radicalism has hushed numerous individuals who were merely presenting legitimate questions and critiques, such as what has happened to Milo Yiannopoulos, Charles Murray, Ben Shapiro and Heather Mac Donald.

So what caused this toxic political environment?

In this environment of radicalism, "victim groups" are being fed a diet of anti-white, anti-police hatred that inevitably spills over into violence, such as in the Berkeley riots in February, according to Rolling Stone. Demonization is the norm, which leads to the belief that it is justifiable to silence and attack someone due to their "privilege," orientation, gender, and race. (White privi-

lege is commonly confused with upper-class privilege, which nearly every Chapman student benefits from, with a median parental income of \$149,800, which is in the top 3.8 percent of all U.S. colleges, according to The New York Times.)

Today, many students genuinely believe that being a Trump supporter or disagreeing with Black Lives Matter is the same thing as hating black people and wanting a white ethnostate, such as at the University of California Riverside, where a student conflated a "Make America Great Again" hat with "lynches, mass genocides, mass deportations and constant killings."

By creating victim groups and giving them preferential treatment, we are effectively placing one group over another, which inevitably leads to victim and non-victim groups in opposition to each other as seen at several universities across the country that have experienced heightened racial tensions and protests.

Preferring or marginalizing particular groups only widens the division between groups. These victim groups are incentivized to not reject this label, so the struggle to end this division is doomed to be one-sided. And if individuals were to dissent, then they are doomed to be shamed and attacked by their assigned group and labeled as "traitors" or "sellouts," like the Black Tea Party activists, according to Fox News.

E Pluribus Unum (out of many, one) beats multiculturalism. Don't divide people into groups, but rather, unite them. These authoritative attempts for inclusion have only created a larger divide between groups. 42 percent of Americans worry a "great deal" about race relations, as compared to 2014, which was only 17 percent, according to Gallup News.

A wise man once said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." If recipients of the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) should not be punished (deported) because they are not respon-

sible for the actions of their parents, then why should white people be responsible and suffer for the actions of other white people committed generations ago? It is ridiculous to assert that individuals should be ignored or punished because of their skin color.

To the closet conservatives on campus: Don't tolerate name-calling that is deliberately dishonest. Force them to prove what they claim, or simply respond with this stumping phrase: "Not an argument!" Labeling someone "racist," "Uncle Tom" or "privileged white guy" is not an argument. It's a personal attack and a convenient way to sidestep what someone is saying. People on the left expose themselves as racists in their own right by citing race when they meet someone with whom they disagree, as shown when dozens of students at Evergreen State College protested a white teacher who refused to leave campus on a "no-whites" day, according to the Washington Times.

Forced diversity, casual hatred for straight white men and ostracism of conservative blacks and gays have become commonplace. I'm not arguing that forced diversity hurts students (even though it does). Rather, in the pursuit of diversity for the sake of diversity, echo chambers, which only breed radicalism, have created the perfect climate where voices can be silenced. Diversity can be and usually is a good thing, but forced diversity is not. Everyone, especially colleges, should start to take political and intellectual diversity as seriously as they take the more superficial forms of diversity.

Supporting only a specific ethnicity, and silencing or dismissing what someone says on the basis of their ethnicity, is the opposite of diversity and is the definition of racism.

All people are created equal, and all people equally deserve to say what they believe.

Race collectivism is racism. Period.

If you silence an opinion, then you are assuming your infallibility, and that is the root of real fascism.

The U.S. needed the World Cup



Jacob Hutchinson
Sports Editor

Right now, the U.S. is the laughingstock of the world, and for once, it's not because of a political blunder. It's because we suck at soccer.

Our national men's soccer team needed a draw against Trinidad and Tobago Oct. 10 to qualify for the 2018 World

Cup finals hosted in Russia next summer. Trinidad and Tobago was in last place out of the six teams in the U.S.'s qualifying group. All the U.S. had to do was draw against – not even beat – an island nation about the size of Maine. Yet, we lost.

The U.S. national team deserved this. It played terribly throughout the qualification process and, besides 19-year-old forward Christian Pulisic, there weren't any sparks in the team.

Even before the loss, there were outcries for overhauls of the U.S. Soccer Federation's system "from top to bottom," said ex-men's national team player and ESPN pundit Taylor Twellman. The core of the problem is the pay-to-play nature of U.S. soccer, which limits upward mobility only to people who can afford it. Roughly 25 percent of U.S. families have incomes of at least \$100,000 a year, but they produce 35 percent of youth soccer players. The roughly 25 percent of U.S. families with incomes below \$25,000 a year produce just 13 percent of youth soccer players according to Business Insider.

It is not like this in any other country, where the best players often come from the poorest areas, and that needs to change. However, that may be unlikely, as U.S. federation president Sunil Gulati has said he will not step down.

What's most disappointing is how potent of an effect the World Cup has on reinforcing a national identity. For every country involved, there is a heightened bond with your neighbors. The only other thing it's comparable to is the Olympics, except during the World Cup, everyone only has to focus on one sport, one game at a time. It's incredibly unique and doesn't take a deep understanding of the sport to be appreciated.

At a time when there is seemingly endless fragmentation within our country on the lines of race, politics, religion and any number of other issues, we needed to see U.S. in the World Cup next summer, whether we realize it now or not.

People look to sports to distract themselves from reality. Life is hard and it's not reprehensible to seek an outlet from the real world. The World Cup provides that on a national level. It's an event that only comes once every four years, where tens of millions of people around the country are cheering for the exact same thing.

Ex-NFL linebacker Na'il Diggs told me during an interview that, regardless of what sport it is, there is a value in "sport" itself. "I would hope that as a nation, as a country, as a people, as a society, that we use sport(s) and athletics as another way of coming together," he said. "This is the one way (that) I've known all sorts of people from all different parts of the world to come together to be happy and to find camaraderie and to find similarities – to put their race and demographics aside. There is something about being together and rooting and cheering for one cause."

The unity and coming-togetherness of the World Cup often seems like a corny thing that pundits and athletes always mention, but it's true. Not only is it true, it's something the U.S. desperately needs. We need an event where everyone can get together, regardless of their differences on other issues, and for once, say, "Hey, we're on the same page."

This summer, we won't have that.

Football in first place after lopsided win over Redlands

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

Few things in football look as seamless as a wide receiver catching a ball in stride for a touchdown. The offensive line needs to block well enough to give the quarterback time to find his receiver, and the quarterback has to deceive the defense to give his receiver space and then hurl an inch-perfect pass to that receiver. Finally, the receiver must make a perfect run and catch at full-speed while looking over his shoulder. It takes a lot of efficiently moving parts.

That efficiency was on display Oct. 14, when Chapman put on a dominant offensive performance in a 45-26 win against the University of Redlands. It culminated with a late fourth quarter touchdown from senior quarterback Ricky Bautista to senior wide receiver Jacob Isabel. The ball dropped into Isabel's arms without him changing a step, extending Chapman's lead to 26 points with seven minutes to go in the game.

"When you catch the ball in stride, you know that everyone else did their job and it's just an easy catch," Isabel said. "Ricky (Bautista) has a great arm, so it's just usually me versus the defensive back, and Ricky puts it in a spot where the defensive back can't get it and only I can."

In three out of the last four years, either Chapman or the University of Redlands has won the conference title. In 2013, Chapman's only loss came to Redlands and Redlands went undefeated, winning the conference title. In 2014, the roles switched. Chapman went undefeated and was the only team to beat Redlands en route to its last conference title.

"Redlands (is) the team that we need to take down in order to be in first place in the (conference)," Isabel said.



CATIE KOVELMAN Staff Photographer

Chapman players line up against University of Redlands players in Chapman's 45-26 win Oct. 14.

Chapman did just that Oct. 14, never once trailing Redlands. The win moved Chapman to the top of the conference at 3-0, meaning no team can catch up to Chapman if it wins the rest of its games.

"(This win is) very important," said head coach Bob Owens. "It gives us a leg up in the conference championship. But it's a long ways (away) for us."

Chapman's success was highlighted both by its offensive and defensive efficiency.

Offensively, seven of Chapman's 12 drives resulted in scores. Bautista threw for 414 yards and four touchdowns. Three of those touchdowns came from Isabel, who set Chapman career highs with 11 receptions and 215 receiving yards.

Bautista credited Chapman's offensive line for his performance.

"None of the touchdowns would have happened if it wasn't for (the offensive line)," Bautista said. "There are times where I see Jake (Isabel) singled up with a (player), and I'll

take my shot or help him get open by looking off safeties."

There was a moment early in the second half when the momentum shifted against Chapman. Redlands scored a touchdown less than two minutes into the half, which closed the gap to 15 points. On Chapman's next drive, senior running back Joe Mudie fumbled and turned over the ball at Chapman's 28-yard line.

Three plays later, Chapman's defense forced Redlands to set up for a field goal from 48 yards out. Redlands missed the attempt and never closed the gap to fewer than 12 points the rest of the game.

"It was a very crucial moment," said sophomore linebacker Ramon Chaves. "After the half, (Redlands) came out and drove it all the way on us, and it kind of made us realize we had to go a little faster and go a little harder. We can't let up, because this is a really good team."

Chapman's next game will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 21 at the University of La Verne.

Chapman equestrians: riding into the season

Natalie van Winden | Senior Writer

Mollie Thomas started riding horses when she was 3 years old, and she doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

The sophomore communication studies major grew up around horses and wanted to continue riding in college. Chapman's equestrian team allowed her to do that.

Chapman added equestrian as an official club sport last year. The team has increased from 10 riders two years ago to 16 this year.

"I think we are (being) taken a little more seriously," Thomas said. "The biggest change is the mental part. Knowing that we are a legitimate part of Chapman Athletics feels really good."

The equestrian season lasts from mid-October to early March. Riders travel to San Juan Capistrano, which is a 30-minute drive from Chapman, to train with their coach, Lisa Rathfelder, at least once a week. Riders are responsible for getting their practices in and for submitting paperwork to prove that they put in the required practice time.

During the season, riders usually travel for a show every two to three weeks. A show consists of six different levels of competition, including walk and trot, beginner, advanced, novice, intermediate and open. Competitors begin doing jumps at the novice level.

The team competes as part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The team joined three years ago, and now competes against equestrian teams from other Southern California schools.

"There are club riding teams all over

the country, but not a lot of them get a lot of recognition of funding," Thomas said. "We play in the IHSA and (have) a post-season including regionals, zones, and nationals."

To qualify for IHSA Regionals, a rider must accumulate a certain number of points. Riders need 36 points to qualify for each division except open. Open riders need to earn 28 points to qualify for IHSA Regionals.

IHSA Regional qualifiers then progress to IHSA Zone Championships, whose qualifiers then compete to represent their school at the IHSA National Championships.

Alexa Sikes, a '17 alumna who was captain of the equestrian team as a student, went to the zone eight finals at Stanford University for the open flat event last season and placed sixth.

She was also the only rider from the region to qualify in open, the highest level of competition in IHSA.

Chapman can either be invited as a team or as individuals to the post-season shows. In addition, each team is expected to bring horses to each show and horses are selected for riders randomly at the time of the event. Each rider will pull a horse's name out of a hat and that is the one they ride for the competition.



Photo courtesy of Natalie Teague

Sophomore Mollie Thomas jumps in a show in Gilbert, Arizona, Feb. 25.

Thomas said that this rule makes equestrian less of a "money sport," meaning that riders do not get the upper hand just by buying a better horse. "Part of what makes a horse good is how they're built, trained, their bloodlines, temperament, how comfortable and adjustable (the horses are) to ride," Thomas said.

Some shows require that the girls stay overnight in a hotel, but no transportation costs are provided by the school, so the team finds ways to carpool. To offset these costs, the dues for the equestrian team are \$250 each year. In addition to the dues, players must pay for the uniforms out-of-pocket which can vary in price.

"My favorite memory of being on the team was the second-to-last show in February last season," said sophomore business administration major Kelena Jue. "I liked being able to bond with my teammates and stay at the hotel... (it) was really special."

Carter Ankeny: a lasting impact on Chapman baseball

Kali Hoffman | Staff Writer

Six-year-old Carter Ankeny, Chapman baseball's youngest teammate, died Oct. 8 from leukemia. His friends and fellow athletes say Carter's vivacity and love for baseball continues to inspire them – on and off the field.

"Baseball is a game of failure," said junior infielder Andrew Mendonca. "We lose a lot, but whenever we would look over and see Carter there, it would put everything into perspective. He made us better people and better players and revived our love for the game."

Chapman's baseball team met Carter through Team Impact, a program that pairs children who have life-threatening and chronic illnesses with college sports teams. After signing on to the Chapman baseball team in spring 2016, Carter became the team's "good luck charm," cheering them on at games and running drills with the other players at practice.

"The team actually met his family first," Mendonca said. "I shook his dad's hand, then his mom's, but then we look(ed) around and Carter didn't stop to say, 'Hi,' to any of us. He sped past everyone and immediately started running circles on the field."

When Carter first joined the team, he was in the process of a three-and-a-half year treatment for leukemia. Even though he was undergoing chemotherapy, Carter and his family participated in almost every Thursday baseball practice.

"If you were a spectator and just saw him on the sidelines, you would have never thought he had cancer," said head coach Scott Laverty. "He

was so full of energy."

When Carter attended games, players said his passion for baseball was contagious.

"(Before meeting Carter,) the game became more about competition and less about the love of the sport," said junior outfielder Trevor Willits. "Carter was just there because he loved it. He helped remind us what was really important."

His teammates also said Carter had a way of seeing the positive in almost any situation.

"When he lost his hair, he said it was OK because it would make him a better baseball player," Willits said. "Without the wind resistance, he could run faster. He was always optimistic."

Carter's leukemia relapsed in July 2016. Though they were "heartbroken," his teammates remained dedicated to be there alongside him.

"It hit me when Andrew and I let Carter shave our heads," Willits said. "I saw him that day and he just looked so much different than he had when we met him. Cancer had consumed so much of his life already and now he had to start again from scratch."

Since Carter could not attend school, the team became the center of his life.

"His mom told us he would go around the hospital telling everyone about his teammates," Willits said. "Whenever we were around, his energy spiked."

Since Carter's death, the team's bond with his parents and sister, has strengthened, Willits said.

"They're not getting rid of us yet," he said. "We loved him like a



Photos courtesy of Larry Newman

Above: Carter Ankeny runs with junior outfielder Trevor Willits. Below: Carter Ankeny walks on the baseball field in uniform during a game.



brother."

Carter's family has a GoFundMe donation page, and they also recommend that those who want to help can donate blood in his memory.

"They want Carter to somehow continue helping other people even after he has passed," Mendonca said.

Laverty said that Carter had a positive impact on the team.

"Team Impact is the best decision I ever made for the team," Laverty said. "We all thought we were going to change Carter's life, but I think he changed us even more. He's still our teammate."

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Marek Spooner-LeDuff: Football's defensive 'ball hog'

Junior defensive back leads team in interceptions in first season

Naidine Conde | Web Editor

Five games into the season, junior defensive back Marek Spooner-LeDuff has already made a name for himself as the "ball hog," his teammates said. Spooner-LeDuff, who transferred to Chapman this semester from Santa Monica College, has the ball in his hands often for a defensive player.

His four interceptions rank second in the conference and also leave him tied for 13th in Division III football in interceptions per game.

"I didn't start playing defense until I came to college," he said. "I played offense my whole life in football. Being from the offensive side, I have a good nose for where the ball is going to be. It gives me an advantage."

Spooner-LeDuff first attended the University of Idaho, a Division I school, for one semester before transferring.

"Three weeks into the season, the NCAA told me I was one credit short from being eligible to play," he said. "They were going to take a year of eligibility away from me, but I felt it was unfair, since I was never eligible to begin with."

Spooner-LeDuff said he took a "medical opt-out" and left the University of Idaho.

"(It is) like I never went there," he said. "I didn't receive any credits for going there."

He then transferred to Santa Monica College, where he completed two years of school before coming to Chapman.

"Santa Monica College is one of the number one transfer schools with great academics," Spooner-LeDuff said. "They won their conference for the last five or six years, so I knew they had a good football program and I was going to be with a great coach."

When deciding where to transfer after Santa Monica College, Chapman was not the only school Spooner-LeDuff considered. He also had the opportunity to attend Oregon State University and play football there.

"I'm not really looking to play football professionally," said Spooner Le-Duff, a communications major and computer science minor. "I want to work on virtual technology and communications."

Spooner-LeDuff viewed Chapman's small community as a benefit to transferring.

"When I was at the University of Idaho, I didn't know all my teammates," Spooner-LeDuff said. "Here, I can really consider all my teammates my friend. It's a lot more personal and you get to know everyone at a great level."

Defensive coordinator David Bishop said that he sees Spooner-LeDuff's "athleticism" as one of his strengths, but that he has room for improvement.

"His size, coupled with speed, gives you a corner which can pair up with tall wide receivers," Bishop said. "His biggest thing he needs to work on, which I think he's doing a good job at so far, is learning to play at the four-year level, constant, every play effort and be in great physical condition."

Bishop said Spooner-LeDuff's interceptions make him an asset to Chapman.

"Turnovers are probably one of the most important things (in football)," Bishop said. "Fumble recoveries, interceptions and sacks correlate more to winning than any other thing we can keep track of."

Senior wide receiver Kayvan Aminzadeh played with Spooner-LeDuff for a year at Santa Monica College before also transferring to Chapman.

"Marek has always been a great football player since I have known him," Aminzadeh said. "He played multiple positions at Santa Monica and succeeded anywhere he played on the field. Now, at Chapman, he has a solidified role on the team where he can make plays whenever the ball is thrown his way."



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Men's Soccer

Chapman 2 Claremont-M-S 1
Chapman 3 Whittier 0

Men's Water Polo

Chapman 14 Caltech 9

Women's Soccer

Cal Lutheran 2 **Chapman 1**
 Whittier 2 **Chapman 1**

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Whittier 3 **Chapman 1**
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Chapman 3 Redlands 0

Football

Chapman 45 Redlands 26

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Men's Soccer

Oct. 21 vs. La Verne 7 p.m.

Men's Water Polo

Oct. 17 vs. Claremont-M-S 7 p.m.
 Oct. 19 @ Occidental 4 p.m.
 Oct. 21 @ La Verne 11 a.m.

Football

Oct. 21 @ La Verne 1 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 18 vs. Claremont-M-S 4 p.m.
 Oct. 21 @ Redlands 11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

Oct. 17 vs. Caltech 7 p.m.
 Oct. 20 @ Claremont-M-S 7 p.m.
 Oct. 21 vs. La Verne 4 p.m.

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