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The Keck Foundation donated \$21 million to name the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, President Daniele Struppa, left, announced Sept. 28.

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Junior midfielder Lindsay Erl jumps to kick the ball in the Panthers' 2-0 win against Redlands University Sept. 27. The team lost to Occidental College 3-2 Sept. 30. Go to thepantheronline.com to read the game coverage.



A professor known for her essays about sexual misconduct that sparked protest will speak at Chapman this week.

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Keck Foundation donates \$21 million to Chapman

The gift will name the new science and engineering center, Struppa announced Sept. 28

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Chapman received a \$21 million donation from the Los Angeles-based W.M. Keck Foundation for its 145,000 square foot science center. The building will be named the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, President Daniele Struppa announced on Wilson Field Sept. 28.

“Chapman’s the home run of Orange County, and if you want to have your name on the best, and have the ‘Keck effect’ down here, you want to be at Chapman,” said the foundation’s CEO, Robert Day, during the announcement.

The building, which will be completed in fall 2018, will be one of several in Southern California named after the foundation, but the first in Orange County.

“I look at Orange County and look at where we want the Keck name, and there’s no close second. There’s only one: Chapman University in Orange County,” Day said during the announcement, which brought a crowd of more than 500.

The Keck Foundation, which is a philanthropic organization that supports science, engineering and medical research, as well as undergraduate education, has opened centers at the California Institute of Technology, Claremont McKenna College and the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California, which was named in 1999.

The relationship between Chapman and the Keck Foundation results from a 25-year friendship between Day and President Emeritus Jim Doti.

“Most of those years when I served as president, we were focusing on film and starting a law school, but we weren’t noted for our sciences,” Doti said. “But, five years ago, when we started our strategic planning to focus on the sciences and to build this building, I finally went to (Day) and said, ‘You know, I think we’ve reached a point where we may be deserving of a Keck name,’ and we talked about it, and he agreed to it.”

The center will house classrooms for the Schmid College of Science and Technology, as well as the Fowler School of Engineering, which will open in fall 2020, Chapman Public Relations Assistant Bethanie Le told *The Panther*.

Schmid College Dean Andrew Lyon said the addition of this name to the school will bring attention to the school from a broader population.

“The Keck name is synonymous with transformative science and research across the country, and so that name then tells the world that Chapman has something that’s really quite special in science and technology,” he said. “The building is really allowing us to finally achieve the level of scientific infrastructure to accomplish the sorts of things that our faculty have already been working toward for years.”

Struppa said in a press release that the support from the Keck Foundation will help Chapman take its place “among the most established institutions in the country.”



Photos by JACKIE COHEN Photo Editor

Confetti and streamers were released as part of the celebration Sept. 28 for the \$21 million donation from the W.M. Keck Foundation, which the new engineering school will be named for.

“Having our most ambitious structure to date named for the W.M. Keck Foundation is a testament to the foundation’s commitment to science and engineering in the greater Southern California area,” Struppa said in a press release.

“Chapman is honored to be among other Keck beneficiaries in the region. The support from Keck will help us to take our place among the most established institutions in the country.”

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- Robert Day, Keck Foundation CEO



President Emeritus Jim Doti introduces longtime friend Robert Day, who is the chairman and president of the Keck Foundation.

Controversial author and professor to speak at Chapman

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

Laura Kipnis, a Northwestern University professor known for her essays about sexual misconduct that have sparked student protest, will be speaking at a Chapman event “Title IX and Mission Creep” Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

In February 2015, Kipnis published an op-ed in the Chronicle of Higher Education in which she denounced “sexual paranoia” on campuses and discussed professor-student sexual relationships and trigger warnings.

A group of Northwestern University students protested the article and filed a complaint with the university’s Title IX office that March. They said the op-ed “created a hostile environment for students who brought Title IX concerns to the university,” according to The Daily Northwestern.

Kipnis, a self-proclaimed left-wing feminist, said in an interview with The Panther that while the Dear Colleague Letter – which Education Secretary Betsy DeVos reversed Sept. 22 – was well-intentioned, it was “disastrous” for college campuses.

“I think the Trump administration is a threat to democracy as we know it, but I think that what DeVos is doing is what had to be done,” Kipnis said.

President Daniele Struppa, who invited Kipnis to speak at Chapman, wrote in an email to The Panther that he hopes having Kipnis speak on campus will force the campus community to answer the question: “How could it be that we now investigate people for their opinions?”

“I feel very strongly that the ability to discuss controversial topics is the hallmark of a strong university,” Struppa wrote. “If we are not willing to do it, we might as well close down



Laura Kipnis

and go home.”

At the Oct. 4 event, Kipnis will discuss her book, “Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus,” which chronicles her experiences with Title IX and having a complaint filed against her.

Title IX is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that receives federal funding. In April 2011, the U.S. Department of Education issued the Dear Colleague Letter, which provides set guidelines for how universities should handle sexual assault cases.

While Kipnis will be the featured speaker at the event, there will be two faculty members speaking to offer their perspectives: Chapman’s Lead Title IX Coordinator DeAnn Yocum Gaffney, and Lisa Leitz, the chair of the peace studies program. There will

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- President Daniele Struppa

also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

“This will be a test to see whether as a community we are truly committed to debate and dialogue, or whether instead, we are so afraid of differing opinions that we refuse to even debate them,” Struppa wrote.

Free speech has been in question on some college campuses, where student protests have interrupted and sometimes cancelled appearances by controversial speakers.

A “Free Speech Week” featuring Milo Yiannopoulos and other right-wing commentators at the University of California, Berkeley, was cancelled Sept. 23, according to the New York Times. Another planned speech by Yiannopoulos was cancelled following a violent protest at the Berkeley campus in February. The school also cancelled a speech by conservative commentator Ann Coulter in April, citing security concerns.

Chapman English professor Ian Barnard said he has heard that some of his students were planning a protest for Kipnis’s visit because they disagree with her support of DeVos’s repeal of the Dear Colleague Letter.

“She’s been very critical of sexual assault protocols on college campuses. She’s kind of interesting,” Barnard said. “I’ve heard people say she’s like Ann Coulter, Milo Yiannopoulos, like these right-wing people, and she’s not. She’s critical of the way sexual assault cases are being handled, but she’s a feminist. She’s a feminist but doesn’t want to be the nicey-nice feminist. She wants to be one of those naughty feminists.”

Kipnis said that while she is not in favor of protests that prevent people from speaking, she is open to discussion with students and staff at the event, and wants to encourage free speech on college campuses.

“I’m happy to be disagreed with and have a discussion,” Kipnis said. “I think that campuses should be places where there’s an open exchange of ideas, so I hope that that’s what happens.”

Struppa wrote that if students disagree with Kipnis’s stance on Title IX, he hopes that the disagreement is based on a close reading of her story and of her writings.

“I hope that if students decide to protest her speech, they will do it in a way that does not violate the right of Professor Kipnis to speak and the right of others to listen,” Struppa wrote. “There are many ways to express dissent without violating other people’s rights.”

Turn to page 12 to read an editorial about Laura Kipnis’s upcoming visit.

Orange ‘party ordinance’ calls up since last year

Blake Waddell | Staff Writer

The number of city-wide noise complaint-related calls and Chapman student-related noise complaints has increased since last year, according to data from the Orange Police Department.

Chapman students make up 11.8 percent of the overall noise complaints so far in 2017, according to the Orange Police. Last year, Chapman-related complaints made up 8.7 percent of calls for the entire year – 81 of the 934 city-wide.

There have been almost 400 more city-wide noise complaints in 2017 so far, with 1,309 as of Sept. 30. Of the total number of noise complaint-related calls, 154 have been Chapman-related.

The complaints that the Orange Police receive are scattered throughout the city and are not concentrated in any specific area. However, Chapman-related parties are considered the most loud and unruly, said Orange Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Phillip McMullin.

“Chapman parties are more of a drain on resources than other parties,” McMullin said. “Once we shut the party down, we then have hundreds of students standing around in the street waiting for Ubers.”

Of the 154 complaints this year so far, Public Safety has only been asked to respond to 37 of them, said Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba. Public Safety is only called to the scene if the party is determined to be a Chapman-related violation in order to enforce the Chapman student Conduct Code, Burba said.

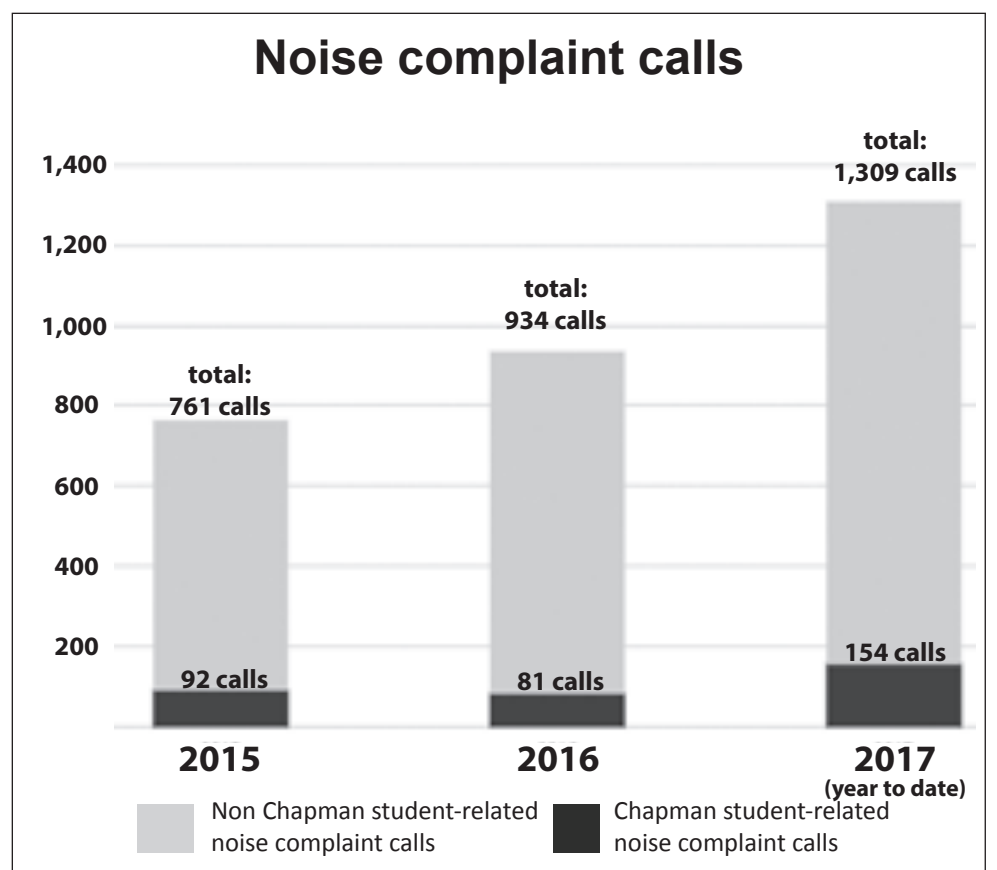
The updates to the “party ordinance,” like an increase in fines and increasing the penalty from an infraction to a misdemeanor, have put pressure on students to communicate with their neighbors that they are willing to work with them and that they would prefer a chance to keep their parties quiet themselves before getting the police involved, Burba said.

“I’ve heard stories of students baking cookies for the neighbors, basically saying ‘Hey, we’re college kids, we’re gonna have parties, and if it gets too loud, call us first,’ and making those relationships,” Burba said.

Miller Mein, a junior creative writing major, was one of these students who did just that. He thought that cookies would be a great way to break the ice with his neighbors before he had a party, he said. He also gave them his phone number and asked that they call him first if there are any problems.

“Cookies are just the perfect way to show that you have respect for people you’re living with,” said Mein. “You’re gonna have a party, it’s gonna happen, so this is the best way to remedy that so we can hopefully work together on this issue.”

Denis Bilodeau, a former Orange city councilman who was opposed to the ordinance when it was presented to the council in June 2016, continues to be against it. He feels that it unfairly targets students, and that most of the complaints that spurred this law were about students, despite them being the minority of party



Graphic by EMMA STESSMAN Art Director

The total number of city-wide and Chapman-related noise complaints have increased in the past two years since the party ordinance was passed in 2016.

calls.

“The penalty is a misdemeanor, which means it goes on your criminal record and affects your employment chances and background checks,” Bilodeau said. “The city went to great strides to criminalize common human behavior.”

Noise violations apply between the

hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. if audible within 100 feet of the property, according to the Orange Municipal Code. The determination as to whether the event is a violation is up to the officer who arrives on the scene, or can be proven by the testimony of any other person nearby.

City council addresses homelessness, students plan protest

Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

The Orange City Council held a special meeting to address homelessness in Orange and what city officials are doing in response to it on Sept. 26. Three Chapman students attended the last meeting Sept. 11 and spoke during public comment about permanent supportive housing for the homeless.

The next city council meeting was initially planned for Oct. 10. However, City Manager Rick Otto said he “felt it was necessary to do this as soon as possible, given the nature of the situation.”

Orange Police Chief Tom Kisela gave a presentation during the meeting on what the police department has been doing for the past few years to combat homelessness. This began in 2013 with establishing the Homeless, Engagement, Assistance and Resource Team (HEART), organizing private security patrols and tightening enforcement of the Santa Ana riverbed and Santiago Creek area.

However, senior political science major Brad West is planning to organize a rally that begins at Chapman and ends at the Orange City Council Chambers Oct. 10, which is the date of the next city council meeting.

West referenced a 2017 study conducted by the University of California, Irvine that presented information on the economic expenditures of homelessness in Orange County. The study finds that “housing the homeless reduces systemic costs that can be reallocated to other priorities.”

West said he would like to see the Orange Police “relax a bit on their criminalization, especially on tickets



IAN CRADDOCK Staff Photographer

Mayor Teresa “Tita” Smith led Tuesday night’s meeting, which covered the homeless issue in Orange.

and citations.”

“Congratulations, you’re giving them a ticket that, A, they’re not going to be able to pay, and B, they’re not going to be able to show up to their court date on, which just wastes everybody’s time and it wastes the government’s money,” West said.

During the meeting, Kisela said that between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, there were about 320 homeless-related crimes in the city of Orange and 246 arrests. He also said that, within the Santa Ana riverbed area alone, there were 94 homeless-related crimes and 74 arrests.

Otto said during the meeting that Orange also plans to add two additional police officer positions that with solely with homelessness, increase the length of the contract with private security, establish a committee that would deal specifically with

the homeless population and coordinate with local nonprofits to create more housing.

“Permanent supportive housing is by far the most cost-efficient and the most humane way to solve these issues,” West said. “In the meantime, they need a place to be able to go where they will not be harassed and they will have private security and bathrooms – and so they won’t be bothering residents as well.”

West said that he thinks Orange City Council is “genuinely doing what they think is right for the community.”

“I don’t think they’re just doing this for political aims, I don’t think they’re doing this just to cover their (expletive), I think they think they’re doing the right thing, but they need a bit of a perspective shift,” he said.

More than 100 attend discussion about Armenian Genocide

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

When entering Chapman’s Fish Interfaith Center, the themes of suffering and discrimination might not enter one’s mind. However, the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education used the space Sept. 26 to host a conversation about a time in history when both of these themes were prevalent: the Armenian Genocide.

Several Public Safety officers stood in various locations within the center, taking precaution in case of opposition, Jennifer Keene, the chair of the history department and moderator of the event, told The Panther.

“Whenever there is an event like this, safety and the potential for opposition is always taken into account,” Keene said.

Last year, a group of about 25 Armenian protesters disrupted an event where the Turkish Consul General Gülrü Gezer and Baylor University professor George Gawrych were preparing to speak. The event took place on the 78th anniversary of the death of former Turkish president Mustafa Kemal Atatürk.

The Sept. 26 event, a conversation between genocide historians and university presidential fellows David Crowe and Richard Hovannisian, was a platform to share new discoveries about the Armenian Genocide and its estimated 1.5 million victims.

“The topic of genocide is still very significant today,” Keene said. “Not only are there genocides occurring in our modern times, but we are living in a time where we see division between races and ethnicities. It is certainly still a modern-day problem.”

The event was free and open to the public. Although it was geared



CATIE KOVELMAN Staff Photographer

Professor Jennifer Keene moderated a discussion with Professor Richard Hovannisian about the Armenian Genocide Sept. 26.

toward students, the majority of the attendees were not.

There were four staff members running the event, 30 student attendees, and about 80 Chapman faculty and local residents in attendance.

The small student attendance concerned Keene, she said.

“We look to the past to understand the present,” Keene said. “This topic is so important for young people to be educated on. It makes us as a Chapman community ask ourselves what responsibilities we have to be educated.”

Crowe and Hovannisian spoke about historical documents that have recently surfaced. These documents

prove that although German diplomats were aware of the suffering that the victims of the Armenian Genocide were subjected to, they chose not to intervene on behalf of the Armenian people, Hovannisian said.

“The Germans played a role by enabling the genocide as well as maintaining silence on the matter,” Hovannisian said. “This silence was an intentional suppression of the truth.”

The event was also used as a place to discuss the ongoing repercussions of the Armenian Genocide.

“The Armenian survivors had no home country to memorialize their experience and the world did not care,” Hovannisian said. “It is not surprising that a whole generation of survivors did not have a voice.”

Hovannisian, who is Armenian, said that the Armenian Genocide is associated with the identity of the Armenian people. Armenians should be known for far more than genocide, and this has contributed to the loss of identity at the hands of a world society that remembers Armenians only because of genocide, he said.

Hovannisian also noted that it is illegal to speak about the Armenian Genocide in the land where it took place, modern-day Turkey. Both Crowe and Hovannisian said that Turkey has maintained the idea that recognizing the Armenian Genocide is not in its best national interest.

Recognizing blame is a stain that is eternal, Crowe said. He continued to state that Germany has recognized the blame of the Holocaust, and that cloud will forever remain in their history. The Armenian Genocide and the blame that accompanies it behaves in a similar fashion.

Senate updates

Sept. 29 meeting

New Diversity Affairs board
Diversity Affairs Committee Chair Jackie Palacios announced that Dodge College of Film and Media Arts Senator Krista Tamares will be talking with Bob Bassett, the dean of Dodge College, to potentially establish a Diversity Affairs Board within the college.

Funding requests

The Beach Volleyball Club funding request during last week’s allocations committee meeting was tabled, because the club wanted to sell shirts that student government would fund. A funding request for nearly \$700 was denied in last week’s allocations committee meeting, said Allocations Committee Chair Will Harris. The club was requesting funding for a trip that had a student participation of about 10 students, therefore the committee felt it did not benefit the Chapman community as a whole.

The U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology, Inc. at Chapman submitted a funding request for \$2,756.89 for the rights to the musical “Chicago” to be produced in conjunction with clubs like Chapman on Broadway, The Players’ Society and the Chapman Dance Alliance. The group will make a second funding request once they assemble a production team and create a budget.

Open forum

President Mitchell Rosenberg addressed Palacios’ concerns about signage for the gender-inclusive restroom in Argyros Forum. Palacios said that it wasn’t clear where the location of the restroom is and that when students try to use it, it is often locked.

“It definitely doesn’t require key card access. Maybe it’s just some growing pains because it’s new,” Rosenberg said about the restroom being locked.

Rosenberg said signs for the restroom are on their way, but that the signs have imagery of a male, female and a disability access symbol. This is cause for concern, Rosenberg said, because the signs depict gender binaries.

Speaker of Senate Alex Ballard asked Rosenberg about the establishment of a student wellness committee. Rosenberg said he would be in contact with Active Minds, a student-run mental health organization, and Ansley Wong, the university and academic affairs committee chairwoman, in the next week or two to talk about the structure of the committee.

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

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INCIDENT LOG

Sept. 26

Unknown subjects broke a window in a Pralle-Sodaro Hall dorm room.

Sept. 28

Unknown subjects removed bicycle parts from a bicycle secured to a rack outside of the Sandhu Residence Center.

Public Safety was dispatched to the Sandhu Residence Center, because there was an odor of marijuana. Officers recovered marijuana paraphernalia from the location.

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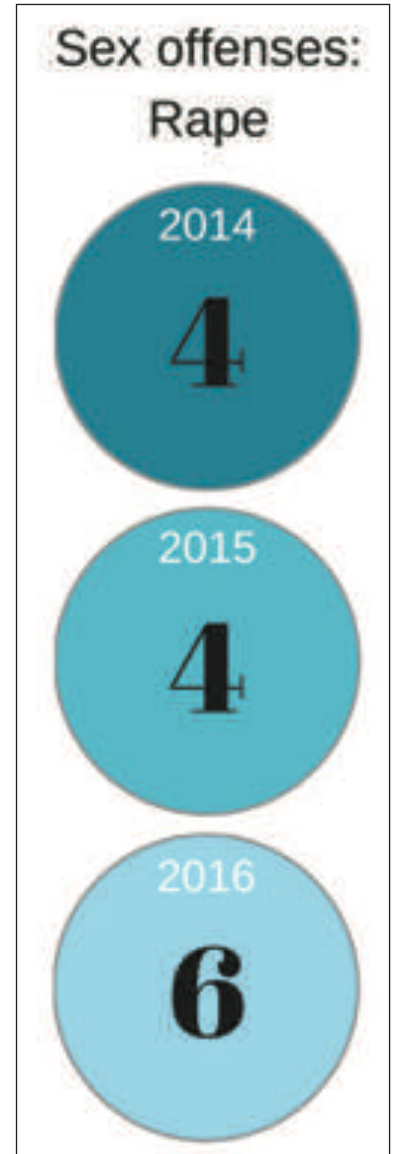
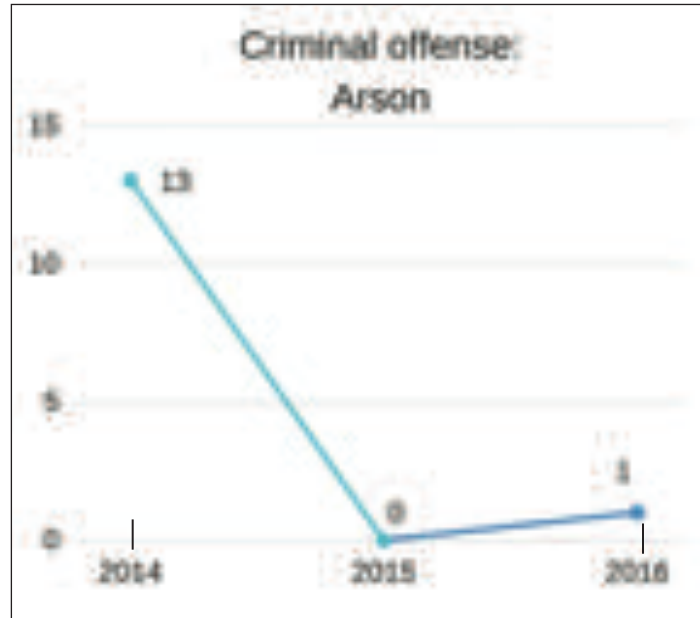
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Clery Act report shows increase in liquor law violations

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

Public Safety released its Annual Security and Fire Safety Report Sept. 29, in compliance with the Clery Act, which is a law that aims to provide transparency around campus crime policy and statistics. The report contains information about campus security, safety, crime prevention, student conduct and crime-reporting policies during 2016, according to Public Safety. It also includes statistics from the previous three calendar years to compare reported crimes on or adjacent to campus.



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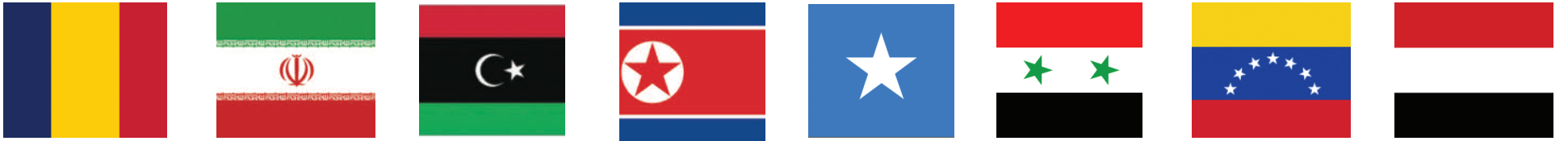
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Travel ban expands to three new countries

Lorig Yaghsejian | Features Editor

A name in this story has been changed to protect the student's safety.

Juan Bustillo and his family moved to Venezuela when he was three weeks old. It is the country he considers home. It is where his family lives. It is also one of the countries just added to the travel ban.

President Donald Trump revised his past executive order on Sept. 24 to restrict travel from Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. There are five Chapman students from Venezuela, which is one of the three new countries added to the ban, said Steven Wong, an administrative assistant at the Center for Global Education.

"Trump added these new countries to make it seem like it wasn't a religious ban," said Bustillo, who is a junior political science and screenwriting major. "It's just going to make it harder for people to see their families and is completely unnecessary."

Bustillo said that citizens of Venezuela have been trying to escape the tyranny in the country. Now, they will not be able to do so, he said.

"Political refugees will have a harder time getting out of the countries, which will endanger people's lives," he said. "It is basically impossible to find a flight right now. Even if my family found one now, they wouldn't be allowed to come into the country."

Like Bustillo, Safieh Moshirfatemi, a junior music major, wonders if she will see her home country Iran again. She wonders if her grandmother will be alive by the time the travel ban is lifted. Moshirfatemi, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Iran, also wonders if Iran will recover from this travel ban.

"When the ban was first announced, I was devastated and felt far removed from American culture and society, since this is the first issue that blatantly affected me personally," Moshirfatemi said. "I feel like there will be a time when I go back to Iran and see my family and see my country. Maybe after the Trump administration is over."

Moshirfatemi said she has already missed an opportunity to travel because of the executive order.

"I had plans to go to Italy for a heavily funded music festival, and, for fear that I would not be let back into the country because of my dual citizenship, I didn't go," Moshirfatemi said. "That was really hard for me to cope with."

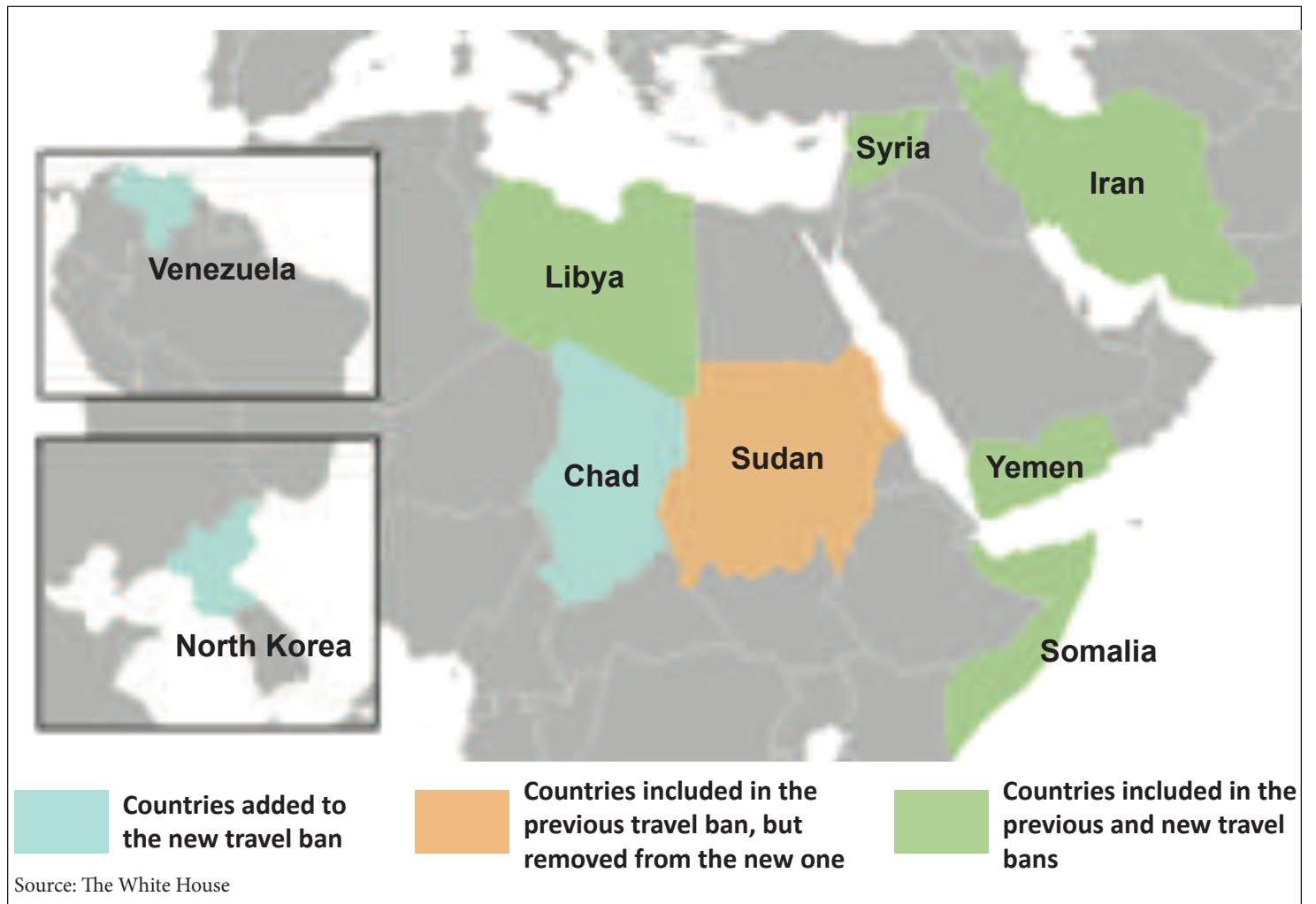
Her father and his immediate family live in Iran, and she has not been back to the country since Trump signed the first executive order, Jan. 27. She is able to see her dad when he travels from Iran and takes a connecting flight in Dubai before coming to the U.S., she said.

"My dad told me he was prepared to stay in the airport and get sent back home," Moshirfatemi said. "One day, he won't get lucky and they will see his Iran stamp instead of the Dubai one."

To Moshirfatemi, the ban is xenophobic, and she agrees with Bustillo that the new countries are a distraction from the executive order being a Muslim ban.

"I just feel numb toward it," she said. "Nothing Trump says or does shocks me anymore."

What angers her the most is that, to



Graphic by EMMA STESSMAN Art Director

countries such as Iran, the U.S. is a place to immigrate for the "American dream."

"The idea of the U.S. being a safe haven for people escaping suffering, now citizens of other countries are seeing a switch in American values," she said. "I heard (from my family) that people are less and less willing to immigrate here."

Last semester, one student was unable to return to Chapman after Trump signed the initial executive order in January. Michelle, a student who asked to remain anonymous because she fears for her safety, was supposed to begin her junior year this semester, but is still a sophomore because she didn't return to Chapman last spring.

Michelle, a dual citizen of Iraq and Dominica, was attending Chapman with a student visa. When leaving Jordan at the end of winter break Jan. 27, she was stopped at the airport. She was using her Dominica passport to travel to the U.S., but the officers refused her entry because of her Iraqi citizenship.

"Because I held an Iraqi passport, I wasn't able to enter, even though I wasn't coming from Iraq, nor was my student visa on the Iraqi passport," Michelle said.

She was then asked to sign a withdrawal document that would ultimately revoke her student visa.

"It made me feel horrible and unwanted. It was such a humiliating experience. I'm a student that has been coming in and out of their country for years, and now they think I'm a threat," Michelle said.

That day, the U.S. Embassy called her, apologizing for what happened to her. They also informed her that she could reapply for a student visa right away.

"I told the embassy I might not apply," she said. "I didn't want to return to a country that didn't want me."

Michelle decided to apply for a student visa in June and returned to Chapman in August for this semester.

"President Daniele Struppa emailed

me himself (in January) and was very sweet," she said. "He was providing me contact for lawyers, but I didn't need anything."

Michelle said that it upsets her that she will not be able to graduate on time unless she takes 18-21 credits each semester, since she had a semester delay returning to the U.S.

"I still think it's unfair for students to have been included in the ban," she said. "It just disrupts their lives."

Nubar Hovsepian, a Middle Eastern politics professor, said that he knows

people in Libya who are affected by the travel ban and believes that it's unconstitutional and systematically racist. Like some students at Chapman, he said that the addition of new countries like North Korea and Venezuela are a distraction from the fact that this is a Muslim ban.

"I find the whole effort unworthy of a country that respects their constitution," he said. "This new ban added a lot of new dimensions. As if anyone from North Korea is coming here in the first place."

Restrictions by country

North Korea and Syria: Entry as immigrants and nonimmigrants suspended.

Chad, Yemen and Libya: Entry for immigrants and nonimmigrants on business and tourist visas is suspended.

Somalia: Entry for immigrants suspended, and non-immigrants traveling to the U.S. will face enhanced screening and vetting.

Iran: Entry for immigrants and nonimmigrants is suspended, except under valid student and exchange visitor visas (with enhanced screening and vetting requirements).

Venezuela: Entry of certain Venezuelan government officials and their immediate family members, and nonimmigrants on some business and tourist visas is suspended.

Source: The White House

Beyond the pink ribbon: How breast cancer affects students' families

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

When Hunter Turney was in the fifth grade, her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. When Turney was a high school sophomore, her mom was diagnosed with metastatic cancer, a terminal cancer that moves into other parts of the body, according to the National Cancer Institute. At the time, her mother was given one year to live.

Despite her mother's prognosis, she is still alive today, nearly four years later. Turney has "come to terms" with her mother's illness, but she remembers how difficult it was for her family to comprehend her mother's diagnosis.

"I didn't think it was fair that my mom or my family had to go through this again. I just shut everyone out," said Turney, a sophomore screenwriting major. "I didn't want to be close to anyone because I felt like I could lose them at any given second."

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for many students, it's a time to wear pink attire or make their Facebook profile pictures pink. However, students who have been personally affected by cancer know that it's much more than a pink ribbon. Breast cancer can affect more than someone's cells—it can affect entire families.

The second time Hunter Turney's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, she was told she had one year to live.

"A lot of people know about breast cancer, but I think it's more about being aware of what people with cancer are going through, and how you can help," Turney said.

About 20 to 25 percent of all hereditary breast cancer is caused by BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutations, according to the National Cancer Institute. About 55 to 65 percent of women with the BRCA1 mutation and about 45 percent with the BRCA2 mutation will have breast cancer by the time they are 70 years old.

Turney said that she was tested for the gene mutation when she was younger, but no abnormalities were detected. However, Turney said that she has accepted that she will probably have cancer when she is older, so



GRACIE FLEISCHMAN Staff Photographer

After her godmother was diagnosed with breast cancer, Natalie Benson, a junior communication studies major, established a trademarked message called Chemo Courage.

she tries to lead a healthy life in order to be proactive.

When Turney first learned about her mother's cancer, she said that she didn't fully understand what was happening. She just knew that something was wrong.

During the first wave of cancer, Turney remembers her family being united in her mother's recovery, with her father attending all of her mother's appointments and calling Turney at school to keep her updated. However, when her mother was diagnosed the second time, Turney's feelings of sadness turned to anger.

"I feel bad for putting my mom through this, but my dad and I were pretty bitter about it," she said. "People would bring us lasagnas or casseroles and my dad and I would refuse to eat it because we were sick of people's pity. We did not handle it well."

Turney said that she was a mess during her sophomore year of high school—as she became depressed and said that she pushed people away who tried to support her.

Anger can be a part of grieving during the initial shock of a family member's cancer diagnosis, said

marriage and family therapy professor Arpita Lal. However, she said that family and friends can help those affected by cancer by providing more sustained support during the entire treatment process, and not just during the initial diagnosis.

"Sometimes, families might have a sense of shame or guilt if it's happening to their family member," Lal said. "But it's important to spread greater awareness that cancer treatment itself can be extremely emotionally and physically taxing."

Katarina Lehner's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer twice—once when Lehner was in fifth grade, and again when she was a junior in high school. Lehner, a junior public relations and advertising major, remembers how it affected her father, and how her parents tried to mask their emotions in front of Lehner and her younger siblings.

"We all internalized everything and we never talked about it at all, really," Lehner said. "It was just a thing that was happening, so we all tried to put on a smile and avoid confronting the issue."

A crisis like cancer can cause some families to communicate better,

but could also tear the family apart because of the added stress, Lal said. In this situation, Lal said that the best coping method is to talk openly about the family member's illness, and to have a strong support group outside of the immediate family. However, if a family feels isolated, then family therapy can help.

"Through therapy, the family can see how they can talk more openly about the illness and 'put the illness in its place' so that it doesn't take over the entire functioning of the family," Lal said.

Although Lehner's family avoided conversation about her mother's illness, they participated in events like the Susan G. Komen Walk to fundraise for a breast cancer cure. Now, Lehner is the president of Relay for Life at Chapman and hosts the annual 24-hour fundraiser to support the American Cancer Society. Through Relay for Life, she has met other Chapman students who have similar experiences with cancer in their families.

Turney said her mother has dedicated her life to advocating for health-care that will support the treatment that cancer patients need to survive.

"It's important to her to give back," Turney said. "So many people don't know about metastatic cancer, so she feels like it's her job to bring knowledge and help this organization that doesn't have a voice."

Natalie Benson, a junior communication studies major, was inspired to take action in third grade after her godmother was diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time, Benson channeled her concern into research for a science fair about foods that cancer patients should eat while undergoing chemotherapy treatment.

"I thought it was a perfect opportunity to do some kind of research to help her in any way that I possibly could. As an 8-year-old, I knew I couldn't cure cancer," Benson said. "But I wanted to make some kind of correlation between health and undergoing chemotherapy."

Go to thepantheronline.com to view the full story.

SGA senator proposes 'buddy system' to increase campus safety

Tyler Miller | Staff Writer

As Jackie Palacios drove out of the Lastinger Parking Structure at 10:30 p.m. on a Friday, she noticed a car following her. Her fear intensified as she neared her home and the car was still in pursuit.

"I had to do some crazy turns to lose this car behind me," Palacios said. "I felt super unsafe, and I was alone, there was no one there."

From 2014 to 2016, 14 rape offenses, four fondling offenses, eight motor vehicle thefts and 12 burglaries occurred on Chapman's campus, including student housing, according to the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, which Public Safety released Sept. 29. During the Sept. 22 student government senate meeting, Palacios, a student organization senator, proposed a "buddy system" to help combat these crimes.

The system would be similar to the University of California, Berkeley's Bearwalk, in which student community officers work with university police to escort students safely from campus to a requested destination.

"I think it would be a good start to making people feel safe," Palacios said. "It would take away those moments of being terrified when you are by your-



Photo illustration by JACKIE COHEN Photo Editor

The "buddy system," proposed by Student Organization Senator Jackie Palacios, aims to make students feel safer on campus.

self. You shouldn't have to feel that way on a college campus that you're attending and paying to go to."

However, not all students feel their safety is in jeopardy on campus.

"I feel like this area isn't very dangerous at all," said Rachel Barta, a junior business administration major. "People seem really safe, and there are a lot of

students around, plus Public Safety patrols the area."

Barta feels so secure while at Chapman, she even got rid of her pepper spray, she said.

"I used to carry around pepper spray, but I don't anymore," Barta said. "I just never used it and it got misplaced."

Deputy Chief of Public Safety Ri-

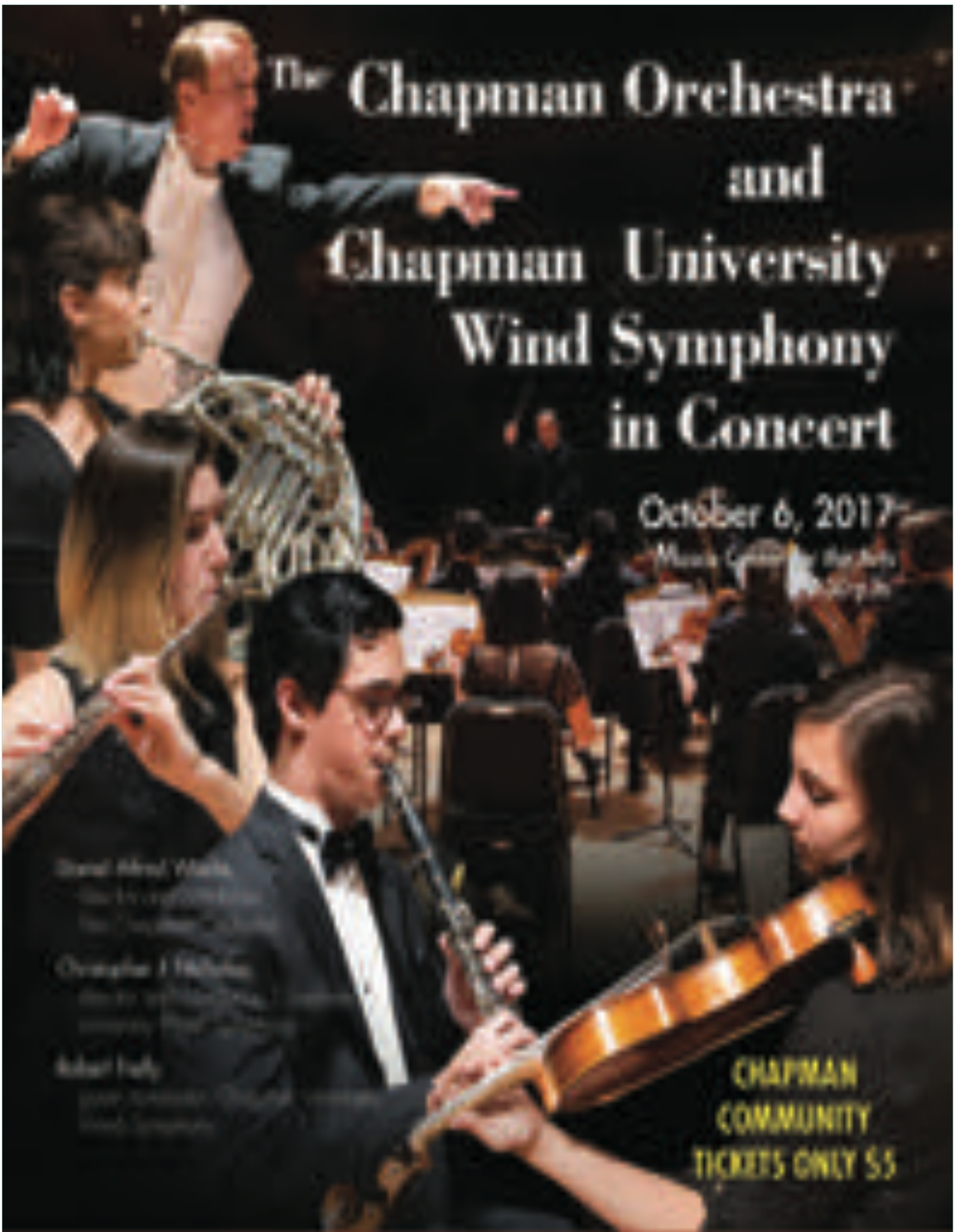
cardo Gonzalez said that Chapman is patrolled 24 hours a day.

"Our officers are on all night calling on patrol checks inside buildings," Gonzalez said. "They do a really good job of knowing how students use the university. Not only that, but we have over 400 cameras."

Palacios agrees that Public Safety effectively protects the campus. However, when it comes to students' safety, Palacios said that she believes there is always room for improvement.

"I think Public Safety has a lot on their plate" Palacios said. "I think they do a good job, but I do think that times change, and we have such a large student body with the new incoming class of freshmen, and a bunch of activities that are happening late at night. I think we need to focus more on how the students feel and student safety and just promoting that any way we can, and working with Public Safety to get that because there is always more that can be done."

Go to thepantheronline.com to watch a video about how students feel about their safety on campus.



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SABRINA SANTORO News Editor

The decorations were added to the California Adventure park for the first time this season Sept. 15.

New decorations only worth it for passholders

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

If you're like me and try to avoid all the scary spooks and haunted houses during the Halloween season, then the Disney California Adventure Park is the place to go. It brings all the treats and luckily, no tricks.

As a lifelong Disney-goer, I have always looked forward to the day the park gets its annual festive fall makeover. During Halloween season, the theme park features plenty of new decor, scary background music and

terrifying treats.

Upon arriving at the park entrance, guests are immediately greeted by a giant silhouette of Oogie Boogie, a character from Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." The storefronts along the park's central plaza, Buena Vista Street, are all decorated with Halloween-themed merchandise and decor, while music from Disney's creepy classics plays. There's also a new, glowing statue of the Headless Horseman in the plaza and characters greeting guests in their costumes.

One of the best parts of the holiday transition is the decor. The trees throughout the park have colored lights in orange, purple and green, setting the mood to enjoy the rest of the "spooktacular" Halloween festivities. Most of the guests, unlike myself, came prepared, wearing their own creative costumes.

The area of California Adventure most dedicated to the Halloween transition, aside from Buena Vista Street, was Cars Land. Nearly everything was re named with a pun. The entrance sign read "Happy

Haul-o-ween from Cars Land," the cars wore "car-stumes" and Radiator Springs became "Radiator Screams."

Many of the rides in other areas also experienced monstrous makeovers, including the new Guardians of the Galaxy - Mission: Breakout! ride, which transitions into "Guardians of the Galaxy - Monsters After Dark" in the evening.

Unlike Mickey's Halloween Party at Disneyland, which requires an additional ticket and is already sold out for the season, California Adventure's Halloween experience comes at no additional cost. However, one major downside is that the park becomes extremely crowded when Mickey's Halloween Party closes Disneyland to the public at 7 p.m. Wait times for rides like Guardians of the Galaxy and Radiator Springs Racers took more than two hours when I went on a Friday night, so I took advantage of the single-rider lines to cut down on wait times.

The best part of the Halloween-themed park was the seasonal food and treats it offered. Traditional churros were replaced with Halloween-themed ones, featuring green, purple and orange cinnamon and sugar. Pastries, cookies and candies were transformed with character-inspired and themed designs. There were Dia de los Muertos candy apples, Jack Skellington cake pops, Mickey pumpkin cupcakes and more.

Because I couldn't leave without satisfying my sweet tooth, I tried the Halloween churro, cake pop and a caramel apple with my boyfriend. The treats didn't taste any differently

than they normally do, but it was somehow more satisfying with the themed designs. Various restaurants in California Adventure is also serving the Spider Silk Ice Cream Sandwich, a Car-achnid Pot Pie, candy corn-flavored cotton candy and more throughout the park.

Since I'm underage, I had my boyfriend try one of the fall-inspired alcoholic beverages called "Spitfire Cider," which was made with apple cider and cinnamon whiskey. At a whopping \$16, he said it was nothing to write home about, and the ice cubes watered down the beverage. The glowing ice cube that came with the drink somehow made it worth it, though, he said.

If you have an annual pass to Disneyland, like me, then the California Adventure Halloween-time transition is worth checking out. On a busier day, like Friday or Saturday, you don't have to worry about missing out on any of the rides due to long lines and can just enjoy the festive atmosphere.

If you don't have an annual pass and are planning a trip to the parks before Halloween ends, I'd try to go on a less busy weekday so you can enjoy more of the rides. Otherwise, wait until Mickey's Halloween Party is over. You won't be missing too much, other than some new decor and tasty treats.



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"The LEGO Ninjago Movie" was released Sept. 22.

'Leggo' your expectations for the new 'LEGO' movie

Jade Boren | Assistant Features Editor

"The LEGO Ninjago Movie" was not made for kids. Not that there was material unsuitable for children's eyes, as the most suggestive scene was Master Wu (Jackie Chan) taking a ninja whack against his evil brother Garmadon's (Justin Theroux) nether regions. But the theater was silent; a man in his 30s attending a matinee

was narrating a LEGO movie.

That said, the three directors and six screenplay writers that it took to produce "The LEGO Ninjago Movie" were not trying to fly pretentious humor over young heads and use the ridiculous premise (repeat, Legos that are also ninjas) as an excuse. They really tried to make something beautiful: a movie about a father who

showing of the movie by himself was the loudest audience member.

The child who showed the most enthusiasm for the dueling Legos was a girl who stood during the climax of the film, which was a cat swallowing Garmadon. But it is safe to assume that she did not appreciate the movie's dark jabs at paternal abandonment, the fact that former "Good Morning America" personality Michael Strahan voiced Michael Strahan (yes, himself) on "Good Morning Ninjago" or that Chan

was absent from his lonely son's life, and the repairing of that relationship.

The mood of the film was comparable to the most dramatic moments of "Dunkirk." The LEGO camera magnified the distressed faces of the yellow action figures every time something traumatic happened to the main character, Llyod (Dave Franco), and his ninja friends. With the introspective music, slowed-down time frames and desperate cries, you would think you were watching lives being taken on the shores of Normandy and not Chan's cat knocking over Lego buildings.

The cinematography might as well have been borrowed scenes from "The Life of Pi." As Garmadon flew with his fleet of sharks and generals, an exhaustive list of animators made sure to travel from his sinister volcano headquarters to the city of Ninjago pan over surreal ocean-submerged limestone islands. It was a direct parallel to the real-life Halong Bay in Vietnam. The sunset straddled the right blend of orange and pink to make Master Wu's ninja speech to Lloyd even more brooding. No detail was left unenhanced; even the hot dog cart that got five seconds of screen time was tended to lovingly, with dozens of realistic hot dogs exploding onto the screen after evil Garmadon squashed the cart.

But the story was what really tugged

at my heart. The end almost makes you tear up. But then you catch yourself and say, "Wait, I'm about to cry at a movie about Legos with a wailing baby and bored 8-year-old kid sitting behind me."

"The LEGO Ninjago Movie," like the preceding LEGO movies, never wanted you to find a deep message within its drama. Winks to the audience and stereotypes of the ninja action movie genre (which is a surprisingly crowded category) were littered throughout the movie. The best example of this was when the film reached the classic "Do we turn right or left?" moment.

For right, a sign read "The Right Path (Long, Arduous, & Enlightening)." For left, another sign read "Short Cut (Possible Evil Skeleton Graveyard)."

One of the ninjas snapped you back to the reality that you are watching a movie about little square people.

"Possibly? Wouldn't they know that?"



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MONDAY

LGBTQIA+ pride month kickoff

Hosted by cross-cultural engagement. There will be live performers and free food.

Piazza
11a.m. - 2 p.m.

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TUESDAY

Lunch with a professor

Have a conversation with your professor over lunch, outside of the classroom.

Randall Dining Commons
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

UPB Presents Free Flicks: 'Spider-Man' Homecoming

UPB will present a special free flicks feature to keep with the Homecoming spirit.

Aitken Arts Plaza
7 p.m.

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THURSDAY

Wellness Fest

Learn about campus resources to help you stay physically and mentally well.

Atallah Piazza
11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY

UPB Presents: Tacos and Tunes

In honor of omecoming weekend, the University Program Board will host a free taco bar.

Student Union
9 p.m.

Finding remedy in a furry friend



Olivia Harden
Opinions Editor

As I reach for my keyboard, a ball of fluff barrels toward my room. A brave leap gives Sparky the lift he needs to make it two and a half feet off the ground and onto my bed. He struts over

to his favorite pillow on my left side, curls up next to me and paws at my hand, distracting me from getting any work done.

Moments like this have become a regular occurrence since my 17-year-old Maltese-Shih Tzu from home moved in with me this summer. My family adopted Sparky when he was a handsome 9 years old, on death row at our local animal shelter. A spontaneous decision by my mother to turn the car around to adopt Sparky, a dog whose euthanization had been delayed more than once, allowed us to bring him home.

Having Sparky here with me locally has been different than I expected. It's a lot of responsibility to take care of him every day, but ultimately, having him here has been a godsend. My dog provides me with a lot of emotional support. In just the last few months, I've noticed how much happier he has made my college life.

Emotional support animals are becoming more prevalent among college students, which makes sense. Even at Chapman, anxiety is the most common reason students visit the on-campus counseling center, Director of the Student Psychological Counseling Services Jeanne Walker told The Panther last December.

A pet provides unconditional love. Think about that in the context of people who suffer from mental illness. For the last two and a half years, I have sought out therapy, prescription medications and other resources to help control my anxiety. Having Sparky around for the last three months really has helped, in combination with all my other practices. It's so comforting to have a friendly furry face to come home to.

While the data surrounding emotional support animals has had unclear results, to me, having an emotional support animal is like any other prescription or form of therapy: It's not going to be effective for everyone.

One of the biggest benefits I've noticed is the responsibility Sparky gives me. We've all had days when it feels impossible to get out of bed, but it's different with anxiety and depression. It almost feels like I'm too heavy for the world to carry. But having Sparky with me means it doesn't matter how bad I feel. I have to get up, feed him and let him out. Most of the time, once I'm up, I feel much more able to tackle the day.

If you're considering an emotional support animal, I would recommend talking to your primary doctor, therapist or psychiatrist. If you live on campus, reach out to disability services. I didn't realize the lasting effects bringing my dog from home to school would have, but at night, when we're curled up together while I'm working on projects, it seems like everything might be OK.

EDITORIAL



Illustrated by Gaby Fantone

Complex issues need dialogue and discussion

The Panther Editorial Board

On Oct. 4, author and Northwestern University professor Laura Kipnis will speak in Memorial Hall about her book "Unwanted Advances: Sexual Paranoia Comes to Campus," which chronicles her experiences with Title IX. In March 2015, student filed a Title IX complaint against her after she wrote an op-ed for the Chronicle of Higher Education in which she denounced "sexual paranoia" on campuses and discussed professor-student sexual relationships and trigger warnings.

As a result, Kipnis became a controversial figure surrounding Title IX, and recently she expressed support of Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos's work to repeal Obama-era additions to Title IX, such as the "Dear Colleague" letter. The letter states that sexual harassment and sexual violence are discriminatory acts that violate Title IX, and it sets boundaries for how universities should handle allegations of sexual assault, including offering resources and designating Title IX coordinators.

The Panther Editorial Board has already expressed support of the "Dear Colleague" letter and Title IX in a previous editorial. While we may not agree with Kipnis's support of DeVos, the point of college is to explore and listen to different viewpoints. This is why President Daniele Struppa brought Kipnis to campus.

"This will be a test to see whether, as a community, we are truly committed to debate and dialogue, or whether instead, we are so afraid of different opinions that we refuse to even debate them," Struppa wrote in an email to The Panther.

Struppa is right: Kipnis's presence on campus will be a test. This is the first person in recent years to speak at Chapman who could potentially cause controversy. English professor Ian Barnard said that his students have already talked in class about planning a protest for Kipnis's visit.

It's going to be interesting to see how the student body reacts to Kipnis, as some other cases where controversial speakers spoke on campus have ended in violent

protests. When Milo Yiannopoulos, a former Breitbart News editor, came to the University of California, Berkeley's campus in February, the result was violent protests that cost the school \$100,000 in damages.

While Chapman hasn't had a controversial speaker invited to campus, open dialogue is complex, and we've seen how students handle differing opinions. In February, during Black History Month, an "All Lives Matter Sign" was taped up alongside the Black Lives Matter flag. Screen acting major Arianna Ngnomire sat outside the library with a sign that said, "But will you say it to my face?" and political science major Alec Harrington, who put up the sign, approached her for what grew to be a very public conversation. One student even tried to throw a trash can at Harrington.

Kipnis may stir up controversy on campus, but dialogue is important when it comes to differing opinions in order to understand each other. In the same way, students who were vocal about the event on Facebook declined to respond to The Panther's request for comment until after they've listened to Kipnis's speech. By waiting to hear what she has to say, Chapman students are already handling this speaker's presence differently than other universities. Chapman has also added two "reactors" to the event, DeAnn Yocum Gaffney, Chapman's lead Title IX coordinator and Lisa Leitz, chair of peace studies.

"We want to dispel the perception that these complex issues can be simply divided into two sides," Dean of Students Jerry Price wrote in an email to the campus community.

In an interview with The Panther, Kipnis said she is "happy to be disagreed with" and that she welcomes discussion. That is what needs to happen with a topic as complicated as sexual assault. How universities should handle sexual assault cases isn't black and white, and while students may not agree with Kipnis's beliefs, she has opinions that deserve to be heard.

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What it means to be a peace studies major in the Trump era



Olivia Young, sophomore peace studies major

Peace studies is not about flowers and hippies and unrealistic ideals. It focuses on nonviolent approaches to conflict, and it studies the structures within society that lead to violence. But peace is not just the absence of physical violence. Peace studies also involves concepts like sustainability, development, globalization and equality. From violence in Charlottesville and ethnic cleansing in Myanmar, to the refugee crisis and the threat of nuclear war, it seems like our country and our

“Peace studies?” said some fraternity guy, his eyes wide.

“No, peace studies, you know like peace?” I said. I held up two fingers. He replied with, “Oh, so you’re like a hippie?” or “Good luck with that,” or “Sounds like a waste of time these days.” These are just a few of the reactions that I get when I tell people that I’m a peace studies major.

world are more in need of peace than ever.

Yet, the current administration has done nothing to bring us to peace.

On Sept. 19, President Donald Trump addressed the United Nations and sent a message that was less than peaceful. During his speech, he announced that the U.S. will be spending almost \$700 billion on military and defense, promised to “crush the loser terrorists,” and threatened to “totally destroy North Korea.” He also condemned the Obama Administration Iran nuclear deal, argued against resettling refugees in the U.S. and criticized Venezuela and Cuba. Notably, Trump did not mention the major global issue of climate change.

His speech also focused heavily on the importance of sovereignty and nationalism. He praised patriotism and citizens’ willingness to sacrifice for their countries, saying that each country must put itself first. Trump sounded unsettlingly like U.N. representatives from Russia and China, who often cite sovereignty as a justification for violence or human rights violations.

Trump’s aggressive and adversarial message in an institution of peace was frightening. Trump’s words devalued the U.N. and everything it stands for. The U.N. is a forum where nations of the world come together to promote peace and combat global issues, yet Trump speaks of destroying countries and extols militarism, nationalism and isolationism. To see the leader of the most powerful country in the world minimizing cooperation and diplomacy is terrifying.

To this peace studies major, Trump’s speech was not only alarming, but also embarrassing. I hope to one day represent the U.S. in international forums such as the U.N., and it is distressing to see a man who knows and cares so little about this immensely important organization stand up and represent my country. He doesn’t represent so many of us who care about peace, diplomacy and discourse. We care about climate change and refugees, poverty, literacy and human rights. We do not see America’s place as growing our military, isolating ourselves or antagonizing other countries. The U.S. has a responsibility to be at the forefront of the major issues confronting the world, and to be present and vocal. We need to value our fellow countries and our intergovernmental agencies, and not just when we’re asking them to sanction North Korea.

In this era of polarization and rising tensions, peace studies is more relevant than ever. We are at a crossroads, a time to choose nationalism or globalism, militarism or disarmament. As American college students, we sit poised to make this choice for the future of our country. We are the leaders of tomorrow, and we have a responsibility not only to value peace, but to understand the mechanisms of peace and how they work within society.

What does it mean to be a peace studies major in these unsettling times? It means having hope. It means working hard, speaking out and loving my country, despite disagreeing with its leader. It means knowing that Trump does not speak for all of us, and he is not the

‘Rick and Morty’ and existentialism



Hayley Nelson, freshman theatre major

death and poop jokes, but another common thread in every episode is a philosophical conclusion about humanity. No matter the result, “Rick and Morty” emphasizes that outcomes don’t matter because the universe is a random, cold, uncaring place.

If “Rick and Morty” had been created as a live action show with real actors, I wouldn’t be able to watch it because it would be too depressing. “Rick and Morty”

If I had to rank my top five favorite TV shows of all time, “Rick and Morty” would be in the top three (behind “Parks and Recreation,” and “Avatar: the Last Airbender”). “Rick and Morty” is an animated Adult Swim TV show about a scientist grandfather named Rick and his teenage grandson, Morty. The show is filled with sex,

works, similar to an animated show like “BoJack Horseman,” because seeing these depressing story arcs performed by cartoons makes it easier to separate from reality, and adds a layer of lightheartedness to every sad scene. Seeing a cartoon character lose an arm is just inherently easier than seeing a human actor experience the same thing. This makes the cruel philosophy easier to hear, as well. I would hate to hear someone lecture for 30 minutes about the meaninglessness of life, but I have no trouble contemplating the same topics when Rick and Morty have to team up with rapper Ice-T to write a rap song and save the world.

“Rick and Morty” is on its third season, and after a two-year hiatus spent perfecting the script, it’s brilliantly written. The third season is also the first time that women writers have ever been included, according to IMDB. Now that there is a gender-balanced ratio in the room, the addition of diversity has made the show thrive, and it gives me hope as an aspiring female writer.

When you Google “existential novels,” you have to click through three search pages before you eventually get to Simone de Beauvoir, an iconic feminist and existentialist, who is then immediately followed by more men. As Rick and Morty explore the purposeless universe, I’m glad that after two seasons, women can finally be included in the existential fun.

Jean-Paul Sartre was a French existentialist and one of the many male philosophers who pop up in Goo-

gle before de Beauvoir. His work has received critical acclaim, and he was even awarded a Nobel Prize in literature (which he didn’t accept, because he was an anti-establishment rebel). I see a lot of similarities between his writing and the scripts of “Rick and Morty” (though I’m sure the “Rick and Morty” writing staff would eagerly accept a Nobel Prize).

People may not think of television writers as intellectuals in the same way esteemed authors are, however, there was no such thing as television when Sartre died in 1905. Who’s to say he wouldn’t have opened up a laptop and written a spec script? Although Sartre was never able to whip out an animated show, I’m confident that if he was able to, it would’ve looked a lot like the “Rick and Morty” we now know: just two flawed human beings getting into trouble.

The existential approach of “Rick and Morty” may not be for everyone, but the moral ambiguity and pessimistic claims can often evoke thought and debate in its viewers. Some episodes may contain more poop jokes than others, but the heart of the show will always be about a family coming to terms with the fact that life is random, unfair and devoid of meaning. As the world around us becomes increasingly more chaotic, the re-examination of philosophy is just what we need. “Rick and Morty” manages to entertain viewers in a way that textbooks can’t, while still introducing similar ideas. As Sartre once wrote, “Every age has its own poetry,” and “Rick and Morty” might be ours.

Staff Column:

Mexico City: coming together after falling apart



Jackie Cohen, photo editor

people they know in Mexico. There was a photo of two massive holes in my aunt’s apartment, a photo of the fallen facade of one of the oldest synagogues in Mexico, Jewish prayer books scattered across the ground and videos of entire buildings collapsing.

I was scared for my family members, but upon my parents’ reassurance that they were all OK, I started to think about the fact that I was set to land in Mexico City on Friday, Sept. 22 – three days after the earthquake – for my cousin’s wedding. I wondered whether the airport would be closed or if the wedding would be canceled.

They were not.

I didn’t find out about the magnitude 7.1 earthquake that hit Mexico City Sept. 19 in the conventional way.

My parents grew up in Mexico City and part of my family still lives there, so I heard about the earthquake from my family’s group message, where they were sending videos and photos they had received directly from peo-

On Friday, I landed in Mexico City, not knowing what to expect. We left the airport in an Uber and headed for my grandparents’ house. At first, I couldn’t see much of a difference between the city now and when I had visited in March. There was still traffic and people were honking as usual. But after a few minutes, I realized that the traffic wasn’t caused by the city’s overpopulation – it was caused by people trying to catch a glimpse of the rubble of what was once a building.

For the rest of the ride, I stared out my window, trying to take in as much as I could. There were buildings with massive cracks that will likely be torn down later on, broken windows and holes in the buildings.

While people tried to continue about their lives in regular ways, conversations never veered too far from the earthquake, whether it was people talking about where they were when it struck or receiving numerous messages about different supplies being collected. Some remembered the earthquake that hit Mexico City exactly 32 years before, on Sept. 19, 1985. The magnitude 8.1 earthquake killed thousands of people, according to the Mexican Servicio Sismologico Nacional (National Seismic Services). Others feared aftershocks and potential of future earthquakes.

People in Mexico were already fearful of the aftershocks that could follow the earthquake, but a fake news story made it worse. On Sept. 22, I was having dinner in Mexico City with some of my relatives when we learned about a tweet that had scared some people. The story said that the United Nations had warned that a magnitude 10.5 earthquake would hit Mexico City in the next half hour. This was obviously not true, because the Richter scale only goes up to 10, and earthquakes

cannot be predicted. While this did not happen, a magnitude 6.1 aftershock shook Mexico City on Saturday, Sept. 23. I somehow slept through the earthquake and the seismic warning sirens and didn’t find out about it until my Chapman roommate texted me to ask if I was OK.

Conversations about the earthquake also included talk of the at least 226 people who were killed, the more than 3,000 buildings that were damaged and the government’s corruption with donations. The governor of Morelos, south of Mexico City, was accused of taking donations sent by people from all over the country and repackaging them to have his political party’s logo on them, according to La Opinion, a Spanish-language newspaper published in Los Angeles. I was shocked to hear that people could care more about their political campaign than about helping people. As a result, many of my family’s friends drove to places that suffered more damages and handed supplies directly to the people in need to make sure their donations were going straight to the people affected.

With all of this destruction and fear, there was also hope. On most blocks and traffic circles, there were containers collecting donations. People my age were volunteering and bringing food and supplies to rescuers while the older people sent donations. People were in direct contact with rescuers, asking for the specific supplies that were needed. Volunteers from Japan, Israel, Chile, the U.S., Spain and other countries helped check buildings for damages and rescue people trapped in rubble. The entire community seemed to be coming together.

Players deserve to have voices heard



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Sports Editor

Political issues don't exist in a vacuum, especially not in today's political climate. But that doesn't stop some sports fans from desperately trying to separate sports from politics. When President Donald Trump said at a rally in Huntsville, Alabama,

Sept. 23, "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say 'Get that son of a (expletive) off the field right now. Out! He's fired,'" it was many NFL fans' worst nightmare. Trump had forced politics onto the football field.

Instead of getting upset at Trump for bringing his distorted political reality to the playing field, they got upset at the players who reacted in protest after being targeted by him.

These fans connect the national anthem and flag to a sense of patriotism that is deeply connected to the military and borders on hypernationalism. They expect their personal understanding of the national anthem to be adhered to by all athletes, as if it is some holy, universally understood truth. But it's not.

The anthem means something different to everyone and the very right of these players to kneel during it is, in itself, a display of our nation's backbone right to self-expression. The only thing that's unpatriotic is shouting these players down because they don't adhere to your distorted understanding of what it means to be a "real American."

Athletes are just like any other celebrities. They are gifted in ways that give them a public platform.

Yet, the extent to which they are "allowed" to use this public platform is limited by what is deemed "acceptable" for athletes to talk about. Shameless self-promotion and self-advertising is fine, but when it comes to these players making a peaceful statement – contrary to the violence that happens on the field – on institutionalized racism? That's just unforgivable.

I know race plays a factor in this. It certainly does for Trump and his supporters, many of whom are football fans, who follow his lead. Because what does a league of overwhelmingly African-American men know about politics? They should just stick to using their bodies as weapons for our own entertainment – at least that's what these fans' logic suggests.

It's not like Trump knows what he's talking about. This is a guy who said "You're fired" for a living and looks like he wears a greasy toupee and has a Cheeto-flavored spray tan. He storms around the country holding rallies for his own ego, where he calls peaceful protesting upholders of the First Amendment "sons of (expletives)."

If this cartoon of a person can be president and claim to have an ounce of knowledge about these nuanced issues, then maybe we can let these athletes speak their minds. These are people who often grew up in difficult situations, grinding their way to the place they are today – rather than through trust funds – and have a legitimately unique perspective on race-based issues in the U.S.

It's ridiculous to hear people saying that these athletes shouldn't be able to comment on political issues after being directly called out by our president, when his idea of diplomacy is getting into a nuclear game of chicken with the only other equally narcissistic leader on the planet. Politics aren't just for wealthy white men, and it's not a privilege to be allowed to talk about them. The sooner these critics realize that, the sooner they can go back to watching their football in peace.

Anthem protests: Chapman football's perspective

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President Donald Trump sparked controversy at a rally in Huntsville, Alabama Sept. 23, when he said he would like to see NFL team owners fire players who kneel in protest during the national anthem.

"Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say 'Get that son of a (expletive) off the field right now. Out! He's fired. He's fired,'" Trump said at the rally.

Chapman Sports Information Director Steven Olveda said that this kind of protest wouldn't happen at Chapman.

Olveda said that both teams are in their respective locker rooms while the national anthem plays at Chapman football games, meaning the events in the NFL could not be replicated at Chapman games.

Chapman football head coach Bob Owens said he thinks that Trump's comments do not represent all of the U.S. Americans have a responsibility to show their best example for future generations, Owens said, and there is a significance to the words that Trump used.

"I don't think Trump is the U.S.; he is the president of the U.S.," Owens said. "We live in the greatest country in the world, and we are each passed on a responsibility for future generations."

Senior captain and defensive end Derek Hart said that when it comes to issues of protest, the most important thing to consider is the intention of the protest. He said he supports the rights of athletes to express themselves, as long as they are appropriate in the way that they protest.

"Some people want to remain



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patriotic, but at the same time, other individuals have backgrounds where they want to express change, and that's completely acceptable," Hart said. "I just think it's important that everyone can understand each other's backgrounds and understand why they're doing these certain things, whether they're standing or kneeling – I think it's important to understand where they're coming from."

Senior captain and defensive back Chris Williams said he disagrees with Trump that these athletes should be fired. He said he believes that the government should stay out

of businesses, and that the NFL teams should run themselves.

"In the end, it's up to the owner of the team, because it's his business, and so it's up to him how his players act," Williams said.

The day following Trump's comments, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his team knelt before the national anthem, and then stood and linked arms during the anthem in a sign of solidarity against what they considered to be divisive comments by Trump. Williams said that he respected the action, appreciating how they made an effort to respect the flag while still standing together in protest as a team.

"I thought that was powerful for Jerry Jones to do, because for him it was (showing) that they were going to respect the anthem and the people who felt like by kneeling during the anthem that you're disrespecting the military," Williams said. "But at the same time, he's standing with his players, he's standing with the guys in the league who felt like taking a knee helped, so I feel like he handled it better than a lot of teams did."

Hart said that when it comes to issues like protests, it is important that the team has an open dialogue, and he appreciated the fact that Jones and his team decided to protest as a team.

Owens said he agreed about the importance of openness and honesty within the team, saying that any issues they have as a team are handled openly and then they move forward.

"I would not take any position without first discussing it as a team and with the university to make sure it is respectful of everyone," Owens said.

Game-winning touchdown gives football first win

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Football games are 60 minutes, but the outcome of Chapman's first conference game came down to just five seconds. After facing a 12-point deficit with less than five minutes left in the third quarter, Chapman closed the gap to just 6 points with one possession left.

Trailing by four points with a little more than a minute to go in the fourth quarter, Chapman drove from its own 44-yard line to Pomona-Pitzer's one-yard line. As the last five seconds ticked away, senior running back Joe Mudie drove into the end zone as time expired to win the game for Chapman.

"I was talking to the team before the game, and we were focusing on finishing the game," Mudie said. "All credit to our defense for coming out and killing it (during the) second half, and of course, the offense firing on all cylinders, which was a big way to finish."

Chapman went into the second half down 19-7 due to wasted defensive opportunities after a missed snap on a punt attempt went soaring into the end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomona-Pitzer followed up with a field goal before the half ended.

Another failed snap on a punt just a minute into the third quarter gave Pomona-Pitzer a starting position on Chapman's 20-yard line. Chapman's defense held Pomona-Pitzer to a 34-yard field goal attempt, which was missed.

Chapman scored 35 of its 42 points in the second half. The second half scoring started with a touchdown

from senior wide receiver Jacob Isabel, followed by a rushing touchdown from junior running back Brandon Medina.

On the next Chapman drive, senior quarterback Ricky Bautista delivered a bullet into the arms of Mudie at the four minute mark of the third quarter.

Chapman's rally was highlighted by a 45-yard, one-handed touchdown grab from senior wide receiver Kayvan Aminzadeh, which saw the away crowd erupt.

"The pass was there, and Ricky (Bautista) gave me a chance to make the play," Aminzadeh said.

Going into the fourth quarter, junior wide receiver Dominic Vaccher said he was optimistic, despite Chapman's five-point deficit.

"Stay positive and we have this in the bag," Vaccher said. "The team we lost to last week (Trinity University, Texas) was in the same boat as we are now and they came back, so I think we have a chance."

Pomona opened the fourth quarter with a touchdown on its first drive, widening its lead to 12 with 12 minutes in the game.

The score stayed constant until the five-minute mark, when suddenly, junior defensive back Marek Spooner-LeDuff intercepted a pass at Pomona-Pitzer's 42-yard line and returned it for a touchdown. With the score, Chapman took the lead 36-33 for the first time that night.

To give itself the three-point cushion, Chapman converted a tricky two-point extra point play in which Bautista made an unexpected hand-off to Vaccher, who tossed the ball back to Bautista, who was waiting in



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Senior running back Joe Mudie scored a game-winning touchdown Sept. 30.

the end zone.

On Chapman's last drive, it was hit with a five-yard penalty for an ineligible man downfield. Despite the penalty, Bautista connected with Vaccher for a 23-yard and then 6-yard pass, setting up Mudie's game-winning run.

"There was no quit," said head coach Bob Owens. "We didn't stop fighting. Every bit of adversity that we received – especially the 5-yard penalty on that last drive – we fought and did not give in."

Women's volleyball loses two straight conference games

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Following its seventh win in dramatic fashion against the No. 9 nationally ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Chapman's women's volleyball team lost its first two conference games of the season Sept. 27 and 30, but picked up a non-conference win Sept. 29.

The first loss came in a three-set sweep against the University of La Verne. Chapman has not won an away game at La Verne, which is ranked No. 15 nationally, since 2013.

Junior outside hitter Kiley McGill said she didn't see the loss as a failure for the team.

"We have been working really hard on and off the court to be where we are, but there's always those days where something is slightly off," McGill said. "The fact that we lost in three (sets) isn't a reflection of our team or the effort we put into the game. It just shows that we have things to work on."

Chapman did not have any blocks in the game that directly resulted in a point, something head coach Mary Cahill credited to La Verne (12-2, 6-1 in-conference).

"La Verne is a good hitting team, no blocks means we didn't end with a block," Cahill said. "La Verne was there to pick them up."

Cahill said that she does not expect the team to be disheartened by the loss and McGill agreed.

"We always bring a ton of energy and fire while we play at home, and these two home games this coming weekend are no exception to that," McGill said before the weekend.

That energy was evident in the three-set sweep over the University of California, Santa Cruz, but Chapman

was unable to maintain that success the next day. The team found itself disappointed against Pomona-Pitzer Sept. 30 for its second straight in-conference loss.

After losing a close first set and beating Pomona-Pitzer by 16 points in the second set, Chapman (11-5, 5-2 in conference) found itself in a hole, losing the third. With Pomona-Pitzer (6-12, 3-3 in-conference) needing only one set to win, the competition between the teams intensified for the fourth set, with longer rallies and louder cheers from the home crowd at the Hutton Sports Center. Each team traded the lead a few times in the beginning of the fourth set, until Pomona-Pitzer pulled ahead to win the game.

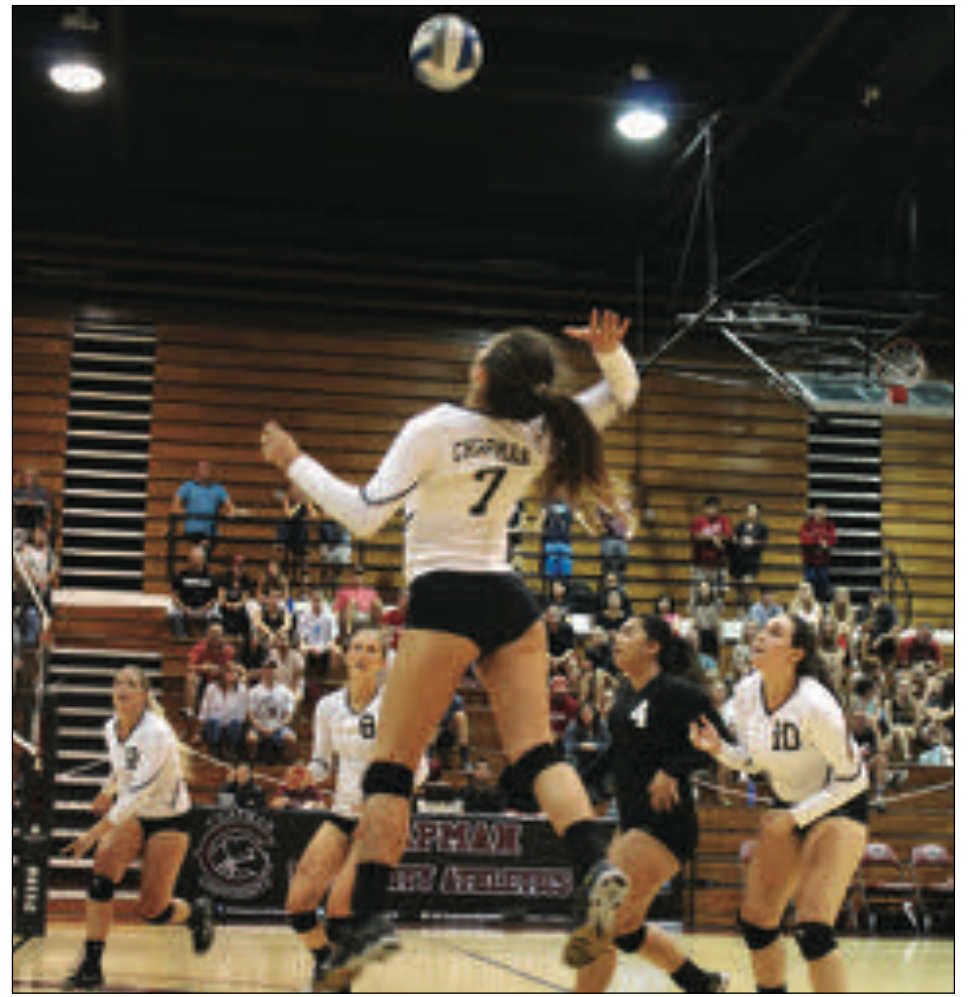
"I think we panicked and we just didn't do the little things," said junior outside hitter Courtney Justus. "One of our goals was definitely to block – we've worked a lot on blocking lately so we really wanted to implement that. I think we did in certain sets but not all of them."

Pomona-Pitzer stole the first set from the Panthers 26-24 and the Panthers responded with a 15-point win over the Sagehens in the second set, 25-9.

"We had a lot of confidence in the second set and we trusted each other," Justus said. "We tried not let them get three-point runs and get some blocks during each set."

The third set started off with much more back-and-forth, and had Chapman trailing for most of the set. It ended with the Sagehens taking a lead 2-1 set lead before winning the final set to take the game.

"I don't know why (the confidence did not carry over from the second set)" said Cahill. "I really don't. They've been playing volleyball since



IAN CRADDOCK Staff Photographer

Sophomore outside hitter Nayelli Munoz attempts a spike in Chapman's 3-1 loss to Pomona-Pitzer Sept. 30.

they were 12 years old, they shouldn't be panicking at this time."

The loss marks Chapman's second straight conference loss, but leaves the Panthers sitting third in the conference at 5-2.

Chapman's next game will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at Occidental College (7-8, 2-4 in-conference).

"I definitely think this game

taught us that we need to fight the whole time," Justus said. "Going into Occidental, we just need to play with a chip on our shoulder and fight for every game."

Go to thepantheronline.com to watch a video of the women's volleyball team.

Playbook for Life: helping athletes craft a game plan for the future

Kali Hoffman | Staff Writer

Playbook for Life, a career preparation program that caters exclusively to Chapman's NCAA athletes, kicked off the first of its four planned sessions Sept. 25. The program, which takes place during both the fall and spring semesters, is geared toward helping athletes translate their skills on the field into the workplace.

"I've had employers call me and say, 'Stop sending me Division I athletes, we don't want them. Send a Division III athlete. (Division III athletes) don't play sports for the glory,'" said guest speaker for Playbook and career coach for Athletes to Careers Lindsey Beck.

Many student athletes have completed or expect to undertake an internship of some type during college according to the NCAA 2016 Goals summary. These figures are highest among Division III schools, where two-thirds of student athletes are seeking internship opportunities.

Not only are these students looking for for employment, but they also believe their sports experience makes them more qualified, with 90 percent of student athletes crediting their college athletics experience with "having a positive impact on their personal responsibility, teamwork skills and work ethic," according to the Goals summary.

Despite a high amount of interest in internship opportunities among Division III athletes, Chapman is the only Division III school with a career preparation program designed to help these students find employment after



CATIE KOVELMAN Staff Photographer

Franciska Morlet, the Associate Director for Employer Relations for Playbook for Life, left, led the first career workshop in a series of four for Chapman's student athletes.

graduation, said Playbook for Life Founder and Associate Director of Employer Relations Franciska Morlet.

"Being a part of a team is an amazing experience, but before you know it, four years have come and gone," Morlet said. "You can't bank on it that you're going to go pro. There are just not enough resources for students to find jobs after college, and it's our duty to provide those resources. Our program is all about student athletes walking away with the skills to sell themselves to employers."

As a part of the program, Chapman athletes get a chance to network and learn one-on-one from industry professionals in careers that relate

to their major. Over the course of four sessions, students will learn from workshops that range from resume-crafting to dinner etiquette. At the end of the program, they are rewarded with a certificate of completion, professional headshots and an invitation to a student-employee career mixer. The ultimate goal is to make sure student athletes feel they have the skills and insight to confidently enter the workforce, Morlet said.

"It doesn't matter if you can score a goal, run, catch or cradle," Beck said. "That doesn't make you a good employee. It goes back to specific traits and characteristics. You need to learn how to work with different

personalities and be part of a team. (Student athletes) already know how to do that."

Some students have already benefited from Playbook for Life, but the scope of the program is still limited. This is the program's fourth semester, but only 19 out of Chapman's more than 500 student athletes signed up for this year's first session. Though Morlet said the small scale helps provide participants with a more personalized experience, bringing the program to more students is a goal for the future.

"This is a passion project of mine," Morlet said. "It's been an idea in my head for a very long time. In my old job, I used to help people get off welfare and I thought, 'If only I could teach these things to students in a college setting.' Now, I know I've found my niche."

For students, Playbook for Life can help make the transition from school to the workplace less daunting.

"I'm freaking out, it's so real," said senior track and field sprinter and linebacker Kevin Breen. "I have six months until life slaps me in the face and I need to get the ball rolling. I did (Playbook for Life) last semester and it's motivated me to keep my grades up. This year, I'm hoping to get an internship in the summer."

Returning participant and senior linebacker Dominic Ashley credits the program for increasing his career prospects.

"This time last year, I was quiet and timid, but after two sessions of Playbook, I feel like I can sell myself," Ashley said. "All you can ask for at the end of the day is the opportunity."

Superstitions and rituals: the quirks of Chapman athletes

Natalie van Winden | Senior Writer

Even the best athletes rely on their routines, some of which can be more peculiar than others. Superstitions are a driving force in many of these routines. They range from all-time greats like professional basketball player Michael Jordan, who wore his lucky college basketball shorts under his professional ones during every game, to a Chapman junior baseball player, who cannot pitch without his lucky stones.

Perhaps one of the most notorious sports when it comes to athlete superstitions is baseball.

Junior pitcher Matt Mogollon's personal superstition involves having the luck of the Irish on his side.

"My mother gave me this small brown bag of lucky stones and a stone with a four-leaf clover inside, and I always have to have them in my baseball bag, otherwise I refuse to go out and pitch," Mogollon said.

Perhaps it is the individuality of some positions that can create superstitions or rituals – pitchers seem to always have one or two up their sleeve.

"One superstition I have is always jumping over the foul line when I go out to the mound," said freshman pitcher Henry Leigh. "Stepping on the line is considered to be bad luck. And whenever I hit and have two strikes against me, I tap each of my cleats once with the bat before I get back in the batter's box."

Pitchers also never talk about a perfect game or no-hitter before anyone on the other team gets their first hit, Leigh said.

"Thinking that or talking about it out loud would jinx it," Leigh said.

Mogollon has some suspicions as to why the world of baseball seems to be filled with rituals and sometimes irrational methods of success.

"Baseball is a game of failure," Mogollon said. "Everyone follows their own routine, which allows them to focus and give them confidence in situations that demand players execute plays in stressful situations."

Senior kicker Lucas Alfonso said superstitions mainly affect his life on the field.

"When I'm not doing anything involved with football, if I don't do something the same way as I did the day before, I don't think twice about that stuff," Alfonso said. "But on a game day, I'm thinking about what I did last week at the same exact time and why I did it and how it benefited me later in the game, even if it had absolutely nothing to do with the outcome."

As a kicker, Alfonso has developed some superstitions that help him feel more in control and confident in his role when on the field. Right before a kick, Alfonso has to make sure he taps his right foot on the field



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Above: Junior pitcher Matt Mogollon holds out his "lucky stones." Below: Senior kicker Lucas Alfonso's Yerba Mate tea, cup and straw.

twice, and will always make sure to walk his steps backward. While most athletes carry out routines like this during competition, superstitions can also affect athletes off the field.

"My family is from Argentina, and in Argentina, there's Yerba Mate tea that they have here now," Alfonso said. "You are originally supposed to drink it out of a straw with a filter at the end. You put the tea leaves loose in the water and the straw filters the water so you aren't drinking any leaves."

Last season, Alfonso and a senior player drank Yerba Mate out of that special straw the morning before every game.

"It didn't start as a superstition as much as it was just another kid on the team and I who would drink it before games, and it ended up being before every game," Alfonso said.

Alfonso said that he believes that specific types of sports positions have a hand in generating athlete superstitions.

"There are totally different types of mindsets in the world of sports," he said. "Superstitions are specific to positions. I'm almost an individual on the team – I go in for very few plays and I'm in at very few moments, so if I don't perform well, I try to find something exterior-wise that had to do with it. It depends on the athlete, the kind of pressure they have on them, what kind of sport and player."

Some coaches have even caused their players to start rituals. Junior women's volleyball setter Kaitlyn Raymundo has to buy her head coach, Mary Cahill, a Diet Coke for each missed serve, so her new serving ritual on the court is: bounce, bounce, spin and, in her head, repeat "no Diet



Photo courtesy of Larry Newman

Coke, no Diet Coke, no Diet Coke," before tossing the ball to serve.

"I know a lot of us have serving rituals before we serve, because that's the most mental part of playing volleyball," said senior middle blocker Abby Smith. "Having a ritual before serving helps keep us out of our heads."

Athletes have routines before performing in order to develop muscle memory in training to get the most out of practice. Alfonso said that routines help put athletes in a confident state of mind and improve an athlete's performance by enabling them to prepare and focus in an area that impacts their sport, like serving in volleyball or kicking in football.

"With serving, there's a lot of pressure, and these rituals help to relax and turn your focus to muscle memory rather than worrying about if you're going to miss your serve or who is watching or anything else,"



Photo courtesy of Lucas Alfonso

Smith said. Although superstitions can help a player by serving a practical purpose, like building confidence and muscle memory, Mogollon said he believes that some superstitions can be detrimental to a player's success.

"Superstitions become an outlet to blame one's failure upon and that harms the mental and physical development of a player," Mogollon said. "I used to have countless superstitions, but I abandoned most of them because I realized they were preventing me from becoming the (best) player I can be. When you fail, the blame cannot lie within an action you perform that you believe makes you successful – you have to take responsibility."

SCOREBOARD

Men's Soccer

Redlands 1 Chapman 0
Chapman 6 Caltech 0

Women's Soccer

Chapman 2 Redlands 0
Occidental 3 Chapman 2

Football

Chapman 42 Pomona-Pitzer 40

Men's Water Polo

Chapman 13 Cal Lutheran 9

Women's Volleyball

La Verne 3 Chapman 0
Chapman 3 UC Santa Cruz 0
Pomona-Pitzer 3 Chapman 1

Key: Bold = Chapman, winner listed first

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer

Oct. 4 vs. Occidental 4 p.m.
Oct. 7 @ Caltech 11 a.m.

Men's Water Polo

Oct. 4 @ Whittier 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 vs. Connecticut Col. 6 a.m.*

Football

Oct. 7 vs. Whittier 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 4 @ La Verne 7 p.m.
Oct. 7 @ Pomona-Pitzer 4 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

Oct. 3 @ Occidental 7 p.m.
Oct. 6 vs. Vanguard 7 p.m.

Key: Bold = in-conference game
*= Hosted at Claremont