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

The fires in Northern California have destroyed some students’ homes.

American fears
The corruption of government officials, health care and pollution were ranked the top fears in an annual survey put out by the Wilkinson College of Arts and Humanities.

Birth control
The Trump administration rolled back a mandate that required most employers to provide birth control coverage without copayment, but those with Chapman’s student insurance will not be affected.

Weapon regulation
In the wake of the Las Vegas shooting, guest columnist Jack Eckert writes that there needs to be smarter weapon regulation and more militarized police tactics.

Equestrian team
Chapman’s equestrian team, which joined Chapman Athletics as a club sport last year, will start its season mid-October. The team competes across Southern California.
Canyon Fire 2 sparks campus closure

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

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

Air quality in the area near Chapman was categorized as “unhealthy for sensitive groups” Oct. 14, according to the Air Quality Index, but was considered moderate the next day. The fire's temporary effects on air quality are already a concern.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some subpopulations were at greater risk for experiencing health complications due to the air quality after the fire, including the elderly and those with asthma, Mandel said.

Chapman’s health center treated about 40 people after the fire broke out Oct. 9, some of whom experienced respiratory symptoms or had asthma.

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

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

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

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

Deats said that she doesn’t anticipate that the health effects from the fire will affect Chapman students long-term. The health center also distributed masks to students during the fire.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Provost Glenn Pfeiffer said that it’s up to individual faculty members to decide how they will structure their classes after the cancellations.

“Any students that weren’t able to prepare for a midterm exam, for example, should be given consideration,” Pfeiffer said. “I think faculty are understanding and willing to respond. Those are all legitimate reasons for a day, hopefully it shouldn’t be a problem.”

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

Turn to page 12 to read an editorial about how students reacted to the fire.
How administrators decided to cancel class

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

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

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

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

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

“In part, it was due to those two factors, with Jacqueline (Deats) saying, ‘Yeah, the smoke is now intense enough that it can disaffect people, even healthy people,’ and Public Safety saying, ‘Yep, traffic is getting terrible, for people that need to get where they need to go, they need to get started.’”

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

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

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

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

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

“(The emails) didn’t break up evenly. So there were times when I sent a message within 45 minutes of (Glenn Pfeiffer) sending a message,” Hewitt said. “They thought it was ‘better to over-communicate’ than to try to decide who was sending the right message.”

Oct. 9
9:45 a.m.
A brush fire broke out in the Anaheim Hills area.

11:03 a.m.
Public Safety sent the first email to the Chapman community about the fire.

1:13 p.m.
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Harold Hewitt emailed that campus would remain open and classes would continue.

Oct. 10
7:35 a.m.
Hewitt emailed that campus would be closed for the day.

2:49 p.m.
Hewitt emailed that classes were canceled for the rest of the day.

4:54 p.m.
Provost Glenn Pfeiffer wrote in an email that classes would resume Oct. 11.

Graphic by SABRINA SANTORO News Editor
Five-year strategic plan: Administrators push for more growth in sciences

Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer

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

“They are not doing a good job yet in graduate education,” said Pres. Daniele Struppa at the end of the meeting.

Every five years, the Chapman administration devises goals for the following five years. About 130 faculty, staff and students attended the meeting, which built on the discussion of the newest five-year plan, which was brought up at a fall faculty meeting last month. The plan sets goals for financial, academic and overall development at Chapman. Struppa composed the last plan while he was chancellor, and will conclude at the end of the spring 2018 semester.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Assistant Vice President for Philanthropy Sheryl Goossen said the university hasn’t had a formal comprehensive fundraising campaign since 2003, making it a priority for her department.

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

According to Struppa, the last school year was record-breaking for fundraising, with the university collecting $109 million from donors. He said he hoped to raise around half of $1 billion over the next five years.

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Senate updates

Oct. 13 meeting

Operating procedures amendment

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

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

Budget proposal approved

Director of Finance Corey Snyder presented student government’s annual budget. Based on the total undergraduate student enrollment, which is 6,440, student government’s budget for this school year is $266,866.11. The budget was approved.

On-campus WiFi issues

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

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

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

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

Compiled by Emma Reith

PROPOSED FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

ENGINEERING WING

Chapman is aiming to complete the engineering wing in the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, which will cost about $50 million, said President Daniele Struppa.

RINKER CAMPUS

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

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

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

Graphic by SABRINA SANTORO News Editor

Chapman administrators discussed the next Five-Year Strategic Plan, which will be approved in December. Topics included fundraising for an engineering wing in the Keck Center for Science and Engineering, providing more resources for the Rinker Health Science Campus in Irvine and becoming a nationally-ranked university.
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Government, environment and war: Chapman survey reveals America’s top fear same as 2016

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

The fourth annual Chapman Survey of American Fears showed that the country’s fear of the “corruption of government officials” has remained the No. 1 fear since 2015. While maintaining its position as the No. 1 fear, America’s fear of corrupt government officials rose to 74.5 percent this year, compared to 60.6 percent last year.

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

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

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

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

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Poor air quality causes students to evacuate

Jade Boren | Assistant Features Editor

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

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

But it wasn’t the fear of the Canyon Fire 2 reaching their dorms that caused them to evacuate. It was the poor air quality, Cohen said. Like Cohen, many students fled to towns to escape the ashes, not the flames. The ash that some students felt like they had been breathing in was not the most dangerous part of wildfire smoke, said Christopher Kim, a Chapman chemistry professor. It’s something you can’t see: 2.5 particulate matter, which is found in most wildfires Kim said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As for long-term impact on the air quality at Chapman, Kim and Singh are not worried. Singh said that the wildfire would not damage the air quality in the long run. Particulate matter from wildfires most likely will not cause many deaths, even if particulate matter levels are high, according to a 2010 study conducted by the International Journal of Wildland Fire about the effects of wildfire smoke exposure. Instead, the study found that the particulate matter levels contributed to an increase in hospital visits that are related to respiratory or asthma problems.

Chapman evacuation plan for on-campus housing

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

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

When Lauren Averill’s father sent her a video link that captured the devastation of the Atlas Peak Fire burning in Sonoma County, she knew her childhood home was gone. “I don’t have a home to go to for Thanksgiving or Christmas, I will never see the house where I had memories of growing up throughout my life, and more importantly and much more devastating than that, my parents have nowhere to call home,” said Averill, a senior political science major.

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

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

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

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

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

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

When Foster’s mom called her to ask what she wanted to save from her family home, it hit her that her hometown was burning to the ground. “It doesn’t feel real,” said Foster, a junior business administration major. “Many buildings I’ve been to (when I was) growing up or drove past every day are in ashes.”

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

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

Averill and Foster hope that Chapman students realize the impact of the Northern California fires and the Anaheim fire, which started Oct. 9 and burned 9,200 acres, causing Chapman to close for two days. “It’s hard when people in the Chapman community don’t understand the magnitude of these events,” Averill said. “I can’t blame anyone too much, as I am sure I would be acting the same way if I wasn’t drastically affected, but it is disheartening to witness people celebrating classes being canceled by going out and drinking while people are losing their homes and lives.”

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

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

Natalie Teague, a public relations and advertising major, said she is shocked by the impact that the fire in Sonoma has had on her and her family. Her family and house is OK. With homes and businesses burned to the ground, Averill said she is worried about the future of Santa Rosa and the Sonoma County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“It doesn’t withhold me from attending these events, but it’s definitely a recurring thought, “ Rivera said. “I feel the news and the headlines and it doesn’t go through my central route of thinking.”

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

“During the Las Vegas shooting (the shooter was above) I don’t want to live in fear,” Keola said. “I see the news and the headlines and it doesn’t go through my central route of thinking.”

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

“Chapman sends out those emails to students, he said. “Try to separate in your life what’s happened before with what’s happening currently, or what might happen in the future. Treatment for post-traumatic stress is not to eliminate anxiety but to put it back into perspective and hopefully get people back to a more normal way of functioning and not avoiding.”

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

Megan Titus started taking birth control when she was 14 years old to regulate her periods and prevent pregnancy. But when she didn’t receive her pills on time one month in high school, the menstrual pain caused her to needlessly faint. After going to the nurse’s office, she went home for the day.

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

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

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

Around the same time, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a guidance Oct. 6 that would allow protections against nondiscrimination laws for religious groups, citing the importance of “religious freedom.”

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

“This is the opposite of religious freedom,” said gala Richardson, a senior and president of the Wallace All Faiths Chapel.

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

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

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

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

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Rollback on birth control will not affect Chapman insurance

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

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‘Happy Death Day’ is actually really happy

Jade Boren | Assistant Features Editor
A horror movie has never made me smile or feel inspired. That’s the text I sent to my best friend after I watched “Happy Death Day.”

“Happy Death Day” is like a Halloween special on Disney Channel that always comes with a lesson. But instead of spooky witches, there’s a villain that kills the main character with a shard from a bong.

Director Christopher Landon did not need to take such a didactic route. He had the “Groundhog Day” premise, first of all, which is entertaining enough since it’s something a box office horror hasn’t done.

Landon’s take on the time loop genre through the perspective of a sorority woman named Tree (Jessica Rothe). Tree has to relive her birthday every day, starting from waking up in bed and ending with being murdered by nightfall. The reason someone won’t let Tree live past her birthday could have potentially been much darker.

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

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

By the 15th time the killer stabs Tree, I realized that the movie wasn’t supposed to be inventive horror. Once I accepted this, I realized this was strangely a movie about empowerment (strut around naked on your college campus and everyone will love you), confidence (fat in front of your date—who cares, we all die in the end) and being a good person (just sign that annoying global warning petition).

I cheered alongside Tree as she embarked on her gory hero’s journey, so much so that the ending almost didn’t bother me. Spoiler alert: It’s happy. It’s clean. Tree gets the boy. But that’s weird for a scary movie. I couldn’t help thinking about the time loop and something fishy with the boy. There’s something a little ominous about naming him “Mark.”

I thought perhaps I was just being cynical. I should’ve been happy, even excited. Tree gets a happy ending. It’s not a/Header Image

Rapsody clever, insightful in ‘Laila’s Wisdom’

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor
Female rappers are often talked about with a disclaimer. It’s usually something along the lines of, “She’s great… for a woman.” It’s a stigma that stems from the overly macho, often anti-queer, misogynistic sentiments that plague rap. It makes it exponentially harder for female rappers to get the credit they deserve. MC Lyte, Lil’ Kim, Missy Elliott, Bahamadia and Lauryn Hill are just a few historically prolific female rappers who don’t exploit the popularity of hip-hop (like Iggy Azalea) to make a quick hit. They can hold their own with any other rapper out there, and with her latest album, Rapsody has proven she’s in that elite class.

“Laila’s Wisdom,” named after Rapsody’s grandmother, Laila, is North Carolina-based rapper Rapsody’s first limited play released through Jay-Z’s Roc Nation label. Rapsody, whose real name is Marlin Evans, has been putting out solo material since 2008, but she’s gone relatively unnoticed until now.

“Laila’s Wisdom,” released Sept. 22, gives you a look into the events that shaped Rapsody as a person and an artist. It’s filled with highs and lows that interchange seamlessly, balancing between funny and upbeat bass lines on “Pay Up” and harmonized choir vocals on “Nobody.”

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

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

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

My only knock on this album is the overwhelming number of other artists featured. Not only are 13 artists featured, but they are spaced out poorly. There are 14 songs on the album and starting with track seven, every song has a feature. It almost seems like Rapsody is trying to cement her own credibility with the credentials of her surrounding cast. The collaborations generally work well, but they detract from what should be a stand-alone solo project.

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

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

“Laila’s Wisdom” was released Sept. 22.
California fires are not a reason to celebrate

The Panther Editorial Board

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

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

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

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

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

While there weren’t any students whose houses in Orange or Anaheim burned down, 25 structures in the area were destroyed and 53 were damaged. Some students had to evacuate their homes, and 40 were treated in the health center for fire-related health concerns on Oct. 9, including respiratory problems and cold symptoms that were worsened by the fire. Two students went to the health center with ash in their eyes that had to be treated with eye flushing, said Director of Student Health Jacqueline Deats.

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

“It’s hard when people in the Chapman community don’t understand the magnitude of these events,” said senior political science major Lauren Averill, whose childhood homes have burned down, and their family members have been evacuated. “Instead of escaping to the beach or throwing parties, students can donate to people like Jake Kloberdanz, a Sonoma winery owner who has raised $384,500 for fire and rescue organizations. GoFundMe has put together a centralized location for all the fundraising campaigns supporting fire relief efforts. Even if students don’t have money to donate, they can sign a change.org petition to waive the 8 percent fee on GoFundMe donations so that more money can reach Northern California residents in the wake of the fires.

While it was nice that classes at Chapman were canceled for a day in a half, natural disasters are never a reason to celebrate - especially when it’s happening in two different parts of the state and threatening people’s homes, families and health.
We need smart weapon regulation, not blunt, emotional action.

I have hunted and shot clay pigeons in Pennsylvania and Scotland. I go to the gun range to shoot handguns on the range. I occasionally read a copy of Guns & Ammo magazine. I am a gun enthusiast who proudly supports the Second Amendment, but what I saw happening in Las Vegas on Oct. 1—hehelps me to see why this is the case.

A shooter armed with at least 23 weapons in his hotel room killed 58 people who came out for music, fun and to hear Jason Aldean work his magic. I am calling on Congress to supply metropolitan areas with more police officers and work to make gun laws in the world, yet the ISIS operatives got their hands on an AR 15 assault rifle, an American civilian weapon.

Instead, there needs to be a steroid amount of funding directed toward the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Fire-arms and Explosives to protect communities. At the teeth it is to hunt down black-market arms suppliers. Boosting the ATF could significantly help American cities like Chicago, which has plagued us with black-market supplied gun violence.

Another act of smart legislation is to supply metropolit- an law enforcement with the necessary weapons and training. It was militarized police tacts that killed the Baton Rouge shooter in July 2016, saving countless lives. Additionally, during the Watertown, Massachu-setts shoot-out, local police struggled to access their watch list, yet he was still able to acquire weapons for the massacre.

If we want to change the culture of gun violence, if we want to secure our communities, we need to keep weapons in the hands of those who need them responsibly and to prove what they claim, or simply respond with this stumping phrase: "Not an argument!" Labeling some-one "racist," "Uncle Tom" or "privileged white guy" is not an argument. It's a personal attack and a convenient way to sidestep what someone is saying. People on the left espouse themselves as races in their own right by citing race when they meet someone with whom they disagree, as shown when dozens of students at Evergreen State College refused to leave campus on a "no-whites" day, according to The Independent. With each mass shooting, there are more signs of how preventable they could have been. The Pulse nightclub shooter was briefly on a terrorist watch list, yet he was still able to acquire weapons for the massacre.

As time goes on, fear will less for more about how the Las Vegas shootings could have been prevented had there been fewer weapons regulation. Even if local law enforce- ment better armed to neutralize the threat when it began.

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The U.S. needed the World Cup

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

Our national men’s team needed a draw against Trinidad and Tobago.

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

As the 2018 World Cup finals hosted in Russia next summer. Trinidad and Tobago became one of the six teams in the U.S.'s qualifying group. All the U.S. had to do was draw against that team – not even beat them. Yet, we lost.

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

It is not like this in any other country, where the best players often come from the payment system. However, that may be, in any case, as U.S. federation president Sunil Gulati has said he will step down.

What’s disappointing is how potent of a effect the World Cup has on rekindling a national identity. For every country involved, there is a heightened sense of unity. For every country involved, there is a heightened sense of popularity.

For every country involved, there is a heightened sense of national pride. For every country involved, there is a heightened sense of nationalism.

During an interview that, regardless of the exact same thing. I’ve known all sorts of players, from around the country, as people, as a society, that we use sport (s) and athletics as another way of connecting people, we need to see the U.S. in the World Cup next summer, whether we realize it now or not.

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

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

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

“The team actually met his family first,” Mendonca said. “I shook his dad’s hand, then his mom’s, but then we looked around and Carter didn’t stop to say, ‘Hi,’ to any of us. He sped past everyone and immediately started running circles on the field.”

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

“If you were a spectator and just saw him on the sidelines, you would have never thought he had cancer,” said head coach Scott Laverty. “He was so full of energy.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“They’re not getting rid of us yet,” he said. “We loved him like a brother.”

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

“They want Carter to somehow continue helping other people even after he has passed,” Mendonca said. Laverty said that Carter had a positive impact on the team.

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

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

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Marek Spooner-LeDuff: Football’s defensive ‘ball hog’

Junior defensive back leads team in interceptions in first season

Naidine Conde | Web Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“I’m not really looking to play football professionally,” said Spooner-LeDuff, a communications major and computer science minor. “I want to work on virtual technology and communications.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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