A formula for the future

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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

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.”

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- Robert Day, Keck Foundation CEO
Controversial author and professor to speak at Chapman

Sabra Kipnis | 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 Creed” 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 described Kipnis’ 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 recently rescinded — 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 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 difficult questions: “I wonder if we could 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 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 right 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 Yoon Gaffney, and Lisa Leitz, the chair of the peace studies program. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

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-President Daniele Struppa

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, Chap-
man-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-re-
lated calls, 154 have been Chapman-related.

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

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

Of the 154 complaint calls this year so far, Public Safety has only been asked to respond to 37 of them, said Chief of Public Safety Romney Miller. 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 Con-
duct Code, Burba said.

The updates to the “party ordi-
nance,” like an increase in fines and increasing the penalty for an infractions to a misdemeanor, have put pressure on students to com-
municate with their neighbors before they go to a party to make sure their neighbors are willing to work with them and that they would prefer a chance to keep their parties quiet 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 relations-
ships,” 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.”

Dennis Bilodeau, a former Orange city councilman who was opposed to the ordinance when it was presented to the council in June 2016, contin-
ues 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 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 minimize 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.

The total number of city-wide and Chapman-related noise complaints increased in the past two years since the party ordinance was passed in 2016.
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 Kiesel gave a presentation 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 in front of Chapman Oct. 21 to address homelessness in Orange and what city officials need to do. He also said that he would like to see the Orange Police “relax a bit on their enforcing.”

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 with Professor Richard Crowe and Hovannisian about the Armenian Genocide.

Crowe and Hovannisian said that recognizing the Armenian Genocide is so important for young people, because "it makes us as a Chapman community ask ourselves what responsibilities we have to be educated.”

"Our students have to do their research and go to the public. Although it was geared more than 100 attend discussion about Armenian Genocide

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

West said he would like to see the Orange Police “relax a bit on their enforcing.”

"When 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 Gülru Gezer and Baylor University professor George Gavrych 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 students, took place at the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education used the space Sept. 26 to host a conversation with Professor Richard Crowe and Hovannisian about the Armenian Genocide.

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 remaining silent about the matter," Hovannisian said. "This silence was 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 worldwide society that remembers Armenians only in connection with 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 Crowe is now more involved in the Armenian Genocide and not in its greatest 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 Aug. 29 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 allocation committee meeting was tabled, because the club wanted to sell shirts that contain an incorrect location for the fundraiser. A funding request for nearly $470 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 80 students, therefore the committee felt that did not reflect the Chapman community as a whole.

The U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology, Inc. at Chapman submitted a funding request 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 club will hold 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 students who 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 may have imagery of a male, female and a disability access symbol. This is cause for concern, Rosenberg said, because it doesn’t fit the signs for the gender inclusive restroom.

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 Ansel Pepper to help design a university and academic affairs committee chairwoman, in the current or an open forum to talk about the structure of the committee.

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

Compiled by Emma Reith

INCIDENT REPORT

Sept. 26

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

Sept. 28

Unknown subjects removed bicycle parts from a bicycle recovered due 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.

Compiled by Kate Hoover from the Public Safety daily crime log
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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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Travel ban expands to three new countries

Lorig Yaghsezian | 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 home, “ Moshirfatemi said. “One day, I wonder if I will be able to visit.”

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 her, it’s not even a distraction anymore. “Nothing Trump says or does shocks me anymore.” said. “Nothing Trump says or does shocks me anymore.”

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 myself (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 upset 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 like North Korea and Venezuela are a distraction from the fact that this is a Muslim ban.”
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 closed 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 breast 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 or ovarian cancers are 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 acetate that she will prob- ably have cancer when she is older, so 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 feeling 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. How- ever, 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 fami- ly member’s cancer diagnosis, said Natalie Benson, a junior communica- tion studies major, said established a trademark message called Cheemo Courage.

“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 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 pub- lic 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 is not educated, then family therapy can help.

“Through therapy, the family can see how they can talk 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 fundraising for a breast cancer cure. Now, Lehner is president of Relay for Life at Chapman and hosts the annual 24-hour fundraiser to sup- port the American Cancer Society.

Through Relay for Life, she has met other Chapman students who have similar experiences with cancer in their families.

She said her mother has dedicat- ed her life to advocating for health- care that will support the treatment that people need to survive.

“It’s important to her to give back,” Turney said. “So many people don’t know about breast cancer, so she feels like it’s her job to bring knowl- edge and help this organization that don’t have the experience with cancer in their families.”

Natalie Benson, a junior communica- tion 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 for a science fair about foods that cancer patients should eat while undergoing chemotherapy.

“I thought it was a perfect oppor- tunity 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 at 10:30 p.m. on a Friday, she noticed a car

Photo illustration by JACKIE COHEN

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

“The students feel and student safety

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

“I feel like this area isn’t very danger-ous 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.”

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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 Disney California Adventure during the Halloween season, then the scary spooks and haunted houses. The entrance sign read “Happy Halloween” 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 week instead to 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.

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

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.

New ‘LEGO’ movie

Jade Boron | Assistant Features Editor

“The LEGO Ninjago Movie” was released Sept. 22. It brings all the “LEGO” movie action to the big screen with a ninja whack against his evil brother. They really tried to make something ridiculous premise (repeat, Legos were not trying to fly pretentious nonsense). Lloyd even more brooding. No detail was left unenhanced; even the hot dog time was tended to lovingly, with the intemperate music, slowed-down time frames and desperate cries, you would think you were watching living things being taken out on the streets 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.” The soundtrack flew with his fleet of sharks and generals, an exhaustive list of animators made sure to travel from his original “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 purple 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 dogs of realists giving a dog a shower 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 meaning within its drama. Works to the audience and stereotypes of the ninja action movie genre (which is a slightly crowdsed category) were littered throughout the film. For right, another sign read “Short Cut (Possible Evil Skeleton Grabbers).” 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?”
Finding remedy in a furry friend

As I reach for my keyboard, a ball of fluffy 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-year-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’ve 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 had all bad 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 almost anything might be OK.
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 world are more in need of peace than ever.

Yet, the current administration has done nothing to bring us peace. On Sept. 19, President Donald Trump addressed the United Nations and sent a message that was less than peaceable. 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,” referred to “total destruction of North Korea,” and even condemned the Obama Administration Iran nuclear deal, argued against resettling refugees in the U.S. and accused Venezuela and Cuba. Notably, Trump did not mention the major global issue of climate change.

Trump’s 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 president before first. Trump sounded unsettlingly like U.N. representatives from Russia and China, who often cite sovereignty as a justification for violent actions and violations.

Trump’s aggressive and adversarial message in an

in situation of peace was frightening. Trump’s words devalue the idea of a world that values peace and understanding. For this reason, I believe that the forums where nations of the world come together to promote peace and combat global issues, yet Trump speaks of global issues in the context of nationalism and isolationism. To see the leader of the most powerful country in the world minimizing cooperation and diplomacy is terrifying.

Hayley Nelson, freshman theatre major

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 sci-fi family that’s led by a brilliant and kind musician named Rick and his teenage grandson, Morty. The show is filled with sex, death and poop jokes, but another common thread in every family is the concept of family. 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” 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 lightness I need to escape from a sad scene. Seeing a cartoon character lose an arm is just inherently easier than seeing a human actor experience the same thing. The creators of “Rick and Morty” are very clever, easy to hear, as well. I would hate to hear someone lecture for 30 minutes about the meaningfulness of life, but I know that trouble contemplating my own life can make me laugh. By the time Rick and Morty have to team up with rapper Ice-T to write a rap song and save the world.

“Rick and Morty” is in its third season, and after a two-year hiatus spent perfecting the script, it’s brilliant-

ly written. The third season is also the first time that female writers have 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’ll eventually find moons that are orbiting planets. If you eventually get to Simone de Beauvoir, an iconic feminist and existentialist, who is then immediately followed by Jean-Paul Sartre. Now if you want to know what Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir are all about, the best way that textbooks can’t, while still introducing similar ideas, “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 po-

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tude 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 earth-

quake via my family’s group message, where they were posting videos and photos they had received directly from people they knew. In Mexico there is 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 City on Friday, Sept. 22 – three days after the earthquake. I was scared for my family members, but upon my return to Chapman, it seemed like the worst had already happened. I was actually surprised when I visited my family in Mexico City on 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.

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 over-

population – it was caused by people who were 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, try-

ing to make 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. With people trying to organize about their lives in regular ways, conversations never veered too far from the earthquake, whether it was people talking about when they were last able to contact family or receiving numerous messages about different supplies being collected. Some remembered the earthquake that hit Mexico City ex-

actly 32 years before, in 1985. The magnitude 8.1 earthquake killed thousands of people, according to the Mexican Servicio Sismologico Nacional (National Seismological Service), while 27,500 injured aftershocks and poten-

tial of future earthquakes.

People in Mexico were already fearful of the after-

shocks that came with the earthquake, but all the 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 12 years. To be honest, I was obviously not too worried, but the Richter scale only goes up to 10, and earthquakes cannot be predicted. While this did not happen, a mag-

nitude 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 at least 250,000 houses that were more than 3,000 buildings that were damaged and the gov-

ernment’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 it. He also sent out an email to every Mexican with an email address, which was released in a newspaper published in Los Angeles. I was shocked to hear that people could care more about their political parties than about helping others. As Of The Aryan Nation’s, “Rick and Morty” might entertain viewers in a way that textbooks can’t, while still introducing similar ideas. As Sartre once wrote, “Every age has its own po-

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Staff Column:

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Players deserve to have voices heard

Jacob Hutchinson
Sports Editor

Donald Trump sparked controversy at a rally in Huntsville, Ala. Sept. 23, when he said that 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 some despicable son of a (expletive) off the field right now? Out! He's fired. He's fired. Trump said.

Chapman Sports Information Director Steven Olveda said that this kind of statement would not happen at Chapman.

Olveda said that both teams are in their respective locker rooms while the national anthem plays at Chapman football games, meaning that NFL players do not kneel during the national anthem at Chapman.

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 respect, best exemplified for future generations, Owens said, and there is a significance to the words that Trump is saying.

"I don't think Trump is the U.S.; he is the president of the U.S.," Owens said. "We have to show respect for the flag in the world, and we are each pass on a responsibility for future generations."

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

"Some people want to remain patriotic, but at the same time, other individuals have backgrounds where they want to express change, and that's completely fine," 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 to say who plays his players," Williams said.

The day following Trump's comments, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his team kneeded before the national anthem, and then stood and linked arms during the sign of solidarity against what they consider 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.

"We're not going to take any Cheap shoes for Jerry Jones to do, because he was (showing) that they were going to respect the anthem and the people who felt like by kneeling during the anthem you're disrespecting the military," Wil- liams 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 that they have as a team are handled openly and then they move forward.

"I would not take any protest if it was going to be the NFL going to the league and then without first discussing it as a team and with the university to make sure that it was respectful of everyone," Owens said.

GAME-WINNING TOUCHDOWN GIVES FOOTBALL FIRST WIN

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

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Game-winning touchdown gives football first win

Ben Hansen | Contributing Writer

Football games are 60 minutes, but the outcome of Chapman's first conference game came down to just one play.

Trailing by five points with a minute and a half to go in the fourth quarter, Chapman drove from its own 44-yard line to Pomona-Pitzer's one-yard line. As the last seconds ticked off, senior running back Joe Mudge 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," Vaccher 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 opened the second half down 19-4 but went on to outscore the Panthers in the end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone. Chapman recovered the snap, causing a safety, which Pomo- na-Pitzer did not return into its own end zone.

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Women's volleyball loses two straight conference games

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,'" said guest speaker for Playbook and career coach for Athletes to Careers Lindsey Beck. "Many student athletes have completed or expect to undertake internships at some type of 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 employment, but they also believe their sports experience makes them more employable, 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 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 helping our student athletes 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 know 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 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 Returning participant and senior track and field sprinter and jumper Dominic Ashley.

"I'm feeling better, I feel less anxious," Ashley said. "I'm feeling like I can sell myself."
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 baseball 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 on the field,” 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 related to football, superstitions are just another kid on the team and I was just another kid on the team and I wasn’t drinking any Yerba Mate tea, cup and straw.

“I used to have countless superstitions. 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 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,” 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.”

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