The "Stranger Things" creators and ’07 Chapman alumni received the 2017 Alumni Achievement Award during Chapman Celebrates Nov. 4, a black-tie fundraising gala and stage show.

Chapman’s football team beat Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 48-38 Nov. 4. If Chapman had lost, it may have had to share the title.

Public Safety reported that a group of eight to 10 males, who were between the ages of 13 to 15, harassed two people in Henley Hall Oct. 31.

Chapman professor Justin Walsh studies how a society exists in the International Space Station, which has been orbiting above the Earth for 17 years.

Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba reminds students to look out for each other, and provides tips to to keep the Chapman community safe.
Chapman Celebrates honored award-winning “Stranger Things” creators and ’07 alumni Matt and Ross Duffer with the 2017 Alumni Achievement Award during the 36th annual black-tie fundraising gala, held Nov. 3 and 4.

“It’s wild, it’s weird, it’s surreal,” Matt Duffer told The Panther Nov. 4. “It’s nostalgic coming back here. I remember being in classes, listening to other people speak, and so it’s really bizarre to be on the other side of that, but it’s been a lot of fun. I’m really impressed with all of the new students that we’ve met so far, and the school is getting better and better.”

The brothers also held a sold-out master class Nov. 3 in Chapman’s Folino Theater, where they presented their 11 points for success in the film industry.

“It’s amazing to achieve this award,” Matt Duffer told The Panther before the master class Nov. 3. “We love Chapman, and it is always fun and nostalgic to walk around the halls again, and to be recognized with this is fantastic.”

Chapman Celebrates is the highest-grossing fundraiser that the university hosts, with the entire proceeds going toward the student scholarship fund, said Michele Wanner, the associate vice president of university advancement.

Since the event began 36 years ago, it has raised $35 million, according to the Chapman Celebrates webpage. This year, Wanner predicted that the fundraiser would exceed the $1.5 million it raised the year prior, but could not yet confirm the total gross amount that the event raised.

“We’re so grateful for the students for inspiring this incredible support,” Wanner said. “The community comes out to support our students, and they inspire that support.”

During the stage show at the Musco Center for the Arts, more than 100 Chapman students showcased their talents – including singing, dancing, acting and music performance. To honor the Duffer Brothers’ return to Chapman and their new season of “Stranger Things,” which was released on Netflix Oct. 27, students acted out a skit in which university President Daniele Struppa was trapped in the “The Upside Down,” an alternate dimension featured in the show.

Ross Duffer said that Chapman is a “huge part” of the brothers’ development.

“It’s trippy,” he said. “To be out here and be this big of a deal is exciting.”

This year, students had the opportunity to purchase “student rush” tickets for $10 at the door on the opening night of the event Nov. 3. In previous years, students could watch the performances during the Thursday night dress rehearsal. However, this was not something the university planned for.

“It turns out that students started coming to Thursday night rehearsal, and pretty soon people thought that there was a free show,” Struppa wrote in an email to The Panther. “But this was never part of the intention, and the terms of our copyright agreement with all copyright holders specifically refer to such shows not being allowed under the agreement.”

This was the second year the performance portion of the fundraiser has taken place in the Musco Center for the Arts, and the first time the Duffers have been in the building since it opened in 2016.

“I hadn’t seen it before, it’s an incredible building,” Matt Duffer said. “Every time I come (to Chapman) there’s always at least three new buildings. It’s insane.”

The name of the event, Chapman Celebrates, was changed last year from its previous title, American Celebration. The same year, the event moved from Memorial Hall into the newly constructed Musco Center.

Ian Craddock contributed to this report.
Sexual battery reported in Henley Hall

Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer
Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Public Safety reported that two people received unwanted sexual contact on campus Oct. 31, when eight to 10 white males between the ages of 13 and 15 harassed them, according to a Nov. 1 email sent to the campus community.

At about 7:50 p.m., the group of males, who were already inside Henley Hall, opened the door for one of the victims, who was entering the building, the email said.

Chief of Public Safety Randy Burba told The Panther Nov. 3 that he cannot confirm whether the victims are male or female “for the privacy of the victims.” An investigation is still underway, Burba said.

Jordan McNees, a freshman communication studies major who said he is friends with one of the victims, said that one of the boys reached out and grabbed one of the victims, who he said was female, from behind. When she turned to confront him, another put his hand down her pants, McNees said.

The assailants surrounded the victim, but she was able to get away because they were younger, McNees said.

The victim also reported to Public Safety that there may be an additional victim, who he said was male, from behind. When she turned to confront him, another put his hand down her pants, McNees said.

Isabella Morrow, a freshman economics major, told The Panther that the same group of assailants commented on her butt as she was walking up the stairs in Henley Hall with a friend, around the same time as the incident was reported to Public Safety.

Morrow did not want to elaborate on the incident, but allowed her friend, Anoushka Shah, a freshman business administration major, to tell The Panther what happened. Shah said that Morrow ran from the group after they made the comments and the group followed her. It is unclear what happened after that. It can be assumed that conditions may continue to exist that pose a threat to community members, according to the email.

The incident was a wake-up call, McNees said, especially seeing this happen to his friend.

“I was very surprised, because Chapman has always come across as very safe and protecting of students, so I was obviously shocked and also disappointed. It’s a community that I never would expect this would happen to, especially (to) someone that I know,” he said.

Sabrina Santoro, Jackie Cohen and Kate Hoover contributed to this report.

Male students Walk Against Violence

Lou Vanhecke | Staff Writer

In light of thousands of women vocalizing their experiences within the past few weeks of being sexually harassed and assaulted, some male students at Chapman have become allies for sexual assault survivors and participated in the Walk Against Violence Nov. 1.

A group of male Chapman students took to Glassell Street in Orange to expand the conversation about sexual and interpersonal violence, including sexual assault.

The annual Walk Against Violence, hosted by Creating a Rape-free Environment for Students (C.A.R.E.S.) and the Panhellenic Council, saw a large turnout of male students. The walk began in the Attallah Piazza, traveled through Old Towne Orange and looped back to campus, with participants wearing high heels.

“The event is a metaphor,” said Dani Smith, the director of PEER and Health Education, Chapman’s sexual assault crisis counselor and the C.A.R.E.S. coordinator. “If the people who take part in the walk choose to wear high heels, they are taking small steps. We change people slowly.”

Jake Carpenter, a freshman news and documentary major, is one of several students who participated in the walk, due to the changing conversation about sexual assault as more women come forward with their stories.

“I grew up in a small town in Tennessee where issues like sexual assault aren’t discussed,” Carpenter said. “I’ve always known it was an underlying problem, but moving from a small town to a large community like this has really opened my eyes to this epidemic. It was amazing to walk and show my support for this cause.”

Being an ally for sexual assault victims is what motivated sophomore communication studies major Zach Salem to walk in the event.

“With the recent events in the news with the Harvey Weinstein allegations and the allegations against Hollywood in general, it really made me feel like I should’ve been more aware of this issue,” Salem said. “It has made me want not only to be aware, but to support this cause with action.”

Other participants of Walk Against Violence echoed Salem’s call to action, with freshman undeclared student Tommy Radle emphasizing the importance of holding those in power accountable.

“I think every person is equal, no matter what, so the fact that there has been known knowledge of exploitation is wrong,” Radle said. “People in power cannot get away with actions of sexual assault.”

JD Yang, a sophomore integrated educational studies major, wore a pair of red heels for the walk.

“I have two sisters,” Yang said. “They are such important women in my life, and I wanted to show my support.”

As the Walk Against Violence traveled down Glassell Street, people at restaurants cheered and drivers honked their horns at the high-heeled participants.

“It was great to see the town supporting us during the walk,” Carpenter said. “The entire event felt like a community really coming together.”
Administrators address counseling waitlist

Emma Reith | Staff Writer

Although the waitlist for Student Psychological Counseling Services has reached an all-time high of nearly 90 students, Dean of Students Jerry Price does not believe hiring more staff will do the trick.

“We just can’t keep up by adding people. The more we add, the more students come in,” he said. “We have to think more creatively about how to solve it, rather than just say, ‘There are people on the waitlist, so let’s add more counselors.’”

Price said he – along with President Danielele Struppa and Provost Glenn Pfeiffer – are working to develop a proposal with a university consulting firm to address the high demand for psychological services.

Price declined to specify the administration’s plan, except to say that involving the efforts of the consultant who will present to administration later this month. But he did say that administrators will focus on connecting with mental health providers in Orange County.

Meanwhile, political science and strategic and corporate communications major, has gone to Student Psychological Counseling Services for anxiety, but has not been able to get an appointment. He said that he really needed to do something now about the waitlist.

Kate Hoover

Student pedestrians a ‘traffic nightmare’

Kate Hoover | Assistant News Editor

Chapman student pedestrians cause a “traffic nightmare,” said Orange resident Jerome Ryan at the Oct. 24 city council meeting.

Since then, many Orange residents have expressed concerns about Chapman student pedestrians being “self-absorbed” and “glued to their phones.” They also claim that the crossing guards back up traffic and cause confusion on Walnut Avenue.

“Lemon Street and Palm Avenue, we have a major traffic problem because the Chapman students are not considerate about the automobile traffic,” Ryan, who lives on Lemon Street, told The Panther.

Student pedestrians will not let cars go. When it’s in between classes, there are hundreds of students crossing hap hazardly, completely disregarding the neighbors.

However, Christa Schmitt, a freshman health sciences major, said, “I don’t step out when I’m not used to doing it. I wait,” Schmitt said, “I put my phone down whenever I’m about to cross the street because I don’t want to get hit by a car.”

However, some students don’t see students as the problem – rather, the issue is the addition of crossing guards.

“The way (the crossing guard) directs traffic is student-focused and the people are waiting cars, wait, at times, they should have a right of way. Ayasha Keys, an Orange resident who has lived near Chapman for her entire life, “By driving and making traffic in that manner, it creates a lot of backup into the neighborhoods. Her presence confuses drivers and pedestrians alike.”

The crossing guards, who are contracted through an outside company, were hired to compensate for the “temporary loss” of the crosswalk

Kris Olsen, the vice president of campus planning and operations, wrote in an email to The Panther.

“Once the signaled crosswalk is restored, anticipated to be this coming spring, we will discontinue their services,” Olsen wrote.

According to the website of American City Services, which is the company that contracts the crossing guards, guards have to go through a training program that highlights elements like local traffic regulations, traffic hazard identification and how to appropriately alert traffic.

Oragne City Councilman Mike Alvarez told The Panther that he went to the crosswalk on Walnut Avenue, as well as the intersection on Palm Avenue and Lemon Street – near Dodge College of Film and Media Arts – and said that he doesn’t think pedestrian traffic can be avoided.

“I think the main way for students to get from the dorms to the campus,” Alvarez said. “I don’t know why people are complaining about it. I don’t think it’s really an issue.”

Alvarez described Chapman as a “quasi-campus area,” as part of it is the university and part of it is public property.

“The best thing to do is just to avoid the area,” he said. “You just have to accept that the students are there. They’re just trying to get to class, it’s just part of life there. I don’t think spending money to put in a pedestrian light or traffic light is really needed yet, but I imagine we’re going to see a second look when the new dorm is built.”

Freshman biology major Izzie Billet agrees that Orange residents should find a different way around the problematic intersections.

“How are we supposed to get anywhere without crossing the street? We all have classes we need to go to,” Billet said. “Find a different way around that intersection. It’s not that hard.”

Senators updates

Nov. 3 meeting

Funding Requests

The Student and Trans People of Color Collective sent two representatives to address questions that the senate had about its Oct. 27 funding request for the club’s second annual Queer and Trans Youth Holiday Giving Banquet. The collective requested $2,079.07 for catering for up to 200 attendees and for the request to order the cost of food for the event, but not decorations.

Professional business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi requested $1,728.51 to send members of its executive board to the Lead, Engage, and Become (LEAD) School in Sacramento. The club did not get any representatives to the senate meeting, and the event was funded in full.

A $2,233 funding request from the Cross-Cultural Center for the Indigenous Voices event was denied, because the application to cover the two guests’ airfare, speaking fee and event food was submitted less than two weeks before the event, making it ineligible for funding. The request was denied, and the event is now Nov. 9, but Allocations Committee Chair Kevin Walker said there is a possibility of waiving the two-week requirement.

Public relations amendment

The senate passed amendments to the public relations policy, which will allow the director of public relations to waive requirements for student government branding on funded items and the logo requirements for appropriate. Prior to this amendment, it was required that the student government logo be added to all items funded by student government. The amendment also added that shirts funded by student government cannot be resold.

Read the full senate updates at thepantheronline.com.

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Oct. 27

An unknown subject removed a hose cabinet inside the Barrera Parking Structure.

Public Safety officers discovered the ashes of burnt pieces of paper inside a men’s restroom stall in Argyros Forum.

Oct. 29

An unknown subject damaged a hose cabinet inside the Pralle-Sodaro lot, and secured to a bike rack near Oliphant Hall.

An unknown subject removed a fire hose cabinet inside the Pralle-Sodaro lot, and secured to a bike rack near Oliphant Hall.

Public Safety officers discovered the ashes of burnt pieces of paper inside a men’s restroom stall in Argyros Forum.

Oct. 30

An unknown subject damaged a fire hose cabinet inside the Barrera Parking Structure.

An unknown subject removed a front wheel from a bicycle that was secured to a bike rack near Hashinger Science Center.

An unknown subject removed an untended laptop from the men’s restroom in the Lemonhead Libraries.

Oct. 30

An unknown subject(s) used unknown means to gain access to a student’s dorm room and placed an item on funded items and the logo requirements if appropriate. Prior to this amendment, it was required that the student government logo be added to all items funded by student government. The amendment also added that shirts funded by student government cannot be resold.

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'Coco' director Lee Unkrich talks filmmaking process at pre-release screening

Sabrina Santoro | News Editor

Chapman students got a sneak peek of Disney Pixar’s latest movie, “Coco,” and participated in a Q&A with the director at the pre-release screening Nov. 2.

The movie, which follows a young boy exploring the Land of the Dead, is set to be released in theaters everywhere starting Nov. 22. The film premiered in Mexico Oct. 27, in time for the Dia de los Muertos holiday, which is a central setting for the movie.

“Coco” director Lee Unkrich, who also directed “Toy Story 3,” attended the screening and participated in a discussion with students afterward.

The Panther spoke with Unkrich before the screening to find out more about how he brought the Land of the Dead to life.

Turn to page 13 to read a guest column about Dia de los Muertos.

Q: How were you able to stay true to Mexico’s culture and traditions while creating this film?
A: I knew that I was setting off down a path that was going to require a lot of consultants, a lot of guidance (and) a lot of education, so we did an enormous amount of research. We went down to Mexico many times, we worked with several cultural consultants – people from all different walks of life in the Latino community – to guide us and make sure we were telling a story that was authentic and respectful. That was so important to me from the very beginning: to get this right.

Q: The movie centers around universal themes, like the importance of family, honoring your ancestors and following your dreams. What made you choose those subjects?
A: Once you take the time to learn about Dia de los Muertos and what it’s all about – a lot of people think it’s about death, or they think it’s like a Mexican Halloween – but it’s actually a tradition that’s all about family. It’s about the importance of family, the importance of remembering your loved ones, passing along their stories and making sure that they’re never forgotten. That’s what our movie is about. We wanted to tell a story that could only be told during Dia de los Muertos, so those themes are just part of the fabric of the story.

Q: You’ve been working at Pixar for almost 25 years now. What has it been like working your way up from an editor to a member of the senior creative team?
A: Long. It’s been great, even when I was editing the original “Toy Story,” the company was so small and everyone was so young that everyone wore multiple hats. So even though my title was editor, I was already doing a lot of things that were normally done by the director or other people. It was an all-hands-on-deck situation. We’ve all grown as filmmakers over the years, we’ve all continued to help each other in each other’s movies – it’s just been my life. Pixar’s been my family for half of my life now.

Q: ‘Coco’ premiered in Mexico Oct. 27. How was it received? Was the audience reaction what you expected?
A: It was amazing. I was so nervous while we were making this film about it being accepted by the Latino community and accepted, really, down in Mexico, which is where this story takes place. It’s been beyond my wildest dreams how it’s been accepted in Mexico. It opened less than a week ago, and I’ve been having an endless stream of tweets by people who sought me out because they saw the film, loved it and wanted to say something about that. I’m still pinching myself that it’s doing so well down there. We made the best movie that we could, and tried to be as authentic and respectful culturally as we could. You then have to send it out in the world and see what people think of it, but so far in Mexico, people have been really loving it.
Mural memorializes Chapman history

Leslie Song | Staff Writer

When painter Emigdio “Higgy” Vasquez was a child, his late father, known in Orange County as a godfather of Chicano art, took him to see the newly built Moulton Hall at Chapman University in 1975. This is where Vasquez completed one of his earliest works: a painting on a mask provided for families that came to visit. Vasquez didn’t know that decades later, he’d be back at Chapman to paint again. But this time, on a much larger scale.

Vasquez is painting a mural, filled with figures, buildings and symbols significant to Chapman’s history and his personal upbringing, called “Visions of Chapman: Education, Diversity and Community.” The mural on the back of Moulton Hall, facing the Guggenheim Gallery, which exhibits work by local, professional and student artists. The mural is expected to be completed by March 2018.

“A: Yes, (Chapman) purchased a building on Cypress Street that had my dad’s mural on it. He was unable to restore it, so I restored it. That’s how the whole thing started. I apprenticed with my dad all my life. When I was 19, I started painting with him regularly.

I learned the craft of painting with acrylics and scaling and a little bit of research on how to make a mural.

Q: What are you planning to create on Moulton Hall?

A: The wall is ribbed (and) in between them is rubber. So I had to think about it in terms of a tricky one, which is a three-panel painting. It usually tells a story. So this is a three-panel painting and the first panel tells the story about the hibiscus and the bugs, which is a Charles Chapman himself. And then it flows over some of the early neighborhood, and the center panel is kind of about the school. It will include some of the people who were recognized by the college because of their outstanding academic work, like (Chapman Presidential Fellow) Elie Wiesel. He was a Holocaust survivor and wrote a couple books and raised a lot of money for this school. This last panel is where I grew up on Cypress Street. This is what’s so special about this mural.

Q: How much guidance or restriction did you receive when you were asked to do this mural?

A: The only thing (Chapman) told me is they did not do anything dirty because we got funding from an outside donor. One of the things they suggested was to go through the old yearbooks, and found some really interesting things. There was one with these girls who were painting an instrument and wearing a groovy dress. And I was like, ‘That’s perfect, there’s a muse.’ And the other thing they mentioned was how this was a Christian college and they did not go toward real big. On the book (in the mural) she is reading and there is the symbol for the Disciples of Christ, which was the original denomination of the school. And the baseball player, I see the rural imagery (next to him), and it’s the field of dreams.

Q: What do you want people to take away from your mural?

A: The idea here is get the people who are walking through here to get drawn into it. It’s not just flat. It’s a busy mural, but I think it makes it interesting. One of the things that I thought about, like a historian or someone who will research this mural someday, will know that this is a picture of the neighborhood and it was a really early one, like a picture of the neighborhood of Chapman and Community. And that Chapman was Cypress Street and Chapman owns it now. But at least it’s memorialized here.

Read the full story on thepantherline.com

Part two to Instagram stories than Snapchat

Some Chapman students still use both

Emiko Kaneoka | Staff Writer

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Phoebe Bonfield posts a photo of a cloudy day at Chapman on her Snapchat story, then a picture at Disneyland on her Instagram story. Tomorrow, she might post a photo while at a meal with her friends on her Instagram story, and a funny video on her Snapchat story. The freshman psychology major doesn’t give her stories content as much thought as permanent posts since the content only live on her account for 24 hours, she said.

“I don’t want to waste a good post on something that’s casual,” Bonfield said. “If I have a good photo with friends or something to post that day, anything else is probably not story quality.”

Some Chapman students use the story feature across social media platforms like Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook to show their followers where they are, who they’re with and what they’re doing.

The story feature was first introduced on Snapchat in 2013, and Instagram followed with its own version last year. Now, Instagram stories has more than 250 million active users every day, according to Facebook’s second-quarter earnings call on July 26, compared to Snapchat’s 173 million daily active users across the entire platform, according to Topchappy’s second-quarter earnings report released on Aug. 10. But the numbers don’t necessarily reflect Chapman students’ use of Instagram and Snapchat stories. Now that stories are available on most of the major social media apps, students still use both Snapchat and Instagram, but are more selective about what they post to each platform.

Most of Bonfield’s friends use both apps’ story features for different reasons, she said. They post more casual content on their Snapchat stories, and more edited content on their Instagram stories to match their curated feeds, she said.

The temporary nature of Snapchat and Instagram stories allows users to post more freely and “in the moment,” said senior business administration major Cameron Cohen.

“It takes away that debate of whether or not you should edit and post a photo you took a few days ago. Snapchat gives you less time to think about it,” Cohen said. “It’s more real, and it gives people a better sense of who you are and what you’re about.”

Sophomore kinesiology major Jasmine Labrada watches her friends’ Snapchat stories to learn more about new people she meets in college, she said. However, Bonfield recognizes that the content people choose to share on Snapchat stories are not always reflective of their genuine, everyday lives.

“When (social media) first began, people posted because their friends followed them,” Bonfield said. “But when you gain more followers, you have to be more refined. It’s not as genuine as it used to be. It’s a way to share your life, but not your real life.”

Sometimes, students post content on their stories because they don’t want it displayed on their profiles permanently, said junior psychology major Brooke Wittemeier. During Halloweekend, Wittenmeier’s Snapchat story feed was filled with photos and videos of students partying, she said.

“Snapchat is much more intimate,” said digital marketing professor Jack Treadwell.

Gabrielle Windsor. “The genesis of it — having the content evaporate — there’s a lot more cheeky things going on with Snapchat.”

Cohen occasionally posts content to his Snapchat story that he doesn’t want certain people to see, like his family or employers, he said.

“I don’t want my parents to see what I post on Instagram. I prefer to have my set group of friends see it,” Cohen said. “I think college kids should have the right to post without their parents seeing.”

Winder said that younger age groups, like college students, use newer social media platforms, like Snapchat, to avoid follow requests from older generations. As a result, students tend to post more personal content on their Snapchat stories.

“There are certain age groups that tend to post more personal, fresh,” Windsor said. “When your grandma starts to show up on certain channels, then the popularity starts to decline.”

Even though her parents follow her on Snapchat and Instagram, Bonfield said that she considers who follows her on each platform before posting, because they see her content. Her close friends follow her on Snapchat, but she has a public account on Instagram with many followers, Bonfield said.

“I have different followers on Snapchat and Instagram,” Bonfield said. “I don’t want everyone to see what I’m doing day-to-day, unless it’s edited.”
Chapman professor studies society in space

Maggie Mayer | Senior Writer

While many archaeological digs involve ancient sites and ruins, Chapman professor Justin Walsh is studying a society that, for the last 17 years, has been orbiting 254 miles above the Earth. “Scientists have been studying the consequences of long durations of space flight for decades, but nobody has ever looked at the social or cultural aspect, Walsh said. Walsh and his colleague, Alice Gorman of Flinders University in south Australia, are studying the society that exists in the International Space Station, which is the only permanent human habitation site in outer space. The International Space Station Archaeology Project is the first archaeological study of a space habitat, and it examines the social and cultural environment that has evolved on the station, as up to 10 people live in the space station, and they rotate every two and a half months.

Claiming to be “boldly going where no archaeologists have gone before,” the project pioneers a new way to build bridges between the humanities and sciences, according to its website. Walsh is also part of Chapman’s Space and Society Collective, which is a group of scholars and artists who explore how societies exist in outer space and how this influences societies on Earth. The project aims to catalog the materials, personal items and technologies in the space station to draw conclusions about the culture that forms there. With images provided by NASA, researchers intend to string together photos taken on the International Space Station and compile the evolution of its society into a virtual reality model.

The project applied for a $100,000 grant from NASA’s Geographic Information Systems and received access to NASA’s image database, which stores millions of photos of the space station, Walsh estimates. If the project can get the access it needs, Walsh and Gorman would find themselves with an archaeological goldmine.

To process and record this data, the project will look at the people and objects in the photos and draw conclusions about the micro-society. But with millions of photos to process, they have to get creative.

Gorman, an Australian archaeologist whose nickname is “Dr. Space Junk,” wrote in an email to The Panther that, because the society in the International Space Station is so small, its cultural evolution can be observed in a more direct manner, and scientists can watch its every move — much like a study of insects. “It’s the ultimate experimental situation,” she wrote. “I almost hate to use this analogy, but the astronauts are really like a tank full of fruit flies.”

Walsh’s space endeavor began in 2015 when he saw an open astronaut application from NASA, he said. When he read the fine print, Walsh, who has a Master of Arts, saw that it wasn’t open to anyone with degrees in the humanities. Someone could have five Ph.D.s, but if they aren’t in engineering, biological science, physical science, computer science or mathematics, they cannot be an astronaut, according to NASA’s requirements. Ultimately, what they didn’t see was the value of those fields. Unsurprising, as an archaeologist, I found this to be too bad,” he said. Walsh realized that with no way to become an astronaut, the team had to work from the ground up.

Walsh described the International Space Station as a “micro-society in a mini world,” and said that any number of people cohabiting in the space station make up their own culture. Walsh said the project would like to train an astronaut in archaeological methods so he or she can conduct research in space.
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A Bad Moms Christmas': not as bad as it sounds

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The guilty and salty part alludes to the comedy in the movie. The three moms (Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell and Kathryn Hahn) want to enjoy Christmas again, just like when they were kids. They're done with being gift-giving machines. But the plan is derailed when their own moms pop in for surprise visits.

The characters' "liberated moms" image is conveyed through scenes played in slow motion to blaring party music. If someone made a sandwich in slow motion with Taylor Swift playing, they'd look 100 times more entertaining, too. So yes, it's a loud, debaucherous comedy filled with alcohol and penis-shaped gingerbread cookies. But in a witty era that's surpassed the Jim Carrey decade of slapstick humor that the 2000s loved, some of this is refreshing.

A movie involving the three moms stealing a shoe-ornamented Christmas tree from Foot Locker was a personal favorite. And seeing a grandma take a dodgeball to the crotch is strangely endearing. It should also be considered that this is a Christmas comedy, a subgenre that can sometimes be excused from harsh criticism because Christmas is magical.

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Walk the walk after Walk Against Violence

Chapman’s Walk Against Violence is an annual event put on by Creating a Rape-free Environment for Students (C.A.R.E.S.). This year, many men participated, strutting around Orange in pairs of high heels, hoping to bring some light to the issue of sexual violence.

Dani Smith, director of PEER and Health Education, Chapman’s sexual assault crisis counselor and the C.A.R.E.S. coordinator, explained that the event is a metaphor about taking “small steps” toward change. I am a sexual violence survivor. When I first started to heal, I had many conversations with women who have also experienced sexual violence, since about 23.1 percent of college women have, according to the AAU climate survey on sexual assault and sexual misconduct. If they weren’t survivors, they were women who have seen how sexual violence can be psychologically, emotionally and physically harmful long after the violence occurs.

Post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression are common symptoms among survivors. I noticed that women were much more engaged in the issue because of the direct havoc it wreaks on our community. This is why the Walk Against Violence is so important.

It’s important for men to be part of the national conversation about sexual violence. The issue has recently gained attention from the media after sexual harassment allegations against Harvey Weinstein. Then, actress Alyssa Milano urged her followers to respond with “me too” if they have been sexually harassed or assaulted, and people shared their stories. I am grateful for the “me too” campaign because it created a sense of urgency. More men are holding themselves accountable and it’s a step in the right direction. Following Milano’s hashtag, some men shared posts with the hashtag #HowIWillChange.

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The next step is becoming even more proactive in everyday life. It’s not enough to talk about sexual violence in spaces where it’s acceptable and comfortable. It’s so much more significant to call out your friends and family when they make sexist comments. It’s important to call an Uber for your friend who is a little too drunk. It’s important that if you see something, you say something. It sounds cliché, but we all have the power to make Chapman a safer campus.

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Closing the door on campus crime

On Oct. 31, two people were victims of sexual battery on campus when they were harassed by eight to 10 white males between the ages of 13 and 15, according to a Nov. 1 email sent out by Public Safety.

The assailants were already inside of Henley Hall when the incident occurred, the email said. Even though this group of boys clearly did not belong there, someone let them inside the locked building. It’s time for Chapman to reevaluate security in residence life areas.

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After this incident, at least one camera was placed in the area near the residence halls that were targeted. Although it’s unclear if this result ed from the solicitors, adding more cameras is a good step toward keeping students safer. There are more than 300 cameras throughout campus.

Chief of Public Safety Randy Barba wrote in a column this week, but the university could benefit from having more cameras in Residence Life, or even inside residence halls. Even though Orange is seen as a safe, quiet town, that doesn’t mean crime does not exist here. A sexual battery occurred in a residence hall. That is not something to be taken lightly.

There are several options that Public Safety and other university officials could consider to keep students safe. Some schools, like the University of Southern California, have an officer stationed outside of dorm buildings that require a student ID to get in, according to the university website.

Occidental College’s campus safety makes occasional rounds through residence halls, looking for suspicious behavior, according to the university website.

But perhaps the most important thing is to promote widespread campus vigilance. Even if someone doesn’t look threatening (as these teen-age boys may not have), if something seems out of place, keep your guard up. Don’t keep doors propped open. Call Public Safety to report suspicious behavior. Don’t swipe people into buildings. It’s important for students to be involved in the conversation of what will make them feel safer.

Perhaps engaging students in a town hall on this topic would be beneficial to gain input from the community.
A neighborhood watch approach to campus safety

Recent incidents remind us that in a city and on a campus, anything can happen. Being prepared and looking out for each other is the key to keeping our community safe. Chapman is a phenomenal place to live, work, go to school and visit. When a community like ours comes together to look out for each other, it becomes a powerful component in the overall safety of the community.

Public Safety officers patrol campus 24/7, but there are a limited number of eyes watching at any given time. When everyone in a community actively watches, there are thousands of eyes. Potential issues are seen faster, addressed more quickly and many times, even prevented from occurring. We all play an important role in keeping our community safe.

Many people may have heard of neighborhood watch programs with varying names and sizes across the U.S. Here at Chapman, we have the PAWS program, which stands for Prevention, Awareness, Working together for Safety. This general crime prevention program is our way of protecting our community.

The prevention aspect involves active patrol by our highly trained officers, many of whom have served in local police departments and have more than 20 years of experience. They patrol the campus 24 hours a day seven days a week. Public Safety never closes. Prevention also includes more than 300 cameras throughout campus, intrusion alarms, door-prop alarms, and controlled access to the relationships with the Orange Police Department, Orange County Sheriff and other state and federal partners. Community members can assist by locking up their valuables, reporting suspicious activity immediately and utilizing Safe Ride, a service that escorts students and faculty around campus.

Awareness is achieved through crime alert bulletins, timely warnings, campus emails, crime prevention seminars and trainings, regular meetings with the Orange Police and the individual engagement between the officers patrolling and our community members. Working together for safety incorporates community outreach through the Attallah Piazza, crime prevention presentations, Rape Aggression Defense training, active shooter training, evacuation drills, the Panther Alert system, emergency messaging testing and Panther Guardian Safety App. Public Safety also provides individual training in first aid and CPR, the use of automated external defibrillators and fire extinguishers, how to prepare an emergency kit and broader campaigns, like the national “If You See Something, Say Something.”

A little preparation and training can alleviate a lot of fears. We encourage our community to reach out and take advantage of the services we offer. We will be happy to scale training up or down for any size group.

The most important takeaway is, we are here for you. Please do not be afraid to call with questions or concerns. Chapman is not OK to report something suspicious or ask questions about something that doesn’t seem right. If you see something that doesn’t seem right as one Panther family, we are stronger and safer.

Remembering the dead, celebrating the living

Dia de los Muertos is a holiday unlike any that exists in the U.S. Because it’s close to Halloween, many might think the two holidays are similar, but they’re incredibly different. Dia de los Muertos, which translates to Day of the Dead, is an ancient indigenous holiday that celebrates the lives of people who have died. This three-day celebration invites the spirits of the dead to visit you and help celebrate life. The most important thing to remember is that this is a celebration. It is not meant to be mournful or sad, but in stead, Dia de los Muertos should be a party. That’s why you see beautiful bright colors, hear cheerful music and see so many people smiling.

At the Noche de Altaré Dia de los Muertos event Nov. 2 in the Attallah Piazza, my cheeks hurt from smiling so much. I had never celebrated this event with friends, because most of my friends at Chapman are not Latinx or Chicano. To see beautiful altars in the Piazza, candles, picture frames of the people that we miss and people eating pan dulce and drinking chamruzado - and all at a predominantly white university - gave me a feeling of belonging and community that is something I’ll never forget.

The last time I spent Dia de los Muertos with my family was the year before I came to college. We brought plates of food, coolers of beer and drinks, flowers and music to the cemetery where my grandpa and a few cousins are buried. We ate my grandfather’s favorite meal and poured Tecate beer over his grave so that he could celebrate with us. We jammed on the radio to music that he would love to listen to. Juan Gabriel, a famous Mexican singer, filled the cemetery along with the laughter of my family as we told stories about my grandfather.

Later that day, we saw another group celebrating across the cemetery, and they immediately felt like family. They had brought a group of mariachis to play for their loved ones, and sent them over to us. The mariachis asked what my grandpa’s favorite song was, and they played it for us as my grandma danced on his grave, his favorite beer in her hand.

Smiling so much my face hurts, seeing the Attallah Piazza lit up with my culture and watching my grand- ma dance tipsy on top of a grave with happiness in her heart - this is what Dia de los Muertos means to me. I can’t wait to celebrate again.

I am so thankful I finally found that here at Chapman.

Staff Column: Let’s talk about suicide

Depression is a common but serious mood disorder. It causes severe symptoms that affect how you feel, think and handle daily activities. This illness has the potential to consume someone to the point of no return. This happened to my friend Brannna White, who committed suicide this summer. She could no longer bear to live with her illness.

Bre was a freshwater film production major at Chapman last year and was overwhelmed by this illness. I have also struggled with depression for as long as I can remember. It is worri some at times that someone who is struggling with depression can seem just fine on the outside.

Many people see me as an outgoing and upbeat person, but they don’t see are my demons lurking in the shadows that linger around me. And that’s the problem with depression. It’s such a hidden illness. Many of us live our day-to-day life with a façade that foils even our brightest peers.

Suicide and self-harm remain taboo topics in schools, despite the fact that youth suicide has reached a 10-year high, according to the Centers for Disease Control. There’s a common notion that if you talk about these topics, you can be putting ideation in students’ heads, especially following Netflix series ‘13 Reasons Why’ and campaigns like the World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10) and R U OK? Day (Sept. 13) campaigns encourage people to have honest conversations about suicide and mental health. To make it included, we have to fight against the stigma that silences these topics.

There has to be a way to talk about suicide, depression and other mental health topics in a safe environment. In high school, I was part of a group therapy psychological service provided by my school. The psychological services at my high school grouped female students based on our interests and common problems, so we had a safe environment to talk about our personal battles, no matter how big or small. We became a support system. During my time in group therapy, I was at my emotional and mental best. It helped me talk off the ledge and also helped me feel like I wasn’t alone, that I wasn’t the only one who struggled with depression. Those demons around me are louder when I am alone.

Whether Bre could’ve been saved, we will never know. But there has to be a way for our community to actively work on preventative measures, rather than dealing with those affected who were left behind after the fact.
Championships aren’t for sharing

Championships belong to the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC). Its name is complicated, and very few people are sure of the rules that govern the conferences. Since Chapman joined the conference in 2011, a number of these rules have changed. Some changes, like those in water polo, have made sense. This season, the conference changed the sports’ playoff system to a top four team system, marring its system for soccer, volleyball and basketball. The conference schedule was also doubled from eight games to 16, so each team played twice. Previously, every team played the playoffs, so the regular season only mattered for playoff seeding.

Other changes, like shortening the men’s soccer season from 16 games to 14 this year, are puzzling. For Chapman, it meant playing once at the University of Redlands — where it hasn’t won since 2011 — and once at home against Occidental College, while playing every other team twice. It’s unclear what purpose this change served, but it could cause confusion in the future, because head-to-head tiebreakers wouldn’t be clear for all.

One rule that somehow remains unchanged is football’s championship-sharing policy. Had the team lost this weekend and Redlands won its last two games, Chapman would have had to share the conference championship, despite beating Redlands Oct. 14.

“We had no interest in sharing,” said captain and senior running back Diano Pachote after the Nov. 4 game that secured Chapman’s championship outright. “I was going to die on that field before we were going to share anything with Redlands.”

But neither Chapman nor any other team who secures the title should have to worry about sharing it.

Each team plays once. If two teams are tied in first place, the championship should go to the team that beat the other one. The NCAA already recognizes this; Chapman was a charter member of the NCAA College Football Championship after beating Cal Lutheran University Oct. 28, while SCIAC itself left the door open for Redlands to get a share of the title, despite their loss to Chapman. It’s baffling that the SCIAC doesn’t use a head-to-head tiebreaker model for football. It already uses this in women’s volleyball, which is how Chapman’s women’s volleyball team made the playoffs this season.

Football, at least at the college level, is a strictly win or lose sport. The fact that the conference allows for a championship tie is illogical.

There’s a reason you didn’t see quarterbacks Tom Brady of the New England Patriots and Matt Ryan of the Atlanta Falcons both holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy after winning Super Bowl 51 this year. The same reason the Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers didn’t celebrate together after both winning the World Series last week. A championship isn’t meant to be shared.

The term "champion" is defined by Merriam-Webster as “a winner of first prize or first place in competition.” It doesn’t say “first places” for a reason.

The idea that a championship can somehow be shared diminishes its importance. The drama and interest of sports centers on the fact that at the end of the season, one team is crowned champion. When you have two teams holding that title, it devalues the season as a whole, and the SCIAC needs to change that.

Women’s volleyball swept in playoff loss

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The women’s volleyball team ended its season tied for third place with California Lutheran University in the conference. After being swept 3-0 at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Nov. 2, Chapman dropped to No. 6 nationally ranked Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. The Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) semi-final appearance was Chapman’s first since 2013.

(“The season was, overall, a success,” said head coach Mary Cahill. “Beating Claremont-Mudd-Scripps at our place was awesome.”

Chapman’s playoff position on senior night Oct. 28, after beating Occidental College, Chapman outscored fifth-place Whittier College four sets to three during the week, which was the deciding factor in the standings. Last season, Chapman missed out on the playoffs due to a tiebreaker.

Chapman was the only team in the SCIAC to beat Claremont-Mudd-Scripps this season, winning 3-2 at home Sept. 23.

“We were really confident going in, because Claremont-Mudd-Scripps only lost one to a team in the regular season, and that’s us,” said senior middle blocker Lauren Friend. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps kept a comfortable lead on the way to the win throughout the game Nov. 2, winning 25-17, 25-18 and 25-11.

Friend, who was named to the All-SCIAC team last week, said the team is happy with how it dealt with setbacks during this season. Chapman started its season with seven straight wins, but lost five games in a row and fell out of the playoff picture.

“We did an incredible job,” Friend said. “All the injuries that we had down the road, this is by far the craziest season I’ve ever been a part of. I couldn’t be prouder with how we got through it and made the playoffs.”

Chapman will return four starters and one libero for next season.

“I’m very excited. I’m already starting to create goals and things I want to work on during the summer,” said Friend, who is one of the returning starters. “I can’t wait to come out and see what we do next season.”

Men’s soccer knocked out of playoffs

On Oct. 25, the men’s soccer team lost 2-1 to Cal Lutheran University, and with that loss, likely forfeited a chance at a home playoff game. On Nov. 1, Chapman traveled to Cal Lutheran in the first round of the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference (SCIAC) playoffs. This time, the 3-1 loss ended Chapman’s season.

Chapman lost five games and drew one against the top three other teams in the SCIAC this season: the University of Redlands, Cal Lutheran and Pomona-Pitzer. Because the conference schedule was shortened by two games this season, Chapman only played first-place Redlands — which it lost to in the conference final last season — once this season, in an away game.

“Something that’s always going to irk me, never having beaten them at their place, which is where the final (is),” said senior midfielder Zev Gollis. “We would have liked to come out as champions and have another run at the (NCAA) tournament. It didn’t work out that way. That’s disappoint- ing, but I don’t really regret anything that’s happened over the course of the season.”

Senior captain and head coach Eddie Carrillo was scored on in the 14th minute Nov. 1, junior forward Kai Howe tied the game up less than two minutes later. The game remained tied until Cal Lutheran scored a header off a corner with 15 minutes to go. Carrillo said that despite the loss, the season was a success.

“We accomplished all of our goals,” Carrillo said. “We wanted to get back into the SCIAC tournament, and we did that. We lost it in last year, so to be right there with the top teams, it was an accomplishment for our guys.”

Gollis said he was disappointed to have never won a conference championship in his time on the team.

“We never got the SCIAC championship,” Gollis said. “That was our goal.”

Gollis only played 15 minutes at the start of the game before being taken out with a foot injury that has bothered him since the team’s Oct. 25 game against Cal Lutheran, which won the SCIAC championship with a 2-1 win over Red- lands Nov. 5.

“I tried to give it a go,” he said. “I always want to be out there for the team, especially in the playoffs in my senior year, but ultimately, I had to go to a point where I just realized I was going to be hurting the team if I was on the field.”

Gollis was one of several Chapman players out. Carrillo said senior defender Lorenzo Belassen had a serious MCL sprain, sophomore midfielder Ryan Orant, defender Ribeyp Gill, and freshman midfielder Nick Gilda were all out with unspecified injuries, while sophomore midfield- er Justo Garcia was suspended after accumulating five yellow cards.

Gollis commended the performance of the bench players who stepped in, but said the injuries were frustrating.

“You always want to field your best team out there, and I feel like if we had all our guys that were injured, I think we probably would have won this game,” Gollis said.

Gollis said he'll miss the bond he built with other players over the course of his four-year career at Chap- man.

“I’m going to miss a lot of things,” Gollis said. “Being with guys on and off the field, all hours of the day, that’s what I’m going to miss the most.”
Outside the campus Starbucks on a cool Monday afternoon, senior goalkeeper Matt Deemer had his feet up and a smile on his face, thinking about his soccer career, coaching the Villa Park High School varsity team and his 2-year-old golden retriever, Harley.

Deemer, an integrated educational studies major, is the self-proclaimed “average” backup goalkeeper for men’s soccer, and the “dad” of the team.

“This is my fourth year, and I think I’ve only played in a few games,” Deemer said. “I still go to practice and work as hard as anyone. (I have) a full understanding of my role now – there’s always a place to be and always a way to benefit the team.”

Deemer will tell you that he’s a funny guy. He’ll tell you how he was named Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) player of the week for playing less than two full games last season, and how his teammates couldn’t believe a guy who plays as little as he does would get that honor.

But the one thing both he and his teammates will tell you is that Deemer is a leader, despite his lack of playing time.

“He’s just a guy that has a lot of wisdom and a lot of experience around the game, so guys look to him for advice,” said senior midfielder Zev Gollis. “Whether it’s soccer or in their personal lives, he’s the go-to father figure on the team.”

In high school, Deemer was a starter and captain on his Carlsbad High School varsity team, which won the California Interscholastic Federation championship for the first time in the school’s history in 2014.

“I definitely reached my peak in high school,” Deemer said. “That was a fantastic four years.”

Deemer got into soccer through his older sister, Ashley. When she quit the sport and left an extra pair of goalkeeper’s gloves lying around the house, he tried them on and picked up the position.

“I just loved it,” Deemer said. “Ever since then, I was a goalie.”

Deemer credited his teammates for sealing his decision to attend Chapman after meeting and hanging out with the team one weekend.

“(Junior varsity) got second place two years ago, and last year, we got first place,” Deemer said. “We’re going to give you the program. I know you’re young, but I think you can take it (in) stride and you’ll learn a lot from this,” Deemer said.

Deemer started at Chapman, his mother, Lisa, an emergency room nurse, and his father, Andrew, a vascular surgeon, encouraged him to pursue a medical career.

“The position is something I’ve always wanted to do,” Deemer said. “I think I want the rest of my life to go in that...
‘No interest in sharing’: Football wins title outright

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

Last week, Chapman’s football team secured at least a share of the conference title with its 46-38 win over California Lutheran University. On Nov. 4, Chapman removed “sharing” from the equation. Chapman’s 48-38 home win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps capped off the team’s undefeated conference season, giving the team its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship since 2014.

Had Chapman lost, it may have had to share the title with the University of Redlands, despite its Oct. 14 victory over Redlands.

“We had no interest in sharing,” said captain and senior running back Diano Pachote. “I was going to die on that field before we were going to share anything with Redlands.”

Coming into the game, Pachote hadn’t rushed the ball all season. In his four-year career as a running back, he had carried the ball seven times for 27 yards, but never scored a running touchdown. Early in the second quarter, that changed.

Chapman’s offensive line opened up a hole, and Pachote ran through it for a 4-yard touchdown. He had six carries for 61 yards, which more than tripled his collegiate rushing total in one game.

“I had no idea that was coming,” Pachote said. “I saw the Red Sea hole. I was just lucky enough to have the ball.”

While Pachote set his own milestones, senior quarterback Ricky Bautista and senior wide receiver Jacob Isabel broke Chapman records. Bautista’s 23 passing touchdowns and Isabel’s 10 receiving touchdowns – which lead the SCIAC – are the most passing touchdowns and receiving touchdowns ever by Chapman players in a single season.

The third trident of Chapman’s offense this season has been senior running back Joe Mudie, who leads the SCIAC with 119.9 rushing yards per game. Mudie, who rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns Nov. 4, said the effectiveness of Chapman’s passing game has made his job easier.

“All the credit to the offense,” Mudie said. “Ricky (Bautista) being able to throw the ball like he does and Isabel and all the receivers, it takes a lot of pressure off me because the defenses have to cover the pass. We’re just an exploding offense.”

Chapman’s offense has been bolstered by its key defensive plays this season. On Nov. 4, another crucial defensive play came in the form of an early fumble recovery by freshman linebacker Dillon Keefe, an Orange native. Keefe, who recorded his first two unassisted sacks in the game, said he wasn’t sure if the ball had been fumbled when he jumped on it.

“I’m like, ‘Oh my god, I hope that was a fumble.’” Keefe said. “That would have been embarrassing. As soon as I came up with it, they were like, ‘Who recovered that fumble?’ I was like, ‘Oh, that’s awesome. I did that.’”

Despite winning a championship when he was a freshman in 2014, Mudie said that this season was different.

“We were just coming in and reaping the benefits of the leadership of that year,” Mudie said. “Coming in this year and knowing how to win, having that championship culture, (we) want to pass that on to every other class below us.”

Chapman was scheduled to face Occidental College in its last game of the season Nov. 11, before Occidental had to forfeit its season due to a lack of players.

Because the game was scheduled for the last week of the season, Chapman has a makeshift bye week before playing in the NCAA Division III College Football Championship. Head coach Bob Owens said the team will have to maintain the same approach it has in game weeks, and Pachote agreed.

“I think the main thing is to not relax during this next week,” Pachote said. “It’s a preparation for a game week, so it might be nice to let your bodies get a little bit of a break, but mentally, we have to be just as focused, because that team that we’re going to end up seeing is playing a football game and they’re going to stay sharp. We can’t give them any edge on us.”

The bracket results of the championship will be announced during the selection show at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 12.