

Ashes

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Fire burns ~~structures and leaves ashes and bones behind.~~
Presidents, Deans, and the Bible itself ~~all reveal the truth~~
When flame burns away the chaff and lays bare the bones.

1. President Andrew Benton

It would be an understatement to say that
a bright young student was taken
from us in the senseless shooting

Hundreds of homes have
been consumed by the blaze

amidst the death and destruction, there have been sources of hope and inspiration.

comfort one another

selfless

awestruck by generosity

our University felt like home
In enduring more tribulation
thanks to courage and compassion
than anyone should bear

we are

mourning lost lives and shedding tears

University will help assure our Pepperdine family that our
take. no matter how long they

Alaina Housley

We are

devastated
suffer

emotional scars

the Borderline shooting,

the Woolsey Fire,

You, too, will be in our

prayers

the recovery process has only begun, but the generous
hearts and united spirit of our Pepperdine community will
emerge from this stronger than ever.

Please continue to remember your prayers
helped give us the strength to persevere.

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2. *Dean Michael Feltner*

I cannot make sense of the senseless. This is not a normal day. We mourn the loss of life

To that end, Seaver College plans to continue
with the routine of our normal class schedule.

Please use your discretion about
your health and well-being.

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3. *The Bible (Lamentations chapter 1)*

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!

Bitterly

she weeps at night; tears are on her cheeks.

All her friends have

gone into exile.

All

who pursue her have overtaken her in her distress. The roads mourn

All her gateways are desolate

and she is in bitter anguish.

Her children have gone into

exile

All the splendor has departed

like deer that find no pasture

Her enemies looked at her

and laughed at her destruction.

Look, Lord, on my affliction

All her people groan as they search
for food to keep themselves alive. Look, Lord

Look around and see. Is

any suffering like suffering

in the day

of his fierce anger? From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.

This is why I weep and my eyes overflow with tears.

restore my spirit

Lord

The Lord

is righteous

Listen, all you peoples;

My young men and young women have gone into exile.

I am in torment within,

inside, there is only

death.

faint.

my heart is