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Baritones, black ties and ball gowns
35th annual Chapman Celebrates fundraiser sees new president, event name

Sabrina Santoro | Assistant News Editor

Complete with new President Daniele Struppa in a glittery red vest and under a new event name, the 35th annual black-tie fundraising gala Chapman Celebrates - formerly known as American Celebration - was held on Nov. 4 and 5 in the Musco Center for the Arts.

University spokesperson Mary Platt said that the gala has raised more than $28 million in total for student scholarships since 1981, but did not have the final amount for this year's total by Sunday evening due to a new card pledge system.

Scholarships aside, this year was particularly transformative for Chapman celebrates with a new name, new president and a new venue.

"The intention was to keep what made our past celebrations so special and add new embellishments to create an even bigger, even more spectacular event and present a performance that we could only have dreamed about before now," said Daniele Struppa, president of Chapman University.

"It's going to be a great way to introduce me to some of the community who hasn't seen me yet," Struppa said. "I've been rehearsing, I rehearse every night."

"From cabaret performances and 'Les Miserables' covers, to Madonna's "Vogue" and Lady Gaga's "The Edge of Glory," the fun gala showcased a variety of students in COPA. However, neither members of the band nor the orchestra who performed at the event were Chapman students, as Platt said that there has always been a hired orchestra.

"What I've been told is that it's because the Chapman ensembles are busy rehearsing for their end-of-semester concerts and to ask them to take time out to do a whole other show would be a lot," Platt said.

Alicia Guy, a COPA professor and the director and choreographer of Chapman's dance program said she and other COPA faculty began selecting the dancers on Oct. 24.

"The dancers on Oct. 24. Tickets for the opening night on Nov. 4 started at $50, and tickets for the gala night on Nov. 5 started at $2,000.

Gary Johnson claims Chapman economics professors support tax policy

Alexis Allen | Staff Writer

During an interview with The Guardian Oct. 27, Libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson defended his controversial tax policy, and he cited an unlikely supporter to back his plan: Chapman University.

"I'm not doing this in a vacuum," Johnson told The Guardian. "The entire Chapman University economics department (has) helped me throughout this.

However, Stephen Rassenti, the director of Chapman's experimental economics program the Economic Science Institute (ESI), said that he doesn't know if Chapman's economists have ever been in contact with Johnson.

"As far as I know, none of us," Rassenti said. "We were surprised to see this, because none of us has spoken directly to him ... I don't know of anyone that even knew what his formal policy was before we read the article.

Some professors do support the validity of Johnson's statement.

"I've read that. The guy's nuts," said ESI professor Gabrielre Camera. "I'm sure (Johnson) doesn't want it."

Former president Jim Doti has been in contact with Johnson before, but never as an economist. Doti said that they have discussed other issues, such as immigration, national defense and the legalization of marijuana, but he said that they have never spoken about tax policy.

"I don't support his proposal for a consumption tax," Doti said. "So his claim that all economists at Chapman support it is not correct."

"Although Rassenti said that some economists at Chapman do identify with libertarian political theories, he doesn't support Johnson's statement either.

"I would say there are libertarian sentiments on this floor, but it doesn't allow him to state that this group of people has looked at Johnson's policy and blessed it or anything like that," Rassenti said.

ESI professor Vernon Smith, who Doti referred to as the person Johnson most likely be in contact with, wrote an email that he was unaware of any official local involvement in terms of advising Johnson on his tax policy.

Rachel Willis, a junior political science major, said that Johnson's campaign isn't large enough to warrant fact-checking.

"I'm not surprised that he lied about having extra support," Willis said. "To me, personally, it's not surprising because he doesn't have a platform to begin with. He doesn't have enough of a following to have anyone to fact-check him."

Johnson's campaign did not respond to The Panther’s requests for comment.
Pi Beta Phi sorority updating national bylaws to include transgender women

The Pi Beta Phi sorority plans to update its nondiscrimination policy to be more inclusive of transgender women, said national Pi Beta Phi’s senior director of marketing and communications Eily Cummings.

Although Cummings was unable to specify when the new policy would be issued, she told The Panther that the decision to issue the changes took place before senior philosophy major Deanna Merced wrote a now-closed petition Oct. 18, urging the sorority to include transgender women.

“As a member of Pi Beta Phi, I was disappointed to learn that my own organization did not have a similar policy,” Merced wrote in the petition.

“I couldn’t help but think of our values, and how we could truly be living them out to the fullest extent if we were to include these women in our membership.”

Merced declined an interview with The Panther, but confirmed that she was contacted within hours of posting the petition by members of Pi Beta Phi’s national headquarters and was told that updates to the nondiscrimination policy were already being drafted.

“We have had our policy change in the works long before this petition was issued,” Cummings wrote in an email. “And the reason the petition came down so quickly was because Ms. Merced was elated to hear that we were already making a change. There was no need for a petition.”

When the changes to the policy are finalized, Pi Beta Phi will join Chapman sororities Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma, who already have national policies about including transgender women.

In March, the bylaws of the Chapman Panhellenic Council, the governing body for Chapman’s sororities, were updated to reflect transgender inclusivity, said senior Kati Simpson, Chapman Panhellenic’s vice president of scholarship and standards.

The updated bylaws state that “the Chapman University Panhellenic Association is committed to equal opportunity for all and does not discriminate in membership or access to its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ability, age, socioeconomic class, sexual orientation or gender identity (as long as the person in question identifies as a member of the female gender).”

Simpson said that while the bylaws ensure that transgender students can participate in Panhellenic-sanctioned events, like recruitment and Greek Week, Panhellenic legally cannot force individual sororities to change their nondiscrimination policies, issue membership bids to transgender students or allow transgender students to attend philanthropy events—even if they are public and ticketed.

“Philanthropy events and chapter events are the prerogative of each individual organization,” Simpson said. “That’s not something Panhellenic regulates. I hope sororities wouldn’t exclude transgender students, but it’s up to their own regulations and governing documents. If it’s a chapter-specific event, and they are the ones coordinating and running it, and it’s not Panhellenic, then we can’t control what they do.”

Social sororities and fraternities are allowed to be single-sex organizations under a provision of Title IX, which exempts them from taxation as a social organization under section 501(c)(7) of the IRS code.

“Title IX does not apply to the membership practices of social fraternities and sororities,” the U.S. Department of Education wrote in a “Dear Colleague” letter released in May. “Those organizations are therefore permitted under Title IX to set their own policies regarding the sex, including gender identity, of their members.”

Students who support inclusion hope that this update to the bylaws may bring about a social norm of including transgender students in Greek Life.

“I really want it to be that all sororities accept transgender members, and if you don’t accept transgender members, that’s odd,” said junior environmental science and policy major Dina Sabatelli. “Now it’s like, ‘Oh, they accept transgender members. That’s cool, that’s interesting. But I want it to be the other way around. Like, ‘Oh, you don’t accept transgender members, why?’”

A previous version of this story published on Oct. 30 was taken down due to an inaccurate date and misleading quotes. The above information is correct.

Kristen Weiser contributed to this report.
Atharsha Singarajah  | Senior Writer

After a month of not receiving responses from Sodexo Food Services, student government is contacting university administrators to establish communication with the company, Speaker of Senate Mitchell Rosenberg announced at the Oct. 21 senate meeting.

“In our last meeting, it was agreed upon that we cannot back down and will be contacting Chapman administration to demand that we get answers from Sodexo, a company that our tuition dollars and meal plan dollars pay for,” Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg said that current and former senators have attempted to contact Sodexo about numerous issues. Some of the issues he mentioned were increasing options for vegetarians and vegans in the cafeteria, reinstating a student representative on Sodexo’s board at Chapman and raising the limit on food purchases for events.

Harold Hewitt, executive vice president and chief operating officer, said that he spoke to Eric Cameron, Sodexo’s general manager, who told Hewitt that he was confused by the situation and that he believed he had promptly responded to every attempt at contact.

“Sodexo believes they are responsive, but it is trying to respond to the concern by requesting to meet with (student government) President Annabell Liao,” Hewitt said.

Liao said she met with Cameron on Oct. 31 and talked about designating points of contact to help streamline communication in the future.

“Some senators have had questions about the availability of gluten-free or vegan options at the Randall Dining Commons, so the Resident Dining Operations Manager, Dusten Pich, offered to give Student Government Association a tour of the facilities so senators can be more informed when advocating or responding to students in the future,” Liao said.

The Panther contacted Sodexo via phone and email for comment in regards to this issue multiple times over the past two weeks, but did not receive a response.

Rosenberg said that the only thing that he has reached out to Sodexo about this year is the addition of a student to the Sodexo Advisory Board, and that he could not speak to what other senators have reached out about.

“We do demand that we receive respect from university services, because without it, we cannot do our jobs and help students on and off campus,” Rosenberg said.

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**Student starts petition to give honors students priority registration**

Kristen Weiser  | Staff Writer

A Chapman honors program student wrote a petition Oct. 20 requesting that honors program students be given priority registration for classes.

Andreja Stamenkovic, the freshman business administration major who started the petition, became frustrated after being put on the waitlist for six classes.

“This year I came here with this big scholarship I need to defend with a huge GPA, and I came in on the last day of registration,” Stamenkovic said. “So it was really hard getting my classes.”

The petition states that its signatories believe that honors students have a right to priority registration, and discusses how “ambitious students tend to drop out of the program because of the lack of perks it offers.”

The (priority registration) system already exists at Chapman University regarding athletes,” the petition said. “It would strengthen the honors program because of the lack of perks it offers.”

The petition has received 84 signatures out of 200 students in the program since he began circulating it through honors classes.

The petition has received support from nearly all the members of his program that he has spoken to, including both students and faculty, Stamenkovic said.

Ken Murphy, the associate provost of academic administration, could not speak to whether or not the petition would be successful.

“I personally think it’s a reasonable request. I’m not sure if it will be granted, honestly. I can think of arguments on both sides,” Murphy said. “The argument on the side for it is these are very hard-working, academically inclined students who care about their education very much and are showing it by being in the honors program. On the other side, I see a little bit of a slippery slope around other groups starting to ask for this.”

Murphy also said that it might be overly optimistic to assume that the petition will impact the current registration cycle - which begins Nov. 7.

“I would never tell a student to stop trying for what they want, this is their school,” Murphy said. “We work for you guys, really. And I know that Andreja is only trying to make it a better school.”

Stamenkovic said that he has received a lot of support for the petition.

“We just put it into the honors (room) and it was signed like crazy, immediately,” Stamenkovic said. “So I just think that everybody has the same view and I don’t want to take credit for it. I did sign it, I did start it, but I think it’s an effort from everybody in the honors program, including the staff.”

However, some students who are not in the honors program don’t agree with Stamenkovic’s reasoning.

Sophomore health sciences major Liz Runge said that the petition is unfair, because honors students already have a couple advantages, like certain classes that are reserved for members of the honors program in which the rest of the student body cannot enroll.

“Also, honors students for the most part have Advanced Placement scores, which will account for credit at our school, which means they come in with higher credit,” Runge said.

Stamenkovic argues that the number of students in the honors program is so small that it wouldn’t put non-honors students at a disadvantage.

“Chapman has like 7,000 undergraduates. 200 people is nothing. And we are already going to take honors classes next to that,” Stamenkovic said. “You’re going to get all your classes. I mean, I don’t think it’s going to influence other people at the university that much. They’re not going to lose the classes they want. They might bump one spot on the waitlist.”

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**Student government senators demand response from Sodexo**

Student government senators are demanding a response from Sodexo regarding student issues that they are having trouble with.

Liao said that Student government is contacting university administrators after having trouble with Sodexo’s board at Chapman and raising the limit on food purchases for events.

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Chapman alumnus helps elderly woman prosecute squatter

Xavier Leong | Senior Writer

Chapman ’08 alumnus and attorney Jason Burris felt a personal connection to an elder abuse case when he was contacted by the victim’s daughter, a ’12 law school alumna, through the Chapman Law Alumni Facebook page in April 2016.

The case is about live-in caregiver Cheryl Sherrell who was taking care of a client but refused to leave when fired by his wife, Fran Breslauer. When the client died, Sherrell continued illegally squatting in Breslauer’s San Diego home forcing the 90-year-old widowed Breslauer to continue living with her.

“Fran continued to ask Cheryl to leave, to no avail,” Burris said. “Cheryl retaliated by turning off Fran’s water and electricity. In February, Cheryl physically assaulted Fran, causing Fran to seek a restraining order against Cheryl.”

According to San Diego County Sheriff’s Department records, Sherrell was arrested Oct. 17 and held on $25,000 bail. Sherrell was then served a lawsuit by Burris’ firm, and a trial date is set for May 2017. However, Burris is trying to move the date to an earlier time due to Breslauer’s old age and declining health.

Burris, who received his law degree in advocacy and dispute resolution, took Chapman classes in mediation, arbitration and negotiation.

“As a result, a large part of my practice involves mediation and negotiation to resolve disputes early. However, there are cases like Fran’s where aggressive litigation become necessary,” Burris said.

Burris has also had experience with being a caregiver for both a young man with cerebral palsy and his grandfather, whom he cared for during law school at Chapman.

When Breslauer first became aware of some inappropriate behavior, she fired Sherrell with a handwritten notice, Burris said, giving Sherrell 30 days to vacate Breslauer’s home. But Sherrell refused to leave after the 30 days and began squatting in January. Breslauer’s husband died a few days later.

After taking out a restraining order, Breslauer went to Oregon to stay with family, during which time Sherrell broke into the home and began to rent out rooms without Breslauer’s knowledge, Burris said.

A Facebook page dedicated to Sherrell’s removal from Breslauer’s home, called “Get Cheryl Sherrell out of that house,” has 373 likes, representing the local community’s reaction to the story. Members posted pictures that depicted chalk on the sidewalk outside Breslauer’s home, leaving messages to Sherrell that read “You are a vile parasite,” and called Sherrell a “pig” and a “squatter.” The page also posts articles from national news outlets, such as the Washington Post, covering the story.

Burris said that the courses he took at Chapman prepared him for trials by giving him practical experience. Burris also competed on Fowler’s moot court, mock trial and arbitration teams.

“There is no substitute for experience, and Chapman is a place where law students can take advantage of unique opportunities to learn skills that make them ready for practice before graduation,” Burris said.
Turkish Consul General discusses refugee crisis

Xavier Leong | Senior Writer

Although the focus of Turkish Consul General Raife Gülru Gezer’s presentation at Chapman Wednesday night was the Syrian refugee crisis in Turkey, Gezer said that the social unrest that contributed to the mass exodus could happen anywhere.

“Today it is Syria,” Gezer said. “But who knows who it could be tomorrow?”

Gezer said that the crisis began with the Arab Spring in Morocco, a series of anti-autocrat demonstrations that took place in February 2011, which then moved to Libya, Egypt and finally Syria.

“What was different in Syria compared to the other countries was the president (Bashar al-Assad) lost his legitimacy and the country just imploded,” Gezer said. “He said he wouldn’t leave and then began killing his own people, so they started to flee.”

As a result, Turkey hosts 2.7 million Syrian refugees, which is the largest number of refugees in the world, Gezer said. There are educational and vocational training programs for the adults, which 115,000 Syrians take part in, and education for children.

So far, 162,000 Syrian babies have been born in Turkey since 2011, when the crisis began, Gezer said.

Some students in attendance were taken aback by the severity of the Syrian refugee crisis.

“It was shocking to see the statistics during the presentation,” said Kara Knauf, a junior business administration major. “It’s important to know about ways to help, as this is an international issue.”

Some students at the event were interested in how technology has found its way into the everyday lives of refugees in Turkey.

Fingerprint technology, Gezer explained, is implemented by giving each refugee “money” at the start of each month, meaning that they can go to stores within the refugee camp and pay for items using their fingerprints, which connects with how much currency they have.

“This technology is very innovative, and I could see it being implemented everywhere in the future,” said Bryn Christophersen, a sophomore kinesiology major.

Gezer said that the best ways for college students in the U.S. to get involved is to educate themselves, spread awareness and reach out to civil service organizations in the local areas.

“Depending on your fields, you can go and take part in the educational process in some of the refugee camps,” Gezer said. “You can teach them English. If you’re not wearing some of your old clothes, you can donate and send them via civil service organizations.”

One such group is Access California.

“Our organization sends cards with words of love to young Syrian refugees, as well as donated clothing, books and anything else,” said Maria Khani, an educator and public speaker for the organization.

Solicitors posing as cable employees target homes

Sabin Santana | Assistant News Editor

Solicitors posing as cable company employees are going door to door to determine where Chapman students live to later attempt to break into their houses, some students have reported to the police.

Orange police officers Sgt. Phil McMullen and Lt. Mike Monjaraz said that while there is a record of at least one call made to the department describing suspicious solicitors posing as cable company employees, no reports have been filed.

Katy Henderson, a junior business administration major who lives on the intersection of Lincoln Street and Everette Place, said that a tall, heavyset Caucasian male in his mid-to-late 20s claimed to be from Time Warner Cable and inquired about her bill and internet speed on Oct. 28 around 1 p.m.

When Henderson told the man she was not in charge of paying the bill, he started asking questions about if her parents dealt with the bill or if her husband did.

“Told me my roommates just because I thought it was a funny story that he thought I was a child,” Henderson said. “And then of us tested back a few hours later that in a class, a few people had been talking about this and one of them knew someone that had gotten broken into.”

Henderson was home when she believes the same man returned at around 7 p.m. the next evening. She heard someone attempt to enter a code on her front door keypad at least four times.

“A lot of the times, we mess up our codes or something, so I just thought it was one of my roommates, and then I kind of thought for a second. One (roommate) was in San Diego, one was in a different country and then I went to the other girl’s room to talk to her and she was asleep,” Henderson said. “I realized someone tried to break into our house then.”

After the incident, Henderson said she called the Orange Police Department, who sent an officer to secure her home. Henderson believes that Chapman students are being targeted by potential home invaders.

Grace Hull, a junior business administration and accounting major, said that she believes these solicitors are targeting Chapman students after having one approach her at her home on Wilson Avenue, about a mile away from campus, on Nov. 1 at around 7 p.m.

“I have a Chapman license plate frame and we all have parking permit stickers, and they didn’t go to our neighbors and our neighbors aren’t from Chapman,” Hull said. “I talked to (the neighbors) this morning when I saw them on the street and they said that no one ever does that, but I have heard of it happening to other Chapman students.”

Hull described the solicitor as a tall, heavyset black man wearing an orange vest and black AT&T T-shirt.

Hull said she had heard stories about other Chapman students who had been approached by solicitors posing as cable employees, so she reacted quickly.

“We don’t even have cable at our house, and my roommate said that cable people don’t usually come to your house, they just send emails, anyway. He asked if I could take a survey and I said no and closed the door and locked everything,” Hull said.

Hull said that she called the police department after the incident but does not know whether or not a report was filed.
Students celebrate Diwali with dancing, candle ceremony

Kaitlin Homan | Senior Photographer

The University Program Board hosted a celebration of Diwali, a traditional Hindu festival of lights, on Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Fish Interfaith Center. The celebration included a buffet of Indian food, a performance from the Lakshya dance group and a ceremony that involves the lighting of candles to celebrate inner light over spiritual darkness. The celebration represents the Hindu belief that good triumphs over evil.
Jim Doti predicts Clinton to win the presidency

Lorig Yaghsezian | Staff Writer

Every four years since 1972, former Chapman president Jim Doti and business and economics professor Donald Bren have made a prediction on the presidential election. They have only been wrong once.

This year, they think that Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton is going to win. But, Doti and Bren’s prediction theory isn’t based on public opinion polls, rather on a model that measures how people vote based on the strength of the economy during the election year.

The Panther sat down with Doti to find out more about his theory.

Q: How did you come up with this method?
A: I was always interested in presidential elections and as an economist, I feel that people will vote with their pocket books. If they are feeling better, they’ll tend to vote for the candidate from the incumbent party. If they are not happy, like if we are in a recession or inflation is bad, people will say we have a terrible economy and vote for someone new.

Q: Did you know this was going to be as successful as it was?
A: I suspected it would be just because if you look at history, I know that (Franklin D. Roosevelt) was the victor over Herbert Hoover because everyone was blaming Hoover for the (Great Depression).

Q: How do third parties affect this election prediction method?
A: The one time since 1972 that my prediction was wrong was George H.W. Bush versus Bill Clinton in 1992 and I feel very confident that the reason the equation miscalled the result there – because it called for a very narrow win for Bush when he lost to Clinton – is because of Ross Perot, the very strong third party candidate. The model does not do well when we have a strong third party candidate.

Q: What do you think about this election?
A: If you look at the economy and three of the largest economic variables – consumer price index, real gross domestic product and employment rates- you can see that the incumbent will win this election.

In regards to the consumer price index, inflation is low which is very good for the incumbent party (the Democratic Party), and the real gross domestic product is growing at 1.5 percent, which is weak growth but not too bad, so this would be a neutral variable in this election year. Employment is growing at 1.8 percent, which is strong and positive and is great for the incumbent.

When you put these three variables in this year’s forecast equation, it predicts a Democratic margin of victory by 6.9 percent.

I saw, as an economist, the connection between the economy and presidential elections and that there was clearly some relationship between them. I didn’t know the extent of that relationship until I began imperially testing it. Then, that is when I was able to identify the three most important variables.

I knew that voters would think inflation is bad and that raising employment was good and that growth in gross domestic product was good, but I never knew the extent of it. In statistical analysis, there is a way to measure the level of importance for each variable.

Students feel disconnected from the presidential candidates

Olivia Harden | Staff Writer

Cassidy Scanlin remains undecided as Election Day approaches. She is stuck between Green Party candidate Jill Stein and Democratic Party candidate Hillary Clinton.

“It’s absurd. I feel disheartened and jaded with the political system, which is terrible because this is the first election I’m able to vote in,” said Scanlin, a senior creative writing major.

In July 2016, the Pew Research Center reported 43 percent of Democrats and 40 percent of Republicans are dissatisfied with their nominees for president. This is the first year many current Chapman students are able to vote, and many are unimpressed with the candidates.

Kamron Sohrabian, a freshman biochemistry and molecular biology major, is disappointed in both the Republican and Democratic nominees.

“I think a lot of people are like me and don’t like either of them, but in the end they have to choose,” Sohrabian said.

Despite Sohrabian’s feelings about the major candidates, he has decided to vote for Clinton because he finds Republican Party candidate Donald Trump’s actions to be far worse. Sohrabian feels that Bernie Sanders was the better choice of the Democratic Party nominees because he seemed honest.

“Bernie seemed like a really genuine person, not someone filled with greed and self interest,” Sohrabian said.

Scanlin says it’s inevitable that Clinton receives the nomination in California. Part of the reason she wants to vote third party is to avoid contributing to either of the major parties who don’t represent her interest. She sees voting third party as a long-term step toward getting rid of the bipartisan system, and she wants to vote with her conscience.

“Everyone wants there to be more political parties and they want to break this bipartisan system, but nobody wants to do the work,”Scanlin said. “But it’s also something I know won’t be effective immediately because that’s something that needs changing over a long period of time.”

Scanlin says the scandals of both the Republican and Democratic nominees have had an effect on her ability to vote for them.

“(Clinton) is someone who has definitely been pushed to the left, but at the same time, I think people who vote for her have to hold her accountable for the things she says she’s going to do,” Scanlin said. “I just don’t believe she’s going to do what she says she is. There’s a lot of evidence of her corruption. For me, I see both of them (Trump and Clinton) on the same level.”

Juan Bustillo, a sophomore screenwriting and political science major and Dany Zavala, a sophomore political science major, are the co-founders of new club on campus, Alternatives in Democracy. They are also dissatisfied with all four of the major candidates, including third party candidates Stein and Libertarian Gary Johnson.

“Johnson is kind of an idiot and Jill Stein is an activist, not a politician,” Bustillo said. “While I respect that, I don’t think she’s fit to be president.”

Bustillo and Zavala agree that one way to fix the political system is third party voting, a system used by other countries in which voters rank candidates in order of preference, instead of selecting a single candidate. Public Broadcasting Service says the system could open the door to more than two candidates and could be implemented at local and state levels as soon as 2018.

Scanlin focuses her beliefs around social change. She finds that voting is one of the least important ways to implement change.

“On a positive note, I think this election has engaged us. I think millennials are understanding that this political system is flawed and voting isn’t the only way to create change,” Scanlin said.

Scanlin suggested other ways people can inspire the change they want to see. She suggested creating art, protesting, becoming involved in local government and writing petitions.

“I’m involved in changing your communities, whether that be a university or somewhere else. Create an environment that is focused on discussion and dialogue rather than intimidation or power struggles,” Scanlin said.
Social media gives fragmented political views

Jade Boren | Staff Writer

Tommy Nelson, a junior public relations and advertising major, was lounging on a sofa outside the Starbucks on campus. He sat up quickly from his reclined position when asked to share his experiences with Facebook and the presidential election.

“I made a remark on Facebook, saying, ‘How does any self-respecting woman vote for Trump?’” Nelson said. “And this girl sends me the equivalent to a two-page rant saying I’m a sexist (expletive) who is trying to still fit women into a certain societal standard-like mold or whatever.”

Nelson did not fight back. Instead, he wished the woman a happy and prosperous life.

Nelson’s nonchalant attitude toward prolonging political debates reflects his belief that America should be united, not divided. But social media only intensifies this polarization in his opinion.

“Social media is all fragmented,” said Morgan Read-Davidson, who teaches Composing New Media at Chapman. “We, each person, have to put together all these fragments to create some sort of representation of what’s going on in the world.”

Many of these fragments are slogans that are repeated over and over again online. And the more people see them, the more they internalize what is really going on, Read-Davidson said.

“We already value ourselves based upon how we’re represented in social media. If we were suddenly to be like ‘Oh, all this stuff I’ve been believing is wrong, what we’re saying is ‘I’m wrong, I’m not real,’” Read-Davidson said. “The foundation of who I am has been a lie.”

Once you start googling certain views, Read-Davidson said, you may never see the opposing side’s argument ever again — unless it’s in a heated Facebook comment thread. Read-Davidson said algorithms catch onto an online user’s political preferences and feeds them what they want to see — more biased opinions being validated.

Read-Davidson expects this process to only get worse, or at least remain the same. He believes the phrases social media provides in memes and other short snippets become more real than an in-depth report that requires two minutes to read.

“We find ways to cluster it all together, then we have a polarized electorate,” Read-Davidson said.

Social media creates a hyperreality that replaces what is really going on, Read-Davidson said. He said the little narratives that social media creates push aside candidates’ stances on pertinent topics like climate change.

For Sarah Tabsh, a junior health sciences major, there is no common ground between her side (the Democratic Party) and the Republican Party. Voters are becoming so polarized to the point that they are blocking each other out, she said. Tabsh recalls two people she has unfriended because of the election. Nelson said he has hit the unfriend button on 12 people. Both hide posts from certain people on their Facebook newsfeeds.

Many Americans share similar sentiments with Tabsh’s dissatisfaction with social media. The Pew Research Center conducted a study in August and found that 59 percent of the surveyed group finds discussion about politics on social media “stressful and frustrating” and 64 percent finds that they “have less in common politically” with other users.

Not all students view social media posts relating to the election negatively.

“I learn more through social media for sure, and also just the hype, people posting videos that have been on the news, little clips or whatever about each candidate,” said Erika Fernandes, a sophomore strategic and corporate communications major.

Despite its education value, Fernandes said social media has not swayed her on who she is voting for. Like Fernandes, Tabsh said social media has not uprooted — or budge — her beliefs.

“I try to go for more legitimate sources, like (candidates’) mouths and what they’re saying themselves on stage,” Tabsh said.

To read more about social media’s effect on the election, turn to The Panther’s editorial on Page 12.

Swipe to match with a politician

Jackie Cohen | Features Editor

Deciding who to vote for this election is as easy as finding a date on Tinder.

Hunter Scarborough, ’12 public relations and advertising alumus created a smartphone application called Voter, which matches people to politicians based on their views on major issues. The application asks you to swipe right for policies you agree with and left for policies that you disagree with.

After a few questions, the application shows you which politicians you match with based on your views.

Scarborough created the application with the help of Chapman’s Launch Labs, which helps student entrepreneurs build their own businesses, after having a difficult time choosing who to vote for.

“You can spend two minutes on the app and get value out of it quickly or you can spend two hours on the app and get value out of it. The more time you can put in, the more accurate it will be,” Scarborough said.

Scarborough said that his favorite feature is the one that plots each person and politician on a political map, showing how liberal, moderate conservative, libertarian or authoritarian they are.

The application was released Sept. 17, 2015 and more than 250,000 users, Scarborough said.
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It is the bottom of the 10th inning in the seventh game of the World Series. The score is 8-7 and the Chicago Cubs are one out away from their first World Series win in 108 years. Everyone is on the edge of their seats waiting to see history.

With one strike in the count, Cleveland Indians third baseman Michael Martinez hits a soft ground ball to Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant, who, with a wide grin across his face, fields and throws the ball to first base to give the Cubs their first World Series win since 1908.

All over the streets of Chicago Nov. 2, there were fireworks and abundant excitement, but many Chapman students from Chicago brought those celebrations back to Orange County.

"I was on the phone with my mom and she told me that they won, and I was with a couple of my friends and I started running around where we were and jumping up and down and fist pumping." -Cierra Rago, junior biological sciences major.

"It was like a dream come true. I’ve been a Cubs fan my entire life, like born and bred. I bleed Cubbie blue, grew up going to the games. Every year since however long I can remember, it’s been like this is the year, this is the year, this is the year, and the fact that it actually happened yesterday was just life-changing. When I found out in rehearsal, I screamed, ‘The Cubs won the World Series!’ I was excited and there were a few Chicago people there and they were going crazy. But it was really fun.” -Grace Stuart, junior theatre performance major.

"I screamed, I jumped onto my roommate’s bed, jumped off of her bed, I did a somersault. I’m not even exaggerating when I say that I did a somersault. My roommate was Snapchatting me and I started crying because this is unreal. The first time in 108 years and I was just thinking about how my family was reacting at home.” -Anna Benuzzi, freshman screenacting major.

Julianne Roller, a junior communication studies major, traveled to Chicago to celebrate the Cubs winning the World Series. She holds the Cubs “W” victory flag at the parade in Chicago which had more than 5 million people in attendance.

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‘Black America Again’ brings timeless music on race

Hip-hop artist Common released his new album Nov. 4.

Matthew Joy | Critic

Common has nothing left to prove. Previous albums, “Resurrection” and “Be” cemented his status as one of the greatest rappers of all time. Now, he just wants to make the U.S. change the way it looks at the black experience.

The cover artwork surrounding “Black America Again” and its singles are all grainy black and white photographs, made to look worn with time. This indicates the timelessness of the music, as the word “again” in the title points to the fact that the themes are relevant throughout the entire history of the country and Common is simply discussing them once more.

However, “again” also signals a return to something that has been gone or missing. He subtly elaborates this on the title track, saying, “we hold these truths to be self evident, all men and women are created equal, including black americans.”

In the same song, there is a sample of James Brown talking about how important it is for people to “be proud of what and who he is and where he comes from.” When taken together, these elements illuminate Common’s vision of a country that looks back to the wisdom of its past in order to regain its sense of purpose and community so that all people are treated with respect and uplifted by their backgrounds.

The most prominent theme of the album is the fight for freedom, equality and justice. It is interesting to hear Common proclaim in “Red Wine” that “freedom is the road less traveled by the multitudes” due to an attitude deeply ingrained in American culture. He goes on to explain that society needs to change its mindset, detailing his own mental shift from the type of person who made braggadocious boasts on his debut album to a self-proclaimed activist who works on “breaking walls down for the black and brown.”

His activism doesn’t end with advocacy for racial equality. In “The Day Women Took Over,” Common envisions a world that lacks conflict and is abundant in empathy and compassion. While the song is writt...
Third parties are third wheeling

If this election has taught us anything, it’s that the Republican and Democratic parties are having their own respective identity crises. Unfortunately, this has led many moderates and plenty of politicians on either side to feel left out, in the midst of the political nightmare that this election has become.

Many Republicans, including high-ranking officials like Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, have found themselves frustrated and disillusioned with their party following the unprecedented rise of their candidate, Donald Trump. Democrats are frustrated too. A release by WikiLeaks that revealed thousands of emails that showed how Democratic National Committee officials shut out Bernie Sanders’ surging campaign and constant controversy surrounding presidential candidate Hillary Clinton has some liberals desperate for reform within their own party.

Both parties have huge issues that isolate voters and politically moderate ones. For some voters, neither candidate is an appealing option. So why are these the only two viable choices? It’s largely because the current election setup is not friendly to third parties.

Right now, Republicans and Democrats have a massive financial advantage over smaller parties. Data from the Federal Election Commission shows that Clinton’s campaign has raised $528 million and Trump has raised $247.5 million. Comparatively, libertarian presidential candidate Gary Johnson has raised $11.2 million and the Green Party’s Jill Stein has raised 3.9 million. From a financial standpoint, third parties don’t stand a chance when it comes to the resources available to them.

Modern campaigns are incredibly expensive endeavors. Candidates from the two major parties are able to advertise and garner far more media attention than third party candidates while still having money left over to oversee huge campaign operations. Clinton and other major party candidates from past elections also had access to PACs that can contribute unlimited amounts of money to their campaigns. As a result, the two major parties are able to dominate the national narrative.

Smaller parties’ candidates don’t even make it into the debates. A candidate needs to poll at 15 percent nationally to qualify for a major debate. This leaves far too much money and resources and exposure that the Democrats and Republicans have, the odds of that actually happening are seriously slim. How are people supposed to even know who these smaller party candidates are, let alone what they stand for or how they compare to major party candidates? Presently, due to how the system is stacked against them, third parties primarily function more as a way to bring attention to issues and policies on the national stage. They can try to influence major parties in certain directions or try to get them to focus on individual issues (such as the environment, in the case of the Green Party).

Things will have to change if third party candidates are ever going to stand a chance in elections. If there was ever an election when a third party candidate could have potentially had a window to win over the moderate vote, it was this one. But they didn’t. And that partly because, if you’re going to be punching above your weight in an election like this, you need the most capable leadership fighting for your party’s cause. For the Libertarians, this means that finding someone who can name ANY other foreign leader might be a good call over the ever-spacey (and potentially fibbing) Johnson.

Cardinal rule: third parties simply do not have the financial muscle, audience and platform to activate by viable options for the presidency. But things should change. Our Founding Fathers, namely George Washington and John Adams, warned against the pitfalls of a two-party system. Requiring on many levels would be needed to level the playing field for third party candidates. In the meantime, major parties should take note of trends that these smaller parties and their supporters are bringing to the table.
I have a beef with the meat industry

Last week I had a friend from out of town visiting me, who left the water on while he was in the shower. Ever since I’ve only lived in California, I’ve been aware of the water crisis and always try to save water whenever possible, whereas Trump is wasted through and through. Furthermore, if you understand game theory, you will know that vote splitting between similar candidates (in this case, Clinton versus third parties) will cause the dissimilar candidate (Trump) to win, so in this election, your personal integrity is more important than four years of fracs. There is, unfortunately, strategy involved in the game of democracy.

Let us remember the most important responsibilities of the president: serving as commander-in-chief of the military, ap- point to Supreme Court justices and setting foreign policy. We know that Trump wants to destroy the Islamic State Group (ISIS), put the ghost of Justice Antonin Scalia in the Supreme Court and maybe collude with Russia while forcing Mexico to build our wall. Besides that, Trump’s book of policies would end up under the cover page. Maybe he can be a 70-year-old man to execute cyber warfare on the people who tweet mean things about him. Trump lacks of understand- ing the US government in the first place immediately tells us that he isn’t here to do the work, he’s here for the label.

“Boy Clinton deleted emails on her private server! We can’t trust her!” you cry out. Yes, she was a crook, but were you not when, according to the George Washington University research institute in the National Security Archive, in 2012 the FBI found that Bill Clinton lost 22 million emails between 2003 and 2007? Further inspection into the details of this scandal prove moot; I ask you instead to compare Trump’s current 75 outstanding lawsuits, according to USA Today report, from October. If you love Trump because he doesn’t bow down to anyone, you have for- gotten Trump’s loyalty to his own deeds, ambitions. He doesn’t play by anyone’s rules but his own. That’s why he allegedly preyed on women (even minors), underpaid everywhere he has to, brags about avoiding taxes and sabotages small businesses and land- owners to satisfy his own financial gain. Trump has no interest in helping the Rust Belt factory workers whose child was just diagnosed with cancer, forced to borrow money from the family’s kitchen sink. It’s nothing personal, establishment politics pay heed only to the will of their donors. The oil industry and weapons manufacturers are pouring lots of dollars in Trump’s pockets. Democrats unite very effectively in their distaste for Trump. Both sides agreed not to work together with, however, we cannot assume that the power of the “Washington bubble” and the mainstream news media will continue to call him out on his lies.

But what the establishment seems to overlook, there is a Democrat to initiate mass incarceration and war. A Trump administration will be more benevolent, whereas Trump is wicked through and through. The future of meat tastes, especially when looking at the groundbreaking inventions of the future. Companies are investing millions of dollars in Impossible Foods to create the original for those that see vegetarianism as not an option. Burger, “which even ‘bleeds’ beet juice,” is the future of meat. This is part of the reason plant-based meat consumption is encouraged by environmentalist groups? It’s not even taking into account the amount of water that is needed to produce meat. In fact, a 2012 report by Pacific Institute found that almost half of the average Californians’ water consumption is associated with the con- sumption of meat and dairy products. A report even taking into account the sewage runoff from factory farms known for poisoning nearby water sources and the methane gas produced by cows that contributes to global warming even more than carbon dioxide. So why would we continue to consume meat encouraged by envi- ronmentalist groups?

I was at the state capitol as a freshman who friend when the topic of Republi- can presidential candidate Donald Trump was brought to our table. We chatted about his plans for the future, and one of my friends said that it was important to know about his plans and see how they affect the lives of people. “He is not a Republican – to deregulate Wall Street, by repealing the Glass-Steagall Act. It required a Democrat to hammer through welfare reforms, increasing poverty across the nation. It took a Democrat to sign the Telecommunications Act of 1996, allowing the monopolization of our media. And who was the Democrat responsible for all of this? Bill Clinton. You can’t trust Trump call for the nationwide stop-and-frisk policy and the media called that policy racist. But there was no outcry when the liberal ‘Michael Bloomberg instituted it in New York first. The great robbery of our democracy has been slowly taking place right under our noses, and the reason you haven’t heard about it is because of Trump’s lumpish, bo- nymous right-winger was just a distraction.

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Conservatively, I applaud her abundance of connections to reporters to manipulate the media and push through legislation. But it is Trump who would help the private sector to initiate measures to prevent cross-Sectional African-Americans. It took a Democrat to sign the Telecommunications Act of 1996, allowing the monopolization of our media. And who was the Democrat responsible for all of this? Bill Clinton. You can’t trust Trump call for the nationwide stop-and-frisk policy and the media called that policy racist. But there was no outcry when the liberal ‘Michael Bloomberg instituted it in New York first. The great robbery of our democracy has been slowly taking place right under our noses, and the reason you haven’t heard about it is because of Trump’s lumpish, bo- nymous right-winger was just a distraction.

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**Women’s soccer loses 4-0 in conference championship**

Jayson King  | Staff Writer

After playing in its first Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship game since winning the 2012 championship, the women’s soccer team fell 4-0 to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in the conference final on Nov. 5.

Having lost to the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas (16-5-1, 11-2-1) both times during the season, the Panthers aimed for a different outcome. However, the Athenas scored in the fifth minute and held onto the lead for the rest of the game.

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Chapman (9-9-2, 6-7-2) continued to struggle to contain the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps offense in the second half and racked up fouls as a result. The Panthers committed 14 fouls compared to the Athenas’ seven and received three yellow cards, while the Athenas had none.

Chapman was scored on twice in the second half. The first came from Laube — who had two goals and an assist in the game — in a one-on-one with Chapman senior goalkeeper Kristin Kleinow. The second came with 17 minutes left to go, as Claremont-Mudd-Scripps senior midfielder Amy Johnson scored a free kick which deflected off a Chapman defender before going into the net.

To reach the championship game, Chapman had to defeat Pomona-Pitzer (14-1-3, 12-0-3) on Nov. 2 in a semifinal that required a shootout after neither team could score a goal in regulation. After the two overtime periods, the score was still 0-0 and the two teams headed into penalties. Both teams could not put the ball into the back of the net until senior midfielder Katie Bell stepped up to the spot and buried the penalty kick.

“It feels really good to have put that penalty kick away, but I really couldn’t have done it without our goalkeeper Kristin Kleinow putting us in the spot that she did,” Bell said.

“She saved all five of their penalty kicks and that was huge,” Kleinow, who also had to make the game-winning save after Bell’s successful penalty kick, said that the final stages of the game were a whirlwind.

“I was nervous but had such an adrenaline rush,” Kleinow said. “I didn’t even realize that it was over until I saw my teammates rushing to me.”

Senior defender Kira Doting said she was excited to make it this far into the postseason ahead of the championship game.

“I am so excited to go into the championship game,” Doting said. “This is the first time for us seniors making it this far… We are on a high from this huge semifinal win and will continue this positivity and energy into the championship game.”

Despite that positivity, the team was outmatched in the 4-0 championship loss to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

Chapman senior defender Jessie Loya said that she was still proud of her teammates regardless of the result.

“This team fought so hard to make it to the championship and although we didn’t get the result we were hoping for, I wouldn’t have wanted to play with any other team and am extremely proud of us,” Loya said.

As a senior, this was Loya’s last game and marked the end of her Chapman soccer career, something she said she was privileged to have.

“It was such a surreal experience playing in the SCIAC championship as my last game,” Loya said. “I’m really sad that my season is over, but I feel so privileged to have played soccer here. Not only did we make it into the SCIAC tournament but we were able to beat the top team (Pomona-Pitzer) and knock them out.”

Chapman senior defender Emmi Hoskins dribbles the ball upfront as she searches for a teammate to pass the ball to in the SCIAC final against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Nov. 5. Chapman lost 4-0.

The women’s soccer team celebrates after senior midfielder Katie Bell scored on a penalty kick and senior goalkeeper Kristin Kleinow saved the last penalty kick to win the semifinal game for the Panthers against Pomona-Pitzer and advance them to the SCIAC finals.

**Losses are temporary, memories are not**

For most of us, spectators, we watch sports for the fun of it. It’s generally nice to sit back and watch a game without worrying about what else is going on in the world.

For the Chicago Cubs, who won their first World Series since 1908 last week, it wasn’t just about being the best team in baseball. It was about bringing an end to the morose-depleting culture of championship-less baseball that had been on display for more than 100 years at Wrigley Field.

In addition to the championship motivation those players have, there are obvious monetary incentives. Student-athletes, however, are not paid. They are required to plan their college careers around the sports they play and it’s difficult for athletes to have jobs while also managing academics.

While this daily commitment is the case for every student-athlete at Chapman, it’s worth putting in perspective for the men’s and women’s soccer teams, both of which just lost in their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Regionals.

The women’s team has one SCIAC title to its name, after it defeated Pomona-Pitzer to earn a spot in the conference final – the same year that Chapman joined the conference. The men’s team has been a regular in the SCIAC playoffs, but its last playoff win before this season came in 2013, and the team has never won a title in the conference.

You can be sure that for the players on these teams, there is nothing more they wanted than to win a SCIAC title. Men’s soccer senior midfielder Marco Saglimbeni told The Panther after a game on Oct. 24 that a title is what they wanted more than to win a SCIAC title.

Men’s soccer senior midfielder Ryan Godinez said after the loss that he was appreciative for his time on the team.

“Man, it was a blast,” Godinez said. “I had four successful seasons. Sometimes it just doesn’t go your way, but I wouldn’t change the experience I’ve had with these guys for the world.”

Losses feel terrible for all parties involved. But while it’s inevitably disappointing to lose, there is nothing disappointing about what these players gave not just to each other, but to every parent, coach, fan and person that had the chance to see them in action.

Years from now, these players will be looking back on their time at Chapman and the bonds they built with their teammates. So while games are temporary, memories aren’t.
Chloe de Vries  | Contributing Writer

In its lowest-scoring game of the season, Chapman football suffered a 17-6 loss to the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Stags on Nov. 5. The Stags brought a tough defense to the game and prevented the Panthers from scoring a touchdown.

The Panthers (4-4, 3-3) were coming off of their third Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) victory after beating California Lutheran University last week. Both Chapman and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (6-2, 4-2) came into the game with an identical conference record of 3-2.

With the loss, Chapman’s final game of the season – which will be a home game against Occidental College (1-7, 1-5) Nov. 12 – will decide whether the team finishes with a winning or losing record.

Head coach Bob Owens said the team’s offense was disappointing.

“Offensively, we just didn’t play well. We were very inconsistent,” Owens said. “It was very hard because it was very uncharacteristic of how we play and how we have played in the last three football games and it was very unexpected.”

Chapman struggled throughout the game to build any offensive momentum. After the Panthers failed to capitalize on an interception by senior defensive back Lorenzo Marks midway through the first quarter, the Stags regained possession and were able to put their first points on the scoreboard. Senior kicker Matthew Aven completed his ninth successful field goal of the season in the first five seconds of the second quarter, putting Claremont-Mudd-Scripps up 3-0.

The first touchdown of the game came in the second quarter. The Stags’ offense began rolling with a drive down to the Chapman 19-yard line. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps junior tight end Chris Cziesla ran the ball just inches from the goal line and freshman fullback Christian Curcio then ran the ball into the end zone. This was followed by a successful extra point by freshman kicker Rami Lieberman, bringing the score to 10-0.

The Panthers put their first points on the board after junior wide receiver Jacob Israel received a punt and returned the ball all the way down to the Stags’ 8-yard line. After a penalty and a sack that brought Chapman back to the 21-yard line, junior kicker Lucas Alfonso converted a field goal, bringing the score to 10-3.

In the second half, the Stags’ defense just didn’t have the ability to limit Chapman’s offensive output, while their offense had success.

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps moved downfield to the Chapman 1-yard line, and midway through the third quarter, Curcio scored his second touchdown of the game, which was followed by another successful Lieberman extra point. Chapman had arguably its most promising drive of the game, starting with a 24-yard run by senior quarterback Ricky Bautista. Junior running back Joe Mudie ran for 20 yards just two plays later and then caught a pass for a 13-yard gain two plays later. Because Bautista was sacked for a 9-yard loss on the previous play and the ensuing play resulted in an incomplete pass, Chapman had to settle for another Alfonso field goal, which brought the score to its final standing, 17-6.

After the Stags ran down the clock considerably in their second-to-last possession, the game ended in an unsuccessful drive by the Panthers who turned the ball back over to Claremont-Mudd-Scripps on downs in the final seconds of the game. The Stags finished with a total of 348 yards and the Panthers finished with 126.
Men’s soccer falls to Redlands in first championship appearance since 2013

Jacob Hutchinson | Sports Editor

After defeating the University of La Verne 2-0 Nov. 3 to secure a spot in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) championship, the Chapman men’s soccer team failed to bring home its first SCIAC title in a 2-0 loss against the University of Redlands Nov. 5.

This was the team’s first championship game since 2013, and despite beating Redlands 2-1 earlier in the season, the Panthers could not achieve a similar result.

Head coach Eddie Carrillo said the team needed to be more aggressive.

“We were going to just try and be aggressive like we were the last five, six, seven, eight games,” Carrillo said. “We had a good run there and we just tried to keep doing what we’ve been doing – play a little bit quicker and be aggressive on the attack. I don’t think we were as aggressive as we needed to be in the first half.”

Chapman (14-5-2, 10-4-2) got off to a poor start, allowing a goal in just the ninth minute of the game to Redlands (16-5, 12-4) junior midfielder Casey ChubbFertal. He found himself in a one-on-one with Chapman junior goalkeeper Sean Augustine and slotted a shot past him.

The Panthers had trouble creating many chances, only managing to create one shot in the first half.

Chapman was without junior midfielder Elliott Braund, who was suspended after receiving a red card in Chapman’s previous game on Nov. 1.

In the 65th minute, Braund was also Chapman’s second leading scorer on the season with seven goals.

Chapman conceded a second goal in the 53rd minute of the game.

Redlands junior forward Chase Boome – who scored the first goal – found himself open in the middle of the box and headed in senior defender Austin Moore’s cross past Augustine.

Senior midfielder Ryan Godinez said the result came down to execution.

“I think we played good,” Godinez said. “I think we could have done a little bit more, but I mean sometimes the ball just doesn’t bounce your way. I think they got two shots on goal and two goals and we didn’t have that many opportunities. They took care of their opportunities and we didn’t.”

Chapman was able to create some chances in the second half, but the best of which came from senior defender Connor Tobia. Tobia had two chances – the first was a header cleared off the line by a Redlands defender, and the second was a rebound shot that was blocked by another defender on its way towards the goal.

Godinez said that despite the result he was appreciative of his teammates.

“I couldn’t be more proud of my team, being a senior,” Godinez said. “Every day, everyone comes out and puts in the work and you can’t ask for much more than that.”

Carrillo said he is still holding out hope for a possible NCAA Division III tournament playoff spot, which will be announced Monday, Nov. 7.

The winner of the SCIAC gets an automatic bid to the tournament, but the NCAA may also decide that Chapman or another team played well enough to qualify by giving them an at-large bid.

“We had a great season. We’ll see what happens,” Carrillo said. “We’re still going to wait until Monday, you never know. I think we’ve had a good enough year that maybe we get a chance at an at-large bid. We’ll see, I don’t know – our players are very good.”

The game was the Panthers’ first time playing in the championship game since 2013, thanks to a 2-0 win over La Verne on Nov. 3.

Carrillo said going into the La Verne game that there was added motivation for Chapman in facing La Verne – the team that defeated Chapman in its first-ever home playoff game last season in a 1-0 loss in the SCIAC semifinals.

“Absolutely, they’ve had our number the last three games, in the playoffs last year and then the tie at the beginning of the year and the home game,” Carrillo said. “They’ve beaten us twice at home. We’re kind of, in a way, glad to play them. You always want to try to get the monkey off our back and what better way to get to the finals than to get past them.”

Chapman opened the scoring in the 36th minute against La Verne with a well-struck free kick from Braund. Braund lined up the free kick from about 35 yards out and put the ball off the underside of the crossbar for the goal.

In the 61st minute, La Verne junior midfielder Auden Fozzex gifted the Panthers a man advantage, getting a red card after he appeared to hit Chapman junior defender Kannon Kuhn in the face.

In the 65th minute, Braund was also sent off after appearing to shove a La Verne player. He was shown a second yellow card after receiving an earlier yellow card for dissent.

“It was just pure heart and hard work to hold them off when we went down to 10 men,” said senior midfielder Jake Sarmiento. “We didn’t drop our intensity at all, but it did take a few minutes for us to get control of the game again.”

Despite losing Braund, Chapman responded as senior midfielder Marco Saglimbeni and Sarmiento connected for a goal in the 73rd minute. Saglimbeni crossed in a ball to Sarmiento, who headed home a goal that proved to give Chapman an insurmountable lead.

“It felt amazing to score that header,” Sarmiento said. “That play could not have gone any better. Marco worked to get to that ball I played him before it got to the end line, and I sprinted into the box, and was unmarked and was able to put it into the back of the net. It was such a huge rush of adrenaline.”

After the win, Carrillo said he had clear expectations going into the championship game against Redlands.

“I expect us to win,” Carrillo said. “I say that every single time. I think we’re good enough to win. I would be disappointed if we don’t win because we’ve got everything we need – all the tools – everything is in place to do it. We just need to show up and do what we’ve got to do.”

Despite those expectations, the Panthers failed to bring home their first SCIAC championship.

With the season over unless Chapman receives an at-large bid, Godinez reflected on his time as a Chapman soccer player.

“Man, it was a blast,” Godinez said. “I had four successful seasons. Sometimes it just doesn’t go your way, but I wouldn’t change the experiences I’ve had with these guys for the world.”