Investigative reporter talks ‘fake news’

Sharyl Attkisson, a former correspondent for CBS News, spoke in Chapman's Musco Center for the Arts Oct. 2 about fake news and modern media consumption. Attkisson’s appearance drew criticism from some professors, one of whom said advertising Attkisson as unbiased was “intellectually dishonest.”

More than 20 Chapman faculty and staff members were affected by an email phishing scam discovered Oct. 3.

One year after Hurricane Maria, some Puerto Ricans at Chapman say the island has a long way to go before things are normal again.

Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed Oct. 6. Now, some students are saying that his appointment has made them reflect on their actions and college partying culture.
Students celebrate LGBTQIA+ community at Pride Month kickoff

Sandhya Bhaskar | Staff Writer

The Student Union in Argyros Forum was decked with lights, streamers and rainbow flags on Oct. 1. As the heels of drag performers clicked and clacked onstage, campus a cappella group Queercappella performed hits by LGBTQIA+ artists at the Cross-Cultural Center’s Pride Month kickoff.

While Pride Month is nationally celebrated in June, the university observes it in October to allow students to celebrate during the school year, said Caitlyn Cook, a senior creative writing major and student programmer for the event.

With almost 70 people at the event, Cook said she became emotional seeing the on-campus support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

“(Members of the queer community) are kind of invisible, and Chapman’s erasure is a microcosm for society’s erasure of us,” Cook said.

“Watching people who are celebrating their own pride and wearing flags as capes and tube tops is such a big deal to us.”

Tony Ortuno, the LGBT Center OC’s youth program coordinator, talked about coming out at the event and said that visibility in the LGBTQIA+ community, including seeing same-sex couples more frequently, is what made him feel comfortable enough to come out.

“Coming out to my family was an obstacle, because I wasn’t sure if I would be kicked out or not,” Ortuno said. “I knew that if something happened and I was forced to leave my house, I would have my community already set in place.”

The LGBT Center OC provided handouts detailing services offered by the center at the event. These programs include connecting members of the transgender community to supportive health care providers, as well as offering services for LGBTQIA+ people who might need support with immigration services.

Transgender youth are eight times more likely than their non-transgender peers to miss school due to feeling unsafe, according to statistics from the Orange County Department of Education that Ortuno shared at the event.

The statistics were drawn from data provided by the California Healthy Kids Survey, which is given to students in fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh grade.

Lesbian, gay and bisexual students are four times more likely to miss school than their straight peers, according to the survey, and almost 30 percent of LGBTQIA+ students fear being assaulted at school.

“The university is taking steps to create a more inclusive environment, but the event doesn’t ‘speak volumes’ because most of Chapman’s student population is primarily cisgender and heterosexual, said Andrea Stain, a senior music major and member of Queercappella.

“As much as these events with all the streamers and the lights and the tabling are great, it’s also important for Chapman to put their feet on the ground and put your actions and your hands where your mouth is,” Stain said. “When it comes to these events, Chapman comes through, but when it comes to reports and incidents where marginalized people are in danger. That’s where they fall short.”

After Queercappella’s performance, Gage Jennings, sophomore business administration major, performed as “Queen Jade” for the almost 70 people who attended the event Oct. 1.

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‘Embedded in our culture’: Former CBS correspondent talks fake news

Kali Hoffman | Managing Editor

Four years ago, Sharyl Attkisson left her job as an investigative correspondent for CBS after 21 years with the network. News was changing, and the standards weren’t the same as they used to be, she said, and she wanted out.

Attkisson, who now hosts Sinclair Broadcast Group’s weekly program “Full Measure,” spoke at Chapman’s Musco Center for the Arts Oct. 2 to an audience of at least 500 people about how “fake news” manifests in modern media.

Fake news has always been embedded in our culture. We saw it, we just didn’t call it that,” she said.

The audience laughed as Attkisson showed a PowerPoint slide that featured covers from the National Enquirer, a U.S. tabloid magazine. She later said that some modern news outlets perpetuate fake news by compromising their ethics.

“The lecture is part of the ‘pilot series’ of the Provost’s Arts and Lecture Series hosted jointly by Chapman’s Office of the Provost and the Musco Center for the Arts, said Richard Breyant, executive director of the Musco Center.

Simulcast Broadcast Group stirred up national controversy in April after videos were released that showed news anchors at Sinclair-owned stations reading from a company-manufactured announcement warning viewers of fake news. Some thought the language used in the script was similar to that of President Donald Trump.

“Attkisson said there are “powerful people” who want the public to live in a curated, uncritical world and think of their thinking in artificial reality so they can be easily influenced.

In her speech, Attkisson named David Brock, a liberal political consultant and the founder of nonprofit research center Media Matters for America, as one of the main people controlling the internet. She also listed popular social media outlets like Twitter and Facebook as third parties that have a vested interest in controlling news.

“Astroturfing,” or fake grassroots techniques to manipulate social media, Wikipedia and fact-checking websites like Snopes are ways people like Brock control what the public believes, Attkisson said.

While flipping through a power-point slide of “media mistakes,” Attkisson said there’s a difference between intentionally spreading misinformation and “poor” journalism.

“The left thinks (fake news) refers to completely false information on purpose, and the right uses it to mean biased and sloppy reporting and mistakes made because (reporters) are not being careful enough because of an ideology,” Attkisson told The Panther after her lecture.

In her speech, she cited an instance where Time Magazine incorrectly reported that Trump had removed a bust of Martin Luther King Jr. from the Oval Office as an example of fake news, drawing agreement from some members of the audience.

But Chapman English professor Tom Zoellner, who did not attend the event, told The Panther that Attkisson has been “hiding” behind the Martin Luther King Jr. bust mistake “far too much” and urged students not to “take her message in isolation.”

Attkisson’s message only deepens the public’s mistrust of basic reality and serves only to heighten confusion in an already tense time,” he said.

During the Q&A, an audience member asked why Attkisson spent a “majority of the time” focusing on liberal bias in media.

“The fact is, when I went to look at media mistakes, I didn’t find any big ones, not one made by the NYT, the Washington Post, CBS, NBC or even Fox that was a mistake that was to Trump’s benefit,” she answered.

Chapman broadcast journalism professor Peter Weitzner, who mediated the Q&A, asked Attkisson if she believed there were any “honest brokers” of media.

“The way I operate is no matter what I hear on the news, I don’t believe it initially,” she said.

Clery Act report shows decrease in rape, liquor and drug law violations

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The university has seen a decrease in reported rape and liquor and drug law violations, according to numbers from the 2018 Annual Security and Fire Safety report, which documents incidents that take place on campus or in university-owned buildings.

The report is required by the Clery Act, which was instituted in 1990 to create requirements for universities to report campus violence. In April 2016, Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety, said that while crime numbers are a community approach.

“Most of the sexual assaults that happen off campus are still happening and we’re investigating them,” Burba said.

The University of Southern California had 41 sex offenses, which include crimes like rape and fondling, in 2017, according to its Annual Safety Report, while Chapman had nine.

“I wish there was nothing to report,” Yocum-Gaffney said. “That would be my wish. I think that campus is similar to just about any other campus in that, sadly, these things occur.

While 2016 to 2017 saw a decrease in reported sex violations, Public Safety logged two separate incidents of sexual misconduct in its daily Crime and Fire Log in the past three weeks.

A person reported an incident of sexual battery Sept. 18 in the Residence Life area at around 11:30 p.m. Less than two weeks later, someone reported a sexual assault Sept. 30, also in the Residence Life area, between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Rick Gonzales, Public Safety deputy chief, declined to provide The Panther with more details on these incidents, saying that answering specific questions could breach confidentiality.

In September, protests gathered at the unveiling of Emigdio “Higgy” Vasquez’s mural at Chapman, at least two students accused the artist of sexual harassment.

Izzy Panasci, one of the students who accused Vasquez of harassment, said that she was upset with the way Chapman handled her attempt to report, saying that when the university responded to her and Micol Hebron, the professor who helped her bring the incident to the university, with “systematic jargon.”

While there were slight decreases in liquor and drug law violations from 2016 to 2017, Randy Burba, chief of Public Safety, said that these changes are common from year to year.

“We see minor fluctuations almost every year,” said Burba.

“It just depends on how many (instances) we come across, so I wouldn’t put too much stock in (the decrease).”

Burba said that while crime reports are decreasing, faculty and students should be on guard.

“I don’t want the fact that we feel safe to change things,” Burba said. “The key to having low crime numbers is a community approach.”
Critical security breach affects Chapman staff and faculty

Rebeckah Glaser | Editor-in-chief

More than 20 Chapman staff and faculty members were affected by a ‘critical’ security breach that resulted from a phishing attack, wrote Jamie Ceman, the vice president of strategic marketing and communications, in a campus-wide email sent out Oct. 4.

The breach was caused by several staff and faculty members opening a phishing email and accessing a web page using their Chapman logins, allowing the unidentified perpetrator to gain access to faculty and staff’s university accounts and change three employees’ bank information, rerouting their paychecks in the process.

The breach was discovered Oct. 3, Ceman told The Panther.

“We were able to contain it, they believe, right away. They’re digging into the impact of that,” Ceman said of Information Systems and Technology (IS&T) looking into the incident. “The university will certainly compensate (employees) for their paychecks.”

Ceman declined to give the names of the affected faculty and staff, and said no specific departments were targeted.

According to the Chapman website, at least two phishing emails that mentioned employee payroll circulated in the Chapman community in mid to late September.

Phishing is the act of posing as a legitimate company or entity in order to obtain sensitive information like usernames, passwords and sensitive financial information, and commit fraud against an account holder.

Universities nationwide have seen an increase in successful email-based phishing attacks, according to the IS&T website.

In March 2018, approximately 300 universities in 22 countries were targeted by hackers working on behalf of the Iranian government, the hackers stole research valued at around $3.4 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Generally, more than 140 of the targeted universities were located in the U.S.

While the attack does not put student accounts at risk, according to the email, IS&T recommends that students change their passwords immediately.

“Because of the nature of the phishing attack, it was going after payroll,” Ceman said. “It wasn’t targeted at students, but (IS&T is) doing their due diligence to make sure that the student accounts are secure.”

Maura Kate Mitchelson contributed to this report.

‘Suite Life’ on campus: Phill Lewis spotted at Chapman

Jasmin Sani | News Editor

Phill Lewis, who played Mr. Moseby on Disney Channel’s “Suite Life of Zach and Cody,” visited Chapman at around 10 a.m. Oct. 3 for a tour with his daughter.

Kyle Hannah, a tour guide who was sitting in Argyro Forum when she noticed Lewis, said she didn’t recognize him first.

“I kept looking at him and I was like, ‘Wow, he looks really familiar,’” said Hannah, a senior psychology and strategic and corporate communication major. “But it didn’t hit me until way later … I don’t think anyone knew it was him until the tour was over. He was dressed in a rain jacket and a hat, which is kind of incognito.”

Hannah said Lewis was casual while his daughter waited for the 90-minute tour to begin.

“I feel like when most celebrities come on campus (for a tour), they’re not making it about them,” Hannah said. “But it happens too often. It’s Chapman, you know?”

Lumley said that whenever celebrities come to visit campus, they are allowed to request a personalized tour.

“We get different requests all the time,” Lumley said. “(Celebrities) might want something more private or have a separate tour … it just depends on what they’re comfortable with.”

In addition to “The Suite Life of Zack and Cody” and its spinoff, “The Suite Life on Deck,” Lewis has also appeared on shows like “Lizzie McGuire” and “Friends.” His character has inspired several memes, some from a scene that features Moseby teaching Costad Brenda Song, as the hotel heiress London Tipton, how to drive.

Maxwell told Lumley that while he was giving the tour, he finally realized who Lewis was when the tour group, which was about 25 people, discussed study abroad options for students.

“(Maxwell said) they mentioned Chapman’s Semester at Sea option and (Lewis) smiled and raised his hand just to acknowledge that he found some humor in that,” Lumley said.

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Senate updates

Oct. 5 meeting

Olive Tree Initiative funding request

Junior Avery Bennett, one of the co-creators of the Olive Tree Initiative, a club that studies and promotes peaceful resolution and conflict analysis, requested that student government reimburse the club for their travel to Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Sept. 28-30. Bennett initially requested $3,000 to cover all airfare for five club members who were supposed to attend the conference. One member had flight troubles and was unable to attend the conference, so student government voted to fund $2,220 for the four members who did attend.

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INCIDENT LOG

Sept. 30

A person reported an incident of sexual assault in the residence life halls between 7:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Oct. 3

A person in possession of narcotics was cited in Chaus Final, a residence hall, between around 8 and 23:45 p.m.

Oct. 4

Two people in a relationship were involved in a residental altercation near Chapman Studios West.

Compiled by Jasmin Sani from the Public Safety daily crime log
Chapman experts weigh in on net neutrality

Talia Cutitta | Assistant Features Editor

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against California Sept. 30 to block the state’s new net neutrality law that ensures equal access to the internet. Shortly afterward, four industry groups, including USTelecom and the American Cable Association, filed another lawsuit to prevent California’s law from taking effect.

California’s net neutrality law violates the supremacy clause, which states that constitutional law trumps state law, said Thomas Bell, a professor at Chapman’s Fowler School of Law. Since the federal net neutrality laws were repealed, California cannot create a contradictory state law, because if California regulates the internet a certain way, out of state consumers would have to comply, Bell said.

“States are supposed to keep regulation laws within their borders. But it’s the internet. It’s everywhere,” Bell said.

Net neutrality allows people equal access to the internet regardless of how much consumers are willing, or able, to pay, said Hector Martinez, professor of social psychology at Chapman.

“Allening net neutrality allows companies to exploit the market and their profit,” Martinez said. “I’m for net neutrality because you don’t have it, internet providers can decide which websites to make faster and slower.”

For consumers, net neutrality determines how much users have to pay to access certain sites or applications, but it impacts how much businesses can profit, Martinez said. Lou/Anne Bell, a computer science and software engineering professor at Chapman, said she is concerned that repealing net neutrality results in businesses taking advantage of differential pricing, or selling the same product to different customers for different prices. The internet should mean access for all, she said. “(Net neutrality) is complex. If it were simple, it wouldn’t be an issue,” Boyd said.

“Whether you should support net neutrality depends on what you value,” Martinez said. “If you support having equal access for everyone, you should support net neutrality.” Martinez said. “If what you value is internet service providers having the freedom to maximize profits and differential pricing, then you should not support net neutrality.”

Bell said he is against net neutrality because it forces telecommunications providers to do business a certain way.

“College students might value bandwidth and not have enough money to pay for services,” he said. “In the longer term, it’s not clear whether they will be better off.”

Net neutrality takes free and discounted services off the table, Bell said. Zero rating allows businesses to offer special deals, and this is not possible under net neutrality. Zero rating benefits customers by allowing telecommunications providers like AT&T and Hulu to offer special perks. Bell said, such as free access to Hulu with the purchase of a Spotify subscription.

“Net neutrality would not allow businesses to say ‘I want to make you a long-time fan’ and offer discounts and deals for students,” Bell said. Bell believes net neutrality will hurt the business incentive to build networks for consumers, and also impact competitive pricing, which can result in better deals for them.

“Without regulation, the businesses will go back and forth, and we can get better deals and great access because of that competition,” Bell said. “If they are not getting the service, they swipe left. It’s democracy in the purest form. We want there to be lots of options.”

Once a college student moves off campus, they would not have access to campus Wi-Fi, and their internet reliability would depend on how much they are willing to spend, Martinez said.

“Net neutrality could cut off the way people communicate because businesses will not invest in creating higher bandwidths. Net neutrality is 60% ‘70s communication – it’s a socialist data policy,” Bell said.

None of the proposals on the table say that they will regulate content, but it could open the door to more regulation,” he said.

Americans without access to high-speed internet

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After not seeing sunlight for more than 12 hours, Arianna Benitez, a freshman broadcast journalism and documentary major, looked out the window of her home and realized that her life would never be the same. Her beloved city of San Juan, the capital of Puerto Rico, was permanently changed by Hurricane Maria in 2017. She and everyone else on the island had to completely alter their lifestyle.

"You are pushed to your limits constantly," Benitez said. "Every minute of every day you battle between keeping aloof of your own identity and becoming this violent, savage version of yourself because you don’t have food, water, electricity, education or communication."

Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall on Sept. 20, 2017. In December, the Puerto Rican government estimated that the death toll resulting from the hurricane was 64. Now, more than a year later, Hurricane Maria's death toll is 2,975, a George Washington University study found.

Puerto Rico was not prepared for Hurricane Maria, Benitez said. Although she and her family stocked up her home with canned food and bottled water, the mayor of Puerto Rico, Ricardo Rossello, did not accurately warn Puerto Ricans of the magnitude of the category five hurricane, Benitez said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), formed in 1979, was created to help natural disasters in the United States. FEMA people before, during and after disasters in the United States. FEMA, according to NBC News.

Benitez was without power for five months, she said. She said she couldn’t use her phone, computer, television, or access the internet. The hurricane destroyed security cameras, so crime increased, with people stealing mail, generators and gasoline, she said.

"I saw things that I never thought would happen in a place that was part of the U.S.," Benitez said. "I saw something you would see in third-world countries. That’s what it felt like.

The lack of power made it difficult to complete basic tasks, Benitez said. She couldn’t shower because the water was contaminated, she couldn’t drive because the streets were covered in water and she couldn’t even go out to her backyard because the fallen lamp posts made it dangerous, she said.

"We got a generator around month two or three," Benitez said. "That’s when I started to regain my sense of self as a human being. I could see the news, take a hot shower and cook an actual meal."

Benitez’s old high school, Academia Maria Reina, was one of the first schools to reopen, she said, with students going back to school three weeks after the hurricane hit. But the island still didn’t have electricity, so teachers had to open the windows to let sunlight in the classrooms, she said.

"The sun goes down (early)," Benitez said. "Your entire day ends at 6 p.m. because there’s just no light."

Now, more than two hundred public schools have been closed, said Ananda Colon-Muniz, a Chapman professor in the Attallah College of Educational Studies. Muniz, who was born in Puerto Rico, said she has been closely involved with the relief efforts through her affiliation with the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women of Southern California.

"Schools in Puerto Rico were in dire shape even before the hurricane," Muniz said. "Now, under the guise of reform, the decisions being made by Puerto Rico’s secretary of education and governor have sent the entire system into disarray."

While some schools lost materials and others lost their roofs, but were still closed, Muniz said.

These schools will be auctioned off, she said, and turned into private schools.

There are regular protests by students, parents and teachers. Dr. Muniz said, "Some have led to reopening of schools, while others were closed, leaving vulnerable populations of children with special needs and those in remote locations at the mercy of their families’ own limited resources."

Rachel Kelly checks the red lipstick she used seven hours ago. It’s smudged in the corner, so she dabs it with a napkin to ensure it looks camera-ready. She’s been acting in a thesis film for the past six hours, and as much as she loves acting onscreen and on the stage, she could use a break.

Kelly, a sophomore theatre performance major, is no stranger to the intense demands of the acting world. She’s been in the business for 16 years, 20-year-old Kelly said, but she doesn’t plan on giving it up anytime soon.

"All through my life, no matter what was going on, I knew that I could lose myself by transforming into a character," Kelly said.

For Kelly, college is the best place for her to continue her career as an actress, rather than burn out and turn into another failed child actor, like Lindsay Lohan or Amanda Bynes, she said.

Because of the nature of show business, child actors are exposed to sex, drugs and alcohol at an early age. Psychology Today reported in 2011, putting them at high risk of becoming emotionally unstable, turning into sex, drug or alcohol abusers. Along with this, young actors must constantly cope with rejection, jealousy, self-scrutiny, obsessive thoughts and the relentless need to be perfect, according to the article, but Chapman is a different environment.

"During my audition (to get into Chapman) I didn’t feel judged," Kelly said. "I felt that all the teachers wanted to know me and help me grow into the actress I could be," Kelly said.

Gemma Wheeler, a freshman screen acting major, said she has been acting since she was six years old. Acting runs in her family, her mom, Maggie Wheeler, played Janice Litman Goralnik, Chandler Bing’s on-and-off girlfriend, on the NBC sitcom, "Friends."

"Ever since I could talk, I have loved playing pretend," Wheeler said. "Dress-up and imagination games were my two favorite pastimes."

That inspired her to continue acting through middle and high school, she said, and eventually, she decided to pursue it as a career.

"I want to become known as an actress in film and television, then add in writing and directing. If I gain financial stability from that, I want to start a magazine or a foundation committed to empowering young women," Wheeler said.

But not all Chapman students are thriled by the demanding environment of screen acting and theatre. Some, like sophomore Maddie Sueltz, became a child actor before they realized how the job would negatively affect her.

"When you’re acting, there’s just too much pressure put on people to be perfect," said Sueltz, an environmental science and policy major.

In high school, she said they acted in advertisement campaigns for "Got Milk?" and a commercial for Hint Water. Sueltz debated majoring in theater in college, but was ultimately turned off by the high-pressure atmosphere, Sueltz said. Now, she said, she prefers the science lab to the stage.

Ethan Bartley, a sophomore screen acting major, began acting right before his freshman year of high school, he said, and wants to be both behind and in front of the camera.

Bartley has acted and worked on multiple films. He has been featured as an actor in the 2015 film "The Boat Builder," the 2017 film "Touch," and the 2018 film "Lost Levels," according to his IMDb profile. He is also credited for co-producing and cowriting "Lost Levels."

Since going to college, Bartley said his professors have started to break down habits that he formed when he was younger. He believes this is helping him become an "instrument of creative expression."

"I’ve been on some (Advanced Productions) and thesis films the past few semesters," Bartley said, "and I feel that the way I’ve acted has changed drastically."

Grace Eberle, a sophomore screen acting major, said she moved across the country from Long Island, New York, to pursue her career as an actress at Chapman.

Eberle, who also has her own IMDb page, sang on national television with her high school choir and Emmy award-winning Broadway star Lin-Manuel Miranda, and she’s been in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade as well as a commercial. After college, she intends on auditioning as much as possible, she said.

"My parents want me to get a degree first and foremost before I give my all into auditioning," Eberle said. "After that, I will move to New York City and audition my butt off."
Opinions Editor

Gracie Fleischman

Education is needed

Depending on where you’re from and what school district you attended, you might have gone through mandatory sex education in middle school. No matter when or where, it’s likely that we all had the universally uncomfortable experience of learning about sex in a room full of our peers.

Luckily for me, by the time my seventh grade science teacher taught us state-regulated lesson plans that ranged from detailing how an egg is fertilized to showing the class a ’70s-era birth video, my parents had already told me about “the birds and the bees.”

Not every kid is as lucky as I was. For many, the nonspecific and heteronormative sex education provided by public schools is the first they are hearing of this important and life-altering information.

In some states, like Arkansas, state law mandates that sex be referred to as a “marital activity” and categorizes abstinence as the only form of birth control.

Only 12 states require sex education to be inclusive of all sexual orientations, according to the Guttmacher Institute, and of those states, three require information about the LGBTQIA+ community to be negative.

In January 2016, the California Healthy Youth Act was enacted. The law requires school districts in the state to ensure that all pupils from grades seven to 12 to receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV-prevention education.

The act also includes mandates on teaching positive information about all gender expressions and sexualities, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, asexual, and other identities, which were previously ignored and glossed over in California’s sex education requirements.

After the act was passed, there was a collective uproar from many conservatives and Republicans that represent local school districts. Because of this, at least three Orange County Board of Education members voted to hold a forum to discuss their concerns.

Ken Williams, the president of the board, and members Mari Barke and Lisa Sparks, who is the dean of Chapman’s School of Communication, supported the Sept. 26 forum and invited many anti-LGBTQ panelists to attend, according to the Orange County Register.

Laura Haynes, austin therapist and advocate of gay conversion therapy, Stan Weed, a pro-abstinence educator, and Nadia Higgin, a pro-life attorney who works at a law firm that is fighting against a bill that would outlaw marketing gay conversion therapy were among the speakers invited, according to the Orange County Register.

With a lineup like that, it’s no wonder many parents and members of the LGBTQIA+ community were concerned enough to protest the forum.

I’m disappointed, too. To me, it seems that teaching children factual information about their bodies and sexualities in our school system is crucial.

Nearly 30 percent of LGBTQIA+ youth attempt suicide at least once a year, compared to 6 percent of heterosexual youth. LGBTQIA+ students are also 140 percent more likely to miss school than their heterosexual peers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Maybe if children were given medically accurate and scientifically accurate information about their sexualities and gender identities from an early age, acceptance and allyship for LGBTQIA+ students would increase. The California Healthy Youth Act has the potential to totally change the way young people think about their bodies.

The bill also mandates that schools educate students about California’s Affirmative Consent Standard, which teaches that affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement is necessary to engage in sexual activity. After Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation Oct. 6, it’s clear that we need to teach people about consent from an early age – and this is a good start.

The fact that some people are calling this bill “satanic,” as one counterprotester at the Sept. 26 rally did, and saying that the people supporting it are “perverts” is shameful. Teaching all students medically accurate and affirming information about sexuality and gender is a basic right that should have been mandated a long time ago.

All children deserve to learn about their bodies in a positive environment that doesn’t shame them before they even have a chance to explore and grow.

OPINIONS

LGBTQIA+ inclusive sex education is needed

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Only 12 states require sex education to be inclusive of all sexual orientations, according to the Guttmacher Institute, and of those states, three require information about the LGBTQIA+ community to be negative.

In January 2016, the California Healthy Youth Act was enacted. The law requires school districts in the state to ensure that all pupils from grades seven to 12 to receive comprehensive sexual health education and HIV-prevention education.

The act also includes mandates on teaching positive information about all gender expressions and sexualities, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, asexual, and other identities, which were previously ignored and glossed over in California’s sex education requirements.

After the act was passed, there was a collective uproar from many conservatives and Republicans that represent local school districts. Because of this, at least three Orange County Board of Education members voted to hold a forum to discuss their concerns.

Ken Williams, the president of the board, and members Mari Barke and Lisa Sparks, who is the dean of Chapman’s School of Communication, supported the Sept. 26 forum and invited many anti-LGBTQ panelists to attend, according to the Orange County Register.

Laura Haynes, austin therapist and advocate of gay conversion therapy, Stan Weed, a pro-abstinence educator, and Nadia Higgin, a pro-life attorney who works at a law firm that is fighting against a bill that would outlaw marketing gay conversion therapy were among the speakers invited, according to the Orange County Register.

With a lineup like that, it’s no wonder many parents and members of the LGBTQIA+ community were concerned enough to protest the forum.

I’m disappointed, too. To me, it seems that teaching children factual information about their bodies and sexualities in our school system is crucial.

Nearly 30 percent of LGBTQIA+ youth attempt suicide at least once a year, compared to 6 percent of heterosexual youth. LGBTQIA+ students are also 140 percent more likely to miss school than their heterosexual peers, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Maybe if children were given medically accurate and scientifically accurate information about their sexualities and gender identities from an early age, acceptance and allyship for LGBTQIA+ students would increase. The California Healthy Youth Act has the potential to totally change the way young people think about their bodies.

The bill also mandates that schools educate students about California’s Affirmative Consent Standard, which teaches that affirmative, conscious and voluntary agreement is necessary to engage in sexual activity. After Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh’s confirmation Oct. 6, it’s clear that we need to teach people about consent from an early age – and this is a good start.

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In an ideal world, you should get a job in the public sector, like teaching or working at the government. The majority of people in the world are employed in the public sector.

‘The Good Place,’ we’re exposed to Janet, an artificial intelligence robot, who falls in love with Jason, a human, and a man named Chidi, who helps her learn to be a robot. I even find ourselves abandonedly rooting for their relationship.

‘Hangover’ and ‘Hollywood’ role in our society grows to include love and marriage remains to be seen, but Brown University psychologist Bertram F. Malle said that there is a possibility that robots will never be more than just a machine.

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Football breaks 8-game win streak

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor

After beating Whittier Sept. 29, Chapman’s football team was on an eight-game win streak in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) before the University of Redlands ended the Panthers’ victory run Oct. 6. Chapman lost to the Bulldogs 39-26, the University of Redlands Athletic Conference (SCIAC) before Southern California Intercollegiate.

Chapman’s football team was on an eight-game win streak in the second half of the game, but completing the second 100-yard kickoff return in the team’s history.

With the game scoreless and 4:52 left in the second quarter, the Bulldogs’ backup quarterback, sophomore Nathan Martinec, hit junior wide receiver Steven Van Grouw for a 74-yard touchdown to end the first half.

The teams traded touchdowns at the start of the third quarter, with Chapman completing a 77-yard drive for a touchdown.

The Panthers regained some of their momentum after halftime, scoring a quick 57-yard touchdown when senior quarterback Ian Fieber completed a pass to junior wide receiver Trevor Vill at the start of the third.

Red card leaves men’s soccer shorthanded in Cal Lutheran matchup

Pri Jain | Staff Writer

Halfway into the second half of the men’s soccer game Oct. 4 against California Lutheran University, Chapman senior forward Kai Howe attempted a sixth shot on goal for the game - but the shot was blocked. As frustration set in, Howe sprinted back in an effort to recover from the block, and slid into Cal Lutheran senior forward Jared Pischke, knocking Pischke off his stride.

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“(This is) only the second red card of my career,” Howe said. “I don’t really know how to deal with it. I’m a little upset.”

The Panthers came into the matchup with the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen fresh off of a 3-1 victory against Pomona Pitzer. Chapman holds a 7-4 record in conference, and Howe leads the team with six goals this season.

With Howe out of the game and only 10 players left on the field, the Panthers were left at a disadvantage against the Kingsmen.

“The referee is the referee,” Howe said. “Whatever (is the referee’s) decision is the right call. I made a mistake. Obviously, I didn’t agree with it, but we have to deal with it and move on.”

Chandler Siemonsma, a Chapman freshman goalkeeper, stepped up and led the defenders for the majority of the game, recording a total of five saves.

In spite of Siemonsma’s coverage of the goal for most of the game, Pischke scored 81 minutes into the game, securing a win for Cal Lutheran.

“A lot of defending has to do with communication,” Siemonsma said. “One of my biggest jobs as a goalkeeper is to make sure my (defenders) are organized. We need to be able to trust each other and be on the same page.”

As Pischke entered the goalie box, he found an angle to shoot because Siemonsma was recovering from a dive.

More often than not, attackers will try to either finesse the ball past the keeper, or jump over the keeper in a one-on-one situation, putting the keeper in harm’s way, Siemonsma said. In this case, Pischke stayed persistent with the play and took another shot at the goal while Siemonsma was down.

“A lot of times you get cleated or kneed in the head or the legs or the ribs,” Siemonsma said. “In the moment, that’s not what I’m thinking about, though ... I’m thinking about getting the ball.”

The team stayed focused on blocking Cal Lutheran’s fast-paced offense, which prevented them from scoring until later in the game, Siemonsma said. The defensive players worked well together, but the Panthers’ offensive game plan was lacking, head coach Eddie Carrillo said, since they didn’t score any goals.

“We gotta be a little more disciplined ... a little bit more matured, and we should be good,” Carrillo said.

The Panthers will play University of Redlands Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.
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Exiles in Los Angeles: Thomas Mann, Arnold Schoenberg, Theodor Adorno and the Doctor Faustus Controversy

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Seating is limited

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Argyros Forum 209
Introduction by Dr. Marilyn Harran, Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director, Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education

A Schoenberg Perspective on the Doctor Faustus Controversy

E. Randol Schoenberg
Editor of The Doctor Faustus Dossier: Arnold Schoenberg, Thomas Mann, and Their Contemporaries, 1930–1951
E. Randol Schoenberg, the grandson of renowned Austrian composers Arnold Schoenberg and Eric Zeisl, waged an eight-year battle on behalf of Maria Altmann in her quest to regain six paintings by Gustav Klimt that had once belonged to her family but were taken by the Nazis. His quest for justice on behalf of Maria Altmann was portrayed in the film Woman in Gold.

Competing Modernisms: The California Exile of Mann, Adorno, and Schoenberg

Marjorie Perloff, Ph.D.
Author of Edge of Irony: Modernism in the Shadow of the Hapsburg Empire and The Vienna Paradox: A Memoir
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Marjorie Perloff was born Gabriele Mintz into a cultured and assimilated Jewish family in Vienna. A prolific and groundbreaking scholar, Dr. Perloff has written more than a dozen books on 20th and 21st century poetry and poetics, European and Latin American as well as our own. She is an elected Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Presidential Fellow at Chapman University.

A Conversation with Marjorie Perloff and E. Randol Schoenberg
Moderated by Daniele Struppa, Chapman University
7–7:45 p.m.
Wallace All Faiths Chapel, Fish Interfaith Center

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Family affair: Mens’ soccer siblings talk competition

Mallika Sinha | Staff Writer

When Kai Howe’s younger brother moved from Tokyo, Japan to Southern California this year, Kai Howe helped move him into his dorm, set up a cell-phone service, and buy college essentials, like groceries, for his younger brother.

Senior soccer captain, Kai Howe, and his brother Tobi Howe, a freshman, have played soccer together their whole lives, they said. Now, they both play offense for the Chapman men’s soccer team.

Kai Howe and Tobi Howe have a strong connection since they’ve been playing together for so long, they said, and it’s easy for them to predict what the other person might do during a game.

“It’s just easier playing with each other because we’ve grown up kicking the ball around in the backyard,” Tobi said.

The Howe brothers say they compete in everything, from soccer to video games, but they know when to collaborate for the good of the team.

Head coach Eddie Carillo, who has two daughters who play soccer together, said it’s great to watch the brothers play on the same team.

“I don’t see them getting on their brothers more than they would the other players,” he said. “They just treat them like regular teammates.”

While the Howe brothers grew up playing together, another pair of brothers on the Chapman soccer team, junior captain Jared Matteoni and freshman Zack Matteoni, are playing together for the first time in their lives.

The Matteoni brothers both play defense, which they said helps them understand each other’s approach to the game.

“I think it helps it just because (Jared) already knows the play styles. He knows all the teams we play, he knows all the teammates really well, so he can help me with that,” Zack Matteoni said. “It’s comfortable to have someone you know so well playing next to you.”

While developing the skills is the top priority in practice, Jared Matteoni said it’s important for everyone on the team to feel comfortable around one another.

“With my brother, that’s super easy and natural,” Jared Matteoni said.

“It’s definitely nice, having him back in my life since, when I was here for my first two years, I barely saw him. So now, having him with me again, it’s pretty cool.”

Tobi said his choice to come to Chapman was not based on Kai Howe’s attendance, but, as he is an international student, it helped having his brother already at Chapman.

“Tobi came and visited me once and he loved it (Chapman) as well,” Kai Howe said. “It was like a perfect fit for him. It just ended up happening.”

Tobi said the move from Tokyo to Orange was a big change, but he said attending an American school in Japan meant he wasn’t shocked by the culture change.

Tobi Howe and Kai Howe are international students, but Jared Matteoni and Zack Matteoni grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Tobi Howe and Kai Howe want to establish their presence on the field.

“Since (my brother is) three years older, I know where I want to be in three years,” Tobi Howe said. “I know I want to be even better than he is.”

From left to right, freshman Zack Matteoni, junior Jared Matteoni, senior Kai Howe and freshman Tobi Howe. The Howe brothers are from Tokyo, Japan, and the Matteoni brothers grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area.