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.”

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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.

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

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

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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 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 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.

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stage as “Queen Jade” to perform a drag routine, donning black platform heels and posing to the beat of renowned drag queen RuPaul’s song “The Beginning” and “Sleepwalker” by Lucian Piane.

Kevin Stockbridge, who teaches an introductory LGBTQIA+ studies course at Chapman, brought his class of about 25 students to the event.

“I brought my class as an important part of the LGBTQ Studies course, seeing how queer identities are celebrated and live on our own campus,” Stockbridge wrote in an email to The Panther.

Melody Carey, president of Queer Student Alliance and a junior mathematics and theater studies double major, thinks the university might be hosting the event to counterbalance the lack of LGBTQIA+ representation on campus.

“It’s important to support this kind of stuff, so I felt both obligated to, and wanted to, come,” said Carey, who identifies as gay. “It’s great that they are doing this … I feel like there’s a bit of overcompensation, but I love it. It’s really great that (the university) is supporting this.”

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Members of campus a cappella group Queercappella performed songs by LGBTQIA+ artists like Troye Sivan and Sam Smith at the Pride Month kickoff in Argyros Forum Oct. 1.

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

And 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 sea-
son” 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 Bry-
son, executive director of the Musco Center.

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

In a Sept. 27 email provided to The Panther the day before the lecture, Susan Paterno, the journalism pro-
gram director for Chapman’s English department, wrote to some faculty and members, urging them to consider Attkisson’s lecture as an example of how the selection of campus speakers can promote certain ideologies.

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point of compiled “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 was “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,” she 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.

“In the way I operate it 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, four years after 19-year-
old Tammy Clarke was raped and murdered in her college dormitory at Lehigh University.

Reported rapes on Chapman’s campus decreased by half from 2017 to 2016, going from 6 to 3. Liquor law violations decreased from 296 to 263 and drug violations decreased from 65 to 30.

Despite a small decrease in overall Title IX violations from the 2016-17 to 2017-18 academic years, there were still “several” sexual assault cases in 2018.

A person reported an incident of sexual assault 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’s associate chief and deputy chief, declined to provide The Panther with more detail 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, as at least two students accused the artist of sexual harassment. Izyy Panacci, 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 Chapman did not help 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 changes).”

Burba said that while crime reports are decreasing, faculty and students should not be “complacent.”

“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.”

A Clery Act-mandated report shows a decrease in reported rape, liquor and drug violations at Chapman from 2016 to 2017.

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Comparing modern media con-
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Critical security breach affects Chapman staff and faculty

Rebecca 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 webpage 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.

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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 Mitchellson contributed to this report.

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

Jasmin Sani | News Editor

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

Tyler Hannah, a tour guide who was sitting in Argyros Forum when she noticed Lewis, said she didn’t recognize him at 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 he and 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. “It’s very much so about the student that they’re with.”

No fans or students who recognized Lewis from his role on The Suite Life series – which spanned from 2005 to 2011 – walked up to him or interacted with him, Hannah said.

“I was here when they checked in; they were actually one of the first ones to come check in for the tour,” said Jessica Lumley, the coordinator for Chapman’s Welcome Center. “They had seemed super excited to be on campus. It was funny that none of us really thought about it or recognized him until after we found out.”

Lumley said that none of the tour guides, including sophomore Brandy Yogt, who was Lewis and his family’s guide for the morning, knew that the VIP star would be on campus beforehand.

“I don’t think it hit everyone until he was almost already gone,” Hannah said. “No one would’ve realized it was him unless they were explicitly told. Everyone was just like, ‘Oh my god, there’s a celebrity on campus. 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 costar Brenda Song, as the hotel heir – London Tipton, bow 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.

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For more news from student government, check out the Chapman Award, which student government will present to the two recipients during Homecoming Week.

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The Public Safety daily crime log

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 travels to the Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Sept. 28-30. Bennett initially requested $5,000 to cover 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 give $2,000 for the four members who did attend.

Chapman Grand advisory board

Saba Amid, Wilkinson College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences senator and chair of the University and Academic Affairs Committee proposed creating a Chapman Grand advisory board, which will work to oversee Chapman Grand events. Grand residents, including issues with shuttle times, study space and residents’ social interaction. All 11 student government members present at the meeting voted in favor of creating the board.

Yearbook editor

Mitchell Rosenberg, student government president, announced that interviews for a new yearbook editor has begun. Rosenberg said that by next week, the student government’s Executive Committee will have a list of potential editors for members to vote on. After an editor is selected, student government will then work with the editor to hire a full yearbook staff.

Fitness Center expansion

Student government members are holding office hours this week to discuss the plans to expand the fitness center located in the Henley Hall basement. Student government has received some complaints about the proposed location. Once student government finishes collecting data from students about the expansion, student government will review the data and then submit it to university administration as evidence that students support the expansion.

Spirit of Chapman award

Nominations for the Spirit of Chapman Award are closing this week. Chapman students can nominate seniors for the award. Representatives from student government will present the award to the two recipients during Homecoming Week.

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Students more ‘cautious’ after Kavanaugh hearing

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Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump’s controversial Supreme Court justice, was officially confirmed, 50-48, to the Supreme Court on Saturday Oct. 7 after facing sexual assault allegations brought against him by Christine Blasey Ford, who claims he sexually assaulted her at a high school party in the early 1980s. Two other women have made allegations against Kavanaugh, claiming that he exposed himself to women and participated in sexually aggressive behavior while attending Yale University. Kavanaugh has denied all allegations brought against him.

After learning that Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court, some Chapman students more “cautious” of their behavior in college. The allegations against newly-appointed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh have made some Chapman students more ‘cautious’ of their behavior in college.

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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 entering national neutrality rules.

California’s net neutrality law violates the supremacy clause, which says 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 have to comply, Bell said.

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

Net neutrality requires 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.

“Remaining 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.

"It’s been completely crazy from the beginning to the hearings to Kavanaugh," said Staci Marhoefer, a Chapman senior from Chicago, who is studying digital media and peace studies double major.

"People have been saying ‘Oh but his career, his family, it’s being threatened,’ but you have these women whose lives have been permanently changed by his actions,” Norman said.

"Whether you should support net neutrality or differential pricing, or selling the subscription," 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 longtime fan’ and offer discounts and deals for students," Bell said.

If you support having equal access for everyone, you should support net neutrality," Martinez said. "If you value it as 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 higher bandwidth and not have enough money to pay for services," he said. "In the shorter term, it’s not clear whether they will be better off."

Net neutrality takes free and equal access to the internet. Fewer than 15 percent of all Americans have access to high-speed internet, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

"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.”

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

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Chapman experts weigh in on net neutrality

Stephen Ragsdale, a junior news media and peace studies double major, said she was heartbroken, and that she almost accidentally crashed her car when she saw the news.

"I think it’s an indication that partisan loyalty is considered to be more important than citizens, especially those who have so bravely spoken up in the last couple of years," Norman said. "I think it will have a chilling effect on survivors everywhere, but more importantly, I believe it shows men everywhere that their behavior, especially their violence toward women, will have little to no consequences.”

The sexual assault allegations against Kavanaugh are making some students rethink how their actions in college could affect them later in life. The students have to be “safe and cautious” now, because anything that could come up from students’ college years, said Staci Marhoefer, a Chapman business administration major and external ambassador for the College Republicans at Chapman.

“If you live your life with integrity, and you are cautious now, because anything college could affect them later in life. The students have to be "safe and cautious" now, because anything that could come up from students’ college years, said Staci Marhoefer, a Chapman business administration major and external ambassador for the College Republicans at Chapman.

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Where are they now? Child actors at Chapman

Rachel Kelly checks the red lipstick she had used seven hours ago. It's smeared 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 or 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, a problem that exists on the stage, 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.
LBGTQIA+ inclusive sex 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 about 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 2018, 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-LGBTQIA+ panels to attend, according to the Orange County Register.

Laura Haynes, a Justin therapist and advocate of gay conversion therapy, Stan Weed, a pro-abstinence educator and Nadia Higginbotham, a pro-life attorney who works at a law firm that is fighting against a bill that would outlaw law 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 of the 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 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.

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Diplomatic visas should include same-sex partners

Last week, in a complete reversal of policies instituted in 2009 by the Barack Obama administration, the U.S. declared that it will no longer grant diplomatic visas to “same-sex partners of foreign diplomats and United Nations employees.”

This policy was circulated in a United Nations (U.N.) memo that as of October 1, any same-sex domestic partners “accompanying or seeking to join newly arrived U.N. officials must provide proof of marriage to be eligible for a G-4 visa or to seek a change in such status.”

A G-4 visa is a nonpermanent U.S. visa given to employees of international organizations and their immediate families. There are still 71 countries where homosexuality is illegal, and only 25 have legalized same-sex marriage, according to the BBC.

The U.S. Department of State had previously granted G-4 visas to U.N. employees and U.S. diplomats’ families, including their “spouse or domestic partner” as defined by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

However, the U.S. Department of State now claims that “there is a relationship ‘legally considered to be a holy marriage in the jurisdiction where it took place’ will allow same-sex to be eligible for immigration benefits.”

This means that families of U.N. employees and U.S. diplomats who are in same-sex relationships from countries where same-sex marriage is illegal are unable to qualify for this visa.

The only exception to this policy is for couples who come from countries that do not recognize same-sex marriage.

“The will be granted a diplomatic visa if the government which sends them to work in their embassies in the U.S. grants the same privileges to same-sex partners as it gives to heterosexual couples,” according to BBC.

This means the U.N. employee or U.S. diplomat’s partner will only be granted a visa if a U.S. same-sex couple would be granted equal rights in their country of origin, which is often not the case.

This policy is childish and regressive; the U.S. has made an effort to be more inclusive in the past, but is now regressing to a level of ignorance that many of us thought we had moved beyond.

The U.S. is framing this as “recognizing equal rights” (requiring the same documentation from same-sex and heterosexual couples) without recognizing that equal rights don’t exist in the home countries of many of the people affected by this policy change.

The new policy also says, by the end of 2018, unmarried same-sex partners of diplomats and U.S. citizens will be allowed to stay in the U.S. within 30 days if they remain unmarried and don’t change their visa status.

There are at least 10 U.N. employees in the U.S. with same-sex domestic partners who will need to be married next week to maintain their partner’s visa, according to Foreign Policy Magazine. This policy takes away the U.S.’s promise of safety to these people and forces them into a legal marriage that could result in prosecution (or worse) when they eventually return to their home countries.

With this policy, the U.S. Department of State is granting “equality” by giving everyone technically equal rights, while one of their logic flaws is flawed: Not everyone the policy affects come from a similar background, and many families don’t have the option to obtain the necessary documentation for a G-4 visa.

“Equity” is what we had achieved under the Obama administration. Requiring same-sex couples to have less legal documentation, as it might not be available or safe to have, while still complying with U.S. law.

In this case, moving toward “equality” is actually a step backwards, hurting and endangering people who already face great injustice.

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students graduating and entering a far more positive economic environment than many of their parents.

Unemployment is at its lowest point since 2000, hitting 3.7 percent in September, 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Over the last 10 years, unemployment has changed, meaning that banks have more of a “normal” cushion than in previous years regulations now protect them from losing money due to bad loans and excessive optimism.

Despite a good economy, the smartest people are not necessarily the best money managers. After all, Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and founder of SpaceX, has $10 billion of debt. Even with his intellectual aptitude, degrees in physics and being listed on Forbes’ list of youngest billionaires, he owes the Securities and Exchange Commission millions of dollars.

In addition, many high-paid athletes, due to their lavish lifestyles, do not have a sustainable level of income – six–eight percent of former NBA players were broke within five years, according to a Sports Illustrated report. It’s easy to get caught up in America’s consumption-based society.

My advice to graduating college students: guard your financial safety cushion. That takes more than just avoiding a car payment by not buying a car – you will have all the expenses of car ownership, but are also paying for something you never use. Try to avoid a car payment by not buying a car – you will have all the expenses of car ownership, but are also paying for something you never use.

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There can be much pride, joy and satisfaction in your journey toward financial freedom. The secret is to have economic goals and follow a plan.
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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 his 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.

The referee signaled for a red card after the play, leaving Howe surprised and the Panthers shorthanded for the rest of the match.

Only two of Howe’s six attempted shots were on target. Although Howe disagreed with the red card call, he said that it’s best for him to move on.

The Panthers lost the game 1-0.

“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 cleared 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 Occidental College and at home against for Chapman's homecoming game.
Exiles in Los Angeles: Thomas Mann, Arnold Schoenberg, Theodor Adorno and the Doctor Faustus Controversy

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Seating is limited

2:30-4:45 p.m.
Algyris Forum 209
Introduction by Dr. Marilyn Harris. Stern Chair in Holocaust Education and Director, Rutgers Center for Holocaust Education

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E. Randol Schoenberg
Editor of My Doctor Faustus. Essays on Arnold Schoenberg, Thomas Mann, and Their Contemporaries, 1922-1934

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 $105 million in artwork that had once belonged to her family but was seized 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

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A Conversation with Marjorie Perloff and E. Randol Schoenberg
Moderated by Danielle Struppa, Chapman University
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Trio Céleste Performs Selected Works by Zeisl, Messiaen, and Schoenberg
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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 doing the same thing and 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 (Chapman) as well," Kai Howe said. "It was like a perfect fit for him. It just ended up happening."

Tobi Howe 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.

Zack Matteoni had a better sense of what Southern California was like, Carillo said, because he could visit his brother often.

Kai Howe said even though he is a senior, he is still learning from his younger brother.

"We've definitely gotten closer in recent years and it's been a lot of fun," Kai Howe said. "On the field, we're harsh on each other, but it's good, positive criticism. We're always trying to get better and we know we can be better for each other."

When Kai Howe graduates in the spring of 2019, Tobi Howe wants to establish his 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."