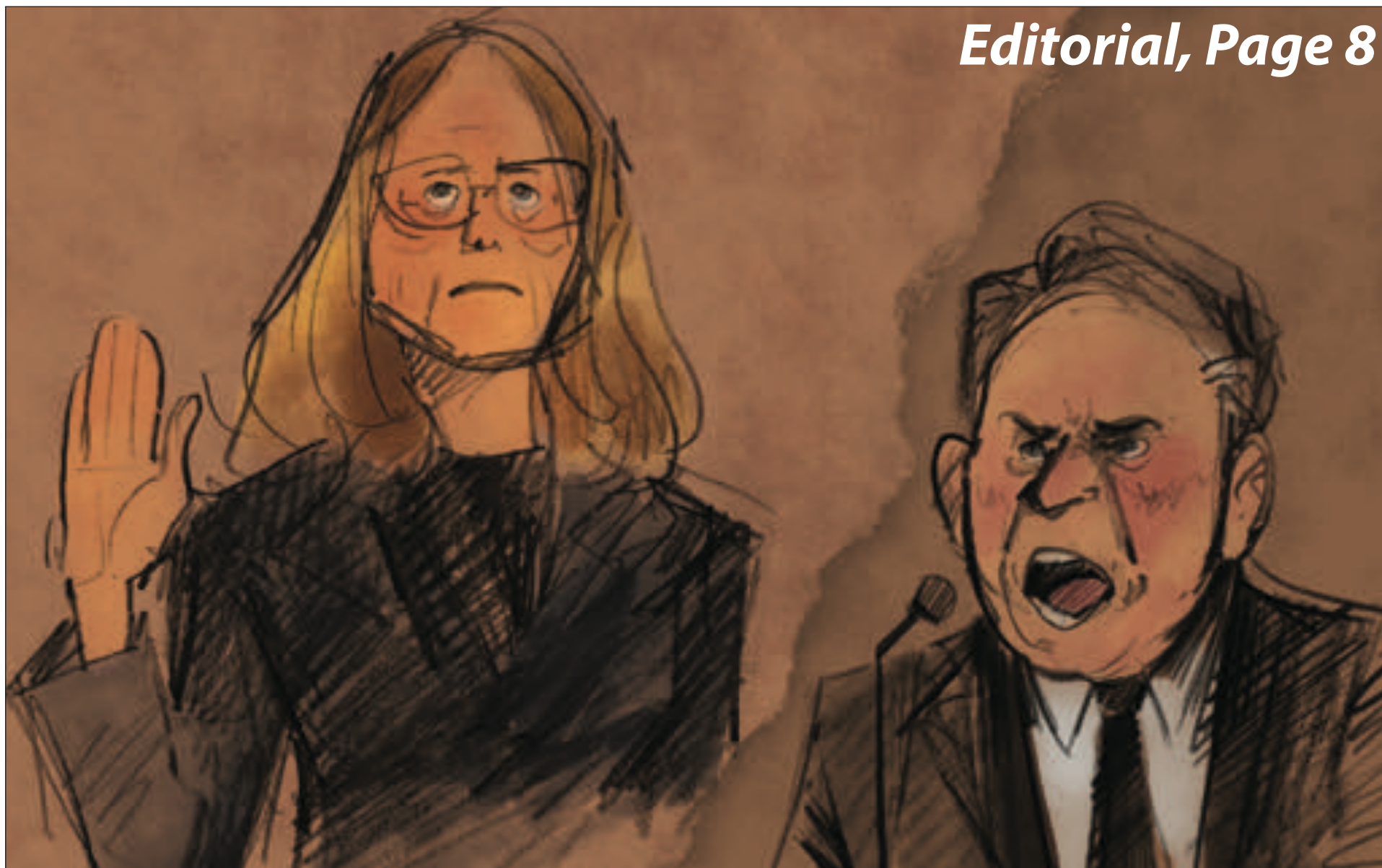


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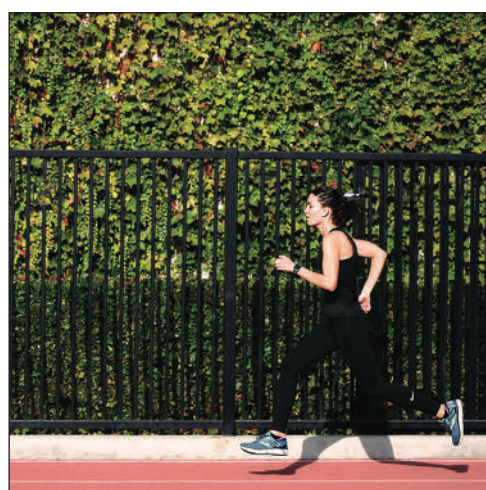
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About 150 students take part in 10th annual Walk Against Violence

Carolina Valencia | Staff Writer

Around 150 students donned heels for Chapman's tenth annual Walk Against Violence Sept. 26, where participants walk from campus to the Orange Plaza and back to Chapman's Attallah Piazza, wearing high heels to take a stand against rape, sexual assault and gender violence.

The event, organized by campus group Creating a Rape-Free Environment for Students (C.A.R.E.S.), began as a campus version of the national "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, said Dani Smith, Chapman's rape crisis counselor and the director of Proactive Education Encouraging Responsibility (P.E.E.R.).

Around 11 percent of undergraduate and graduate students are sexually assaulted or raped during their time in college, according to a Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network fact sheet. Around 20 percent of students aged 18-24 report their assault to law enforcement, according to the fact sheet.

Bala Triolo, a junior economics major, walked at the Sept. 26 event for the second time in his time at Chapman. It's important that fraternity members participate in the walk, Triolo said.

"There is a lot of stigma and bad reputation around fraternity guys, but when you actually get to know who they are, a lot of times they would never do anything that is detrimental or would hurt other people," Triolo said. "I am walking for anyone that has been hurt."

C.A.R.E.S. was established at Chapman in 1993, and the first-ever Walk Against Violence event took place in



MELISSA ZHUANG Staff Photographer

Students walked to the Orange Plaza in heels for the Walk Against Violence event that encourages participants to take a stand against rape, sexual assault and gender violence. The event began at Chapman in 2008, making this its 10th year.

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"C.A.R.E.S started when two (Resident Advisors) came to me and said, 'We need to educate (people) about prevention here on campus,'" Smith said. "We need to help students who have been hurt in this way to come forward and receive the help that they need."

This year, C.A.R.E.S. and Greek life partnered to teach students about alcohol-related hazing with banners, handouts and mocktails – something that has not been done in the past.

A national study on hazing in 2008 found that more than 50 percent of students involved in clubs, teams and organizations – including Greek life – experience hazing. Twenty-six percent of those hazing experiences involved alcohol.

But brief, one-session educational programs that center around "increasing awareness" or "changing beliefs and attitudes" are not effective for changing behavior in the long-term, according to a 2014 U.S. Department of Justice fact sheet, and

aren't likely to have an impact on violence rates.

"There's a lot of allegations within fraternities, and it's a good idea to get ahead of those and show that guys in a fraternity are genuinely good people who care about the community," said Spencer Carlson, a sophomore business administration major. "If we are united against the same cause ... and if we stand together against sexual assault, then that will help prevent it in the future."

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Students cooking started a fire in a first-floor Chapman Grand apartment Sept. 21. Some of their neighbors have been asked to relocate while fire and water damage repairs are made.

Kitchen fire breaks out at Chapman Grand complex

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A kitchen fire broke out in a first-floor apartment unit around 5 p.m. at the 740-resident Chapman Grand apartment complex Sept. 21.

The building's fire alarm and sprinklers were immediately activated and no casualties or injuries were reported, said Dave Sundby, the director of Residence Life and First Year Experience.

The students involved in starting the fire were cooking on skillets on a cooktop in their apartment unit, when the cooking oil hit a "flash point," causing it to burst into flame, said John Kabala, captain of Chapman's Public Safety.

When the building's fire alarms first went off, Residence Life workers did not immediately know whether the alarms indicated a real fire or a drill.

Sundby could not disclose the identities of the apartment's residents, nor could he detail the financial obligations the residents who started the grease fire might have to the university. The cost of repairing the property damages will not be determined for several weeks, he said, and the final number depends on what amount the university's insurance will cover.

Firefighters arrived to the scene within minutes of the alarm. Four fire engines and one paramedic unit responded, as the department didn't

know the extent of the fire, Kabala said.

From 2011 to 2015, U.S. fire departments responded to a yearly average of more than 4,000 fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and other university-related properties, causing around \$14 million in property damage, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Cooking equipment was involved in nearly 87 percent of those reported dorm fires.

"I would make sure to never leave pots or pans on the stove unattended," Kabala said.

The sprinklers that went off in the apartment caused significantly more damage than the fire, Sundby said.

"The water in the sprinkler system is what's considered 'black water,' since it's not water that's safe," Sundby said. "They'd have to do other mediation (and repairs) in the space."

Gabby Michael, a sophomore psychology major who lives next to the students who started the fire was told by Morgan Vaughn, a residential graduate assistant, that her roommate would have to move out of the apartment so the water damage in the den could be repaired.

"I am so upset ... like, what did you do? How did this happen? And why are you dumb?" Michael said. "How incapable of a person are you to start a fire on an electric stove, of all things?"

Michael was given a days' notice that all of her roommate's belongings

in the den bedroom of the apartment would have to be removed so that repairs could start, she said.

"I am so upset ... how incapable of a person are you to start a fire on an electric stove, of all things?"

- Gabby Michael, sophomore psychology major

She will be able to access the apartment during the repairs, but not the affected bedroom, she said. While Michael was not forced to relocate, Residence Life recommended that she temporarily move out during the repairs, which could take up to a month.

"(Residence Life) just emailed us (about the temporary relocation). They didn't go and talk to us in person," Michael said. "I understand that we're here at separate times and that if we're not here, it's not going to be easy to contact us," Michael said. "But

... you should have the decency to come to my door again, ring the bell again and say 'Hey, here's what's going to happen.'"

Michael is planning to move into a two-bedroom Chapman Grand apartment that is more expensive, she said, but she hasn't received any notice that she and her roommate will be paying increased rent.

Some students didn't know where to go when the alarm went off Sept. 21, Michael said, because there was little direction and some of the building's exit signs were broken.

In a Sept. 26 email to Chapman Grand residents, Ketzia Abramson, a residential graduate assistant, sent out an email about the exit signs, saying that if students involved in the repeated damage to the signs do not come forward, all apartment residents will split the cost of repairs.

"Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a string of exit signs that have been broken and/or stolen throughout the hallways of the first, second and third floors," Abramson wrote. "The exit signs are in place in order to assist others in getting around the building, as well as to operate in emergency situations like a fire, building evacuation or blackout."

The evacuation process and response from the fire department kept students safe, Sundby said.

"Now we get to do repairs and clean-up. I'm glad ... the number of students impacted was really minimal," he said.



Protestors gather to support OC sexual education act

Maura Kate Mitchelson | Assistant News Editor

The Orange County Board of Education held a forum Sept. 26 where panelists who opposed the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA) discussed the impact of the law, which requires that comprehensive sex education in California schools be inclusive of LGBTQIA+ high schoolers and middle schoolers.

Outside the building where the forum was held, the LGBT Center OC organized a rally in support of the act with at least 30 supporters, including Peter Simi, a Chapman sociology professor. During the rally, CHYA critics yelled slurs and profanities at the protestors.

“(The panel’s) agenda is much bigger than CHYA,” Laura Kanter, director of Policy, Advocacy and Youth Programs at the LGBT Center OC and one of the rally’s organizers, told *The Panther*. “Their agenda is that they think being LGBT is a sin and that it is wrong, and it is bad, and it is sick and it is perverted. They are going to do what they can to try to prove that.”

Although the act was passed in 2015 and took effect in January 2016, Kanter said some schools in Orange County have illegally chosen not to formally implement the law.

Members of the community who oppose the law have been increasingly vocal during school board meetings, Kanter said.

“It (has) only really been the past few months where this group of people have come to board meetings and organized to prevent the implementation of the law,” Kanter said. “They’re going to school board meetings and spreading a lot of misinformation.”

The act also requires that information about sexually transmitted infection prevention be included in all public school curriculums in the state of California and taught at least once in middle school and once in



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Protestors gathered outside of the Orange County Department of Education building in Costa Mesa, holding up signs to promote educational inclusivity for LGBTQIA+ students.

high school.

By age 18, 55 percent of both male and female high school students have had sex, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Members of the panel brought in by the Orange County Board of Education have connections to known anti-LGBTQIA+ groups, like the American College of Pediatricians and Focus on the Family, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Human Rights Campaign.

“I have a short message, maybe three words: hate is hate,” said Simi, who spoke at the rally. “We cannot be deceived when hate hides behind a church, we cannot be deceived when religion is used to justify hate.”

Lisa Sparks, dean of Chapman’s School of Communication and wife of University President Daniele Struppa, voted as a member of the Orange County Board of Education to approve this forum, Kanter said. Sparks won a June 5 Board of Education trustee election by 32 percent and represents the fifth district in Orange County. Sparks declined to

comment on the event, as she said she keeps her work at Chapman separate from her role as Board of Education trustee.

“(This forum) wasn’t going to provide for the community what the community needs, which is to be educated about why CHYA is important and about the youth it is supporting, which is not just LGBT youth,” Kanter said.

At the beginning of the rally, three people – one wearing a “Make America Great Again” hat – surrounded the protestors and called the rally speakers “perverts.”

Robert Loughton, a Brea resident who stood outside the building where the forum was held, said he believes that CHYA will hurt students and referred to it as “satanic.”

“The people who support this are psychopaths,” Loughton said. “A psychopath is a person that intentionally creates human misery and then the psychopath steps back and enjoys the human misery that he created ... It is not sex education, it is sexual perversion.”

Request for report on Koch funding denied by senate

Rebecca Glaser | Editor-in-Chief

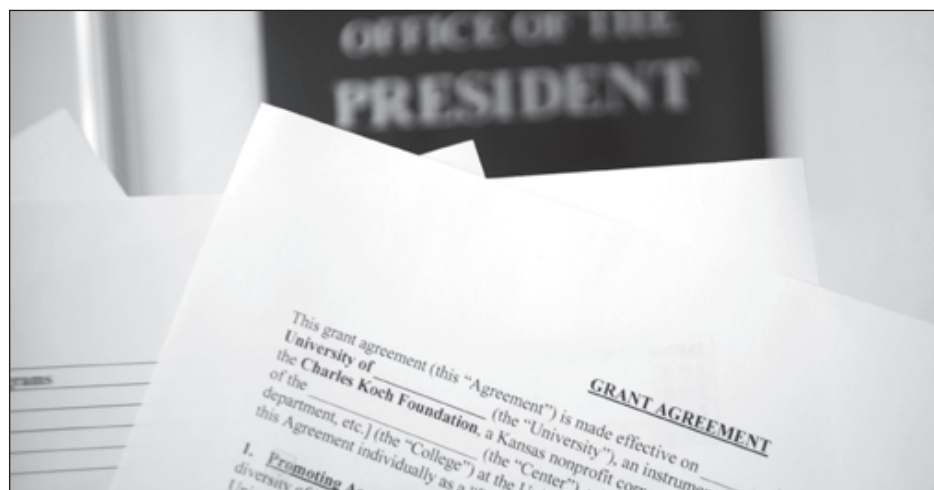
Chapman’s faculty senate denied a request made by seven professors asking for the senate to create a “fact-finding” report by November about donations made by the Charles Koch Foundation in 2016, saying there is “no need” for the report, according to a Sept. 17 email provided to *The Panther*.

“This is a major choice that Chapman University is making that’s going to affect us for decades, and we should give it some due diligence,” said Tom Zoellner, an English professor who spearheaded the effort to request the report.

In December 2016, Chapman received a \$5 million donation from the Charles Koch Foundation to help establish the Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy, which aims to combine the studies of humanities and economics. Some Chapman professors have questioned the transparency and integrity of the donations to the university, since before May 8, administrators had only shown excerpts of the agreement with the Koch Foundation during faculty presentations.

The Koch brothers have also been criticized for their plans to funnel up to \$400 million into conservative policy issues and political campaigns aimed at helping Republicans keep the senate majority in the midterm elections, according to the Washington Post.

The requested report, which would have been put together by an impartial faculty senate committee,



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Chapman’s faculty senate denied a request made by multiple professors to create a “fact-finding” report about donations made to Chapman by the Charles Koch Foundation in 2016.

aimed to strengthen Chapman’s faculty manual procedures for “selecting, vetting and hiring faculty,” obtain a copy of Chapman’s grant agreement with the foundation and set guidelines for similar donations.

After denying the report, the faculty senate cited the fact that the Charles Koch Foundation recently made its grant agreement with the university public as one of the reasons the report wasn’t necessary – something that Zoellner disagrees with.

“The only thing that matters here is that the faculty of Chapman University take a look at this in some meaningful fashion,” Zoellner said. “The senate’s going to do what the senate’s going to do. Why we wouldn’t want to do this is beyond

me.”

The grant’s publication in August marked unprecedented progress for the donations’ transparency at Chapman, where previously, the agreement had only been viewed by *The Panther* and David Pincus, the former faculty senate president.

Zoellner was asked to rephrase the proposal for the report in a Sept. 21 closed faculty senate meeting to make it less specific to the Koch Foundation, said a faculty member who attended the meeting but did not wish to be identified.

Paul Gulino, president of the faculty senate, wrote in a Sept. 28 email to *The Panther* that the rephrased request has not yet been discussed as the executive board is “awaiting further input from senators.”

Senate updates

Sept. 28 meeting

Internal committee confirmation
Newly elected student government officers were assigned to their committees. Carly Croft, the Attallah College of Educational Studies senator, was placed on the Community Outreach committee. Summer Khatib, a student organization senator, was appointed to the Diversity Affairs committee. Dylan Derakhshanian, a student organization senator, will be a member of the University and Academic Affairs Committee. Ishani Patel, a student organization senator, and Nicole Katz, an underclassman senator, were both appointed to the Allocations Committee.

Vegan and vegetarian event
Jackie Palacios, a student organization senator and the Diversity Affairs Committee chair, is organizing an event for students with dietary restrictions. Student government members discussed potential vendors for an event that would have vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free foods. Palacios plans to hold the event in the Attallah Piazza Nov. 1, but the date has not been finalized.

Governing documents review committee
Vice President Arianna Ngnomire announced her plans to implement a new process for reviewing governing documents. Ngnomire wants to extend the revision process in order to thoroughly cover each document.

Academic advising and program advisors
Alex Ballard, upperclassman senator and Allocations Committee chair, met with Roberto Coronel, Chapman’s director of Academic Advising, to discuss the selection process of program advisors. Ballard said he has heard concerns from some students who have to select their own program advisors when they are not assigned one.

Open forum on security cameras
Newly inducted student organization senator Summer Khatib brought up the lack of security cameras in the Lastinger Parking Structure. Director of Elections Wil Harris told Khatib that he and other members of student government spoke with Public Safety last year about security concerns in the parking structure. Harris was told the cameras would cost the university up to \$50 million to install, due to the structure being made of already-poured concrete. Harris encouraged Khatib to continue talking with Public Safety.

Compiled by Maura Kate Mitchelson

INCIDENT LOG

Sept. 21
A kitchen fire broke out at Chapman Grand around 5 p.m. and was extinguished by the building’s fire sprinkler system. The Anaheim Fire Department arrived at the scene and cleared the building for reentry.

Sept. 22
Public Safety officers observed a person trespassing on campus near the Lastinger Athletics Complex at around 3:30 a.m. The Orange Police Department arrived and arrested the person for narcotics possession at the scene.

Sept 22
Public Safety arrested a person near Henley Hall for stealing a bike tire.

Compiled by Jasmin Sani from the *Public Safety daily crime log*

City council candidates prepare for upcoming elections

In the 2014 midterm election, almost 15 percent of Chapman students voted according to a National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) campus report.



KATE HOOVER **Features Editor**

The Orange City Council elections, which will take place on Nov. 6, will see candidates including a Chapman doctoral student and a community college student running for council positions.

Talia Cuttitta | Assistant Features Editor

There are three candidates running for mayor and eight candidates running for two city council member seats in the Orange City Council elections that will take place Nov. 6.

John Russo, Doug Vogel and Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Murphy are running for mayor, and Daniel Correa, Zachary Collins, Marilyn Rollins, Jon Dumitru, Betty Valencia, councilwoman Kimberlee Nichols, Chip Monaco and Adrienne Gladson are running for city council.

They discussed issues like homelessness, immigration, the economy and Chapman's expansion.

"As a student, I don't feel like I have been included in city council. I want students to feel they are included in city council and represent students in city council," said Betty Valencia, city council candidate and current graduate student at Chapman University.

In 2014, only 14.8 percent of Chapman students voted, according to a National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) campus report. Valencia, who is a doctoral student at Chapman, immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico City in 1978 and was inspired to run for city council after a city council meeting in April discussed California's sanctuary state bill. The community needs to remember not to bring national policies into the council, because it's not a city council issue, Valencia said.

"These resolutions were simply an exercise saying 'we are dividing' – an exclusionary symbol ... I want them to publicly rescind this resolution not quietly," Valencia said.

Valencia also said that "homelessness is not hopelessness."

"I look at homelessness as not the person, but as a state," she said. "We can never settle for just enough. There is plenty of room to do more. I'm looking at things to take an approach to homelessness. We have an assembly that's developing a housing trust. We have an obligation to help our residents."

Doug Vogel, an Orange mayoral candidate, said he believes the increase in homelessness is because of the increase in sober living homes in the area.

"In Orange County, there are more than 500 sober living homes. They treat people with addiction, but they are adding to the amount of homelessness," Vogel said. "When they drop out of the sober living homes, they become homeless."

John Russo, political science major at Santiago Canyon College and the youngest Orange mayoral candidate said he was inspired to run because he felt Orange leaders were inaccessible.

"When you reach out to councilmen or mayor, you won't get a timely response from them," Russo said. As mayor, you should be responsive and available. As a city leader, you need to be present in the community."

Zachary Collins, who is running for city council, said he also believes that city council members should be more accessible to the (Orange) residents.

"For somebody like you or anybody in this room to speak to this council and voice your concerns, it's not going to happen. (The city council) don't get paid, they don't want to engage. I, on the other hand, have over 100 hours a week to devote to council," Collins said.

However, Daniel Correa, who is running for city council, said he is the "only one" with a plan.

Orange's growing pension obligation "has become the biggest financial obstacle" facing the city, according to the City of Orange 2018-2019 fiscal budget. Voegel said his goal is to find other revenue aside from sales tax. He also said he is concerned with the growing deficit in city."

"The council will be faced with raising its sales tax to deal with this," Vogel said.

Vogel said he wants to make sure infrastructure projects in Orange are carried out throughout the city by priority of need, not focusing on just the historic downtown areas.

"People don't like change," Vogel said. "They like the way their town was, but if it wasn't for Chapman, this town wouldn't have the sales tax it needed to pay for public services."

Correa said he wants to mitigate the effects of Chapman's expansion and protect historic districts by building more dorms on Chapman Avenue, like the existing Panther Village, and building for "lift" parking, or machinery that stacks one car on top of another to allow for more space.

Chapman has had issues with

parking in the past, such as pressure on high-demand parking structures during peak times.

"We recognize Chapman has to grow, but we can sit down and work in harmony," Correa said. "We can construct on Chapman Avenue without impacting the historic district. Chapman Avenue is already geared to handle mass business, and would address Chapman objectives without impacting the immediate community."

Vogel also talked about the noise ordinance, which was voted in to dissuade party-related issues.

"I have two or three (fraternity) houses on my street, and I don't approve of the ordinance – I'm against that. It's discriminative against one group," Vogel said. "I think Chapman itself should establish something to handle complaints and do a little more self management."

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'Chapman's most reliable newspaper' publishes first issue

Maggie Wright | Staff Writer

Names have been changed as the creators of The Kumquat asked to remain anonymous.

The Chapman Kumquat, a student-run satirical newspaper, wasn't surprised when Dean of Students Jerry Price took down the papers they had posted around campus.

"We put (them) on Ronald Reagan's face," said George, one of The Kumquat's creators. "We should have known it wasn't going to stay there."

But the attention from students was surprising, George said. Their hidden identities add "mystique" to the paper, he said. The Kumquat believes that their success was also due to their humor, not just the mystery.

"Who are we? Who knows? This is college, we don't even know who we are," said Audrey, one of The Kumquat's creators.

The satire paper started as a joke between the two founders, they said. Once they decided to produce it, they figured it would end up being some "off-to-the-side, fringe thing." Instead, they received a massive response. Fifteen students applied to work for the paper after their first issue was published, but The Kumquat can only hire three to five more people, they said.

"We were in class and students in the row in front of us were reading it and passing it around," Audrey said. "It took everything in us not to be like, 'Hey, you're laughing at my cartoon.'"

The Kumquat has been a year in the making. In 2017, the founders

reached out to The Panther looking to start a satire section. When they didn't receive a response, they took to Twitter, posting twice before they began working on the paper. After months of rewriting, designing, and crafting their tone and voice, they published the first issue Sept. 19. Two hundred flyers were posted on campus.

The idea of the paper is that students take the papers down from where they've been posted to read them. After the first 200 were taken down by students, Kumquat members posted 200 more.

"We want longevity," Audrey said. "We planned this for a year, we wanted to do it right."

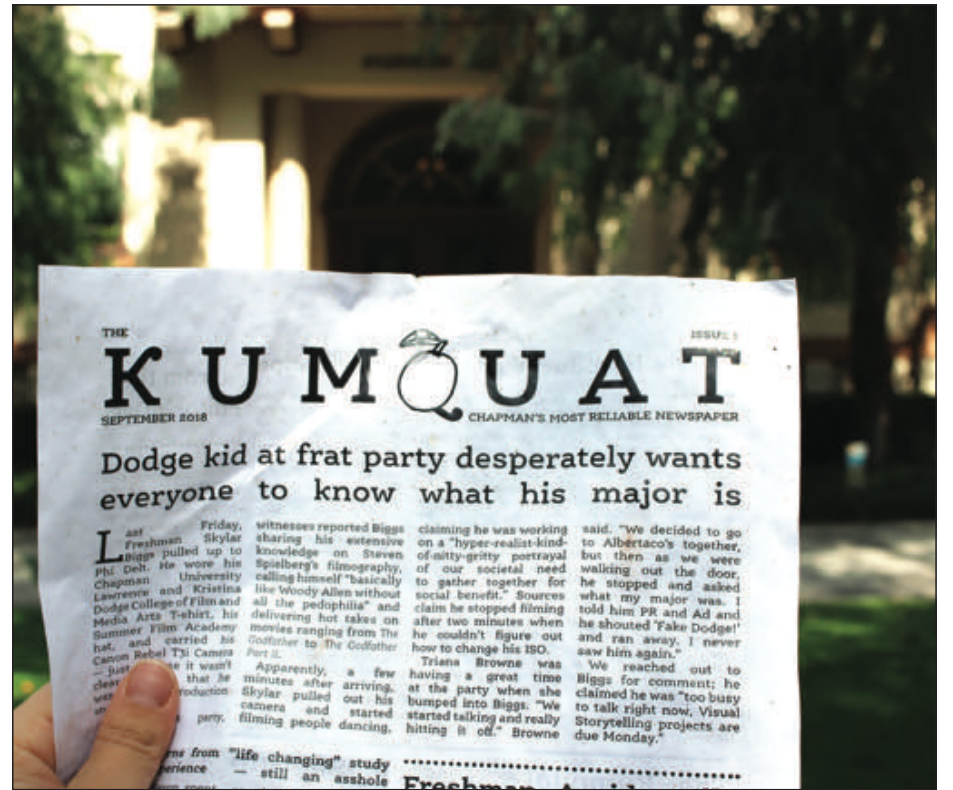
The Kumquat was inspired by other satirical publications like The Harvard Lampoon and The Onion, and the co-founders want to write for Saturday Night Live. They want to bring a piece of that comedy to Chapman, since the university doesn't have a lot of outlets for being critical, they said.

"Honestly it's doing everything we wanted it to do," George said. "We wanted it to be an object of joy and laughter and an outlet for comedy."

Price told The Panther he enjoyed The Kumquat's first issue, even though it violated school policy. The issue was "nerve-wracking," he said, because some people might find the content "unattractive and offensive."

Price said he supports the satire, and that general discussion and writing sometimes needs to be socially or politically "edgy" in order to make a larger point. He said he believes it's been a part of history for a long time.

"There's nothing in there that



CATHERINE OWEN Staff Photographer

The Kumquat, a student-run satirical newspaper, posted its first issue at locations around campus Sept. 19.

bothered me particularly," he said. "Some of it, I thought, was kind of amusing, but I won't be specific."

Price clarified why The Kumquat papers were taken down in a tweet on Sept. 19. He said he didn't want his tweet to be interpreted as critical and he only tweeted for informational purposes. The papers were taken down for violating Chapman's posting policy, not because of their message, he said.

"My biggest fear was that people would think we took down The

Kumquat because of what it said," he said. "I didn't want people to think we removed it because of the content."

In the tweet, Price also refuted The Kumquat's claims that he has a "tramp stamp of a Fenestra."

"I didn't want to sound too administrative and serious," Price said. "I decided to clear up about the tramp stamp in the same tweet and add a little levity to the situation."

Delta Sig accepts 9 pledges after 'selective' recruitment

Kate Hoover | Features Editor

The baseball diamond was in use. The Chick-fil-A wasn't delivered on time. The golf course didn't take reservations, but the Delta Sigma Phi (Delta Sig) fraternity had to show up and hope for the best. Nevertheless, Delta Sig's first formal recruitment since it rejoined Chapman's eight other fraternities last fall went "pretty smoothly," said junior Charlie Story, vice president of recruitment for Delta Sig and computer science major.

Delta Sig had its Eta Lambda chapter at Chapman from 1988 to 1996, but it was shut down because of "financial instability," Delta Sig Recruitment Specialist Joe Burns told The Panther in 2017.

Now, after its first formal recruitment since being shut down 20 years ago, Delta Sig accepted a pledge class that was about half the size of what founding members anticipated, Story said. On paper, 72 students said they were interested in Delta Sig, but only 35 students showed up to Delta Sig events during rush, Story said. Out of the 35 students who rushed, 21 students were preferred, or "preffed," and nine became pledge class members, he said.

Most fraternities at Chapman accept a pledge class of about 30 students, said Trystan Davis, Interfraternity Council (IFC) president and senior broadcast journalism major.

"(It was a) bad turnout," Story said. "I was a bit bummed honestly. Some of our favorites didn't show up for preff night."

Story said Delta Sig was somewhat

selective during the recruitment process, turning away "a few" students because they didn't fit the standard Delta Sig is trying to uphold at Chapman.

"Some also were just red flags right away. We were going for quality over quantity," he said.

Story said some examples of "red flags" are if a female student told a fraternity brother that a potential new member did something bad or having potential new members talk about partying too much which, to Story, is the "exact opposite" of what Delta Sig wants to focus on.

The Panther reported that the fraternity has had six chapters on college campuses nationwide disaffiliate over the past five years. Delta Sig's chapter shutdowns were mainly caused by hazing scandals, drug and alcohol violations, as well as one hazing-related death at High Point University in 2012.

Robert Tipton, a 22-year-old pledge class member of Delta Sig at High Point University in North Carolina, was found unresponsive in an off-campus apartment in March 2012, the morning after attending a dinner with his pledge brothers. He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Tipton's family is suing High Point University, alleging that hazing led to his death and that university officials had knowledge of the fraternity's conduct, according to CBS News.

Chapman's Delta Sig chapter is "obviously against hazing," said junior Niles Lopshire, Delta Sig IFC chair.

"If one of us hears about another



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Joe Burns, recruitment specialist, presenting for the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity in Irvine Lecture Hall in March 2017. The fraternity held its first formal recruitment this fall.

brother even pondering the idea (of hazing), we will shut it down immediately," Lopshire said. "We don't want to be like the other fraternities, even if it's (the hazing is) underground."

Story said that Chapman Greek life has someone who is responsible for leading the standards board and is "basically the grand jury" of Greek life on campus. There are also two new member educators who enforce a zero tolerance policy for hazing, he said.

There were four fraternity pledge deaths nationwide last year, according

to CNN, though none of these deaths were Delta Sig pledges.

As of now, Delta Sig is known as the "new frat," but they hope to build a better reputation with the new pledge class, Story said.

"I think we just need to keep making a name for ourselves," Story said. "I've talked to people and they don't even know who we are, which is totally fine with me. I want the first thing you hear about us to be good."

‘We made it’: Asian-American students talk film representation

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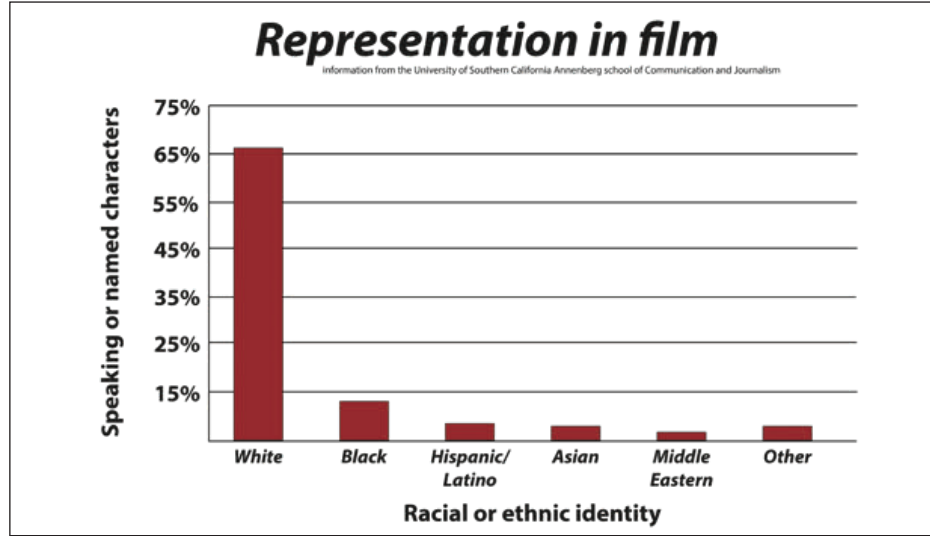
Leah Sherman-Weiner, a junior film production major, said she was “terrified” about a movie like “Crazy Rich Asians” because it was the first film made in a long time with a majority Asian cast. Sitting in the movie theater, Sherman-Weiner said she was shaking because she was nervous that “Crazy Rich Asians” wouldn’t accurately portray the Asian community.

“The fact that this was coming from Hollywood blew me away. I thought to myself – we made it. I was sitting there, (watching ‘Crazy Rich Asians’), determined and ready to make space for myself,” Sherman-Weiner said. “I was ready to fight the uphill battle as an Asian woman entering the industry. I hadn’t really seen something that told me I could do it until now.”

“Crazy Rich Asians,” “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before,” “Searching,” and “A Simple Favor” are four films released this year with at least one Asian main character.

Asian characters comprised less than five percent of speaking characters in Hollywood films last year, despite making up 5.7 percent of the US population. Last year, there were only four Asian leads in the 100 top-grossing films, according to the *The Guardian*.

“What I loved about ‘Searching’ and ‘Crazy Rich Asians’ was that the characters are Asian, but they didn’t have to be,” Sherman-Weiner said.



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Asian speaking or named characters only made up 2.3 percent of characters of films in 2016, according University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communications and Journalism report on diversity in entertainment.

“They could have worked with any family, but they were Asian families, and this allowed me to relate the films to my own life.”

A film like “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” could have been a “white-washed” average role, Sherman-Weiner said, but instead it adds something to the conversation by making the main character Asian.

“I think what’s so incredible about film is that when you see something you relate to, you know you are not alone in this feeling,” she said.

Sherman-Weiner is working on an Advanced Production (AP) film for her major called “Help Wanted,” the story of Hanna Su, a Chinese-American girl who is kicked out of her house after dropping out of

college.

“I’m most excited to see what kind of differences I can make even with this little short film,” Sherman-Weiner said. “I want to make a film with diversity without it being a ‘diversity film.’”

Melissa Cho, a sophomore news and documentary and theater studies double major, will play the role of Hanna Su in Sherman-Weiner’s film. Cho saw a post on the Chapman Casting Connection Facebook page looking for an Asian American actress and decided to audition.

“I saw myself finally at an advantage when (the creators of ‘Help Wanted’) were looking for an Asian-American actress,” Cho said. “Dodge projects rarely cast people of color, especially

someone like me, so when I saw the casting call said “Asian-American” I thought, ‘Wow, I might actually have a shot at this. What are the chances that I’ll ever get cast in another film?’”

Hanna’s character in “Help Wanted” is complex, and her ethnicity doesn’t determine how relatable she is, Cho said. Hanna is trying to figure out what she wants to do in life – a universal theme that will hopefully resonate with all audience members, she said.

Recent Asian representation on the big screen have also made Cho less anxious about joining the film industry, she said.

“Hollywood producers are finally understanding the positive correlation between a diverse cast and box office success,” Cho said.

Stephanie McAdams, a junior screenwriting major, wrote the script for “Help Wanted.”

“When I write, I don’t write for a certain race or gender, I just leave it up to the director to decide,” McAdams said, “and I’m happy that (‘Help Wanted’) can add to the conversation (about Asian representation).”

When future audiences see an Asian character on screen, it hopefully won’t be a surprise because they will be in films frequently, Cho said.

“I hope the fight for more Asian representation in the creative fields doesn’t stop at the cultural phenomenon of ‘Crazy Rich Asians,’” Cho said. “It’s definitely a milestone, but there is still so much more to accomplish.”

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Orange County needs your vote



Gracie Fleischman
Opinions Editor

There's a reason former President Barack Obama recently spoke in Anaheim, California, for the first time this August: the midterm elections in Orange County are proving to be more important than ever, especially if you are liberal.

Around the same time Ronald Reagan became governor of California in 1967, Orange County began creeping slowly to the right, according to the LA Times. It was sometimes referred to as the "Orange Curtain" by Republicans that won the votes of white suburban residents in the area. Although the county is often called a "Republican stronghold," its growing diversity and the increase in left-wing candidates running for office have changed it drastically since 2012.

The most important gains to be made are in the U.S. House of Representatives. If Democrats want to win back a majority in the House, they need Orange County's red districts to turn blue. Out of these districts, there are three in desperate need of new leadership that have a chance of electing a democrat.

In the 45th district, which encompasses cities like Irvine and Tustin, incumbent Rep. Mimi Walters' seat is threatened by University of California, Irvine law professor Katie Porter. Endorsed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Sen Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), and Obama, Porter leads in the polls by 5 percent. By contrast, Walters has voted in line with President Donald Trump almost 99 percent of the time and is so disliked by her constituents that her Google reviews average 1.7 stars.

Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher represents the 48th district, which spans from Aliso Viejo to Huntington Beach. As someone who lives in his district, I can attest that he is truly terrible. In July, Rohrabacher yelled at reporters who questioned him about his involvement with Maria Butina, who is accused of being a covert Russian agent and allegedly infiltrated the National Rifle Association (NRA) on behalf of the Kremlin.

A month earlier, Rohrabacher told members of the National Association of Realtors that he believed homeowners shouldn't have to sell to LGBTQ people. Perhaps Rohrabacher is confused and believes he is representing a more conservative state like Indiana, where similar laws have been passed. Either way, we need to vote this bigoted man out of office.

In the 49th district, which covers part of Laguna Niguel and parts of San Diego County, democratic candidate Mike Levin is leading in the polls against climate change denier and Republican Diane Harkey. Levin is a lawyer who has worked for environmental and clean energy causes, while former lawmaker Harkey was endorsed by Trump, as well as "San Diegans for Secure Borders," a group that promotes white nationalism propoganda.

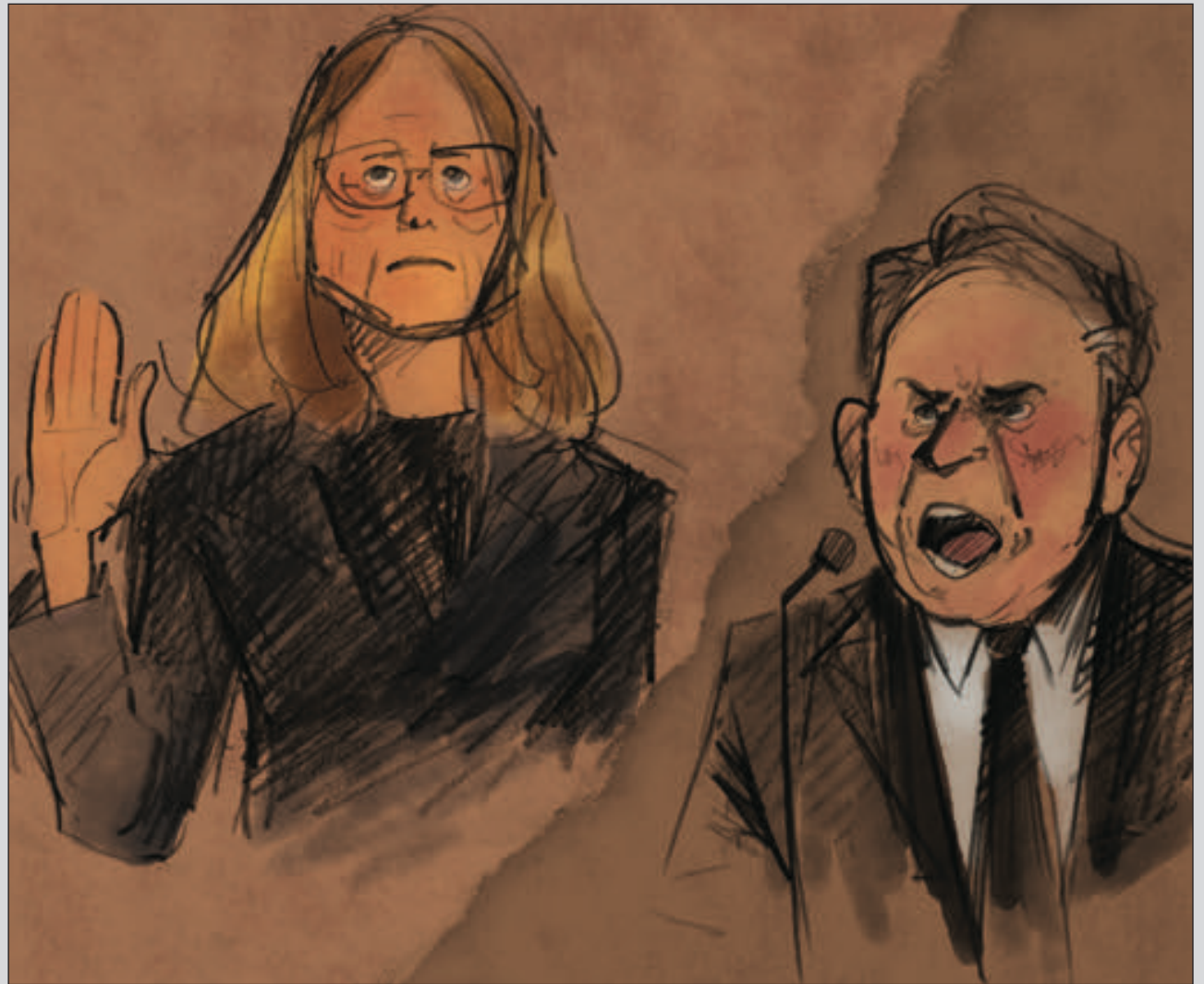
If you live in any of these districts, please vote Nov. 6. If you are from a different state or district with a less narrow race, consider changing your voter registration to reflect your Chapman address. You may see yourself moving back to your hometown after graduation, but right now, you probably live here the majority of the year – and these representatives affect your day-to-day life.

To register as a voter in Orange County if you are from a different state or district, you simply reregister with your new address on California's voter registration website. You can do so as many times as you need, as long as it reflects your current residence. You can also check your voter status, just in case you forgot to register or don't remember doing so.

The last day to register to vote in California for the upcoming midterms is Oct. 22. In the past, midterm elections have a historically low voter turnout — in the last midterm in 2014, the U.S. had the lowest turnout since World War II at a little over 36 percent, according to Time. But this year, turnout is already higher than the last midterms, with more than 10 million people who already cast their vote, compared with the previous midterms, when only 7 million had voted by this time, according to Pew Research Center.

Let's change Orange County for the better this midterm – we have the power to do so and we have candidates who are worth voting for. The people of our county deserve better representation and the best way to kick Trump-supporting politicians out of power is to vote.

EDITORIAL



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We believe her

The Panther Editorial Board

"I am here today not because I want to be. I am terrified," said professor and Stanford University psychologist Christine Blasey Ford. "I am here because I believe it is my civic duty to tell you what happened to me while Brett Kavanaugh and I were in high school."

On Sept. 27, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh faced the Senate Judiciary Committee and provided a statement about the accusations of sexual assault and harassment that have been brought against him.

Ford was compelling and stoic during her testimony, and her composure stood in stark contrast to Kavanaugh's volatile and often defiant attitude.

But instead of making Kavanaugh address Ford's accusations during his own testimony, Republican senators often used their allotted time to make statements in support of Kavanaugh or apologize to him for having to undergo scrutiny, delegitimizing and demeaning Ford's accusations. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina even called the hearing an "unethical sham."

The hearing wasn't an "unethical sham" – but what resulted from it was a failure of democracy. Kavanaugh could be appointed to the highest court in the U.S., a position where he would be responsible for making decisions that will affect millions of people for the rest of his potential life term.

Kavanaugh was just days away from potentially being confirmed by the senate until Republican Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake's last-minute call for a week long FBI investigation into the allegations against Kavanaugh after Flake was confronted by two women in an elevator.

But the issue is not solely about whether Kavanaugh is guilty of the accusations against him. It is about the fact that in an 11-10 majority of Republican senators who voted – 100 percent of whom were men – chose party ties over due process.

In the U.S., more than 60 percent of sexual assaults nationwide are not reported to police. This number rises to 90 percent for college students, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The hashtags #WhyIDidntReport and #IBelieveHer trended nationwide after Ford came forward as the woman behind the anonymous letter accusing Kavanaugh of sexual assault.

This hearing was a historic opportunity for the Republican Party to transcend partisanship and demonstrate that credible sexual assault allegations should be taken seriously.

Instead, in a society where the majority of sexual assault and rape victims are female, this flagrant indifference toward a credible witness sends a clear message to women across the nation who have been assaulted and are afraid to come forward: No matter how composed, rational and convincing you are, you will not be taken seriously.

But women are watching, and they are not silent or passive. In the highest numbers since 1992, they are leaning toward voting Democrat and a record-breaking number are running for office.

As part of the next generation of voters and politicians, college women stand to impact the status quo for years to come. It is our responsibility to uphold the core tenets of democracy and ensure that our political parties represent what's best for their constituents, not for the elite group of politicians that head them.

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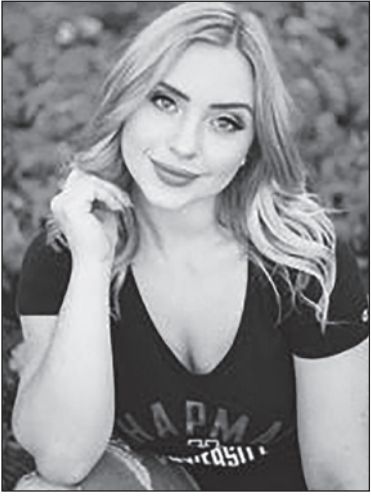
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Bringing up false accusations invalidates assault survivors



Danielle Shorr, graduate creative writing student

I am a different person than who I was before the assault. Trauma has a way of undoing identities, reshaping them as time passes, and even more so as healing takes place. I have been made permanently aware of this reality. There is an ever-present, often indefinite impact of trauma: its half-life.

Five years later, my trauma is no longer an intrusion in my day-to-day life. Now and then, it asks to be acknowledged and less frequently, acts as a barrier to

intimacy. For the majority of the time, it is a discretion I carry quietly. Only occasionally does it become an active roadblock.

The long-term effects of sexual violence are well-known. Post-traumatic stress disorder is now recognized as more than just an issue relating to veterans. But still, the reality of its impact is often forgotten or dismissed, and its validity often diminished or ignored, in favor of a diversion.

I know firsthand that when sexual assault survivors

come forward, they may not be believed. When voicing their experience with sexual assault and the trauma that results, survivors are often faced with the counterargument of false accusation, as though the two can be compared.

With the increasing public discourse about sexual assault, specifically surrounding the allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, many have called attention to the existence of false accusations.

At the forefront of the discussion is that accusations have the capacity to destroy the accused's life, as though sexual assault doesn't destroy the lives of its victims.

If the validity of an accusation is not called into question – which it almost always is – then a question may be posed of whether or not its impact on the perpetrator's life should continue in the years following the attack. Why didn't the victim come forward? Why did they wait so long? Who's to say they aren't lying? The understanding here is clear: We talk more about the effects of accusations than we do about the effects of assault itself.

I often refer to people who have experienced sexual assault as "survivors" rather than "victims." Recovering from an assault is not passive. It often requires therapy, and other forms of active help. It can take years for survivors of sexual assault to get access to the help they need, and sometimes, they don't receive it at all. The same goes for justice.

Our legal system is often fallible, and the poor handling of sexual assault cases in the U.S. isn't a secret. A mere 6 percent of rapists will spend a day in jail for their actions, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. It isn't a mystery why many women don't report, or why they often wait years to come forward.

We have been led to believe that the prevalence of false

accusations is higher than it actually is. Similar to how "black-on-black crime" is often brought up to detract from the issue of police brutality, the idea of false accusation comes to light in the discourse about sexual assault.

The possibility of false accusation and the fear that an accusation ruins the accused's life is nothing compared to the impact of assault.

Accusing sexual assault survivors of making false claims is an attempt to invalidate their experiences. It's a form of derailment and dismissal.

Perhaps instead of worrying about the impact that accusations have on the alleged perpetrators, we should acknowledge the stories of survivors and the lasting weight of their trauma.

Even after the actual incident has passed, the psychological burden of assault remains. The truth is, you don't forget: a hand covering your mouth, a knee digging into your rib cage, the paralysis of fear. Time does not heal all wounds. Then, one day, your rapist might be a prominent figure in the news or set to take a powerful position in a country that has previously silenced women like you. The year is 2018, and many of the girls you know have a story just like yours, have yet to forget it, and most likely, have never sought justice for it.

My rapist's name is something I've shared only in secret. I have never come forward publicly about the entirety of what happened to me, and it's likely I never will. The "what-ifs" are a constant I consider daily. Even back then, years ago, I knew that the consequences of my admission were likely to outweigh any potential for justice. The current climate of this ongoing conversation reminds me that we need to hear survivors of sexual assault and believe them.

Kavanaugh hearings reveal a shared struggle



Daniel Espiritu, junior political science major

President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, gave a testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee Sept. 27. Supreme Court justices are appointed to a lifetime and can affect the lives of millions of people, so it's clear why many watched the Kavanaugh hearings.

The justice who is confirmed by the U.S. Senate will play a large part in shaping the course of U.S. politics for the rest of his or her life

term. Kavanaugh's nomination process has been unusual because he has been accused of sexual assault and sexual misconduct by four women.

A more reasonable leader might immediately begin looking for a new nominee to ensure that the highest court in the country will be occupied with people of integrity (or at least to avoid a scandal). But, as you may already know, Trump is no such president. Power struggles surrounding race and gender are arguably at the root of this entire ordeal.

Rather than trying to smooth the situation over, Trump almost immediately defended Kavanaugh, claiming that the allegations were part of a "a big, fat con job" and that Democrats intentionally "destroyed a man's reputation," even saying that he sympathizes with Kavanaugh because he has also been the subject of "false accusations."

The president's supporters might argue that Trump is giving his nominee the benefit of the doubt. Whether or not that is the case, where is that level of fairness for people of color?

"Central Park Five," a 2012 PBS documentary, describes the aftermath of an incident where a woman jogging in New York City's Central Park was assaulted and raped. Five black and Latino teenagers between the ages of 14 and 16 were found guilty of rape after the police were able to produce coerced confessions on video, according to the New York Times.

Evidence found later revealed that the boys were innocent. All five of the boys ended up serving between seven to 13 years in prison for crimes they didn't commit, according to the article.

In 1989 when the boys were arrested, Trump took out a full-page ad in four New York newspapers calling for the death penalty.

While on the 2016 election campaign trail, Trump said that he still believes the Central Park Five guilty, despite the DNA evidence that proves their innocence. Later that year, Trump often mentioned an ongoing investigation into an undocumented immigrant who was accused of shooting and killing Kathryn Steinle, a Bay Area woman

After Trump won the election, the accused man was found not guilty and Trump called the ruling

"disgraceful."

Why, despite DNA evidence that proves these people of color are innocent, can't Trump seem to let his contempt for them go? And why is it that even after the justice system found the accused undocumented immigrant innocent, Trump still characterizes the ruling as "disgraceful" while holding that Kavanaugh is being treated unfairly? Where is the justice for people of color?

The answer is simple. In the eyes of Trump and many of his supporters, there is no justice for people of color in the U.S. Since Trump is leading the effort to silence the women that came forward against his Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, he is showing us that he doesn't believe in justice for women, either.

As long as people like Trump stay in power, women and people of color will continue to be silenced, as well as subjected to violence and inequitable criminal scrutiny. As always, women of color will be forced to bear the brunt of these injustices.

As marginalized people, we should recognize that we're stronger united. Race and gender play a role in how our political institutions operate.

If our goal is to have a government whose aim is to create a society where justice and equality are considered inalienable rights, society needs to come together and work to balance the systems of power within U.S. political institutions. And if that doesn't work, we need to ask which systems of power are actually for the benefit of the people – and which only exist to benefit an exclusive group.

One thing Chapman should learn from Dolores Huerta



Brian Glaser, writing studies professor

On Oct. 22, labor leader and activist Dolores Huerta will speak at Chapman University, talk with University President Daniele Struppa and take questions from the audience. Huerta is the founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) union and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Her leadership has helped to

transform the lives of workers in one of the most ferociously marginalized jobs in American history and she effectively shaped the labor movement in this nation in a way few others have done before her.

Huerta's leadership won farm workers not only better wages and working conditions – including protections from some pesticides – but also healthcare benefits.

The Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan, part of the

original UFW contract, provided medical care to the families of agricultural workers for decades to come. The significance of these healthcare benefits for the people that provide us all with our food should not be overlooked.

“**Chapman should learn from Dolores Huerta the moral importance of looking out for the well-being of employees and their families.**”

Chapman should learn from Huerta the moral importance of looking out for the well-being of employees and their families. In my area of instruction at Chapman, the field of writing studies, most courses are taught by part-time faculty. They are paid, in many cases, less than half the salary full-time faculty are paid for teaching the same course, according to 2016 salary information from Chronicle Data.

Because they are part-time, they do not qualify for the healthcare plans available to full-time faculty, according to the Chapman website. If they or their children get sick, there is nothing Chapman offers in the way of a safety net for them, something that unionized farmworkers have had since the 1960s.

The Modern Language Association (MLA), one of the leading professional organizations in the field of writing studies, has issued statements advocating for the fair treatment of part-time faculty.

They acknowledge the conditions that emerge from unequal status: “The conditions under which most adjunct teachers are employed define them as nonprofessionals... They receive little recognition or respect for their contributions to their departments; almost always they are paid inequitably and receive no fringe benefits.”

Despite this industry-wide exploitation, the MLA guidelines are very clear about what is fair treatment and compensation for university faculty, saying that all teachers should receive basic benefits like health insurance.

One of the most important lessons we can learn from Huerta's life is that it takes a fight to make conditions more fair for those without much clout. Do we really need to ask her who should be joining the fight?

Women's volleyball setter stands out in conference

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor

Freshman setter and right-side hitter Sophie Srivastava received The Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Offensive Athlete of the Week award Sept. 10. Unsure of how to navigate the Chapman Athletics website, Srivastava, a psychology major, didn't know she won the award until her friend brought it up at practice.

"It was pretty crazy, especially because I didn't really know what it was at first," Srivastava said.

Motivated to play volleyball by her mother, who played Division III volleyball at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Srivastava said when she struggles to juggle school and the sport, her mother helps her manage.

"She's my biggest inspiration and she definitely helped (with) managing time and talking me off the edge," Srivastava said. "Her experience was not as great as what I'm doing at Chapman, but she was definitely (told me) 'You should do Division III.'"

Head coach Mary Cahill said that after receiving the award, Srivastava continued meeting the coaches' expectations.

"It's a great honor, especially as a freshman," Cahill said. "They don't have to be Athlete of the Week every week, we just want them to be consistent. She has been that, and that's a great thing for a freshman."

Women's volleyball has a record of 15-2 so far this season and 6-1 in conference. The team's chemistry is its main strength, Srivastava said.

"Everyone's always supporting each other," Srivastava said. "We have our



GABRIELLA ANDERSON Staff Photographer

Freshman setter and right-side hitter Sophie Srivastava tips the ball over the net as Chapman junior outside hitter Nayelli Munoz looks on. Chapman played Pomona Pitzer at home Sept. 25, winning 3-1.

own team meetings without coaches or with coaches so that we get to talk about what we're feeling."

Advice from older teammates helps Srivastava improve her game, she said. She said bonding with them off the court translates into success on the court.

"All the freshmen this year are really tight, we get dinner together," Srivastava said. "Being on a team with them and also being friends with

them makes it so much easier."

Srivastava's friend and teammate, outside hitter Jessi Lumsden, said Srivastava is a well-rounded athlete.

"(She brings) a lot of energy, a lot of talent, a lot of skill. And a lot of trust," said Lumsden, a freshman. "She's playing one of the hardest jobs on the court, defense, hitting, setting. She's doing everything and she's doing a really good job."

Despite the typical struggles of

freshman year, Cahill said Srivastava has excelled at adjusting to the collegiate athlete schedule.

"Volleyball, the actual game, might be a little faster for her, so that takes a while to get used to," Cahill said. "It's mainly just the growing pains of a freshman, but she's done really well. Not a lot of freshman can step in and perform as well as she has."

Golf records spark competition between friends

Mallika Sinha | Staff Writer

Sophomore Avery Keating broke Chapman's lowest round score record at the California State Intercollegiate in 2017, finishing the round five under par. Almost a year later, his close friend, sophomore Brody Hval, broke the same record at the same tournament.

Hval, a business major, had the lowest round and lowest two-round score in Chapman golf history and led the men's golf team to a third-place finish at the California State Intercollegiate on Sept. 17.

Both born into professional golf families, Hval and Keating, an economics major, played in golf tournaments together while attending separate high schools in Oregon. Once they found out they were both going to Chapman, they started to become friends, Keating said.

Keating said after playing with Brody in high school, they found a connection through attending Chapman.

"I played golf with Brody when I was in high school, but we weren't really acquainted," Keating said. "And then we started to know each other more when we both figured out we were going here."

Keating found out about Hval's record-breaking match while scrolling through Instagram, he said.

"I was like, 'Oh, Brody broke that record. Maybe I should try to break it (again),' Keating said. "And then that's all that I thought about it."

Though Keating is supportive of Hval, he still wants to take back his title, said Ming Lao, head coach of Chapman's golf team.

"I think Avery wants to be that guy," Lao said. "And that's not bad. But I

think he was happy for Brody."

Lao said the team is always trying to one-up each other, but "never to the point where (they) would wish evil on anybody."

Hval was mature about the win, and stayed in the moment despite his excitement, Lao said.

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**- Ming Lao, ”
golf head coach**

"I think everyone respects (Hval) because he's nice and he works hard," Lao said.

Lao said Hval is the team's "rock" because of his structured playing style and consistency.

Growing up, Hval played multiple sports: baseball, soccer, football and basketball, he said, but his love for golf, encouraged by his father, caused Hval to quit those other sports.

"I also did co-ed soccer with all my friends, but I was terrible — I got a yellow card for dancing," Hval said.

Hval moved back to Portland in seventh grade after living in Chicago, Illinois for nine years. After moving, he lost all his friends while struggling to adapt to a new place.

He had to readjust again while transitioning to college.



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Sophomore golfers Brody Hval, left, and Avery Keating, right, met in high school, becoming close friends after realizing they both planned on attending Chapman.

"Golf is my one-hundred percent. My focus was on trying to get in the groove of the college lifestyle," Hval said.

Though he is following in his father's footsteps, Hval said his parents and coaches never pushed him to the point where he no longer enjoyed the game. He said they were laid-back but always wanted him to do well, and they understood what he needed to do to improve in practices and tournaments.

When it comes to Keating and Hval's dynamic as teammates, Coach Lao said they have a playful relationship.

"They're like (an) old married couple, they fight and they get along,"

Lao said. "It (gets) old sometimes, but they never really get mad at each other, even though they bicker."

Keating and Hval share the same sense of humor, and like the same sports, but not the same sports teams, Keating said.

"He's just so happy and funny. It's hard not to just love him," Keating said of Hval.

Lao said he is grateful they came to Chapman and connected through golf.

"They're always chirping at each other," Lao said. "But I'm really glad they came together in that class from the same location because I think it's pretty tight knit in Oregon (...) I'm just glad they're here together."

Freshman breaks women's cross-country record

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor
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After trying to eliminate the pressure she put on herself in high school, freshman cross-country runner Arabella Reece said she now feels more driven to perform. With three collegiate races under her belt, Reece has broken the Chapman women's cross-country record twice this semester.

"It's almost more nerve-wracking now," Reece said. "I have more confidence in myself, but at the same time, more people are watching."

Reece, a freshman communication studies major, began her collegiate cross-country career by breaking Chapman's 5K record Sept. 15 with a time of 18:09.1.

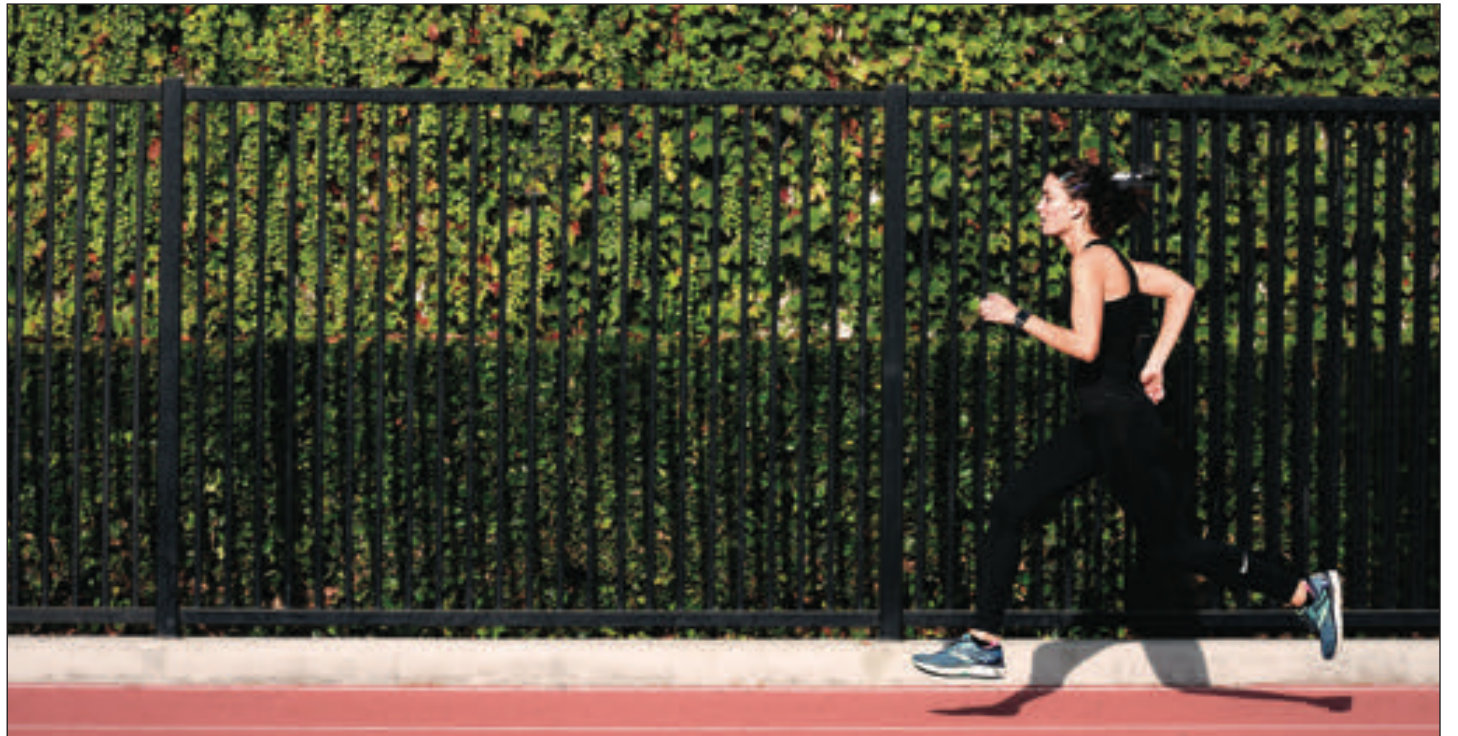
Reece was welcomed across the

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**- Arabella Reece, ”
freshman cross-country runner**

finish line by cheers from her parents who live an hour away, she said.

But, a week after her first record, on Sept. 22 Reece broke her own record, running a personal best time of 18:03.5. Reece placed eleventh out of 212 runners. The next Chapman



MELISSA ZHUANG Staff Photographer

Freshman Arabella Reece, who broke Chapman's 5K record Sept. 15, runs on the Wilson Field track. Reece, who is from Murrieta, California, said she plays the guitar and sings when she is not running.

runner placed 104th.

Sara Wanous, a 2017 graduate, set the previous record in 2013, with a time of 18:39.7.

Growing up, Reece's physical education teacher and her parents urged her to run cross-country, she said. She decided to run competitively in high school, following in her brother's footsteps.

"I just ended up loving (running). The benefits that come with running socially and physically have been top-notch," Reece said.

Reece is a "go-getter" who brings excitement to the team, Chapman's cross-country head coach DeAndra'e

Woods said.

When she's not on the track, Reece has a passion for music, she said. In her downtime, she said she sings and plays guitar (in a band).

"(Music is) something that defines me, because I love everything about it," Reece said. "I love going to shows, listening to (and) playing music."

Mia Hernandez, senior cross-country runner, said Reece's good attitude impacts the entire team.

"(Reece's positivity) really helps the team whether it be at workouts, practices, or races," Hernandez. "No one is as nervous when you see someone like her around."

Reece said her close-knit bond with the team has helped build her confidence.

"It's been really welcoming," Reece said. "(My teammates) have been so supportive. All the girls have been so great."

Reece said she now holds herself to elevated standards after her record-breaking races.

"I don't want to disappoint anybody and I don't want to disappoint myself," Reece said. "If more records come then that'll be (good), but if not then we have more seasons in the future."

Snow Club more than just parties, members say

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Everyone knows that Snow Club members party, said the club's president, senior Austin Ferguson. But, junior Jaden Adamson, one of Snow Club's two "rage chairs," said the parties are only a part of what they do.

What the club is really about is a shared love of skiing and snowboarding, Adamson said.

"A lot of people, when we go up on the mountain, will drink or whatever while we're skiing, but it's really more about everybody bonding over this skiing and boarding. Nobody's pressured to party if they don't want to," Adamson said.

Ferguson said that while members party, they all share a common dedication to the sport, sometimes waking up earlier than 7 a.m. to go on the slopes.

Adamson said finding the club made her stay at Chapman after she considered moving back home.

"I was actually going to move back to Colorado after my first semester here, but then after joining Snow Club I was like 'Oh, hey, I found the people that I enjoy,'" Adamson said.

Snow Club has been one of the most successful clubs on campus, Ferguson said, with membership growing steadily in the last four years.

"Being involved with Snow Club for such a long time now...I've seen it grow a lot," Ferguson said. "We've expanded a ton in terms of

membership ... We are attracting higher-level skiers now."

Snow Club includes skiers and snowboarders of all levels, and welcomes beginners who are interested in the "mountain culture," Adamson said. Advanced members of the club mentor beginners.

"(There are) all different skill levels (among) the people who go on trips," Adamson said. "It's an environment where you can learn and not be self-conscious."

When asked about the club's reputation for partying, Adamson said Snow Club does host parties as part of the club's social activities.

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Snow Club member**

Ferguson said the club does not recruit members who want to solely party.

"(Focusing on partying is) the quickest way to not get into snow



Photo courtesy of Jaden Adamson

Snow Club members sophomore Abby Westman, left, sophomore Kanika Vora, bottom center, junior Jaden Adamson, right, senior Jake Roberts, top center, and junior Konner Kienzle, top right, snowboard at Mammoth Mountain in Mammoth Lakes, California.

club," Ferguson said.

A common concern shared by prospective members is that they may get injured on Snow Club trips, Adamson said.

Similar to other sports, Adamson said there is a risk of injury, but that risk level is up to each member's decisions.

Adamson injured her left arm from snowboarding, but she said that injuries do not stop her from enjoying Snow Club's activities.

"It's the first time I've gotten injured in 18 years of snowboarding," Adamson said. "You can choose to challenge yourself or you can choose

to play it safe."

Snow Club has become more competitive as more people begin to show interest, and Adamson said she encourages interested students to reach out to current members if they want a better chance at getting in.

"There's a social aspect too," Adamson said. "I always tell freshmen to meet the president and the vice president."

While the parties are common, Adamson said that Snow Club has helped her make lifelong friends at Chapman mainly by connecting her to others with the same passion.

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