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Opportunity Center envisioned to help students

On campus area may be created to provide resources

By **Tamonda Griffiths**
News Writer

When it comes to the issue of food insecurity, Campus Compact for Southern New England AmeriCorps Vista member Aleyra Lamarche said that is not the only issue an on-campus Opportunity Center would help students struggling to meet their basic needs with.

“It would be an area where you can find all kinds of things that can help you with these like basic needs [and] situations,” said Lamarche.

The idea behind the center, Lamarche said, is to centralize the resources students need day-to-day in one location.

“The idea is that you do get all the support you need to eventually graduate and be successful at Southern,” said Lamarche.

The Opportunity Center, Lamarche said, would provide “wrap around services” that would address not only student’s food insecurity but issues of homelessness, lack of clothing and insufficient childcare.

Lamarche said some of the issues involved with food insecurity are temporary issues; in terms of long-term, she said a resident case manager would help point students in the right direction.

If students cannot have their basic needs met, they will be unable to focus and be good students, she said.

Dean of Student Affairs Jules Tetreault said the vision for the center is to help connect students to university support, the community and other state agencies.

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Vice President of Outreach Unlimited Michael Delgado moving donations inside the university shuttle.

Stuff-A-Shuttle a success

The drive collected food, clothes and hygiene products

By **Victoria Bresnahan**
News Editor

From floor to ceiling a university shuttle was stuffed with toiletries, food and clothes to help those in need at St. Luke’s in New Haven.

“We did some research on it just to get more stats,” Michael Delgado, a special education major and vice president of Outreach Unlimited said, “and like, a lot of people that are homeless or need more help like this have a lot of disabilities or are more prone to having [them].”

Delgado said most of the donations are clothes—such as jackets, pants. Hygienic products are requested because of how expensive they can be to purchase, he said.

The drive is meant to help their whole lifestyle, not just keeping them warm, he said.

With the little help provided to them, he said the drive’s goal is to give them the aid they cannot get themselves.

According to Delgado, St. Luke’s helps all people



A box inside the university shuttle stuffed with hygiene products.

in the general area.

“It is just getting help out there to people that need it,” he said.

It is everyone’s duty to help others, he said, because there are always others less fortunate.

Kimberly Rivera, a freshman and social work major, volunteered to stuff

the shuttle because she said it was a good deed.

Before the shuttle was filled, Rivera visited various departments to collect donations. Students were welcome to donate to the drive as well, she said.

Deb Fairchild, former adviser for Outreach Unlimited, a club devoted

to promoting inclusion, said Outreach created the Stuff-A-Shuttle drive seven years ago, in conjunction with Zeta Delta Epsilon, an honor service organization.

“We usually stuff the entire shuttle,” she said. “That’s our goal; to get the entire shuttle stuffed.”

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SOS Fund meets emergency insecurity needs

The fund provides money for students in need

By **Tamonda Griffiths**
News Writer

The Support Our Students Fund is not a brand-new idea or fund, said Vice President for Student Affairs Tracy Tyree.

“It’s a fund that we have given a name to,” said Tyree, “that will resonate for people to give. It is used for emergency needs of students.”

An emergency, Tyree said, would be when “a student is unable to do something related to their livelihood.”

“It is not a form of financial aid,” said Tyree.

The fund, Tyree said is meant to assist students in instances such as homelessness, hunger or recent victims of a house fire. Students experiencing continual problems with paying their tuition could not use it since it is not intended to fill “an on-going gap,” she said.

In terms of her role regarding the SOS Fund, Tyree said she helps to raise awareness.

“For Giving Day we have really tried to expand our reach in Student Affairs,” said Tyree, “to help students and alums and family and friends kind of be aware of the needs that our students have so that we can increase the giving through Giving Day to the SOS Fund.”

Tyree said there are programs that consist of the “idea of students needing support” such as Swipe-It Forward and the Mobile Food Pantry.

There are also multiple funds already in place that are meant to assist and support the “emergent needs of students.”

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SGA advocating for LEP change

A statement was sent to the LEPC and UCF laying out their concerns

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The Student Government Association sent a statement to the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum and the Liberal Education Program Committee members stating they are advocating for the LEP world language

requirement to be revised. “After comprehensive research and many in-depth conversations with faculty, staff and students,” stated SGA President Alexis Zhitomi in the statement, “we have concluded that we are advocating for the world language tier requirement to be modified to: three years of the same language in high school with a grade of C or better; or level 101 at SCSU.”

SGA intends to lobby to UCF and LEPC members to advocate for the change. The organization held a forum on March 6 to garner comments from students on whether they wanted such change.

The organization stated it is not their responsibility, but rather the faculty and administration’s, to collect data to discern if the program works.

“Our role is to share

stories, advocate for our academic rights, and promote success to graduation,” stated Zhitomi. “We understand that there are no quick solutions to these issues, but we are discouraged that the conversations around the world language requirement have seemed to stop. We ask that this issue become one of the top priorities for LEPC and UCF to address.”



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Outside of the Liberal Education Program office.

Conscious Capitalism moves forward in approval

By Victoria Bresnahan
News Editor

The university's Conscious Capitalism is working to become the first undergraduate version of the club in the country after the Student Government Association voted to approve it last week.

The group is attending a conference this week to create additional bylaws for other undergraduate groups to be created.

"So, it was thought of we were going to be the second or third, but we've just kind of found out we will technically be the first," said Bryan Sapione, a senior and co-founding member of the university's Conscious Capitalism.

According to Clubs and Organizations graduate intern Jenna Dunn, Conscious Capitalism submitted all forms necessary to become recognized as a club.

"It goes beyond the meaning of just business

and profit," he said, at the SGA meeting.

Co-founders of the national organization John Mackey, creator of Whole Foods Market, and Raj Sisodia, Whole Foods Market Research Scholar in Conscious Capitalism, implemented the club into businesses and graduate programs across the nation.

In an effort to bring the group's mission beyond business majors, Sapione said they aim to create some form of conscious capitalism verification. If a club or organization was practicing conscious capitalism correctly, they could be certified, he said.

The organization is a "philosophy" and a "movement," he said.

"That is something that we're really interested in because, revolving around higher purpose, conscious leadership, conscious culture and stakeholder orientation," he said. "I think each club outside of the School of Business,

just in general on campus, embodies conscious capitalism. It is something that is a positive thing and something that we want to show, 'yes, you're recognized.'"

The group held a meeting of interest in which many students and faculty members attended.

Since Sapione is a senior, the organization has students in mind who can manage the group next year.

The registrar also attended the SGA meeting as a guest speaker to discuss the proposed waitlisting draft policy.

According to Registrar Alicia Carrol, departments will be able to choose course sections for all, some or none to have an online waitlist.

"Academic departments will establish the maximum number of waitlist seats (if any) when they submit their schedules to the Registrar's Office," according to the Course



PHOTOS | VICTORIA BRESNAHAN

Office of Student Involvement graduate intern Jenna Dunn (left) introducing Conscious Capitalism Co-Founding member and senior Bryan Sapione.

Registration Waitlist draft FAQ.

The registration waitlist would be available online to students who are waiting to register for a course that has filled up. The proposal was recently reviewed by Faculty Senate.

If approved, the waitlist will be available by spring 2020, with students being able to use it when registration opens in November. The waitlist would be accessible immediately when a course becomes full during registration and would close at the end of the add/drop period, said Carroll.

According to a student survey about the newly formed year-long academic schedule, 88% of the 1,000 students who responded stated they

would use a course waitlist.

If a seat becomes available in a full section, the first student on the waitlist would be sent an email notifying them of the availability, Carroll said.

"The student must register within 24 hours of the notification, otherwise you are dropped from the waitlist," she said.

If a student is dropped, then the next student is given the opportunity to register. Students can also waitlist for the course if they have a time conflict, she said.

"We don't let you register for courses that have a time conflict," said Carroll, "but the idea behind the waitlist is to optimize your schedule, right? And if you really need to get into a course that has a time conflict you just need to

absolve the time conflict before you potentially register for that seat."

However, a student will not be allowed to waitlist in multiple sections for one course. The student also cannot waitlist up to the maximum credits allowed—which is 18 for undergraduates—in combination with the courses they have already signed up for.

At the meeting, Aidan Coleman, an SGA Representative-at-Large, said some of the most effective ways to inform students of this draft policy may be for individual departments to email their majors. He said Peer Mentors and Orientation Ambassadors can inform freshmen during orientation and throughout the year.



Representatives-at-Large Paige Tetro (left to right), Aidan Coleman and Madison Miceli.

Opportunity

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The Opportunity Center, Tetreault said would partner with a state agency such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, to bring a representative on campus and help students who may need their assistance enroll in the program.

"Part of the Center is connecting to a wider branch of services," said Tetreault, "and really thinking wrapping around."

The university, Tetreault said cannot be the "be all and end all to everybody," but it can provide short-term, emergent care and support to students through a network of outside programs and agencies.

The Opportunity Center, Tetreault said, will not replace the Academic

Success Center; it will just focus on students' basic needs to lead to success in academic needs, he said.

According to Tetreault, there are several institutions of higher education who have opened food pantries on their campuses and believe they have solved all of a student's issues.

"Once you provide access to food the other issues come up in terms of needs," said Tetreault.

Currently, Tetreault said there is no exact location for the center, but his goal is to have a food pantry opened by the end of the fall 2019 semester.

"I'm hoping and looking for space that will grow into the Opportunity Center, so we don't have to move [the food pantry]," said Tetreault.



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Dean of Student Affairs Jules Tetreault in his office.

Victims' rights discussed at symposium



PHOTOS | IZZY MANZO

Some of the panelists at the Melanie Ilene Rieger Memorial Foundation Victims' Right Symposium last week.

By Alexandra Scicchitano
Online Editor

The Melanie Ilene Rieger Memorial Foundation Victims' Right Symposium honored the memory of Melanie Ilene Rieger, who was murdered almost 25 years ago, said her father Samuel Rieger and a founder of The Melanie Ilene Rieger Memorial Foundation.

The foundation was created in memory of Melanie Rieger, who was murdered by her boyfriend on May 24, 1994.

It supports the needs of domestic abuse survivors, educates the public and works with other organizations to reduce violence in communities, stated the foundation's website.

"We hope that you will bring Melanie's hope for the future in doing good deeds for those less

fortunate," said Samuel Rieger.

There was a panel at the symposium, that included panelists from The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence, SCSU Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center, University Police Department, Office of the State Victim Advocate, Office of Victim Services New Haven Court, New Haven State's Attorney, Women and Family Center Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Department of Correction, ESQ., and State Victim Advocate Office of the Victim Advocate, according to Owl Connect.

The panel answered questions from the audience and moderator regarding how to access services on campus, if services off-campus are free of charge, the biggest challenges of their jobs and how to support those who

relationships.

Bayleigh Takacs, a freshman and business administration major, said she and other members of the women's lacrosse team were encouraged to go to the symposium by their coaches, with it being mandatory for them to come if they did not have a class.

Makenna Perry, a freshman and another member of the lacrosse team, said she thinks it was weird that she did not see the men's no men's baseball or men's lacrosse sports teams

The coaches wanted the team to go "to grow some knowledge on a domestic topic," said Takacs.

"Most importantly," said Samuel Rieger, "please stay safe. If you do not feel safe in your environment, get out of it as fast as possible and go to the proper authorities and or agencies, don't wait until it's too late."

might be going through sexual violence.

"One thing about, especially abuse, is that they isolate people, so stay in touch if you can," said Natasha Pierre from the Office of the Victim Advocate, answering a question about how to help friends in abusive



Panelists Patrick Griffin, state' attorney New Haven Judicial District (left) and Jennifer Hislop, a victim advocate for the Women and Family Center Sexual Assault Crisis Services.

New dean of graduate studies looks toward future

By Haljit Basuljevic
Reporter

Prior to being appointed as the School of Graduate and Professional Studies Dean in February, Manohar Singh managed a diverse portfolio.

From his time at Humboldt State University in California and his position as a division head at Penn State, coming to Southern not only offered him an extraordinary match to his skill set, but also gave him a chance to live closer to family.

Singh said his vision for graduate and certificate programs is based on a holistic and comprehensive approach. Teaching students relevant, applicable and transferable skill sets, he said, will help them become the future leaders of the next generation.

"You have to be a good writer and a good critical thinker and an engineering thought-processed mind," said Singh, "those things—writing skills, communication skills, numerical, analytic skills—are intertwined."

Part of his plan also

consists of providing graduate studies with more dynamism and flexibility as well as making the courses more affordable by adding accelerated programs.

A 4+1 program gives an opportunity for students to finish their studies in one year after obtaining a bachelors, as opposed to two.

"You save one-year worth of tuition, and boarding and lodges expenses as a student," said Singh. "Hence, your student debt does not pile another year. And the other thing is that you go to the job market earlier."

The programs are specially designed to directly and positively impact the community, he said. For instance, Medical Spanish ensures that medical professionals are trained for the culturally-sensitive demographics that are changing in Connecticut.

"We are promoting what students need. The most effective and efficient way to graduate with the best possible skills for them to land a job of their choice and work with dignity," he said.

Implementing these programs, he said, will not be without a collective voice to approve it. Advice and feedback would come from faculty, staff, students and alumni. A lengthy process, but time well worth spent, he said.

Singh also said some of the continuous challenges have been constrained access to resources. However, he wants to ensure that the university is able to generate additional resources from within the community, or support from the state.

"Resources will be always be kind of something that we will work on to make sure they're not limiting our efforts to grow and build excellent academic program[s] at graduate level," said Singh.

He said his parents were an example of inspiring perseverance throughout all his life and they had taught him to spread the blessings he had back to the community.

He is the youngest of seven children, and he said his family was uprooted from Pakistan and lived in near poverty in India during the India and



PHOTO COURTESY | ISABEL CHENOWETH

School of Graduate and Professional Studies Dean Manohar Singh started this semester.

Pakistan split in 1947.

"My mom and dad both did not go to school. Not even elementary school properly," said Singh, "but they worked hard. They sent us to school, and they had a big, strong faith in

education."

He said it is important for his students to know that everyone has the potential "to do an impactful and dignified choice when it comes to professions."

He said in recognizing the university's strong legacy, he felt stagnancy and decline in enrollment numbers are problems that need to be fixed to return to the "glory days" of the university.

LEP

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At both Eastern and Central Connecticut State Universities, students are given the option to fulfill the world language requirement by taking two semesters of a language. This is required at ECSU if a student did not take at least two years of a language in high school; CCSU requires three.

Students at Western Connecticut State University have to complete the introductory II second-semester course for their language, or a semester of intermediate level and above if the student did not take three years of a language in high school.

According to LEP Co-Director Therese Bennett, to change LEP requirements the LEPC brings ideas to the UCF. The group will discuss the changes and UCF department representatives will bring the information back to their individual departments.

If approved by UCF vote, the proposed changes are

sent to the Provost's office where it is discussed and possibly approved.

Barbara Cook, professor in the department of Communication Disorders, said the concerns of students are heard and an investigative dialogue has begun.

The dialogue is primarily engaging with university members who are involved in decision-making on the world language, she said.

"I think what the Student Government is doing is appropriate," said Cook. "They have a concern, they have generated a document to share their concern, and prior to them generating that document we did begin the process of investigation, but it's a process. There has to be conversations and discussions."

This is not the first time there has been a push to change the world language requirement.

According to a 2015 UCF minutes packet, an LEPC motion was put forth to reduce the Multilingual Communication requirement, or world language, to 3 credits at the 101 levels.

In addition, it was proposed the requirement would be waived for

students coming to the university with a level-4 experience in high school foreign language.

According to a statement from the LEPC at the 2015 meeting, consistent anecdotal evidence that was collected from community college advisers and colleagues in the CSU system show transfer students choose other Connecticut schools to avoid the university's world language requirement.

The World Language Department UCF Representative Christine Dombrowski stated at the meeting, "give us some data beyond hearsay and the anecdotal; there is none."

In the following meeting, the UCF voted to postpone the motion indefinitely to change to 3 credits at the 101 levels. The motion to provide a waiver for level-4 high school students was not passed.

Michael Shea, an English professor and LEPC Co-Chair said when the UCF voted to not change the world language requirement in 2015, some believed it was important for students to learn a



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SGA Representative-at-Large Ian Bergemann sorting flyers for the March 6 forum.

language because it is a "high mark" of an educated person.

According to the New England Commission of Higher Education, the university's accrediting agency, a college, and university with a bachelor's degree program must guarantee "all undergraduate students complete at least the equivalent of 40-semester credits."

According to Southern's Undergraduate catalog for the academic year

2018-2019, the LEP is a requirement comprised of 15 courses in three tiers that equate to 45 to 50 credits. Restrictions in a certain major can affect this.

U.S. universities that are accredited have a general education program, Shea said. The program is usually built to be a third of the credits required to graduate that are outside a major and electives, he said.

According to Shea, every 10 years NECHE assesses any changes made by a university in terms of its

curriculum.

"In the case of general education requirements, the accreditation is also a big factor," said Bennett, "because when they look at us, when NECHE evaluates us, one of the things they will definitely evaluate is what we are doing with our general education program."

See Page 4 for the Student Government Association's statement to the UCF and LEPC on the world language requirement.

Shuttle

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Fairchild said people brought "carloads" of donations to the Lyman Center. The collection begins around January, she said.

The donations have not always gone to St. Luke's, she said, but the group has been appreciative of the donations so they have continued to give to them.

Seven years ago, Fairchild said she had two students—one of whom was involved in ZDE—that wanted to become more invested in community service. It was their idea, she said, to stuff a university shuttle and donate the items to an agency.

"Kind of the rest was history," she said, "it just perpetuated."



PHOTO | AUGUST PELLICCIO

Inside the stuffed shuttle to be delivered to St. Luke's in New Haven.

SOS

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However, some of those funds have restrictions that limit their availability to certain students, she said.

According to the Giving Day website, the fund was the fourth highest donated to with several donors and has raised several thousand dollars.

Campus Compact for Southern New England AmeriCorps Vista member Aleyra Lamarche said this fund is a chance for people to, "put their money, where their mouth is."

"Really [the giving is] across the board," said Dean of Student Affairs Jules Tetreault. "Faculty, staff, students, alumni, external, the [the SCSU Foundation] board itself."

Tetreault said the SOS fund was before his time at university, but since he has been working at Southern, the fund has fallen under his office's management.

"One, is to continue to help bring awareness," said Tetreault. "To put it out there for everybody. To have an opportunity to, to play in, in this arena in supporting our students in this way. On the other side of it, I serve in the - more in the direct service side."

This fund, Tetreault said is purposeful and intentional to "reframe" how to better meet a student's basic needs.

Tetreault said his other intention to grow the fund is a, "more comprehensive structural support" of students directly and indirectly.

Some monies raised for the fund, he said, could be for the installation of an opportunity center on campus.

SGA statement on world language requirement

Guest Column



PHOTO | AUGUST PELLICCIO
Alexis Zhitomi, a junior.

By Alexis Zhitomi SGA President

Dear SCSU Community,
The Student Government Association is the official representative body and the voice of SCSU's 7,000 plus undergraduate students and is entrusted to represent the best interests of their constituencies. SGA acts as a liaison between students, SCSU's administration and faculty, while serving as a channel for conveying the communal values and needs of an increasingly broad range of students. For years, we have consistently heard from students about issues regarding the Liberal Education Program (LEP) and how it impacts their success. We have

been working diligently to insert ourselves into conversations with faculty and staff to express those concerns. In talking with students, one issue that is consistently raised is the overreaching world language requirement. After comprehensive research and many indepth conversations with faculty, staff and students, we have concluded that we are advocating for the world language tier requirement to be modified to: three years of the same language in high school with a grade of C or better; or level 101 at SCSU.

Rationale:
WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:
SGA has spent the better part of two years talking about the language requirement, conducting our assessment of its impact on student success, and benchmarking requirements of other institutions. SGA's boards have completed in-depth research about our sister institutions' policies regarding the world language requirement, and found that they have similar requirements to each other, which greatly differs from ours.
At our sister CSU's, the current policy is a

requirement of at least three years of the same language in high school with a C average or better, or two semesters of the same language in college.
In the fall of 2017, Southern modified the world language requirement for transfer students, which allowed transfer students coming in with 60 or more transfer credits or an associate's degree, to be exempt from this requirement. We know this is helping transfer students tremendously, but this opens the conversation on why transfer students are not held to the same standards as our native students. We are aware that the New England Commission of Higher Education considers the rationale behind university academic decisions. In light of this, SGA requests a copy of the data and rationale that will be submitted to NECHE to justify the change for transfer students, or any documentation/minutes of the conversations that occurred in the Undergraduate Curriculum Forum (UCF) or Faculty Senate in this regard.
GRADUATION AND RETENTION:
SGA has significant concerns on how the

language requirement may impact our graduation and retention rates. We have heard personal stories of students who chose not to come to Southern, students who have not returned, and students that were forced to extend their time at the university specifically because of the language requirement. We researched the six-year graduation rates of the three other CSU's and the results are disheartening:
• Central- 54%
• Eastern- 52%
• Southern- 48%
• Western- 44%
As you can see, we rank third out of the four sister universities, which is not a place that we want to see our university. Since we have heard directly from students that the language requirement is a part of the problem, we ask for a copy of the data or research that shows how the language requirement is working and aiding in student success.
STUDENT FORUM:
Student Government held a forum on March 6th focused on asking whether students felt the language requirement and LEP is an issue worth advocating for. Here are highlights of what students said:
• If students aren't using

their language, they are simply losing it.
• The requirements are "holding everybody back from graduating".
• The language requirement feels like a "money-making scheme" If I already know a second language, I have to pay to prove that I know it by taking the STAMP test or paying for the classes.
• Students don't need three levels of a language, we just need basic communication- ex: "Hello, how are you?"
• The material doesn't correlate from the 100, 101, to 200 level courses.
• The language requirement is not valuable to my major, mastering a language is only important for certain majors/ disciplines.
• Our requirements are higher than many other universities, especially other CSUs.
• Language courses fill up too quickly.
• The class times for language courses are difficult to build a schedule around.
We believe that the overall sentiment from the forum is what SGA has been advocating for; the world language requirement is impeding student success the way it stands.

We believe that it is not our responsibility to collect data to show whether a program is working. It is your role as faculty and administrators to do that. Our role is to share stories, advocate for our academic rights, and promote success to graduation. We understand that there are no quick solutions to these issues, but we are discouraged that the conversations around the world language requirement have seemed to stop. We ask that this issue become one of the top priorities for LEPC and UCF to address. SGA prides itself on our great relationship with faculty, staff and administration and we hope that you will be partners with us to find solutions to ultimately achieve our common goal of making Southern an even better institution.
Thank you very much for listening to your student's voices and concerns. Please feel free to reach out to Student Government if there are any questions or comments. We appreciate your help as we work to provide the best Southern experience to each one of our students.
Sincerely, Alexis Zhitomi
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Students should be attentive to 2020 candidates before voting

By Jacob Waring Opinions & Features Editor

There are nearly twenty democratic hopefuls hoping to go one on one against President Donald Trump in the 2020 election. It appears that Trump will run unopposed in the Republican primaries. On the Democratic side, there seems to be more Democrats running than there are heads of the mythological, Greek monster Hydra.
There are currently ten months before the first primary in Iowa takes place. That is enough time to research, ask questions and understand who these people are.
Whether people like it or not, every aspect of our lives revolves around politics. We all should be paying attention to those

running for president now rather than waiting until the Iowa primary. Ten months is plenty of time to see what kind of skeletons each presidential hopeful has hiding in their closet, as well as to discover their passions and see how they utilize them to pander for votes.
I implore everyone to invest in the time to see what these people are about now, rather than attempt to gather information.
We are a generation dealing with and inheriting the problems of gun violence, global warming, ballooning college debt, an endless global war on terrorism, increasing human migration and more.
For college age youths, politics can be a drag, as it revolves around topics that

seemingly only concern the elderly.
Legislation surrounding Medicare, prescription drug costs, Social Security and more other health-related services tend not to be on our minds because we (if we are lucky with our health) do not benefit from those programs yet.
In the eyes of some, Sen. Cory Booker has a reputation for being cozy with 'Big Pharma'. Perhaps, some have worries about Sen. Kamala Harris' choices she made during her prosecutorial career, and debate whether it damns her candidacy or not. I am sure some will either be up in arms or ecstatic about Mirmar City, Fla. Mayor Wayne Messam's proposal to forgive college students' debt by forgiving U.S. Treasury-backed or private loans.

It is critical that voters are attentive to all the proposals, ideas and goals of the candidates, in order to weed out those unsuitable to handle the presidency. We need to deconstruct, dissect and

debate amongst ourselves to discern if their proposals are feasible or ludicrous.
We have ample time to peel back their layers in order to reveal the content of their character. To find out if they deserve our

votes or not.
The more I know, the more informed my future vote will become. Get informed and get out to the polls when the time comes: our lives and livelihoods may be at stake.



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Those in the illustration are just six out of the 20 plus Democrats running.

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Looking back: Spring of 2001



Safety enacted by shuttle service

Campus police made a shuttle available until 3 a.m. for students from Monday through Thursday. The shuttle was created because of parking problems, mainly in North Campus, which caused students to park in commuter lots if they got back to campus after midnight. Students would dial 888 on emergency campus phones to call a shuttle. Police Chief John Prokop said an average of 16 students a night used the shuttle over the three-hour period the shuttle was available. Prokop said the shuttle is part of a pilot program that only would continue if the shuttle got enough use. The shuttle did not run from Friday through Sunday or during holidays because of lack of students on campus.

January

- Men's basketball player David Grenade became the 21st player in program history to score his 1,000th career point.

February

- Trash on campus piled up because students threw garbage out of their windows at dumpsters close to their dorms. Crewmembers and workers spent an average of two hours each morning conducting lot cleanups. Joe Palumbo, a grounds crew facility operator, said "the students have no respect" and "they're not acting responsibly."
- Construction began on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge, also referred to as the "Q Bridge," causing traffic, delays, and tardiness for students and faculty commuting to Southern.
- Classes were cancelled for two days because of 15 inches of snow.
- After losing to Pace University 124-123 in triple overtime, the men's basketball team came back from 15 points to defeat University of New Haven 99-93 in double overtime.
- Men's soccer players Paul Oyuga and Bonaventure Maruti were drafted by the Connecticut Wolves from the United Soccer League.

May

- Baseball player Craig Prasauckas broke the program record for hits, homeruns and RBI in a career, graduating with 230 hits, 36 homeruns and 164 RBI. Prasauckas also broke the single season records for runs scored with 64, hits in a season with 94, homeruns with 18 and RBI with 63 while also being named an All-American.
- Marco Vitiello broke the program record for doubles in a career with 57, while Marc Potocsky broke the single season record for walks with 40 and stolen bases with 34.
- Baseball finished the season with a record of 38-17 before losing in the NCAA East Regional, breaking the program record for most wins in a season.

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Efforts to make syllabi more inclusive

By Jacob Waring
Opinions & Features Editor

Faculty Development Symposium was recently held with the goal of queering and indigenizing teaching styles, syllabi and more.

Discussion of creating a more inclusive curriculum occurred on April 12 with Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, director and professor of Women's Studies Program introducing the speakers and keeping the discussion moving.

Heidi Lockwood, an associate professor in the philosophy department and graduate coordinator for the Women's Studies Program both had said that Southern has been in midst of a two-year process of changing the name of Women Studies to Women's and Gender Studies. The change is expected to become official in fall 2019.

Lockwood said that the they wanted to extend that discussion beyond the department as it is important to get the conversation started on a university wide level.

Making sure we are not discussing gender in a binary, limited way," Lockwood said. "Also, with the indigenizing the curriculum piece, making sure we're looking at ways of incorporating indigenous voices across the curriculum."

The goal, according to Lockwood, goes beyond being



Ruth Torres (left) and Waaseyaa'sin Christine Sy speak on curriculum changes in Engleman Hall last Friday.

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politically correct. She said it is making sure all the different voices and communities have a place at the table by providing readings and materials that represent those points of view.

Those who came to speak was Mignonette Chiu from Hunter College, KC Councilor professor in Southern's communication department, Elizabeth Counselman Carpenter an assistant professor of social

Work at Southern, Ruth Garby Torres, who taught at Harvard University, and Waaseyaa'sin Christine Sy, who is an assistant Professor in Gender Studies and Adjunct professor in Indigenous Nationhood at University of Victoria.

Each brought with them their own experiences as instructors, some as members/allies of the LGBTQ+ community, or from indigenous communities. As an

example, Torres provided insight on what she learned while teaching "Nation Building: American Indians in the 21st Century" at Harvard University, or Councilor brought to the table life experience as a trans person, and how that has played a role in his classroom.

Councilor spoke on negative experiences where he felt excluded from the moment he walked into the classroom, and not actively learning in that environment. He wants to create a place that reflects positive learning environments where he and others felt included.

"I [was] trying to recreate [with my students] this feeling that I had with some teachers where I felt included," he said, "where I actively look forward to coming class when I knew there was a place for me."

The symposium had a workshop where those in attendance could share and review their syllabi with the speakers and the speakers provided syllabi as examples of inclusivity. Torres provided a document that listed different texts and information to incorporate indigenous readings from indigenous authors and allies. Sy said it is possible to create a syllabus with indigenous text' but could require cultivating relationships.

"It's possible to create syllabi that is just focus on the sources of the indigenous people in this area" said Sy, "If the sources don't exist, you have to build your archive. You have to build relationships to generate that knowledge and help people." create their cultural production."

Virtual reality shows how animals become food

By Jessica Guerrucci
Reporter

While looking through the eyes of an animal, students were given the chance to engage in a virtual reality simulation to help build a better understanding of where their food comes from.

The Humane Society collaborated with Vegan Outreach to provide students with an informative virtual reality experience in the academic quad to show how their food is really created on April 10, which they called "Do you know what you eat?"

Jesse Komaromi, the dance team coach at Southern, said she

wanted Vegan Outreach to come and work with the Humane Society to show people what it is like to be an animal in the setting of factory farming, in hopes that it may offer some perspective.

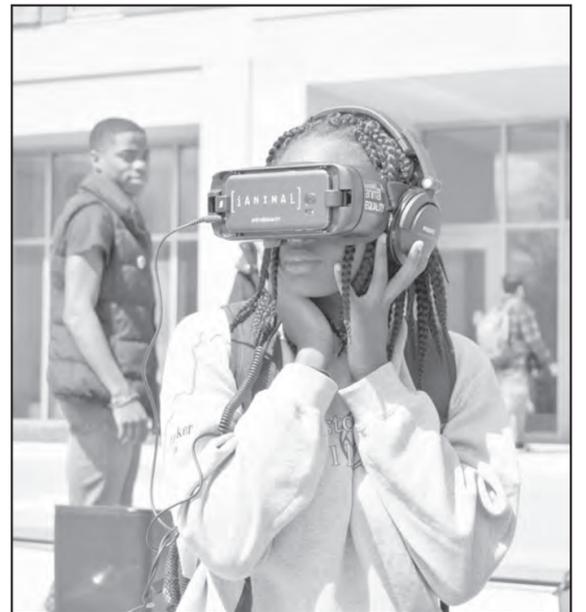
"It's a lot of people just not knowing what's going on or trying to ignore it, so the more people we can just educate, the more people that know what their choices are doing, it just needs to be known," said Komaromi. "Then we can make more informative decisions, you know, it doesn't have to be like this."

President of the Humane Society Shawn Odei-Ntiri said through

events like this, he hopes to bring about awareness. He said a lot of people know what is going on, but a lot of them choose not to see it. While people do not necessarily need to become vegan or vegetarian, he said just knowing about the issue is enough.

"They don't want to deal with the fact that they have to give up meat," said Odei-Ntiri. "However, they don't always have to. I think just being more so conscious and aware that these things go on in everyday lives and in our world is enough to help."

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Paisley Tucker, a pre-vet major, using a VR headset.

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Borophene trumps graphene as revolutionary substrate

By Haljit Basuljevic
Reporter

What is deemed as revolutionary in Applied Physics and Materials Science, Yale Research Scientist Adrian Gozar shows how borophene's stubborn structure has been finally broken through

For years, synthesizing borophene has remained an enigma for scientists. The discovery of its close cousin graphene, a composite material immensely stronger than steel and has conductive to heat, have provided

the world with longer lasting LED lights, faster DNA sequencing and more efficient solar panels.

Borophene, Gozar said to an audience of over 15 in Jennings Hall, is the next step in further the advancement of technological applications. In a number of slides that enthusiastic students can appreciate, Gozar said that the hexagonal network between boron atoms make it possible to easily manipulate, which makes it more flexible than graphene and unique compared to

other materials.

In one slide, Gozar points to a 2D honeycomb that is representative of the borophene structure. Periodically, borophene also has an extra boron atom in the center of the hexagon. The crystal structure tends to be stable when occasional center positions are occupied and others are vacant. According to theory, vacancies can stay fixed but their arrangement does not have to. This means that as long as there is minimal stability by the number

of vacancies distributed, borophene can be rearranged.

The challenge that stupefied them for years was that the crystal structure of boron was much too small to be altered, Gozar said. Electronic applications, like microchips, use these high-quality crystals, which must be distributed over a large surface area as it grows. In order for borophene to make impact upon the macro-scale, it must have a substrate (material) to grow larger.

Gozar said that one of the approaches

at tackling this issue was an attempt at synthesis upon ultra-thin metallic sheets. First, they had tried this on silver surfaces at various temperatures. The problem with this, Gozar noted, was that the patterns for boron crystals were nanometers in size-- much too small for any real manipulation. He said that applying copper enlarged the crystals, thus satisfying the requirements.

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SISTAS, a club that promotes social justice values

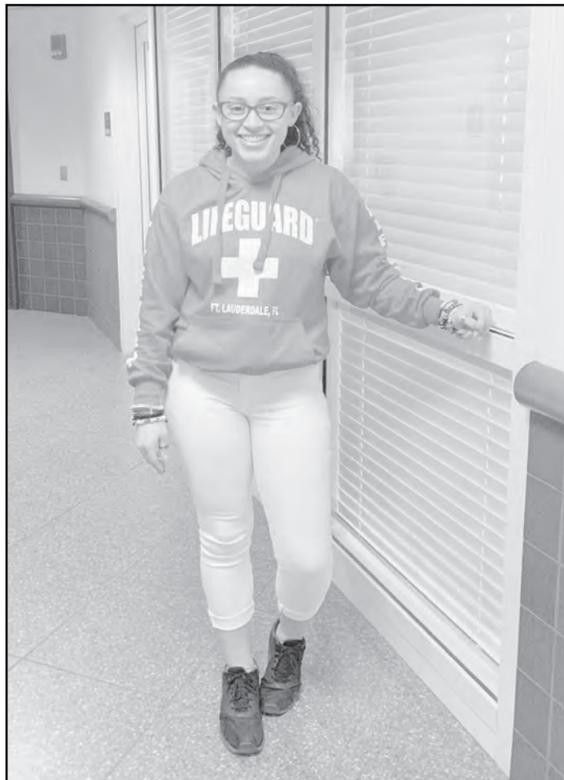


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SISTAS secretary Camryn Brown, a psychology major.

By Jessica Guerrucci
Reporter

Through promoting social justice and empowering women, Sisters In Schools Together Achieving Success has brought students together and let them know that no matter what they face, they are not alone.

SISTAS is a club that promotes female empowerment, diversity and inclusion by educating students on minority female culture. The club meets on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in ASC 309.

Mawuena Bruce, a public health and event management major who handles public relations for the club, said all their meetings are discussion-based and cover a wide range of topics.

"We've had discussions on periods, discussions on relationships, how to assert yourself in the workplace, how women should stop saying the word 'sorry'—things like that," said Bruce.

Much like the club's name, Bruce said the club is like a sisterhood.

Camryn Brown, a psychology major and also club secretary, said SISTAS not only brings girls together in a place where they can feel safe talking to each other, but anyone else who is interested is welcome as well.

"We try to reach out and get men as our allies, and we want them to come to our meetings and we want to make females on this campus feel comfortable, feel empowered, stay in school outside of the problems that they face, kind of let them know they're not alone," said Brown.

How the club also touches on social justice. For example, Bruce said they had a meeting where they expressed the importance of voting in smaller elections instead of just the presidential elections.

"We try to incorporate social justice into all our meetings," said Bruce.

"Every meeting we start, we let people know this is a safe place and if you feel uncomfortable at any moment you can pull one of us to the side, you can leave, we won't be offended."

Brown said the club works with other multicultural clubs and organizations on campus, as well as their brother club, "BROS," to put on events focusing on empowering females.

"We've had a couple fun events. We've done karaoke, we've done a love game show, but then there's other events focused differently, like we did double standards with Phi Beta Sigma."

On April 18, Brown said they have an event that is taking place called "She Speaks: Women's Success Story" that features empowering women.

"It's a panel discussion with professional women and the things that they face, like getting into their career, and it's supposed to be empowering for us as

students to see them and where they are now," said Brown.

The club started in 2015, but both Brown and Bruce said they were asked to join the e-board last spring along with the club's president, Nevoya Roberts, to revive the club after it became inactive in 2017.

"The club wasn't active for a year, so they were looking for some people to bring the club back to life on campus and bring back that presence on campus," said Bruce.

Overall, Bruce said, the club is about unity and bringing women together from all walks of life so they can get a perspective on the things they experience in their lives.

"We just pop up our ideas and we're like, 'Okay, we're not the only ones going through this,' or, 'Oh, you feel like that too,'" said Bruce. "It just feels really nice to know there's girls on campus, that even if you don't know them, they're still nice, they're still willing to share."

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Vice President of the Humane Society Luke McDermott Grandpre said the viewing experience of being an animal in a slaughterhouse, elicits an emotional response.

"I think just knowing about it and seeing it firsthand, like when you have food on your plate you don't see the personal effects, but when you're actually witnessing it you get to have a more emotional impact," said McDermott Grandpre.

After going through the virtual reality simulation, students had mixed reactions. Chris Durand, a psychology major, said it did not change his point of view on the issue.

"It doesn't change my perspective on it just because I've seen things like that before and I just think that's how the food is made," said Durand. "I don't know, I've never been personally touched by it before, and it didn't really

change now."

Though he was not impacted by the virtual reality, Durand said he

would consider being a vegetarian because it is a healthier lifestyle.

Realistically though, he said, he will continue eating meat.

On the other hand, Paisley Tucker, a pre-veterinary medicine major, said that being put through the virtual reality experience meant a lot for her. She said she is trying to become vegan, and the simulation made her want to make the transition more than ever before. However, she said she does not think awareness is an issue, people know what is going on in the industry and choose to ignore it.

I think it's because it's something that they don't see every day, that they're like out of sight out of mind, they're like 'I don't care where this food is coming from, I'm eating it,'" said Tucker. "So, I feel like everyone knows that it happens, but if it's not in their face, they don't care."



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A virtual reality device that students used to simulate being an animal in a slaughterhouse.

Borophene

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Gozar added that the next step was to transfer the borophene layers from the metallic surfaces they have been experimenting on to more electronic substance materials. He also said that such research for quantum materials is a thing of the future, especially the theoretical possibilities of quantum computers.

"Imagine a system where you tell someone the password. Which would take 100 years on a regular computer to solve," said Gozar, "but then a quantum computer, which can be at several states at the same time. So, it can have very relevant technological advantages."

Gozar said that he had been presenting bits and pieces of his school's research, and added that there has been an international effort in working towards innovative advancements of material science

"So, we were thrilled to have him at Southern," said Christine Broadbridge, executive director of

Research and Innovation at SCSU, "This is really cutting-edge research in terms of quantum materials. Revolutionary in terms of technology. So, it's been many years that we're trying to get, really, meet some of these challenges, right? Come up with new materials."



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Christine Broadbridge, executive director of SCSU's Research and Innovation.

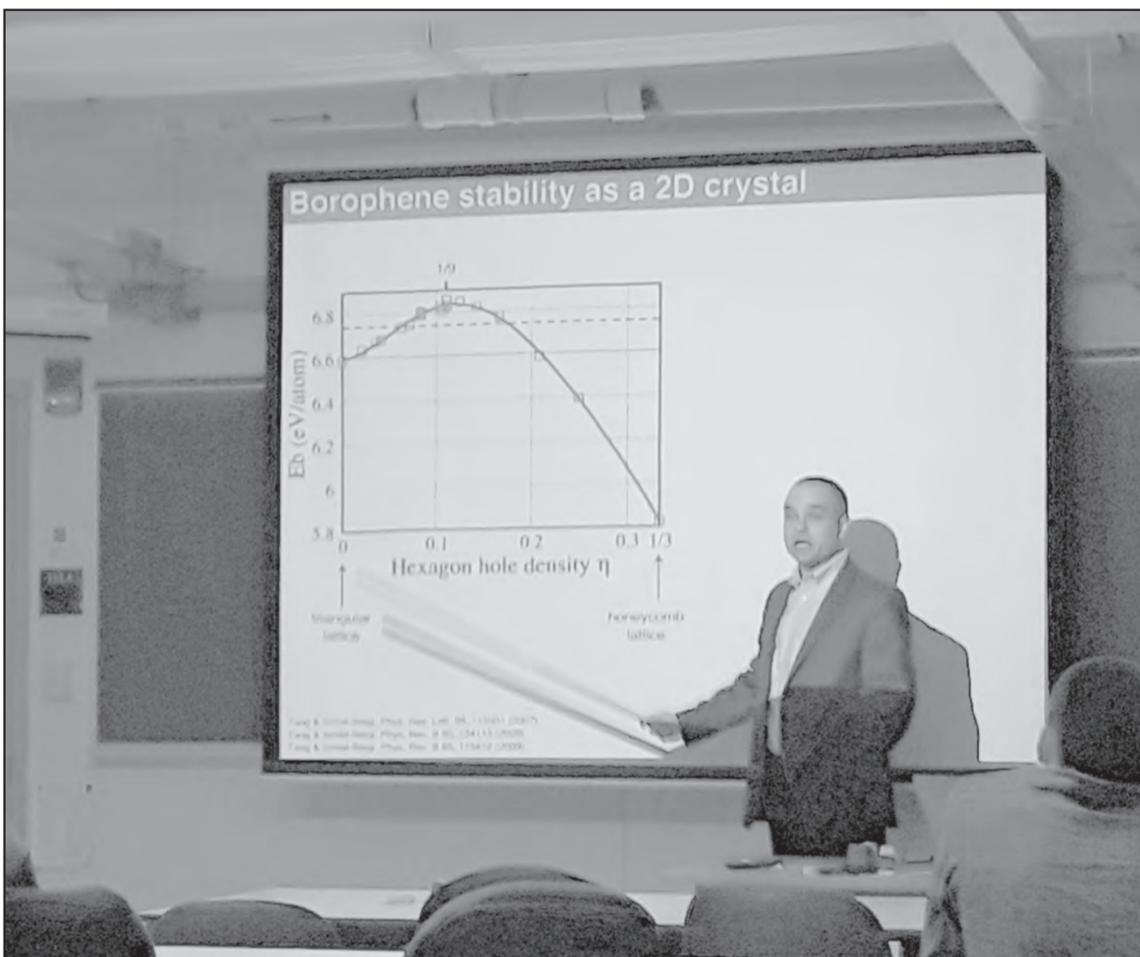


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Adrian Gozar presents 2D Borophene Stability, Borophene Synthesis on Surfaces.

Steppin' Up Drill Team offers dance lessons

By Haljit Basuljevic
Reporter

The smoothness in which the way the Steppin' Up Drill Team demonstrated to spectators was not easy to emulate. As members of Phi Beta Sigma and the drill team lined up, they each began by clapping their own hands together, palms open, and as they raised their thighs one after another all you hear is a pair of resounding claps. Simple enough. Onto the next step. In a clock-like synchronicity, they dance into a series of windmill claps and stomps.

Before going any further, the whole room had already been surrounded by students who were nodding their head. After a first couple demonstrations, the teachers then invited anyone who wanted to learn the steps, saying that when done step by step it really isn't that hard to learn. Part of the frustration in learning the steps came from the momentum shift some students felt, but couldn't keep up with. The windmill had become exceptionally difficult if one were not precise.

Step Up Drill Team Dancer Alina Michelle, a senior and biology major, said the most frustrating

part about teaching new students was trying to get them to be patient with the whole process as well as getting newcomers to perform in unison.

"Some the challenges that we ran into while stepping was just the coordination of the beat cause in step it's all about one sound and everyone has to be on that one sound together," said Brendan Romano, a junior and interdisciplinary studies major, who was a member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity for a year.

Sean Wilder, senior and business management major as well as member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, said it definitely has taken him a few tries to get the dance down to perfection.

"I think being precise, you know you want everything to look smooth, look good together. So sometimes you could be a little slow, everybody is going fast," said Wilder.

The enthusiasm in the room had become electric. Each member took in their group of people that had wanted to see how each of the steps were done, and some even it took the outside hallway. Halfway through, some students had looked defeated but had still carried on despite the trial and errors.

Michelle said she saw the clinic as a great opportunity and experience for newcomers who may have a curiosity in joining the team. Wilder added that activities such as this have been part of a continuous series of events for his fraternity, and the organizations got together to celebrate unity within one another.

"I love it," said Wilder. "The brotherhood is amazing. Everything that we do is all together and unified. One of my past brothers that had passed away, he helped found the organization Steppin' Up Drill Team so we have a good relationship."

Romano said he sympathized with students trying to learn the steps and students may need a few nights to get the routine down.

"I'm going into higher education," said Romano. "It gives me an experience to not only help someone learn how to step, but to work on my teaching experience as well."

Sean Wilder said as part of the semester events that his organization has planned throughout the summer, he hopes to continue to attract more newcomers and most definitely sees the Clinic to continue next year.



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Journalism major Shawn McFarlane and senior, biology major Alina Michelle demonstrating the step-up routines.

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"The Closing Door" continues the instrumentation and chord arrangements that give the album a multicultural listening experience. The recording has a full

sound, giving the track a suspenseful and intense effect.

European influence is brought to the album with "Brother's Keeper." Javier Mas plays laud, a traditional Spanish stringed instrument similar to a guitar, on the upbeat track. The latter half is backed with ney, a Persian flute-like instrument, giving the

song the intercontinental theme that makes the album so unique.

Tracks such as "Mary" and "Weight of the World" highlight the artist's connection to traditional Irish folk music and reveal the connection to the work of his past.

The closer for "This Wild Willing" brings the project back home, to the warm

and inviting melody and harmony that Hansard's native culture is founded on. Vocals in "Leave a Light" include trills, suspensions and resolutions that end the album with a characteristically folk motif. Irish Bouzouki, fiddle playing and storytelling lyrics also give the track a decidedly Celtic sound.

Nowhere on the album does Hansard utilize the upper register of his vocal range: a scratchy, strenuous voice that comes out passionately in most of his songs. A few of the tracks even take on a mellow, dark tone, inconsistent with his past work. Though many of the songs on "This Wild Willing" represent a departure from the

style long-solidified by the artist, a new, global sound emerged that set a new benchmark for how complex and well-executed a Glen Hansard album can be.

Hansard wrote, "The possibilities of what might emerge in the studio with this broad set of musicians changed my view of the record I was making."



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Glen Hansard's "Leave a Light" from his new album, being displayed on an iPhone attached to headphones.

Drag Ball

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Juniors and special education majors Anna Cullen and Emma Schober, who love Ru Paul's Drag Race, said it is their tradition to attend the drag ball, which they started their freshman year.

"They're so powerful, they transform into this other person and it's so cool to me," Cullen said. "Everyone's really accepting

and warm and welcoming to everyone who comes in."

Despite Southern being an accepting community, Schober said, there is still a little bias, so the drag ball is a place where people could come see how fun and accepting everyone is.

LaBeija, who later donned a rainbow one piece and fishnet tights, asked the audience who was attending their first drag show, to which more than half raised their hands. Garcia said students should attend events such as this not only because it is a fun

occasion that is free, but also because it allows them to learn more about the LGBT community.

She said thank you to everyone who came, as the drag ball shows people who Prism is as an organization, and it also helps these local performers get their name out. These are the types of gigs that help them succeed in the drag community, he said.

"On Ru Paul's Drag Race," said Cullen, "he always says that when people discover drag, they find their inner self."



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Drag Queen Xiomarie LaBeija performing last Tuesday.

Drag Ball celebrates diverse community

By J'Mari Hughes
Reporter

On April 9, Southern's LGBTQIA+ Prism hosted its 9th annual Drag Ball in the Adanti Student Center ballroom. Drag queens from New Haven and out of state came to dance, lip-sync and model for Southern students, who were given pride flags as well as free food and drinks.

"It's a time and place where people can actually dance and show their true self," said Prism club president Josh Garcia, "and it's a way where people who have never

experienced drag get to learn more about the community."

Garcia, a junior recreation and leisure major, said the original Prism club members brought the performances to Southern to further drag representation throughout campus. Having the event, he said, helps local drag performers get their name out and make money, as some of them live off their tips.

Performers included Ava Cado, Karelys Bleau, and ball host Xiomarie LaBeiija began the show shouting from backstage "SC!" for the audience to respond "SU!" LaBeiija

later emerged from closed doors in a bright orange leotard and giant curly wig, to Christina Aguilera's "Enter the Circus" among a mixture of other songs.

As well as strutting to songs like "Anaconda" by Nicki Minaj and "Grown Woman" by Beyoncé, the queens cartwheeled, death dropped, and hit the splits for the entertainment of students and New Haven citizens, who Snapchatted the events and held out dollar bills for them to take. Drag queen and audience member, Klits Jenner, said splits are his favorite because they always leave people wondering how he gets

into them.

"I love drag because you can get yourself out there. You get to see different elements of everyone's personality," he said. "It opens your mind to things that you wouldn't typically see."

The queens also had the opportunity to donate their offerings to A Place to Nourish Your Health, an organization that helps LGBT people find treatment and helps detect HIV or AIDS. Garcia said the program has been a big help to those in the LGBT community, so PRISM decided to give back.

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Drag performers Dirty Dixie Nornous and Klits Jenner posing at the event.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Xiomarie LaBeiija entertaining the audience in the ballroom of the Adanti Student Center on April 9th.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

The audience watching Mia E Z'Lay stike a pose.



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Rarity Moonchild performing at the Drag Ball.

Irish singer brings multicultural sound

By August Pelliccio
Photo Editor

Delicately beautiful Persian vocals, Spanish-style classical guitar, Middle Eastern winds and strings: influences from around the globe round out the newest album by Irish singer Glen Hansard.

The album, "This Wild Willing," is the most experimental project Hansard has released in recent years. The artist spent time in Paris, France while recording the album, and invited new and old musical friends of Iranian, Dutch, Irish and Spanish descent, to record with him.

"It became quickly apparent in the studio we were onto something interesting," Hansard wrote in a statement for his Bandcamp site.

The songwriter got his start in the music business in Dublin, Ireland in 1990 with a group called The Frames, though his songwriting goes back further to busking on the city's streets.

His origins have shone through in multiple pieces of his work to this day with The Frames, The Swell Season and his solo career. Vigorous acoustic guitar and an ambitious approach to projecting vocals are characteristic traits of Hansard's music, but "This Wild Willing" is a departure from Hansard's street-singing roots.

Approach to songwriting sounds most similar to the artist's previous work in partnership with Marketa Irglova in The Swell Season. Irglova is satellite feature vocalist on a few of the tracks, and many more

of the album credits go to musicians from around the world.

"When you surround yourself with great musicians and do your best to keep up, stay loose, give little direction, and allow everyone to bring what they bring, something transformative may happen," Hansard wrote.

Aida Shahghasemi, an Iranian singer and daf percussion instrument player adds a colorful Persian element to the album, starting with the third track, "Fool's Game." The recording has a focus on Hansard's vocals in the first few verses, with light but peaceful accompanying instrumentation. Suddenly, midway through the track, a loud and busy wall of sound interrupts the otherwise tame song. Hansard has included such a crowded sound in his recordings before, but usually after a long and gradual swell.

Furthermore, the at-first obtrusive interjection of various instruments grows with a compelling intensity before fading out to make room for a vocal exit by Shahghasemi that can only be described as haunting. "Fool's Game" is the first hint that this album is unlike any other in Hansard's discography.

"Race to the Bottom" immediately picks up with a modal sound reminiscent of traditional South Asian or Middle Eastern music. Non-traditional chord tones complement Hansard's songwriting well.

Unsuspecting listeners may not even be able to distinguish Hansard's Irish folk roots.

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Programs Council imitates 'Lets Make a Deal'

By J'Mari Hughes
Reporter

Southern's Programs Council hosted a game of "Let's Make a Deal" on Tuesday, April 9. Unlike the TV show, students did not dress up in crazy costumes and win new cars or Hawaiian vacations, instead they awaited their names being drawn from a box and were given prizes such as gift cards, scooters and Echo Dots.

"We wanted to do [the event] on a smaller, college campus scale," said senior ProCon nighttime programmer Kayleigh Paskiewicz. "It's a chill night and we figured, with the semester winding down, it's a nice way to come out, not worry about school and hang out with your friends and get free food."

Like the show, students had the unfortunate opportunity of getting a "zonk," an item purposely lousy in comparison to others, including a unicorn doll and a jar of Fluff, or in some cases, nothing at all.

Azhane Mitchell, who guessed the song "Shook Ones" by Mobb Deep

correctly and was able to participate, received the marshmallow fluff while she unhappily said she would have preferred the AirPods. Mitchell, a junior special education major, said she likes that people come to nighttime events, rather than spending all night in their dorm.

As well as pulling names from a box to determine who gets to play, Associate Director of Student Involvement Eric Lacharity chose players based on quick contests, such as asking who was the most excited in the room, who had an Android phone, who could find an Instagram cat the fastest or who had a Stop and Shop rewards card with them. Students would be narrowed down with games of "Simon Says," "Rock, Paper, Scissors" or "I'm Thinking of a Number Between."

Questions within the game were asked categorically, with topics including Disney, sports and SCSU. "How many bones are in the human body?" "What was the first

animated Disney film?" and "What city is Dunder Mifflin located?" were only a few of the endless trivia questions.

"I came here because I heard they were giving out good prizes and I have pretty good luck at stuff," said freshman communications major Ramsley Exantus, who won a Sony extra bass speaker. "It's pretty fair we all get a chance to win something."

Paskiewicz, a junior, journalism major, said ProCon uses money from student's activity fees to put towards buying the prizes. It is a way, she said, of giving back to the students and allows ProCon to hosts events in addition to "Let's Make a Deal", such as PB&J Thursdays and Student Appreciation Week.

"We try to do give a lot of free food, but we try to keep things different," said senior, interdisciplinary studies major Erich Bender. "Last year we did 'The Price is Right.' We try to keep it nice and varied."

According to freshman communication major Matthew Berry, ProCon

tends to keep the activities one of a kind and does not typically duplicate events. He said ProCon, which meets Mondays at 1 p.m. in the Student Center, is a

place for students to relax, take their minds of work and tests and have a good time.

"We want to show they're appreciated and

let them know we have usually two events a week," said Paskiewicz. "We just want to reward them with the prizes for all their hard work this semester."



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Freshman Ramsey Exantus opening his prize during 'Let's Make a Deal.'



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Sachin Manning, a junior, at a meet earlier this year.

Outdoor track and field looks to 'destroy'

As season approaches, defending champs look to retain their title

By Sam Tapper
Contributor

After a year filled with success, the men's track team remains hungry and is ready to take care of business again in the 2019 outdoor season.

During the 2018 outdoor season, the Owls claimed their second straight, and 15th overall NE10 Conference Championship, as well as winning the program's fifth New England Championship, the program's fourth for outdoor.

They ultimately ended the season by finishing No. 1 in the United States Track and Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) regional rankings. The Owls also finished with 34 regional selections and have come into 2019 loaded with talent.

"Who shouldn't we keep an eye on?" said head coach John Wallin when asked who he thinks will stand out this year. "There's a lot of talent on this team, you can't leave anybody out. We just need

to make sure our guys stay healthy."

Wallin's squad enters the 2019 outdoor season ranked 23rd in a USTFCCCA national poll and currently sits atop the regional poll. Wallin also received Coach of the Year honors in the NE10 last year.

His team is fresh off its third straight NE10 Conference title in the 2018-19 indoor season.

The Owls can not afford to bask in their seemingly perennial glory, though, as the preparation for the outdoor season, which comes with added difficulty and new factors, is much different than the preparation for indoor competition.

"It's different," said Coach Wallin. "The track is much bigger, the weather plays a factor, it's different."

Wallin's runners would agree with him that outdoor track is a much different game than indoor, but his team is more than ready for the challenge.

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Softball stuns on Senior Day

Clutch grand slam in game two of twinbill sends Le Moyne packing

By Matt Gad
Sports Writer

The Owls may have dropped two out of three over the weekend to Le Moyne, but the second half of Saturday's doubleheader proved historic.

Locked in a scoreless tie, the game was suspended at the end of eight innings due to looming darkness and Pelz Field not having any field lights. It was to be resumed Sunday morning.

"This was the first time in my five years that this has happened," coach Jill Rispoli said.

Sunday morning, in

the 10th inning, following Le Moyne breaking the deadlock with a single run, freshman infielder Alexa Bacoulis connected on a walk-off grand slam to give the Owls a 4-1 win.

Bacoulis finished the game with just one hit coming off the walk-off and four RBI after seniors Madison Feshler and Delany Turner dazzled on the mound during their Senior Day.

"I was moving the ball around and hitting my spots," Feshler said. "I was keeping them off balance and we were all just doing our job [on defense]."

Feshler allowed seven hits over five and a third,

producing seven flyouts and eight groundouts before Turner came in for four and two-thirds of one-run ball.

"That was the best I've seen Maddy throw all my three years," Turner said. "I'm so proud of her, like on another level. Since day one we've been on the same mode; we're both junk-ball pitchers and we do our job, and she did her job today."

Both seniors have only been on the team for three seasons, but they have had significant impacts during their time with the Owls, with Turner leading the team in doubles last year and Feshler having two

complete games in her junior season.

"It was a great moment on a great day and they'll remember this for the rest of their lives," Rispoli said.

Sophomore Jazmyn Martinez pitched game one, a 2-0 loss, and Feshler and Turner combined to give up just the lone run in the extra-inning win.

"All day long our pitchers were phenomenal," Rispoli said. "They pounded the strike zone, threw big pitches in big spots and they were aggressive. They fielded their positions and it was fantastic from the mound."

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Pitcher Jazmyn Martinez, a sophomore, pitches against Le Moyne on Saturday.



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Infielder Sara Buscetto, a junior, bats against Le Moyne during a home game on Saturday.

Tired legs and small roster results in loss for lacrosse

Strong showing in first half toppled as Owls become 'gassed' against Penmen



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A fight for a loose ball during a home game against Southern New Hampshire University on Saturday.

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Out-manned and out-gunned, the women's lacrosse team dropped a tightly-fought, back-and-forth game against the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University, losing 20-13.

Before this NE10 battle began, in the third-to-last game of the season and with the team coming off a tough loss to the ranked top team in both Division II as well as the NE10, freshman attacker Karlie Rowe said the team knew they needed to do everything they could to seal a win.

"We've had a rough season so we [knew] we had to come out strong," said Rowe. "It's a nice day out, it's a winnable team. They've had really iffy games, and so we were like, 'Let's compete with them, let's play our best, and the outcome will be the outcome.'"

Out of the gates, the game quickly became a hardfought battle of offenses, with the Penmen quickly moving up the field and scoring within the first three minutes of regulation.

The Owls did not hold off to answer, scoring almost two minutes later, which sparked a run of five unanswered goals.

"[The key to the successful start] was the offense. I mean, [Southern New Hampshire] didn't have an answer for our offense because we haven't moved like that in 13 games," said head coach Kevin Siedlecki. "That stems from the messaging in practice. We've done a lot more of that get moving, make sure that we understand our sets, make sure we understand our concepts and our sets, so that we're confident scoring."

Late in the first, both teams eventually got hot and made successful scoring streaks, with Southern New Hampshire going on a 6-3 run, ending the first half with the Owls on top 9-8.

The Owls were able to edge in front at the end of the first half of play thanks to efforts from senior attacker Samantha Cozzolino, who captured five goals and one assist in the first half.

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Rispoli will turn tide for softball



By Matt Gad
Sports Writer

Start looking at Jill Rispoli's recruiting classes - break them down year-by-year and position-by-position. They are looking more and more promising as the years go on.

After what will be another losing season for softball this spring, who currently sit near the bottom of the NE10 at 7-30, it will be important to keep the focus on the positives.

This year many underclassmen have made an incredible impact, like freshmen Jacqueline Dumont and Alexa Bacoulis and sophomores Jazmyn Martinez and Cailey Botteon.

The tide is going to turn. If you look back on the program's recent history, serious success did not come all that long ago. In fact, in 2013, the team went 32-22, its best season to date, and they had not just an NE10 Tournament run but two NCAA Tournament wins, as well.

The year before that, they were clicking even more, winning 43 games and dominating NE10 play at 24-6. They opened the season 10-0, had a 5-1 NCAA Tournament mark and were good enough to advance to the College World Series, winning a game, 3-2, to Saint Joseph's (Ind.).

As we keep going back, the success stays.

In 2011, the team won 35 games, including 20 NE10 contests, and a year before that it was a 42-13 campaign, with a remarkable 21-1 record at Pelz Field.

Rispoli will continue bringing in fresh talent in hopes that the on-field play will start to turn around and the program will gain momentum again, making them a top destination like they once were.

She may be the finest coach Mitchell College Softball will ever have and even though that was Division III, her record should speak for itself.

She has an extremely successful resume that has to eventually break through to the Division II game. The coaching is there, the philosophies, the grit - now is the time to see the breakthrough.

43 wins in 2012 seems to stand as the program record, the year they won the Super Regional.

Now, jumping all the way back up there right away may be a pretty lofty goal, but as long as the tide turns, albeit slowly, this program can start to return to the glory days, when it felt like a dynasty might have been on the horizon.

Stahlbrodt and Peloquin finish dream season

By Matt Gad
Sports Writer

Freshman Hannah Stahlbrodt and sophomore Jordan Peloquin competed Sunday in the Balance Beam National Championship at USA Gymnastics Nationals, hosted by the University of Bridgeport.

Stahlbrodt and Peloquin, who both qualified for the finals after turning in strong performances Friday night during the opening session, had notable seasons coming in, with Stahlbrodt being recognized as ECAC Gymnast of the Year and Peloquin, a transfer student, having won the Balance Beam Challenge at ECACs.

"I've never done anything like this by myself," Peloquin said. "I've gone to nationals for Junior Olympics before but

nothing like this. It's a brand new experience."

The United States Air Force Academy, Brown University, Centenary University (N.J.), Cornell University, Lindenwood University (MO), Seattle Pacific University, Southeast Missouri State, Texas Woman's University, Bridgeport, the University of Illinois at Chicago, West Chester University (Pa) and Yale all joined the Owls for nationals.

Friday night, senior Tiffany Coleman scored a 9.725 on vault, sophomores Morgan Gatewood and Keara Loughlin had scores of 9.700 and 9.075 on the beam, and junior Jackie Kutcher followed behind Stahlbrodt with a 9.000 on the uneven parallel bars.

Peloquin scored a 9.850 on beam, good for a share

of first, and Stahlbrodt finished tied for a fifth-place at 9.800. They both had marks to push them through to the final day of nationals.

"[The season] has been better than I could have imagined," Stahlbrodt said. "Nationals, it's a big thing, obviously. And it was good that it was in Bridgeport so my team could still come here in support."

Stahlbrodt capped off her freshman year with a 9.725 on bars, which gave her an 11th place finish, and Peloquin hit 9.150 for the 15th spot.

"To make it to nationals right out of the chute is quite an accomplishment," said head coach Jerry Nelson said, "and as the team's been tearing it up this season [Stahlbrodt and Peloquin] have been leading

the charge."

Stahlbrodt began her career with the Owls in January, scoring 37.875 all-around in a meet with Bridgeport, Rutgers and Yale. On Jan. 27, she hit 38.525 for a meet score, tying a 2009 mark set by former Owl Justine Basley.

Peloquin won the beam competition in that meet, with a score of 9.725, and had numerous high finishes in that category all season-long. And again, at the ECAC Division II Championships March 23, she finished first in that event with a 9.850 to capture the balance beam title.

"We had eight girls qualify to be with the best of the best and then these two had a chance to shine even further than that," Nelson said.

Sunday, Cornell's Kaitlin Green, Southeast Missouri State's Anna Kaziska and Lindenwood University's Ryan Henry took the top three spots on beam, with scores of 9.9000, 9.8750 and 9.8500, respectively.

"You had girls from all different teams cheering you on," Peloquin said. "It didn't matter what leotard you had on. It's just exciting."

The meet at University of Bridgeport was also Nelson's last, as he announced his retirement last month after 15 years with the program.

"I'll miss the athletes the most," he said. "It's just been such a labor of love to be doing this. It's the athletes I'll miss; the interactions with them, the stories, the workouts -- the trials and tribulations, as they say."



Jordan Peloquin, a sophomore, competes in the balance beam at the National Championship meet on Sunday.



Hannah Stahlbrodt, a freshman, competes in the balance beam at a meet earlier this year.

Outdoor

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"You've got to be prepared to have your best race every meet," said sophomore Jordan Lembo-Fry. "In indoor you kind of have chances to make it up if you don't start off well at first but you want to be at your best from start to finish in outdoor."

In 2019, Lembo-Fry will be entering his second outdoor campaign at Southern and despite the growing pains that he faced as a freshman, those experiences have better prepared him for this season.

"Just got to stay focused and relax and really just

trust the process," he said. "Sometimes, things just don't go your way at first, but if you take the time to sit back and just focus, put in hard work and dedication, things will work out in the end."

The Owls also return star junior Oghenefejiro Onakpoma, an All-American selection for the indoor triple jump as a sophomore. Onakpoma was an NCAA qualifier and an all-region selection for both outdoor and indoor in 2018, and believes this team is ready to dominate again.

"Just destroy, we're ready to destroy all these teams," said Onakpoma. "Being the alpha team in the conference, it's like, there's a chip on our shoulders because everyone wants to beat the winners. We can't

let that happen, so we've got to destroy every team when we get the chance."

Coach Wallin may not use words like, "destroy," but like his players, he believes his team has what it takes to keep the glory-run going.

"We can win our conference and regionals," said Wallin. "This team, they grind. They work hard."

No matter how much success they have, this Owls team wants everyone to know that they are far from being done.

"We're always ready for war," said Onakpoma. "We're war ready. If you're going to challenge us, we're ready to challenge you back. We are the Owls, and we're here. We don't back down from anybody."



Briana Burt, a redshirt senior, competes in the 4x100 meter relay during the UConn Northeast Challenge earlier this season.

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In the first game Saturday, Le Moyne scored a run in the first inning off a sacrifice fly in centerfield. However, they did not add to their ledger until they brought home a runner from third in the seventh, when the Owls committed an error off an errant throw.

Bacoulis, the team hero Sunday morning, was responsible for the team's only two hits in the loss.

Martinez dominated for her eleventh complete

game of the spring.

"We were firing on all cylinders. We may not have scored but we were hitting the ball hard and making great plays," Rispoli said.

In the second game Sunday afternoon, down 1-0, Bacoulis had a first-inning RBI single, scoring junior Sara Buscetto, before sophomore Jayden Delaporta hit an RBI double, bringing Liz DeRosa home, to make it 2-1 before the Owls fell 4-2 after the Dolphins tacked on two more late.

The team will be home for the final time this season on April 23, when they host Pace University for a doubleheader.



Pitcher Jazmyn Martinez, a sophomore, pitches during a game against Le Moyne on Saturday.

Karate Club stays 'locked in' as they become repeat champs

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

In his fourth and final year as a key part of the Karate Club, senior business administration major Angel Diaz, was able to claim a tournament victory at Boston University, sealing back-to-back championship wins in his final two years.

Diaz, who holds the title of a black belt, said his excitement and talent for karate started at a young age, training with his family, who all practice the martial art sport as well.

"I first started, honestly, when I was five years old. I was doing [karate] in a parking lot with my father," said Diaz. "I started [karate] because I used to watch my father practice in the parking lot, so one day I asked him if I could be out there with him and one thing led to another."

As captain of the karate

club, which currently boasts five members and meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Pelz Gymnasium, Diaz said he looks to lead and support his team in anyway necessary.

"For captain, it comes down to pretty much everything," said Diaz. "It could be, as far as managing the other members, which could be just as simple just making sure that everyone is okay. The other role that comes along with being a captain is just being that support for everybody."

Diaz also said that being captain does not mean being the most valuable player on the team.

"People think being captain is you have to be the best player on the team, you have to be the one that's doing all the glory," said Diaz. "I don't see it that way. I see it as it really is that simply, what can you bring to the team outside of the

club, and that's the family atmosphere, just making sure everyone's okay."

The club has been in existence for a long time, stretching back over 15 years, and competes with schools across New England, including state rival Central Connecticut State University. At each tournament, Diaz said there are roughly more than ten schools from all over, such as Rutgers, Army West Point, Boston University, and MIT.

At each event, teams contend in two competitions: team fighting and team Kata. When competing for the Kata, or forms, both teams show synchronized forms and get judged accordingly. For fighting competitions, both teams facing off choose five of their own members and match up against the opposition however they want.

While Southern's karate

club typically only attends tournaments during the spring semester, the club is active year-round, using the rest of the year as conditioning.

"Usually we have a lot of tournaments in just the spring semester, so we like to use the fall semester to [train]," said Diaz. "Everyone's been away, they've been doing their thing, so we use the fall semester to just work out the kinks. Get back to the basics."

Mahasa Jenkins, a senior economics major and the acting secretary and treasurer of the karate club, joined the club during his sophomore year after seeing an event in the Student Center.

"There was an event in the ballroom, and it was just the kind of club for me," said Jenkins. "One of the people who was in the karate club at the time, I actually trained with at my

old karate school. So, they asked me to come by and join, and I did."

Jenkins said that joining the karate club helps members prosper.

"Some benefits, I would say is, discipline," said Jenkins. "We try to teach our students and our members discipline and just hard work in general."

The karate club is open to any and all newcomers, regardless of age or skill level.

Diaz said as long as they are focused, they are welcome.

"We have a little motto on our team, it's 'You got to be locked in,'" said Diaz. "When we're in practice, we're always screaming, 'lock in, lock in, it's time to lock in,' and that's just to remind us [that] we have a goal here, and that goal is to win championships. That's always what it's about. We have fun, but we always say it's fun to win."



Senior Angel Diaz accepts his medal after becoming a repeat champion at Boston University on Saturday.

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The champions of the Boston University Karate Tournament stand with their medals and university gear on Saturday.

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Lacrosse

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"I really don't know [how I was so successful early on]," said Cozzolino. "I know my job, and I know I need to get the ball in the net, it's just a matter of how I'm going to get there. In the first half, we were all just I think a lot more pumped up and just going for it."

After halftime, it seemed like both teams picked up where they left off. A flick off the stick 30 seconds in from freshman midfielder Kelly Jagodzinski gave the Owls a two-point lead, but the fresh legs of the Penmen's large roster gave them a breath of fresh air.

Five minutes into the final half, Southern New Hampshire tied the game at eleven. Where the game had been about offense in

the first, defense became crucial in the second.

Southern New Hampshire's tough defense, especially their transition defense, kept Southern's offense at bay, and the Penmen's quick double-cutting offense tired out an already sluggish Owls defense.

The game eventually slipped from the Owls hands, as Southern New Hampshire ran the score up 17-12 with a little over eight minutes left on the clock.

After they slowed down the pace of the game, Southern New Hampshire eventually emerged victorious, 20-13.

"We just got gassed in the second half. They made it a high scoring game. It's going to be really hard for us to win a high scoring game," said Siedlecki. "You get up over 15, 16 goals apiece, we're not going to win that game

because we don't have the legs, [especially] against a team like Southern New Hampshire who has 33 girls sitting there who can go in."

The Owls lead the game in saves and draw controls, while also committing two less turnovers than the Penmen, who ended the game with a total of 15.

Cozzolino said while the team stayed optimistic throughout the game, the team was not able to keep up with the Penmen.

"We really thought we could win, and I still think we could have definitely won that game," said Cozzolino. "It's kind of just, whenever we get down a few goals, we just lose ourselves and that's on us, but we really did stay positive the whole time. That's really just it, I'm still sad about the game."

There are two games left in the Owl's season, facing Assumption and Stonehill.



Defender Emily Rossini, a junior, controls the ball during a home game on Saturday.

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Club Golf ends their spring session strong

By Matt Gad
Sports Writer

The golf club recently wrapped up its spring season, finishing third in an invitational tournament at Oxford Greens and second at Gillette Ridge Country Club in Trumbull.

Senior John Zoppi said when he reflects on his season, he is happy with the results.

"We played pretty well in both," Zoppi said. "And coming in second [at Gillette] was a great accomplishment because it's one of the toughest courses in the state."

The team, which qualified for nationals in previous seasons, features five seniors Zoppi, Dominick Rello, Zac Parente, Matt Zampano and Peter Grant and juniors Trent Kaisen

and Drew Griffith.

"We lost a few guys so we didn't have many players, but I'm very proud coming in second and third this semester. We hope to get more players and contend again next semester," Rello said.

When adviser Jonathan Wharton took hold of the squad, the roster was 20 players deep. But after this year, when Rello, Parente and Zoppi are lost to graduation the goal will be to recruit at least four new players.

"The team used to be much bigger," Wharton said. "It's mostly sophomores and juniors, a couple [of] new guys," he said.

They practice regularly, for either nine or 18 holes, at Tashua Knolls in Trumbull or Traditions in Wallingford, and have two

sessions a year: one in the fall that runs throughout October and November and the other in the spring, which goes through March and April.

"We want to get [the team] back to double digits," Wharton said.

But despite the numbers, Parente said the team chemistry has been good and that everyone has "gotten to know each other pretty well."

"It doesn't matter who plays together since we all have fun. We're not a huge team but I definitely think we're close," he said.

The team wants to get back to two national tournaments, one per semester, to mix in with the pair of invitationals they have in both the fall and the spring, competing in the National Collegiate Club

Golf Association.

"We always want to win both tournaments," Parente said. "But it's tough being a small team. We played [at] some pretty tough courses and I think we're satisfied with how we played."

Parente and Zampano are typically the team's leading scorers, shooting in the 70s, Wharton said, and Parente said Zoppi has "played some really solid golf this semester."

Zoppi has completed 15 tournaments to date, with a low round of 80 and an average score of 92.86.

Parente has played in twelve, made eight all-tournament teams and averaged a score of 78.52.

As for Zampano, the senior athletic training major played in thirteen tournaments, shooting a low round of 77 and

averaging out at 90.8.

Back in the 1980s, golf was an NCAA Division II sport on Southern's campus, along with several others, like wrestling, that were cut out of the program by the athletic department shortly thereafter.

Before coming to Southern, Wharton previously advised the club at Stevens Institute of Technology, a school from Hoboken, N.J., which still has a Division II program.

But despite golf being a club sport, the team still spends a lot of time together and has bonded throughout the year.

"Our chemistry is great," Rello said. "We are always together on and off the course, so that plays a huge role. We are all good friends and we have a lot of fun playing together."

Bring the best sport to campus



By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Southern is home to a vast variety of sports, from the seemingly underrepresented, such as cross country and gymnastics, to the staples of collegiate sports like basketball and football, there seems to be a sport for everyone. However, there is one sport that is missing from the docket: hockey.

While we do have a club version of the sport, Southern needs to endorse hockey as an official, sanctioned sport. While not being my favorite sport - that spot has already been taken by a love for basketball - it is undeniably the best sport. Here's why:

For one, unlike any other sport besides cross country and downhill skiing, before they can even compete, the athletes need to master an entire new form of transportation. You need to be able to skate, and skate well, not just leisurely like you would on a frozen pond or at a free-skate event. Hockey players need to be able to move in all directions, and to be able to stop on a dime, all while balancing on a one-inch blade.

Secondly, the frozen sport is fast paced. Like athletes in the world of soccer, most hockey players, except for the goalies, keep moving for the entirety of the game. Through three periods, for a full 60 minutes, players must skate and battle for each possession, chasing the puck while also watching out for any opposing player looking to lay them out - but that brings me to my next point.

Besides what I have already mentioned, hockey is also a perfect blend between athletic ability and brutal aggression. Hockey allows for a physical release, such as when a player sends some poor sap who kept their head down into the boards. Sports and aggression go hand in hand, and hockey portrays it all. Not to mention the increased aggression on the professional level, where literal fist fights are permitted - I also advocate for that on the collegiate level, but one step at a time.

From sitting on the bench when my father coached throughout my childhood to witnessing playoff runs from my local sport academies, to even watching the professionals, I have seen the full spectrum of hockey. Southern needs to bring hockey to campus as a fully recognized athletic program.

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Campus construction is coming along

Follow up to Feb. 2 photospread about campus construction projects



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An excavator sitting in the parking lot between Earl Hall and the Lyman Center, after ground was dug up for the installation of new piping for the school's heat system.



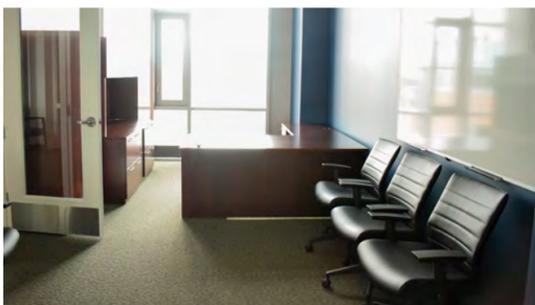
Rear of the Barack H. Obama Magnet University School, to be completed during the fall semester.



Front facade of the Barack H. Obama Magnet University School.



Newly completed programming space in Schwartz Hall's basement.



A group study room in Hilton C. Buley Library that was repurposed for a new library director's office.



The administrative assistant desk and waiting area for the new library director's office in Buley Library.



Piping placed between Earl Hall and the Lyman Center to repair and renovate the school's heating system.