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## President Bertolino hosts 'Town Hall' style meeting



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President Joe Bertolino speaking to students at the "Town Hall" style meeting in Engleman Hall.

By Josh LaBella

Southern Connecticut State University President Joe Bertolino opened his town hall style meeting by saying he had no set agenda.

"I wanted to offer an opportunity for students to come by and ask any question they have," said Bertolino.

The event, which took place last Wednesday at 1 p.m., was held in Engleman Hall.

"How many of you registered for classes," Bertolino asked. "You could come to me for help but I would not know what I was doing."

President Bertolino reminded those in attendance of his inauguration, which is on Friday, April 28. A student asked him if he could miss class to attend and he said he was working on it.

"I'm going to authorize the closing of all offices and encourage the deans to tell the

faculty to let students out of class," Bertolino said.

Next, Bertolino asked students of their opinion on what is and what is not working with the LEP program.

"My sense is that the LEP and the opportunity to take a variety of different classes help you learn the soft skills which employers are looking for," said Bertolino.

He also asked that students attend an event, on April 19, where the president of the CSU system will be holding a forum in the student center.

"It would be good for student leaders to have some representation there to ask him questions," said Bertolino.

Then, Bertolino talked more about the budget problems the school and the state are facing, how it is affecting the CSU system and how students can get involved and effect change.

"You should continue to contact your legislatures as much as possible," said Bertolino. "We don't want to see any

more additional cuts."

Bertolino also recommended that Southern students go back to their high schools and "talk up" Southern so that the school can achieve higher enrollment.

"An extra 100 students is a million dollars," said Bertolino. "Adding 1 percent of our population each year will put us in a great position."

One major development is a plan in the works to consolidate all the community colleges into one institution with one administration.

"The state schools are not being consolidated in the same way," he said. "They will end up saving about 45 million dollars and there will be a series of teams created to see how the consolidation will affect day-to-day operations."

According to Bertolino, Southern is working on creating eight new advising centers to better address the problems students have getting the proper classes and graduating on time.

"I'm hoping the new advising structure will make things easier," said Bertolino.

Becky Kucmich, a junior communications major, said she thought the event went well.

"It was really nice to see a diverse group of students come and interact with our president," said Kucmich.

Michele Rodriguez, a junior political science major, said she was impressed with how President Bertolino handled himself.

"I think the event went really well," said Rodriguez. "He was really responsive and he even had a notepad and was taking down ideas that the students gave him."

President Bertolino said he is finishing up his first year and is having a great time.

"As long as the budget situation doesn't get any worse," said Bertolino, "I'll continue to have a great time."

## Board of Regents announces administrative consolidation

By Alex Palmieri

There is an administrative consolidation plan that the board of regents for higher education will endorse for saving millions of dollars annually.

Some of the financial considerations that were mentioned in the "Report to Board of Regents for Higher Education" were 89 percent of revenue comes from State Appropriations and tuition fees. There are also 96 percent of students who are residents paying in-state tuition fees. There were proposed guidelines to ensure students are at the center of all decisions and to ensure there is a safeguard educational access and affordability.

The administrative consolidation that the governor proposed included savings that target roughly \$13 million of total administrative costs, or a 4 percent cut.

Mark Rozewski, vice president for finance at Southern, said the governor's proposed budget contained a cutback to our state. He said it seems to happen every year. Rozewski said this is his third budget reduction cycle since he has been at Southern. For the three cycles that he has participated in, Rozewski said it is getting progressively more difficult for the institution.

"Every year resources get more constrained," said Rozewski.

Globally the purpose for cutting the state university's budgets is because the state itself is experiencing revenue shortfalls. Rozewski said it is not only the universities, it is all state agencies are being impacted by this.

"The simple fact of the matter is that the money isn't there," said Rozewski. "Something has to give. You have to solve the problem in a way that preserves the affordability of the institution for its student body, and preserves the quality of the teaching and learning that goes on while simultaneously meeting your budget. And that is just getting more and more difficult."

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## Shooting outside Slyce Pizza Bar leaves students concerned

By Dylan Haviland

It was a warm spring afternoon on campus three days after the recent shooting outside Slyce Pizza Bar. Damian Barnes, a senior exercise science major and resident advisor, was swiping in students at the desk of Wilkinson Hall as he recalled the incident as unsurprising.

"I have friends that they seem to be like freaking out about it," said Barnes. "And I kind of just have a whatever attitude cause it just happens a lot".

Barnes along with the student body of Southern, recieved an e-mail at 3:49 a.m. on Sunday April 9, from Patrick Dilger, director of Public Affairs, about gunshots earlier that morning that allegedly resulted in a man being taken to the hospital at 2:20 a.m. It was stated

that no Southern students had a part in the incident, and they were told not to go to the area while Hamden police were investigating.

This marks another violent incident within the area of the bar at 141 Arch St., in Hamden.

"It's pretty disturbing," said Allison Serna, a junior psychology major, as she recalled the email. "I wasn't that shocked though, which is like kind of weird but definitely disturbing".

A press release by the Hamden Police Department on Sunday afternoon stated that there were two victims found. One was spotted shortly after the incident.

The second victim was allegedly shot inside his vehicle after leaving the bar, and sustained a non-life threatening gunshot wound to the upper-back.

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Slyce Pizza Bar is located outside the SCSU campus.

PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

# Annual Jail N' Bail event cancelled due to complaints



PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

Students participating in the Jail N' Bail event that took place the previous year and was sponsored the Special Olympics of Connecticut.

By Alex Palmieri

After 10 years of Jail N' Bail being on Southern's campus to gather donations for the Special Olympics, it has been cancelled.

Tracy Tyree, vice president of student affairs, said it is a student event that Southern hosted throughout the years. Within the past couple years, Tyree said she had a few faculty members informally express concern about the Jail n' Bail event that is hosted. She said people thought in some ways, it was trivializing the ideas of jail.

"We hear stories from students about their experiences related to family members who might be in prison," said Tyree. "Or even the roles with prisons in our communities that this idea of using imprisonment of jail and money was of concern."

Tyree said for some people, this event can just feel uncomfortable. She said there were not a lot of conversations about the event but she was aware of the problems. She had encouraged the faculty member to go to the organizers.

"I did have a conversation with Chief Dooley and said she referred to the faculty first," said Tyree. "I did a little research on the web and saw at North Western University, there was this awareness that there felt like it was not consistent with their social justice mission."

Tyree shared that article from the North Western University. Though she did not offer to close the event, she did tell people the concerns that people may have. She said some might think that it does not fit to Southern's commitment to social justice.

"Chief Dooley was very open and receptive to the conversation," said Tyree. "I feel very good about the

decision. I feel like there are people on campus, who in different ways, were able to offer their feedback and certainly were receptive to my sharing and my own understanding."

As far the impact it had on the university, Tyree said nobody would be able to know that. There were people who enjoyed the idea and people who did not. She said it was for a good cause and thinks there is a lot of support for Special Olympics.

"We do a lot to support the Special Olympics," said Tyree. "And so some ways, this counterbalanced the negatives. The purpose of the event was very honorable and the event itself was not intended to be anything but fun."

# Southern parking guard Clarence Smith passes away

By Alex Palmieri

Clarence Smith, who was a parking guard on the SCSU campus passed away peacefully on Friday, March 31, 2017 at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

With his passing, Tonya Nelson, administrative assistant at the Southern Police Department, she said he was always on time to work. Smith was previously a firefighter and Nelson said he did his job to the best of his ability no matter what he was doing.

"He was a great man, a nice man, a professional," said Nelson. "He took his job very seriously. He was on time everyday. He was just serious about his job."

Smith was a member of the Firebird Society of New Haven prior to his job as a parking guard at Southern. Nelson said she will never forget what an impact he had on everyone at Southern. She said he left a positive impact on everyone.

"He had great interaction with faculty and staff, even

the presidents. Everybody loved him," said Nelson.

Lieutenant Richard Randall of the Southern Police Department said the relationship he and Smith had was one that he will always remember. He said the biggest thing that everyone noticed about Smith was his smile.

"He just had this great big smile with this big presence," said Randall. "He always reminded me of a big presence that would fill a room. That is probably the thing that I will miss the most."

Randall said Smith would cheer everyone up no matter what mood they were in. Smith had a presence that would make everyone feel better.

"If you're having a bad day," said Randall, "you want to run into Mr. Smith because he would just make that day a whole lot better. That's probably the best thing to say."

Chief Joseph Dooley also spoke about the loss of Smith. Dooley said everything Smith did for the university was good since so many people were touched by him. Dooley said his smile and his commitment to

getting the job done are the two things that he will miss the most with the passing of Smith. He said he was a major fabric of the Southern community.

"He would always give me a thumbs up when I would come into that booth," said Dooley. "He always had an optimistic attitude. That is a good way to start your day and he was the face for many people coming through that parking lot."

Smith, according to the New Haven Register obituaries, was a brother, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather and a godfather. Nelson said it is a tough time. Though he is gone, Nelson said he will never be forgotten.

"I'm going to miss him," said Nelson. "I'm going to miss him. Like I said, he was here 16 years. He's a good man, a very nice man. He'll be missed and I know his co-workers are going to miss him. He's going to be missed."

## Shooting

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Additional instances of shootings include an email sent by Dilger on Sept. 7, 2014 citing a non-fatal shooting of a car in the parking lot of Slyce also in the early in the morning around 1:30 a.m. Another email on Sept. 13, 2013, this time from Chief Joseph M. Dooley of university police, described gunfire that happened before the school year in the surrounding area of Slyce in August, which also had no injuries.

"We generally don't see a lot of our students that are going there, I'm not aware if there is a student base that goes to that restaurant but still we have concern," said Dooley. "We've worked in conjunction with Hamden, including liquor control, to express our concerns primarily our midnight shift which keeps an eye on it as they did that night and we are very much a part of reporting to Hamden what was going on so. It's on the edge of campus so it's something we have to keep an eye

on, it's just there's been too many incidents there and it raises concerns."

According to a New Haven Register article on April 10, "Latest Violence at Hamden pizza bar renews calls for closure, loss of license" by Kate Ramunni, a petition of over 230 names were gathered during the fall to stop Slyce's liquor license renewal.

President Joe Bertolino expressed the university's involvement in the non-renewal of the liquor license and stressed the importance of safety for students.

"The advantage to a place like Southern is that we have our own police force, that isn't the case for all campuses they may have some type of security or public safety but we have an armed police force on our side and I do think that because of those individuals, our trained police officers, and have that skill set that does provide for a safe community here," said Bertolino.

Barnes, whose job as a resident advisor incorporates students both new and experienced, also credited the measures of residence halls which require signing in of students and guests as a proper safety protocol.

"With the policies that we have in our res halls and the fact that you only can come in really if you have your ID, I feel like that makes it safe and a lot of the problems tend to not happen in the residence halls", said Barnes.

Currently no additional press releases from the Hamden Police have been sent regarding new information on the investigation.

The owner of Slyce, Fazlay Rabbi, was not able to be contacted for the story.

## Consolidation

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Jonathan Wharton, a political science professor, said there is a number of faculty that are concerned that the finer detail of the financial cutback is not being shared.

"Nobody knows the specifics of everything," said Wharton. "We don't know the specifics of the university. We just assume the components of what President Ojakian suggested."

Wharton said this is bait for everybody. He said he is not sure what in store specifically for Southern, but there was talk about closing down a campus or two. Wharton talked about Ojakian saying that anything is

possible.

"This was the worry at the faculty senate meeting," said Wharton. "This is exactly what the big concern is: We don't know. No one knows all these finer details - when, how and which universities."

One aspect that Wharton bought up was the renewal of contract negotiations with faculty, administrators and staff. Wharton said he is not worried because a major benefit of teaching at a university like Southern, is that there is a need for full time professors.

Though Wharton said he is not worried, he is

concerned about not having all of the information. He added that Southern should be in good hands.

"I'm not worried," said Wharton. "This school prides itself on being a teaching university fundamentally, historically it's been that way. Number two: if you look at full-time faculty compared to part-time, we are an anomaly. We really stand out more compared to other universities."

# Students participate in second annual Slut Walk

By Victoria Bresnahan

Diana Deleon said she was walking to take back the word slut.

"I do not take the word 'slut' or 'hoe' in a negative way," said Deleon, a freshman biology major, while walking at the 2nd annual Slut Walk Thursday afternoon. "So, whenever someone tries to call me that in a negative way, I just brush it off."

Vanessa Young, a graduate student in the women's studies master program and Slut Walk assistant coordinator, said at the event's panel discussion in Engleman Hall, that the point of the walk is to raise awareness about slut-shaming and victim-blaming.

Slut-shaming is defined as making a girl or woman feel guilty about certain sexual behaviors that deviate from societal norms, said Young.

"Slut-shaming includes women who wear provocative clothing, who showcase sexual behavior, women who have causal or pre-marital sex, request access to birth control and women who have abortions," said Young.

Victim-blaming—the act of a victim being blamed for a crime committed against them—can stem from slut-shaming, said Young.

Isabel Skarzynski, a graduate student in the women's studies masters program and Slut Walk event coordinator, said the phrase "slut walk" is used to get people's attention.

"It brings people here who turn around and [ask], 'Why are you using that word? That is a negative word,'" said Skarzynski. "Words aren't negative until you put that connotation to them."

Skarzynski said the word "slut" is not descriptive of any one person because everyone has sex.

"It [Slut Walk] gives people the freedom to not be bound by stereotypes," said Skarzynski. "Being a slut isn't a bad thing.

If you want to have sex, have sex. If you don't, then don't."

She said slut shaming puts the blame on women, but men are never held accountable.

"They put the blame on women and say, 'She was asking for it,' 'She drank too much' or, 'It is her fault for dressing that way,'" said Skarzynski. "Whereas you do not see men that wear tank tops or skinny jeans being harassed by women or other men about what they are wearing."

A 2016 Gallup Poll found 42 percent of women under the age of 50 worry at least occasionally about being sexually assaulted. Overall, 34 percent of women are concerned about being a victim of sexual assault. Additionally, 5 percent of men are worried about being sexually assaulted.

Melissa Kissi, victim and survivor advocate at Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center and panelist for the Slut Walk, said people can continue to have these difficult conversations by using the strengths already present.

"We have passionate students on this campus, dedicated to speaking out against this issue," said Kissi. "Whether formally—like being involved in the peer education program or with the women's studies program—or informally, such as you are in a conversation with friends and you speak up and say, 'Hey, that joke is not funny.'"

Christina Fawcett, head organizer of the Slut Walk, said she hopes that by walking, people will think of the legacy they want to leave behind.

"We all can say that we started something that potentially helped someone's life last year, and someone was given resources," said Fawcett. "People's lives could be changed. If one idea was changed in your mind I can die satisfied and happy."



Vanessa Young and Alexa Ambrose walking in 'Slut Walk.'

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Students walking across the Wintergreen crosswalk.

PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

# Southern students receive Henry Barnard Award

By Alex Palmieri

Four students from Southern were awarded to be a Henry Barnard Student Award Recipient.

The Connecticut State University System Foundation said there are 12 college seniors from Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Connecticut State University that were honored each academic year by the CSUS Foundation during the annual Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Awards Banquet, which has been held in the spring for more than 20 years. All students must be seniors to be eligible, along with having a 3.7 GPA.

Brandon Bush, senior communications major, has a 3.93 GPA. He said it is a nice feeling to be a recipient of this award. There were 40-60 people who applied but only four got to be in the position he is in. Though he was not expecting it, Bush also received a \$500 scholarship as well.

"It's a nice feeling," said Bush. "All your hard work at Southern is kind of paid off and you're getting recognized for some of the work that you've been doing. It's nice to know the stuff you've done to better yourself academically is not only beneficial to you, but also your

community. It's nice to be acknowledged for that."

Bush said out of the 40-60 people that applied, 13 got interviews and they had to sit with the committee through interviews. He said it was a bit nerve wracking. Out of those 13 people, four students from Southern were chosen.

"Of the four," said Bush, "me and two of my roommates are three of them."

Nicholas Charnysh, recreation, tourism and sport management major, has a 3.80 GPA. During his first semester at Southern, his INQ professor introduced the award to his class. Charnysh's professor told him it would be something great to shoot for.

"It's always been in the back of my mind after a good first semester," said Charnysh.

He said his main goal was to make deans list every semester. But to have a cumulative 3.7 GPA was always in the back of his mind.

"Since this has been a personal goal of mine since freshman year," said Charnysh, "I feel very accomplished. I feel like I very much achieved what I wanted to and it kind of validates a lot of the work that I've done here, and what I've give to the university because it gave so much to me. It's really cool."

Adam Zhitomi, communication disorders major and

psychology minor, has a 3.71 GPA, and said he is very honored to be in this position to be a recipient for the Henry Barnard Award. He added that it meant a lot for him to receive the award.

"I am grateful," said Zhitomi. "I'm definitely grateful to be awarded it. It shows all the hard work that I've dedicated for the last couple years and even throughout high school. It's definitely nice to get recognition for all that hard work."

Sadia Younas, senior chemistry major with a 3.91 GPA, said she is honored to be one of the recipients of the award. She said she understands that it is a privilege to receive the award.

"I am happy to represent the chemistry department," said Younas.

Younas said she was sitting in lab when she saw that she had won the award. She was smiling and said it was a nice surprise since she did not think she would be one of the winners.

"I wasn't going to apply for the award as I didn't think I would have much of a chance at getting it," said Younas. "But after some encouragement from my friends and professors, I decided to go ahead with it and I'm glad I did."

# Students disagree with new bill to defund Planned Parenthood

By Victoria Bresnahan

It is a state's right to choose whether abortion services are funded before it is a federal right, said Timothy Frey, a senior history major.

Frey said this regarding the new bill approved last week by the Senate that will allow states to defund organizations providing abortion services, such as Planned Parenthood.

"Whether they defund or not depends on the state you are in," said Frey. "If California wants to keep it fully funded then good for them."

The Planned Parenthood 2014-2015 annual report states, 43 percent of its revenue comes from government health services grants and reimbursements. While 24 percent of it comes from non-government health services revenue.

Additionally, a 2016 Gallup Poll found 29 percent of Americans consider abortion legal under any circumstance, while 50 percent believe it should be legal under certain circumstances. Overall, 47 percent of Americans are pro-choice and 46 percent are pro-life.

Sean Gamble, a senior exercise science major, said it is a civil right for women to control their bodily autonomy.

He said it is a woman's choice, not the state's, to decide whether they can have an abortion.

"The only reason I feel the federal government needs to step in, in this particular realm, is because we have the zealots who are so stuck on this one small percentage of what Planned Parenthood does [abortion services]," said Gamble. "I do not like the idea that abortions happen, but it is not my place to say—it is no one's place to say."

Gamble said he knows women who have had to receive abortions and for them, it was a tough decision to make.

"They felt bad about it afterwards, but they knew they had to do it," said Gamble. "So, the characterization that people going for that procedure are gung-ho about it and is simply a *comme ci, comme sa* type of decision is bull."

The Planned Parenthood report states abortion services are 3 percent of their annual medical services provided—323,999 were performed. STD/STI treatments are the largest provided service and make up 45 percent of their annual medical services.

Gregory Adams, a sociology professor and chair of the department, said the bill's intent is to close as many Planned Parenthoods as possible due to their abortion services. He said Planned Parenthood provides medical

services not only to women, but also to impoverished women using Medicaid.

"Most, but not all, of the women who would vote to defund Planned Parenthood are well to do," said Adams. "If they, or their children, ever needed those services they would never go to Planned Parenthood. If they needed an abortion, they wouldn't go to Planned Parenthood either, or they don't think they would. It definitely will affect poor women."

Haley Copes, a junior communications major, said when President Trump started his administration she assumed legislation like this would be passed.

"These [abortion services] are things we definitely need, way more than weapons and military and all that," said Copes. "They are always going to do that, they are always going to cut funds for things that we actually need to protect our health."

Everyone has their opinion, but Copes said she would never tell anyone what to do with their body.

"My grandmother does not believe in abortion, but that is just because she is extremely religious," said Copes. "While I see that, I just don't think that should be hand in hand with the government, or doctors."



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## Students speak out on faulty campus elevators

Robert Sheeley, associate vice president for Capital Budgeting and Facilities Operations, said Southern will be replacing some of the elevators in the coming months due to their age.

By Josh LaBella

Ashley Raymone, a sophomore biology major, said she got stuck in the Chase Hall elevator last year, but she did not panic.

"It wasn't that bad," said Raymone. "I just pushed the button and talked to a lady, she told me they were sending folks right away to get me out."



PHOTO | JOSH LABELLA

**Ashley Raymone, a sophomore biology major.**

Getting stuck did not interrupt her schedule, Raymone said, as she was not doing anything important at the time.

"When the service people got to me I wanted to get out," said Raymone. "They actually opened the doors at first but then they did something wrong and the doors shut and locked with me inside."

Emaji Smith, a junior interdisciplinary studies major with concentrations in public health and psychology, said the elevators break about once a month in Neff Hall. She said it does not interfere with her schedule but it does bother her.

"One time they were both broken," said Smith. "I am not taking stairs to the fifth floor."

According to John Sullivan, a junior business marketing major, the elevators in Schwartz Hall break down pretty often but he does not mind.

"It hasn't really been a problem with me," said Sullivan. "I don't mind taking the stairs but they

are so far away."

Tafari Turner, a graduate student getting a master's in business administration, also lives in Schwartz Hall and said he blames the building's age.

"I don't mind when they break cause then I get an extra couple of steps," said Turner. "I feel like some people are just lazy."

In North campus the elevators are too slow, said Emily Vilhotti, a junior special education major. She said they have broken once since she moved in this semester. "Sometimes it skips my floor," said Vilhotti. "I push the button and I hear it go all the way up and all the way back down to the lobby and I have to try again."

Robert Sheeley, associate vice president for Capital Budgeting and Facilities Operations, said the elevators get maintenance from Bay State Elevator.

"We have a maintenance contract with the company," said Sheeley. "It's an annual contract that covers all the elevators on our campus,"



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**Tafari Turner, a graduate student working towards his master's in business administration.**

According to Bay State Elevator's website, they have a strong history and the technical experience to service a higher education facility, like Southern Connecticut State University.

Sheeley said the problem they are facing now is the age of the buildings on campus. He said the school put money into the capital budget program to replace a few

elevators on campus in a few months.

"This summer we will be overhauling three elevators at a cost of \$167,000 each," said Sheeley. "One elevator is in Hickerson and two are in Wilkinson."

There is a plan in the works to replace all the old elevators, said Sheeley, but they need to prioritize based on urgency. According to him, elevators are hard to work on during the school year because they need to be operational for students.

"There's economics behind this," said Sheeley. "Now the contractor doesn't have to reset for the second one and they don't need to worry about the elevators breaking down or leaving their tools out."

Sheeley said the school will always come up with the money to maintain the elevators, regardless of budget cuts.

"These are safety issues," said Sheeley. "We don't compromise on safety issues. Period."

## Students prefer class time interaction versus lectures

By Josh LaBella

As a nursing major, junior Zack Voisine said he has two and a half hour long classes that he dreads going to, as lecture style classes are impossible to focus on.

"If the attendance wasn't mandatory I wouldn't go to them," said Voisine. Voisine said discussion-based classes are much easier to attend because he likes interacting with the class.

Tom O'Sullivan, a junior public health major, said he does not know how many students actually like lecture style classes.

"I feel like lecture classes are more of a cost saving method," said O'Sullivan, "and I'm not saying that you can't be engaged in a lecture but classes that are more interactive are easier to learn in."

Scott Ellis, an English professor, said he prefers guided discussion in the classroom opposed to straight lecturing. He said it allows faculty to engage with students' ideas and adjust the classroom dynamics according to the students' responses.

"The learning becomes multidirectional," said Ellis, "rather than straight to the student."

Ultimately, Ellis said his goal is not for students to repeat facts back to him but for them to internalize information and draw their own conclusions about it.

Discussion style classes are shaped around the students, said James Krochko, a freshman special education major.

"In classes like that you have more input," said Krochko. "Also you get a lot closer to the teacher and that is important."

Jade Savage, a senior business management major, said she gets more out of discussion based classes, that classes with discussions are more hands-on and memorable.

"A lot of lecture classes are all PowerPoint slides and you can forget the information right after you see it," said Savage.

Like Savage, Pedro Donoso, a senior international business major was another student who preferred interactive classes. He said class discussion works a lot better with his learning style.

"The lectures don't have any recognition of the student on the part of the professor," said Donoso.

Robert Vaden-Goad, a math professor, said he describes his teaching style as interactive lecture. He said he tries to focus on conceptual learning.

"I have so much information that I have to get across," said Vaden-Goad, "I can't leave it to the discovery method. A straight lecture doesn't work for me. I'll ask

questions, give interactive activities or run labs."

Vaden-Goad said learning new skills without understanding them is very temporary. He said he wants his lessons to stick with students so they understand it at a level where they could encounter a totally different problem and have some idea on how to approach it.

Michael Squires, a senior psychology major, said he prefers class discussion in some classes and lectures in others.

"For me it really depends on the class," said Squires. "I like a mix of both. Basic classes I think are fine when taught in a lecture style. For more advanced classes I think class discussion works better."

Kyle Bacharach, a junior business management major, said he prefers class discussion and participation. He said he likes to hear his classmates' opinions on the lesson.

"I think education should be collaborative," said Bacharach, "not just a professor reading notes and droning on and on."



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# Working students reflect on their experience

By Josh LaBella

Matt Covello, a sophomore video production major, said he works so that he can pay for the basics.

"I work at Zumiez in the Milford Mall," said Covello, "I spend money on gas, food and clothes."

Covello said he is also in charge of paying his cell phone bill. At the end of the year he said he hopes to have enough money to buy a new car, although the car payment will add even more financial stress to his life.

Covello added that trying to work while going to school heavily impacts his education.

"It is really hard to balance the two," said Covello, "They are both important."

Calvin Daniels, a freshman finance major, said he works at a cheese shop in Madison—it is his first job and he loves it.

"It's pretty easy and I use the money for when I want to go out or to buy clothes," said Daniels.

Daniels said his parents pay for his tuition, room and board and that they cover all of his living expenses as well.

"I'm pretty much in charge of everything else," said Daniels. "That's why I work."

Daniels said he works more for fun than out of necessity and his scheduling works so that it does not affect his academic performance.

Briana Eagley, a junior public health major, said her main expenses are her car, food and entertainment. But working while going to school does not affect her grades, she added.

"I spend most of my money when I am going out with friends," said Eagley.

"I work at a bakery in Orange and it pays enough for me to be comfortable."



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**Matt Russo, a junior public health major.**

Matt Russo, a junior public health major, said he works in the fast food industry and that he has few bills but mostly spends his money on food.

"I work at McDonalds," said Russo, "and

I'm loving it!"

Russo said he does not think his job affects his schooling because the hours are quite flexible. He said he is trying to save up for a car.

"It won't be soon, but I do plan on getting one," said Russo.

Samantha Schwartz, a junior communications major with concentrations in advertising and promotion, said she works on campus during the school year.

"I work at the information desk in the Adanti Student Center," said Schwartz.

"All the money I get goes towards dinner, groceries, and my general fun spending."

Schwartz said her job does not get in the way of class because the school lets you set up your schedule ahead of time.

"They are really easy going with scheduling," said Schwartz. "If you are overwhelmed in this job it's your own fault for not budgeting the time better."

Ashley Jaimenez, a freshman pre-nursing major, said she works as a waitress and bartender to pay her bills.

"This way I can pay my car insurance as well as buying all the little necessities," said Jaimenez.

Working always gets in the way of school, added Jaimenez.

"I have a lot of homework and there's no time to do it when I'm going to work all

the time," said Jaimenez.

Tyler Claxton, a junior dual communications and journalism major, said he works as a waiter at Olive Garden to pay his bills.

"I have to pay for my car, my phone, and I have to try and put money in my savings," said Claxton. "I also have a girlfriend, and you know how that is."

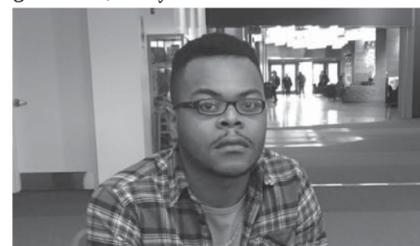


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**Tyler Claxton, a junior dual communications and journalism major.**

Claxton said working while taking classes can be very challenging.

"Of course it affects my schooling," said Claxton, "because sometimes you need to go work when you have to study and other times you need to study when you should be going to work."

# Fighting against rising anti-Semitism

By Josh LaBella

The Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven in Woodbridge has received two bomb threats, according to the chief executive officer of the center, Judy Diamondstein.

"We've had two telephonic threats," said Diamondstein. "They were in mid and late January."

Diamondstein said there is a palpable anxiety in her community and that parents are especially concerned about sending their children to school.

"There is an emotional toll on our community," said Diamondstein. "Folks are on edge."

Diamondstein said she ran a program instructing several local synagogues on bomb threat procedures last month and that preparation is the key to keeping members of the Jewish community safe.

"We have been hyper-focused on security issues," said Diamondstein. "Unfortunately, this is an ongoing problem, and we need to train people how to respond."

Matt Schwartz, a junior history major, said he has never seen such a large number of attacks in such a short amount of time. He said the recent rise in bomb threats on Jewish community centers and vandalism of Jewish

graveyards reminds him of the treatment of Jews during the Holocaust.

"We always try to tell ourselves that this is a thing of the past," said Schwartz. "Yet, whenever there are attacks on the Jewish community, it is always a nasty shock."

Schwartz said it is important that America addresses the problem at the root.

"We need to arrest the people responsible for these crimes," said Schwartz, "and find out why they feel such hatred."

Schwartz said he did not want to be quick to assume that election of Donald Trump has bolstered the bravery of anti-Semites, but he has heard other Jewish friends saying so.

ProPublica's "Documenting Hate," a new project where a national coalition of news organizations, civil rights groups and technology companies collect and verify hate crimes in the United States, said there have been more than 330 reports of anti-Semitic incidents in a three month span.

Spencer Arnel, a junior communications major, said the events are very sad to see. He said he hopes at some point tensions will ease between different communities.

"All the violence we have seen this year is tragic," said

Arnel. "I wish there was a magic way to stop it but there isn't."

Arnel said it is obvious that the rise in attacks is a result of President Trump being openly intolerant towards many minority groups.

"It shouldn't surprise anyone that these events are becoming more frequent," said Arnel. "Our nation has a leader who is an outspoken bigot."

Matthew Levy, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, said spreading hate is awful regardless of what group it is directed towards. He said everybody needs to work together to make a better world.

"No matter what color or creed you are, we should all stand side-by-side," said Levy.

Trump, the KKK, Republicans – Levy said he does not know who to blame. Yet, he said he does know who has the heaviest influence over it.

"Trump really has all the power," said Levy. "He should address anti-Semitic activities right when they happen."

Diamondstein said she cannot attribute the rise of hatred and evil in the United States to any one cause but that she knows how to fight it.

"Good speaks louder than evil," said Diamondstein. "We need to remind everyone to stand up."

# Southern speaks out about climate change

By Lynandro Simmons

Climate change is a huge issue, an issue where the effects are already being felt, Daniel Immediato a senior political science major.

"We're already seeing global temperatures rise," said Immediato.

Immediato said concerned about the current administration's policies on climate change: cutting funding for environmental agencies and increasing support for the coal industry was troubling.

"I think that people who say it's natural are right to a certain extent," said Immediato.

However, he said that humans are still a major issue and he places the blame back on society. Despite the issues of global warming, Immediato said he was doubtful that this meant the world was ending.

"It may be coincidental that we're in a heat phase," Immediato said.

Immediato compared the mini ice age from the early 1800s to the increasing temperatures, saying it may just be the opposite. This natural phase combined with human interaction could make it worse though and it is critical that more people

begin to place an importance on finding a solution he added.

"People should care more about this," Immediato said. "Even if they aren't affected now, it will affect them in the future."

Bryan Mckee, a sophomore political science major, said he was concerned about global warming and understood it was a danger, however, due to it not being an immediate threat to society it is hard to make necessary changes to stop global warming.

"It's hard to get in the mindset to not use aerosol or stuff like that," said Mckee.

Temperature increases are not necessarily harmful and due to the weather not getting extreme some people may be apathetic towards global warming, Mckee added.

"I feel like it's going to take something to really make people get involved," he said.

Ryan Plourde, a junior special education major, said he genuinely cared about global warming because of its effects on the planet.

"It's our planet and we should be doing all we can to not kill it," he said.

Plourde said he saw a meme on facebook with Tom Hanks wearing a shirt that said, "There's no planet B." This is the only planet humanity has and

once it is gone so will everybody else, he said.

"If we kill our planet that's it," said Plourde.

The current generation appears to be more aware of global warming and its negative effects, he said. However, he added this may be due to the media and the amount of coverage the issue gets.

"No one really remembers the agreement in the 90s," he said. "But everyone knows the Paris climate agreement in 2015."

Plourde said he did not know how he could raise awareness for the issue on campus and make people get more involved in preventing global warming.

"If I could find more ways to get people involved on campus, my job as social media manager for the college democrats would be easier," Plourde said.

Any bit of help to prevent global warming is good, said Plourde. Helping to stop the issue does not have to start with a large goal, prevention could start with a person changing their immediate life-style.

"A person deciding to walk instead of driving their car can be their own way of contributing to the cause," Plourde said. "Even if you're doing a little bit to help that's less being put into the atmosphere."

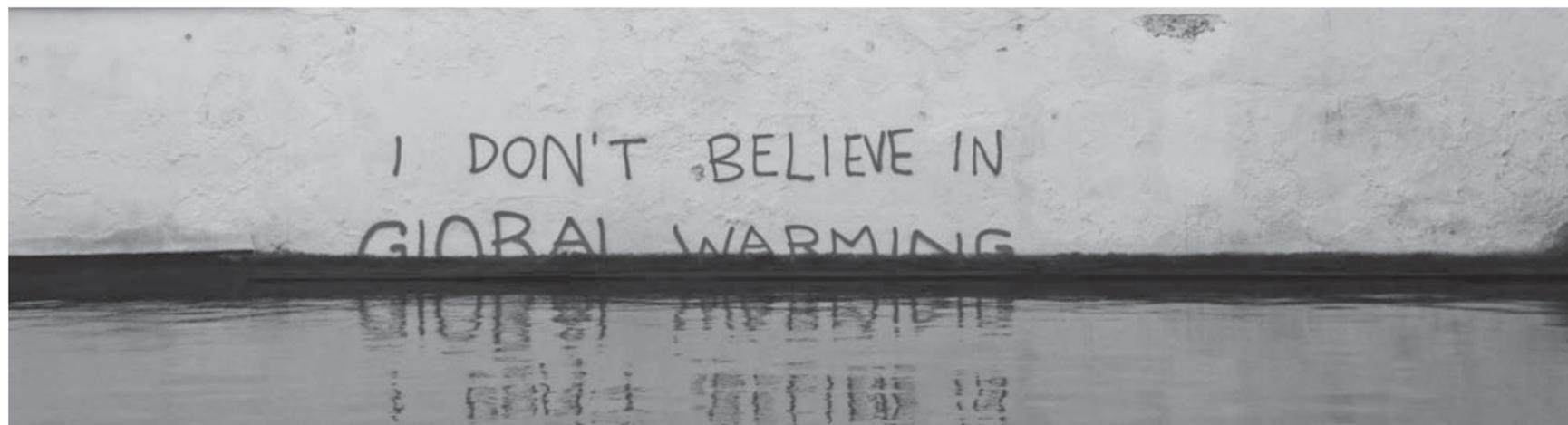


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# Students tell all about their favorite conspiracy theories



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Photo of the dollar bill which is highly associated with government conspiracy theories.

By Josh LaBella

Hitler never died at the end of World War II, said Gregory Bird, a sophomore liberal arts major.

Bird said his favorite conspiracy theory is that Hitler escaped the Russians and the Americans at the end of WWII and moved to South America.

"When they couldn't find his body," said Bird, "they just told everyone he was dead so that they thought the mission was complete."

Bird said Hitler's body was never found and from what he has seen, it is well supported that he never committed suicide in his bunker.

"Why else doesn't he have a grave?" said Bird. "They don't even know where his body is."

Kerstin Moreau, a senior video production major, said her favorite conspiracy theory is one that she never really understood.

"I love the conspiracy that Australia doesn't exist," said Moreau. "I don't even know who believes it or why but I think it's great."

Moreau added that, although she cannot back it up, she does believe in the Illuminati.

John Blodgett, a junior history major, said his favorite conspiracy is about the masters of the human race – the reptilian elite.

"I've heard the reptilian race, known as the Anunnaki, have controlled the powerful leaders and groups of the world for centuries," said Blodgett. "I don't believe in them, but imagine if it were true."

Brad Wetmore, a sophomore English major, said he usually does not believe in conspiracies but he was always found the Sept. 11 conspiracy to be intriguing. He said the government may have wanted a reason to get involved with the Middle East.

"I feel like it could have been an inside job," said Wetmore. "But, then again, that could be because I'm kind of messed up."

Sophomore physics major Richard Notice also found some truth in the Sept. 11 conspiracy theory, saying he first heard about it towards the end of high school.

"I don't know if it's true but I could definitely see it happening," said Notice.

The best conspiracy is Stanley Kubrick directed the moon landing and tried to tell people that in *The Shining*, said Joseph Rockwell, an undeclared freshman.

"He was trying to apologize for fooling the nation,"

said Rockwell. "I personally don't believe it but I think it's funny because if you watch the movie it almost has merit."

According to Reed Beeley, a junior history and music major, he believes the conspiracy that President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was killed by the mafia, not Lee Harvey Oswald. He said that he has a friend in the military who said the given explanation is not possible.

"I have a friend who was a marine sniper," said Beeley, "and he told me that they host these international sniper contests with different sharpshooters from around the world. Supposedly, they all attempted to make the same shot that the government says Oswald made to kill JFK but nobody could do it."

A 2013 Gallup Poll reported 61 percent of Americans believe that JFK was killed in a conspiracy.

Beeley said he feels like, in general, citizens should look at all of the evidence and see that not all of what the government tells people is true.

"So many people feel put down by the government and conspiracies help put blame to what people don't understand," said Beeley. "You have to be careful what you believe."

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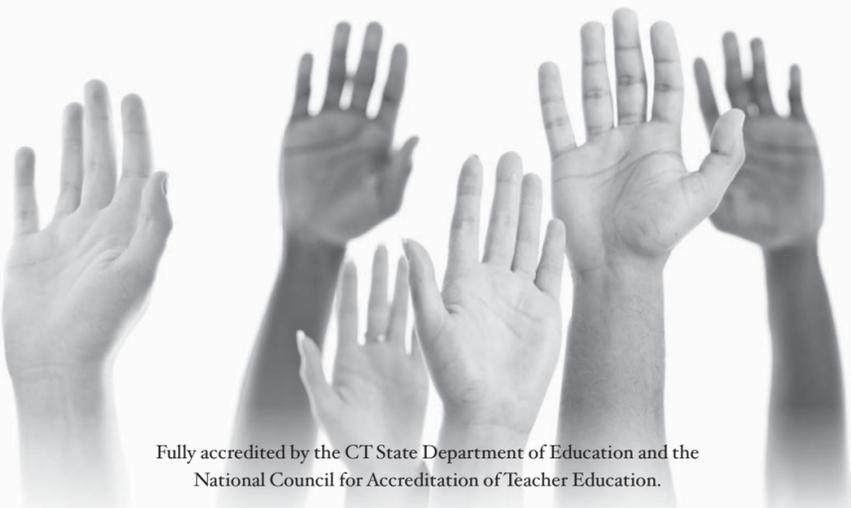
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## Column: Dylan's top four video games sequels to look forward to

1. "Middle Earth: Shadow of War"
2. "Red Dead Redemption 2"
3. "Star Wars Battlefront II"
4. "State of Decay 2"

By Dylan Haviland

1. Returning to the realm of *The Lord of the Rings* is the adventures of the ranger Talion and the wraith Celebrimbor. This sequel to "Middle Earth: Shadow of Mordor" will pit the duo against the world as trailers reveal the heroes trying to conquer Mordor and its territory, taking down one evil minion at a time.

2. "Red Dead Redemption" was a release that gave audiences a grim and engaging experience in the again western frontier, a few years before the dawn of WWI. This long awaited sequel is surrounded in a layer of mystery as to whether it will explore events before or after its predecessor.

3. The prior "Battlefront" was met with mixed reviews. It was praised for its excellent sound quality and environment, but criticized for its lack of content in single player. This sequel should hopefully learn from its mistakes and continue to add to the lore of the Star Wars universe.

4. A gem amongst the horde of zombie video games, the first "State of Decay" was an excellent mix of survival and freedom as the player chose where how to live out the apocalypse. Previews of this sequel seem to be leaning towards a more cooperative experience that will let you tackle the zombie threat with another player.

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- March 1: A&E, Students voice their opinions on disrespect for black culture
- April 5: A&E, Rap fans look to Kendrick Lamar for honest, raw opinions

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# Kendrick Lamar's newest album 'DAMN' could be his best yet



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Photo of Kendrick Lamar back in 2013 during a performance.

By **Lynandro Simmons**

Kendrick Lamar has long since ascended to the upper echelon of rap since his mainstream debut album "Good Kid M.a.a.d. City."

Since his debut it has been evident that Kendrick was different. His approach to crafting albums has reinvigorated artistry in the hip-hop game. From his introspective debut album looking at his upbringing in Compton, to his dramatic overview of black culture juxtaposed against his personal conscious in "To Pimp a Butterfly," Kendrick has done nothing but pushed hip-hop culture forward.

With his new album "DAMN," he now has the chance to go from one of the best in this era, to becoming one of the best to ever pen a line in rap history – something many of his fans already view him as.

"DAMN." starts off somberly with the lyrics "Is it wickedness? Is it weakness? You decide." As the album's grand opening starts with Kendrick reflecting on him taking a

casual walk and running into a blind woman. The blind woman appears to be struggling to find something until Kendrick offers his assistance. However, the encounter ends with a gunshot.

As the album goes into the first song "DNA," it is clear that Kendrick has left the jazzy soundscape of his previous album. Instead, hard 808s and a thumping beat starts off the album. Halfway the beat shifts into another hard-hitting beat and Kendrick shows off his dexterous lyrical style.

Kid Capri – one of the greatest hip-hop DJs ever – is heard in between tracks on the album showing Kendrick giving his respectful nod to the history and pioneers of the art form. One thing is clear throughout the album, Kendrick is aiming for the crown and does not plan on sharing it.

On the track "ELEMENT," he lets his competition know that if he has to slap an opponent he is going to make it look good. He points out on his last album he tried to uplift black artists, but in his own words "there's a

difference between black artists and wack artists."

The beats on the album are hard-hitting and lean more towards his first mainstream album, but "DAMN." stands out in its own way. Kendrick's progression through his first four albums have put him in the same category of artists like Kanye West and Outkast. He is not able to be put into a box because he shatters it before the lid is closed.

The album ends with one of the best storytelling tracks in the recent years of rap. On the track "DUCKWORTH," Kendrick recounts Top Dawg – his label manager – and his father surprisingly knowing each other as youngsters. The fact there was a moment Kendrick and Top Dawg's life crossed is amazing to say the least. Few believe in destiny, but things do work out in funny ways sometimes.

This album is an album that is hard to truly grasp without many listens. Just when fans could not figure out how he would top his last album, Kendrick delivered. Kung-fu Kenny has found his place on the throne and for now he is unmovable.

## Column: Podcasts are gaining popularity as mainstream media

By **Gregory Gagliardi**

Podcasts have become a new way to consume media. The audio service is becoming more popular and more accessible. The following is a list of podcasts that should be checked out, followed by the reasons why they are worth listening to.

"The Bill Simmons Podcast": Sportswriter Bill Simmons releases his podcast multiple times a week. The podcast features interviews with celebrities, athletes, and media members. Simmons is a sports wiz and a passionate Boston area fan. His passion for the NBA, NFL, and pop culture provide the listener with a current view of each. He is not afraid to ask interviewees hard questions and compound his guest with pervasive arguments. If you are looking to expand your sports and pop culture knowledge while learning industry secrets and stories this pod is a must.

"The Watch": Chris Ryan is an editor for TheRinger.com and Andy Greenwald is an author and co-producer of the FX show "Legion." "The Watch" is released every Tuesday and Thursday and is about the latest in television, movies and music. The duo are binge watching professionals. You may not always agree with their opinions due to their high standards, but the more you listen the more you will begin to view media differently.

"Bill Burr's Monday Morning Podcast": Bill Burr, the last underground king of comedy brings a podcast full of his daily ranting and raving. Burr's podcast releases on Monday and features a special 30-minute episode, while each Thursday features social commentary about the comedian's life. Whether he is describing life as a recent first time parent or living and dying with his beloved Bruins and Celtics Burr is sure to have you laughing with his brutally honest opinions about life as a redheaded Boston comedian trapped in Los Angeles.

"The Pat McAfee Show": After eight season being a punter in the NFL, Pat McAfee retired to take a job working for Barstool Sports. In a little over a month McAfee has emerged as a fresh face in podcasts. McAfee's decision to retire from the NFL, leaving millions of dollars on the table to chase his true passion, comedy, left many surprised including his coach and owner. McAfee bet on himself, and with his lifelong group of friends brings an unfiltered and unapologetic commentary on everything from past NFL life to his daily segment called the Kim Jong Un update. McAfee's show features interviews with former athletes and personalities such as John Daly, Edgerrin James and Gary Vaynerchuk. Along with interviews, McAfee takes you around the world from his home in Indianapolis to a booze filled weekend in Las Vegas. These fellas remind you that you are never too old to have fun.

"Road Trippin' with RJ & Channing": Richard Jefferson and Channing Frye are two NBA veterans who play for the defending champion Cleveland Cavaliers. They have been friends since attending college together at the University of Arizona. These two provide a unique perspective on what it means to be an NBA player dealing with life outside basketball. The podcast features interviews with LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and the rest of the Cavaliers. The podcast does not discuss much basketball tactics, but rather gives you look and the ins and out of daily life on the road in the NBA. The podcast includes a memorable interview with LeBron in which the superstar open up fully on what it means to give back and provide a platform for others to succeed.



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Photo of Tafari Turner, also known as DJ Fire, during one of his performances.

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## SCSU graduate student pursues his passion of being a DJ

By Josh LaBella

Tafari Turner started out as a DJ when he was 14 years old and never looked back.

Turner, a graduate student working to get his MBA, said he started at Southern in 2011 as a communications major.

Originally from St. Catherine, Jamaica, Turner said he learned how to DJ with help from the owner of a sound system in his community and it quickly became a passion for him.

"I remember I had to blend two different songs together from separate CDs," said Turner.

According to Turner, people in his community soon started calling him "Fire." He said he decided to adopt the nickname and dubbed himself "DJ Fire," a name he has used ever since.

"I never really knew why people called me that but I decided to make it my own," said Turner.

Turner got his first job as a paid DJ at a bar when he was 16, he said. That year he DJ'd his birthday party as well but then he left Jamaica to come to Connecticut.

After attending an extra year at high school, Turner said he applied and got into Southern, a school not too far from where his uncle, who he was staying with, lives.

"When I first came to Southern I saw them playing music and I wanted to start playing," said Turner. "I did a few free events, and my sophomore year people started noticing my talent and I began to get booked."

Turner said his fan base has been growing ever since and he started buying equipment that year as well.

"I got a scholarship for 500 dollars and used it to buy my first laptop and that helped a lot," said Turner.

As DJ Fire, Turner said he has opened for performers like Gemini, Ace Hood, Dej Loaf and Bryson Tiller.

"This year I am opening for A Boogie wit da Hoodie at Southern's spring concert," said Turner.

Turner has no main musical influences, but he goes on YouTube to watch what other musicians are doing and listens to local DJs on the radio, he said. According to Turner, his biggest influences are his parents.

"They always pushed me to keep going," said Turner, "to strive for the best."

Turner said his plan is to register his business as an LLC and to hire other DJs and travel the world.

"Even if I have another job," said Turner, "I'm not stopping this. I've worked too hard. Right now I have over 15 grand in equipment so if I stopped it would be a big failure."

Turner said because of being a DJ he has been able to travel all over.

"Because of music I have been able to go to Florida, New York City, Long Island and all over Connecticut," said Turner.

According to Turner, the best part of being a DJ is seeing the people at his shows.

"I love seeing people go crazy," said Turner. "When you see the smile on their faces you are using music to make them happy and comfortable."

## Student art of the week: Reed Newley

"Music is one of the things that kept me going. It was one of my dreams and passions for as long as I can remember, since I was six."



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Photo of Reed Newley, a junior interdisciplinary studies major.



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Nicole Healey handles the ball in a game against St. Anselm earlier in the season.

## Southern breaks record for honor roll athletes



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The combined GPA for SCSU student athletes is over 3.0.

By Matt Gad

Southern had a record 225 athletes included in the Northeast 10's Fall 2016 academic honor roll. These students received GPAs of at least a 3.0. 10 student-athletes also achieved high honors, or a 4.0 GPA.

"It was a single semester record," Associate Athletic Director Michael Kobylanski said. "We had 10 teams who had a 3.0 GPA or higher, or more than half of our student-athletes."

The members of Southern athletic teams who received high honors were volleyball's Tea Carter, softball's Madison Feshler, lacrosse's Alyssa Gemmill, football's Ryne Griesenauer, volleyball's Nicole Hauser, lacrosse's Lindsey Luposello, field hockey's Alicia Morgan, women's basketball's Bridget Sharnick, women's soccer's Caroline Staudle and volleyball's Anna Venard.

"I am proud to be a part of the student athlete population who has been acknowledged for academic achievement," Staudle said. "I think most athletes would agree that it's not easy to balance school and sports."

Staudle, a senior, was a CoSIDA Academic All-America selection this year. She played in 19 games for women's soccer, scoring nine goals, the team lead. She was a decorated athlete out of Cornwall Central in N.Y. who also played basketball and softball.

In addition to her sports schedule, Staudle is enrolled in Southern's honors college, which she calls a prestigious and challenging experience.

"Being a student-athlete, you have

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# Healey makes history

### Nicole Healey passed Allison Kownacki as the all time leading scorer in Southern women's lacrosse history

By Michael Apotria

Against St. Michael's on April 8, junior Nicole Healey rewrote the Southern record books by passing Allison Kownacki for career points in lacrosse.

Despite Healey cementing her legacy at SCSU, she said while that breaking some of these records is exciting, none of them matter or compare to the teams record in terms of wins and losses.

"While it was exciting in its own right, the only record I care about breaking is the one for wins and losses," said Healey. "The record for wins in a season is only

four and we have an opportunity to do that and that's what my teammates and I are focused on."

Healey said she is the type of player who is very passionate and motivated to win and be the best player on the field. Even when setting a new school record Healey said she

**"Nicole is setting a high standard for her teammates."**

— Maureen Spellman, head coach

was more concerned on how the team had played and the loss they had just received.

"I was still in the mindset that we had just lost the game," said Healey. "I guess you can say I wasn't thrilled because of the context in which the record was broken, but it was still pretty exciting."

Owl's lacrosse head coach, Maureen Spellman, said Healey is one of the hardest working players she has ever coached. This season she witnessed Healey grow as a teammate as well as a player.

"This year Nicole has really stepped up and matured into a leadership role with some of the other girls," said Spellman. "Nicole is setting a high standard for her teammates when that she is someone who we can lean heavily on

and she takes that role very seriously."

Spellman said Healey breaking records is a major positive for the program in an otherwise down season and believes it speaks volumes of where the lacrosse program is headed.

"I think the biggest positive we can take from this is that this program is growing," said Spellman. "If a player is breaking records that have been there for a long time, well, I think it shows we can only move up from here."

With Healey only being a junior and having another year of eligibility, Spellman said she expects Healey to have her name in the record book next



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Catcher, Mike DeMartino, went 2 for 4 against Adelphi with an RBI.

## Baseball still dominating NE-10

By Matt Gad

The Owls baseball team is sitting at 19-8-1, with a 7-1 NE-10 mark. Last year they finished the season 16-25-1 and missed out on conference and national postseason opportunities.

"This was a huge win," head coach Tim Shea said, of his team's 5-4 defeat of the Adelphi Panthers. "They're a divisional opponent who we beat the first time on the road so we beat them today, we own the head-to-head and we won the series, which is critical."

With the win April 12, Nate

Carney improved to 3-2 with a 2.83 ERA. He is put in 47 innings so far this season, sacrificing 56 hits, 20 runs and seven walks, while striking out 30. Junior Jake Santamaria picked up the save, his fourth of the season.

"The game went great. Pitching was strong, the offense was good and we had timely hitting," Mike DeMartino said, who went 2-4 with a run and an RBI.

Leadoff-hitter Jim Palmer scored a run, DeMartino picked up two hits and second baseman Ryan Kaplan had a hit and an RBI, improving his average to .239 on the year.

"We had Nate Carney on

four days rest who gutted it out and gave us a great start and then Brendan Ebert comes in, gets the out in the sixth, pitches the seventh and gets a critical double play from Palmer when there were runners on first and third with nobody out," said Shea.

Despite only having five hits, the Owls scored on Adelphi in the first and fourth and erupted for three runs in the fifth inning on a single by Tyler Criscuolo, a Greg Zullo walk and RBI and a Connor Redahan sacrifice fly.

"The game flowed perfectly. Our bullpen was great today and we did enough offensively to score

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## Journalism industry changing

By Matt Gad

Is YouTube journalism? Well, that depends what you think of content creation. It depends how you define journalism. The way I look at it, we major in a department and take a bunch of specialized classes to learn a craft, but that does not mean everything has to be by the book. Just because there is one form of expectations does not mean that is what you have to live by. Our world changes everyday.

What do you need to watch out for? Well, the line between

journalist and YouTuber merges a lot. As a journalist you are covering and reporting on the news, sports, weather, politics, entertainment, what have you, but on YouTube you are pushed into this creator pool of people who vlog, do pranks and challenges, collaborations and everything else under the sun. Do you want to be effective? In 2017 if you are headed into the industry, my advice: become a professional personality. Am I asking everyone to try YouTube and live-streaming and all that jazz? No. Am I asking everyone to give it some thought? Abso-

lutely yes.

We are what we create. The only thing is, if you want to be a sort of journalist-creator hybrid you really ought to just work for yourself. Ethically, you would blur a line if you are vlogging, for example, and accidentally give away your company's prized secrets.

But I see journalism giving people the options to explore a multitude of different directions you could report news in a 21st century kind of way. And who knows, maybe this style will catch on? We have been in a newspaper-dominated world for

so long, but maybe it is time to step outside the box and unleash one's creativity. Let yourself soar.

However, my advice is to not get too caught up in social media that you abandon your career goals: use social platforms as a tool, not a distraction.



## Women's track ranks third in the USTFCCA rankings



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Senior Shatajah Wattely runs at the Miami Alumni Invitational earlier in the season.

By Phil Zoppi

The women's outdoor track and field season is underway and the Owls have raised from No. 10 in the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association regional rankings to No. 3 in the first week.

Southern has participated in the Yellow Jacket Invitational, Howell Invitational, Young Invitational and the Miami Alumni Invitational among other events. The Owls have experienced success both by teams and individual standards. Junior Destiney Coward was named the Northeast-10 women's field athlete of the week for her perfor-

mance at Young Invitational and is a big reason why the team has gotten off to such a great start.

Coward placed first at the Young Invitational in the hammer throw with a toss of 58.60 meters. That toss of 58.60 meters was a NCAA provisional mark and is among the top in the Northeast-10 this season. Coward is optimistic about the potential of the team this year.

"I think we can be really good," said Coward. "Everyone contributes something whether they are hurt or not, it's all about team moral and I think we are just all so confident in what we do and that is why we rank number three by the USTFCCA."

Everyone on the team does

contribute something, but the Owls are led by mostly upper-classmen. Senior Shatajah Wattely is coming off an extremely impressive indoor season where she earned All-American honors for the 15th and 16th times in her career. Wattely has also started the outdoor season off nicely as she ran the 100-meter at the Miami Alumni Invitational and finished 13th with a time of 11.96 seconds.

What Wattely does on the track field is just as important as what she does off of it. This is Wattely's second year as a team captain and she has fully embraced the role. With many of the more prominent players graduating after this season, Wattely thinks it

is important to get them ready to fill the shoes of the seniors in 2018 and beyond.

"I love being able to inspire and push my teammates to a point where they believe they can get to," said Wattely. "Always reminding them they can do all things they want once they put their mind to it."

Junior Natasha Fitzpatrick is one of the many players on the team that has benefited from Wattely's leadership. Fitzpatrick impressed as a sophomore last season as she was All-Region in the 3000-meter steeplechase and distance medley relay. Fitzpatrick pointed to Wattely, and other leaders on the team for some of the success she has experienced

as an Owl.

"The seniors are good to help the team bond together and support one another during training and competitions," said Fitzpatrick. "And Shatajah is no exception. It's helpful to have a supportive team especially during tough training sessions and meets."

The Owls will compete in the Northeast-10 Championships in early May in Easton, Massachusetts. The NCAA Championships will be held in Bradenton, Fla. on May 25, 26, and 27. The women's track and field team hopes to have many players participating in these events.

## Honor Roll

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you have to remember that student comes first in that title," said Staudle. "The work ethic and dedication to sports that athletes have on the field completely transfers to their work ethic in the classroom. The competitiveness that athletes have on the field is brought into their school work and is what drives their desire for success."

3,851 NE10 student-athletes were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, or 62 percent of the league, according to Northeast10.org. 215 athletes had a perfect 4.0 average, per league data. Football brought in 402 scholarly athletes, followed by 332 from women's track and field, 331 from women's soccer, 296 from baseball and 268 from men's lacrosse.

Southern does not have NCAA teams in men's lacrosse, tennis, golf or ice hockey, however, member schools in the NE-10 do. Men's lacrosse, ice hockey and golf are part of SCSU's club sports program, as are men's and women's rugby, cheerleading, dance, karate, skiing and snowboarding, taekwondo, ultimate frisbee, symbolic dancing and the Steppin' Up drill team.



Senior Caroline Staudle was a CoSIDA Academic All-American selection this year.

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## Jets draft strategy

By Phil Zoppi

The New York Jets will be on the clock in less than two weeks and the draft pick that they make could be franchise changing.

There are some interesting quarterback prospects in the 2017 class, but the Jets need to start learning what best player available means. Yes, the Jets have a serious quarterback problem that needs to be addressed but when you are picking top 10, that pick needs

to make a difference.

Mitchell Trubisky and DeShaun Watson are intriguing quarterback prospects but they are widely considered as late first round or early second round players. The Jets should look to the defensive side of the ball and try to replace a franchise great in Darrelle Revis.

I felt like every time I flipped over to a Jet game last season I saw number 24 running behind a receiver or getting absolutely roasted on a pattern over the middle. The dude had no speed left and it was a huge problem

for the Jets all season long. The type of defense that the Jets play requires a stud cornerback and the Jets can get that stud at number six.

Marshon Lattimore from Ohio State is one of the most explosive cornerbacks coming out in the last few years. Lattimore possesses the size and athletic ability to excel at the pro level. In today's NFL, a team needs three to four corners that can play well and right now the Jets might have one on their roster.

Almost every Jet fan that I

have talked to says they need to upgrade the offensive side of the ball but they are all overlooking the issues that have been addressed on defense for years.

The Jets had an elite defense for a long time but all of those guys are gone. Bart Scott is not walking through the door. It is time to rebuild on defense and Lattimore is the first step in doing so.



## Healey

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to several categories, and while she would love for those records to be set in stone, Spellman also wants the program to continue to improve as well.

"Honestly, Nicole is an absolute monster," said Spellman. "As a coach and someone who plans to keep this program going, hopefully the records are not there for a long time. I'm thinking the goals will be there for a while and hoping the assist record skyrockets as we continue to grow as a program. But for her, I hope they stick around as long as possible."

With only a few games remaining in the season for the LAX program, Healey said that her goal is to not focus on records and end the season on a solid note and begin preparing for the next.

"I am not a person who is motivated by breaking records. We're looking to finish this season strong and start strong the next year," said Healey.



Healey weaving her way through Le Moyne defenders in a game last season.

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## Baseball

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Nick Lamberti has been tearing it up for Southern this year as he is now hitting .418.

some runs and got a big W," said Shea.

Southern lost to Le Moyne College April 14 11-3 in a game where Griffin Bremer took the loss to send himself to 4-2. The Owls had 12 hits but only managed to score three runs. Saturday they swept the doubleheader 5-1 and then 5-3. In game 1, they were backed by the pitching of Cole Bryant, who improved to 6-0.

Bryant gave up five hits and walked and struck out three. In game 2, Ebert went to 3-1 and Quantique White collected his third save on the year. Southern only gave up two hits, as Le Moyne's chances were significantly drawn back after they committed five errors.

"We're just trying to get wins, that's all we're trying to do," DeMartino said.

Coming up, the Owls host the University of New Haven Wednesday at 3:30 P.M., then go on the road for one at LIU Post. Southern then opens up a seven game home stand which starts with a doubleheader with LIU Post April 23. On April 25, they will face the College of Saint Rose.

Games with Adelphi and American International College round out the home stretch April 26, 29 and 30. They return to West Haven for UNH again May 2 and close out the regular-season at home against Pace University for a single game May 5 and a doubleheader May 6, at 12 and 3 P.M., respectively.

## Gymnastics

# Southern gymnastics ends season with two All-Americans



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Rotem Porat and Kathleen Arberger were both named All-Americans after the USAG Nationals.

By Matt Gad

Southern's gymnastics team recently returned from USAG Nationals in Seattle, Washington with two All-Americans in Rotem Porat and Kathleen Arberger.

"Qualifying for nationals all four years and being named a two-time All-American has highlighted my collegiate career," Porat said. "I feel like I have accomplished a lot in my four years at Southern."

The Owls' gymnastics team had a solid year, which spanned from Jan. 7 to the aforementioned Seattle championships March 7-9. They played schools such as Towson University, Yale, Bridgeport, Brown and the University of Rhode Island.

Head coach Jerry Nelson said that the team gained momentum after their Yale meet and that it really changed the culture of the locker room. That meet occurred on Feb. 17 and also included Rhode Island

College and Springfield. The Owls scored 188.05 points and placed two out of the four competing teams.

"Team chemistry has definitely been very different compared to my past two years on the team. We had a large freshman class and only six upperclassmen," Arberger said.

In all, there were 17 student-athletes on the roster this year, who were coached by Nelson, who was named the 2010 Division II National Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Association of Gymnastics Coaches (Women).

"Being named an All-American was the perfect ending to a great season," Arberger said. "Going into senior year, I have actually achieved most of the goals that I wanted to accomplish in my college career. I am looking forward to helping out my other teammates achieve their goals and continuing to be solid for my team."

Porat, a senior from Plantation, Fla, said her final routine at nationals

"went exactly how I trained for it at Pelz Gymnasium."

The team practices at both Pelz and Moore Field House, but competes at the latter. There were three home meets this year and Southern placed second in all of them. This year's schedule included a lot of Division I opponents, like Yale and Brown, however, the Owls faced off with schools from all three of the NCAA athletic divisions.

"Southern has earned multiple All-America honors at Nationals before I came to the team, but this was the most successful Nationals for Southern since I've been here. We had 11 girls qualify overall," Arberger said.

Last year, the Owls had 10 members compete in Nationals in St. Charles, Missouri, including Alexandra Avendano, Nicole Pruchnik, Arberger, Kasey Kilmurray, Porat, Abigail Bensley, Kylyn Dawkins, Rachel de la Torre, Tiffany Coleman and Jennifer Rochefort.

# SCSU Track at SCSU Decathlon



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A Southern track player clearing the bar during SCSU Decathlon.



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A Southern track player competing indoors.



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Michael Griffith doing the high jump.



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Philip Quaye during the first day of the SCSU Decathlon.

## Northeast-10 Standings

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
LE MOYNE	9	9-0	1.000	12	12-0	1.000
ADELPHI	8	8-0	1.000	12	12-0	1.000
PACE	9	8-1	0.889	12	10-2	0.833
NEW HAVEN	9	7-2	0.778	11	9-2	0.818
STONEHILL	9	6-3	0.667	12	7-5	0.583
FRANKLIN PIERCE	9	5-4	0.556	11	7-4	0.636
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	9	4-5	0.444	13	7-6	0.538
ASSUMPTION	9	4-5	0.444	12	6-6	0.500
SAINT ANSELM	9	4-5	0.444	13	6-7	0.462
BENTLEY	9	4-5	0.444	12	5-7	0.417
SO. CONNECTICUT	8	1-7	0.125	12	3-9	0.250
MERRIMACK	9	1-8	0.111	13	3-10	0.231
SAINT MICHAEL'S	9	1-8	0.111	10	2-8	0.200
AMERICAN INT'L	9	0-9	0.000	11	1-10	0.091

### BASEBALL STANDINGS

	DIVISION			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	7	6-1-0	0.857	31	25-6-0	0.806
FRANKLIN PIERCE	10	8-2-0	0.800	30	20-10-0	0.667
MERRIMACK	9	6-2-1	0.722	29	14-14-1	0.500
BENTLEY	7	4-2-1	0.643	26	6-19-1	0.250
ASSUMPTION	9	3-6-0	0.333	30	12-18-0	0.400
STONEHILL	9	3-6-0	0.333	29	8-21-0	0.276
SAINT ANSELM	8	2-6-0	0.250	28	9-19-0	0.321
SAINT MICHAEL'S	9	1-8-0	0.111	15	1-14-0	0.067
SO. CONNECTICUT	8	7-1-0	0.875	28	19-8-1	0.696
LE MOYNE	8	6-2-0	0.750	31	21-10-0	0.677
PACE	6	4-2-0	0.667	32	22-10-0	0.688
NEW HAVEN	6	4-2-0	0.667	22	15-7-0	0.682
ADELPHI	9	4-5-0	0.444	33	19-14-0	0.576
SAINT ROSE	8	1-7-0	0.125	25	4-21-0	0.160
AMERICAN INT'L	7	0-7-0	0.000	30	9-21-0	0.300

## Student's take on Donald Trump's brazen military actions

By Josh LaBella

Just last week, on April 7, 2017, President Donald Trump ordered a missile strike on the Shayrat Airbase in Syria, marking the first direct attack on the Assad government.

The strike was in response to the supposed chemical attacks in Khan Shaykhun, Syria where it is believed the regime used chemical weapons on their own citizens resulting in the death of over 70 people, many of whom were children.

Donald Trump held a press conference the day after the chemical attack came to light and spoke to the world of his disgust with the brutal killing of "beautiful babies."

The missile strike involved 60 Tomahawk missiles said to have been launched from two U.S. Navy warships, the USS Ross and the USS Porter. While the efficiency of the strike has come under question, it was a clear message from the Trump Administration to the Assad Regime: We will not stand for chemical warfare.

Russia, the Syrian government's greatest ally, immediately denounced the strikes as an act of aggression. In the United Nations there were many countries, aligned with the U.S., who called for the Syrian leader to step down. U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley said in an interview with CNN that removing Assad from power is one of the U.S. main policy goals.

The question remains: What is next?

Bashar al-Assad shows no sign of stepping down. Russia has announced plans to reinforce their military with even more support. Does anyone really think that President Trump will back down now?

This is a game of chicken where the stakes are very high. The world is in economic turmoil and it seems everyone is waiting for a spark to hit the powder.

Over 4,600 miles away from Syria there is another crisis that it is rapidly coming to a boiling point.

North Korea has been ramping up its development of a nuclear missile capable of reliably reaching the U.S. On Saturday, they put on a massive parade displaying their military might as a celebration of the 105th birthday of their founder, Kim Il Sung.

Thousands of soldiers marched in lock-step past their proud leader, Kim Jong-Un. After that came ICBM missiles on the back of flatbed trucks.

A high ranking North Korean official, Choe Ryong-hae, set the tone for the



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President Donald Trump speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference on Feb. 24, 2017 in National Harbor, Maryland.

event when he said: "We're prepared to respond to an all-out war with an all-out war."

Meanwhile, the U.S. has a Navy carrier group steaming up towards the Korean Peninsula. At the same time, the 18th wing of the Air Force conducted a surprise military exercise from their base in Japan. They lined up dozens of aircraft including H-60 Pave Hawks, F-15 Eagles, E-3 Sentries and KC-135 Stratotankers. Military officials said it is the largest combat-ready wing in the Air Force.

On the ground, in South Korea, the U.S. and South Korean militaries have been practicing war games in lands just south of the demilitarized zone.

It is clear that the Trump administration is coming around in the way they view foreign policy. With less and less attention being paid to diplomacy, they seem to feel that a show of brute force is the best way to get a message across. In this time of heightened global anxiety there is no telling what could be the breaking point.

## What makes a journalist in the social media age

By Lynandro Simmons

With the increase in social media and the 24-hour news cycle, the question of who is considered a journalist has become more complicated. The increase of news outlets and social media has changed how people cover news. However, on the internet the lines are often blurred between who is a journalist in the traditional sense and another person just giving their opinions on situations.

In the traditional sense journalists and the media have worked as the fourth estate in the government. Their main role has been to be the watch dog and make sure the government stays just. The rise of internet communications have thrown a wrench in this definition. People without experience or qualifications can present themselves as reporters or commentators - without being vetted - and the audience may assume what they say is true.

Being a journalist is one of the few jobs that is highly important but does not require a license or even a degree necessarily to partake in the field. As journalism undergoes a dramatic shift with the new advances in technology it becomes more unclear who is correct. Reputable news organizations are now in competition with click-bait material and online personalities. Instead of



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turning on the TV, people are looking to social media for commentary on a lot of today's issues. Some have turned away from mainstream media and lost faith in traditional journalism.

"Trust in Mass Media by Age," a 2016 Gallup poll, said 26 percent of those aged 18 to 49 trust the mass media. This was a significant decrease from the 36 percent tallied for the same age group in the previous year. The same poll said 38 percent of those aged 50 or older had trust in the media. This was a decrease from the 45 percent for the same age group in the previous year.

This low trust in the media is why it is important journalists are skilled and knowledgeable.

However, for the purpose of legal protections, having these skills should not be required. This is why the definition of journalism is somewhat broad.

The difficulty in creating a real and legal definition of a journalist is the dangerous precedent it could set. Once a point has been reached where the government can set parameters of who is and is not a journalist, things can become irreversible. Once this precedent is set then further encroachments could follow further down this road. A legislative definition of journalism allows for legislators' power over the media which could be harmful to American democracy.

The next hurdle in defining a journalist is not allowing the definition to be too broad. If all acts of personal communications become defined as journalism, too many people will be allowed to hold the title. Some of these people may stake claim to the title of journalist to gain a benefit, or keep themselves out of court. Allowing journalism to have no parameters can potentially lead to the purpose of journalism being lost.

What should be asked of people is whether or not the person they look to is serving the public interest or their personal interest. The question of who is a journalist will continue to evolve as technology and new forms of media appear. Journalism is changing, but now more than ever, journalism is necessary.

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## A LUAAU IN FARNHAM



Hawaiian cardboard photo stand-in for students to take pictures with.

By Palmer Piana

As t-shirt and shorts weather begins to be the norm and Summer vacation looms on the horizon Summer fever begins to set in.

So when the Programs Council was tasked with coming up with a new event Rachel Mouris, a sophomore recreational therapy major and senior programmer on the council, came up with the idea to host an indoor luau.

The event took place Thursday April 13 in the programming space in the basement of Farnham and provided food, dance, crafts, and more for students to indulge in.

There were smiles across the room as waves of students stopped by to partake in the event.



Nehula Charles and Shania Howard both freshman nursing majors creating sand sculptures.



Table of crafts for students to partake in.



Fruit, veggies, and dip provided by the programs council free for students.



Nicole Hauser a senior marketing major making a pineapple smoothie.