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## Students featured in new advertisements



Michael Mallory during filming of latest ad to be released in March.

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## Dakota Access Pipeline order met with criticism

By Natalie Accardi

Rubi Beguhn said her mother raised her to be aware of government corruption so she was not surprised when she first heard about the Dakota Access Pipeline.

“In simple terms, the government has always f--- us over,” said Beguhn, a junior communications major. “Because we’re so isolated they think, ‘Who’s going to listen to you?’”

Stephen Amerman, a history professor, said Native Americans tend to be forgotten, especially since they have been vulnerable in the past to the interests of the government.

“The Native American tribes have dealt with this thing a lot in the past, with the government not really taking their ideas or needs into consideration in terms of stuff that they’re trying to do,” said Amerman, who specializes in Native American history, “that extends back into the first times of contacts with the United States or with European nations in general.”

According to Dakota Access, LLC, which is a subsidiary of Energy Transfer Partners, DAPL is a 1,172-mile pipeline that is worth over \$3.7 billion. ETP is the company constructing the DAPL and on Jan. 24, President Donald Trump revived plans to construct it.

The most recent information of the Federal Election Commission shows that Trump owns ETP stock. Trump said he sold his stock. On June 29, 2016, ETP’s CEO Kelcy Warren contributed \$100,000 to the Trump Victory Fund, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Joscelyn Fernandez, a graduate intern for Multicultural Affairs, said although supporters of the DAPL believed it would create more jobs and foster energy independence, it does not trump the rights and protection of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, who are impacted by the pipeline.

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## Students rally against new President Trump policies

By Dylan Haviland

Haroon Chaudhry, the president of the Muslim student association, with a sign in hand, conversed with his peers in front of Buley Library as students and faculty gathered together on a cold evening. The rally held on Feb. 2 was meant to protest the various policies of the Trump presidency.

“We just want to get together and stand together in peace and solidarity to get the word out there,” said Chaudhry.

He was against the executive orders by Trump that he believed were unfair to Muslim countries.

Other policies being protested against included the border wall and his relation with immigrants.

Professor Jessica Powell, elementary education, stood amongst the students with her young daughter who walked around with a colorful sign stating “Build playgrounds not

walls.”

“[The issues] are all intersecting because it is all— to me it intersects with xenophobia and racism and so there is a pattern in the policies that are coming out,” said Powell. “So I think it is important that we unite and come together across all our differences to fight against these policies.”

Taking their stand outside the library several speakers addressed their views to the crowd in addition to chants being yelled out.

President Joe Bertolino was also present amongst the crowd.

“I think it is very unfortunate that we have meet under this circumstance,” said Justin Farmer, a sophomore and political science major as he addressed the crowd, “But I think that it is very important that we all come here together as the social justice university.”



Haroon Chaudhry, president of the Muslim Student Association spoke at the event.

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# President’s Muslim ban sparks outrage among students

By Alex Palmeri

The Muslim ban that President Donald Trump has imposed is a hault which applies to seven Muslim-majority counties. The countries are Yemen, Libya Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Syria and Iraq.

Steven Judd, professor of Middle Eastern history, said the ban is not accomplishing anything. He said there is no redeeming choice that President Trump has made so far in his presidency to this point.

“It’s a terrible policy,” said Judd. “It’s discriminatory, it’s counterproductive, it’s in many cases just plain cruel.”

Judd said it will not help anything. With the ban Trump has done, Judd said it has been very poorly executed. People at airports do not know what the policy is. He said the department of Homeland Security was not told what the order was until it was actually made, so they can do the preparations to figure out how to implement it.

“Whenever you’re implementing any sort of policy about immigration or visas,” said Judd, “there are dozens of situations with different passports and different visas, so there needs to be a checklist. There needs to be a consistent plan of what to do.”

Judd said these countries that Trump has banned are not countries where terrorist attacks have originated. He added all these places are countries with large amounts of refugees that are not in good shape.

“With the exception of Iran,” said Judd, “these are all places that we have bombed. There is nothing special about Iran or Iraq that makes them prone to be terrorists.”

Iran has been linked to zero terrorist attacks of any sort against the United

States. Judd said all these countries are just implying a list of countries that Trump does not like.

Jonathan Wharton, political science professor, said the banning of countries is something Trump was adamant about during his campaign, and he is doing it.

“He clearly had a platform he was subjected to carry out,” said Wharton. “Presidential candidates do this. The reality is that this is nothing new.”

Wharton said the reality of Trump’s ideas, is that he is doing what he said he would do. He added that its not often people see a politician make promises for doing things and carrying out with them.

“You can totally disagree with the agenda,” said Wharton. “But guess what? The agenda is attempting to go through.”

Morgan McClain, freshman athletic training major, said for her entire life, she has been taught that America has been a place of safety for refugees and people trying to escape such as dictatorship and oppression.



PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

Faculty and students gathered by Buley Library in solidarity with the Muslim Students Association.

“It’s just really upsetting to see that,” said McClain, “we are literally receding. We’re taking steps backwards in all the progress that we’ve made.”

McClain said Trump is starting to stack the government and does not agree with the Muslim ban at all. She said Trump fired one of the Supreme Court justices because she voted against him.

“No one said anything about it,” said McClain. “And that’s the scary part. No one’s saying anything. So it’s hard to say what’s going to happen and what steps are going to take place to counteract some of the things he’s doing.”

# UndocuPeers seek to provide resources for students

By Victoria Bresnahan

Tashi Sanchez-Llaury said regardless of one’s political views, undocumented students are real and they are here.

“Just the way a documented student would feel safe, undocumented students are a part of that population,” said Sanchez-Llaury. “I just hope that they [documented people] are able to separate their own views whether they’re positive or negative.”

Sanchez-Llaury, graduate bilingual education major and DACA recipient, is a college access program organizer for Connecticut Students for a Dream (C4D). Sanchez-Llaury said, “C4D is a statewide youth led network” which “advocates and supports undocumented youth and their families.”

Student Affairs and C4D have conducted UndocuPeers: Liberating Campus Climate Training on campus for the past two weeks.

“It’s a presentation that focuses on giving facts about undocumented students, the barriers, and so forth,” said Sanchez-Llaury. “Afterwards we hear from actual students and we talk about what action planning can happen within the school to support their undocumented students.”

Participant Anna Rivera-Alfaro, assistant director of

transfer student advising, said the UndocuPeers training gave her an “introductory understanding of the U.S. immigration system,” she said she learned, “how it works or ‘does not work’”

“I learned that these students are incredibly strong,” said Rivera-Alfaro. “I learned that they continue to live in paralyzing fear on a daily basis, afraid of being torn away from their families and afraid of deportation to a country that they have never known. These students carry the stigma of being ‘illegal’ through no fault of their own.”

A report conducted by the American Immigration Council says about 65,000 undocumented youth, living in the U.S. for five years, graduate from high school each year. Of that number, only 5 to 10 percent of high-school graduates attend college.

Christopher Catching, assistant vice president for student affairs, said at the end of the fall 2016 semester, SCSU developed the Southern Support Team for Undocumented Students, which consists of faculty and staff, in anticipation of the political change the election could bring.

Catching said the team works with undocumented students and examines SCSU policies. UndocuPeers training was “one of the initiatives that came out of the support team”, Catching said.

Rivera-Alfaro, a member of the group, said the group is currently discussing creating “allies and ‘safe spaces’” for undocumented students. Additionally, she said a new

web page will be unveiled with links to resources about undocumented students soon.

Although UndocuPeers was not offered to students, Catching said the student body can work to make the campus better for undocumented students.

“The news is a good place [for students] to start. What are the conversations? What are the policy changes coming down the pike?” said Catching. “I would also say just being mindful of particularly the experience of the [undocumented] students. If you’re in the shoes of one of your undocumented classmates, what would that be like for you?”

Catching said, regardless of their political ideology, students should be aware of the decisions being made, and by whom, at the federal level.

“You need to be involved to influence what decisions are made,” said Catching. “Not only will it impact you, but it will impact thousands of other people.”

Sanchez-Llaury said President Donald Trump’s administration stirred up a need from educators to support undocumented students.

“It’s causing an urgency to protect the people that are most at risk,” said Sanchez-Llaury. “So, I do think that what’s coming is scary, but you’re seeing a lot of people coming out of the woodworks to support those who could be at risk.”

## Pipeline

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“I was disgusted because of the burial ground and that if it did leak, it leaked into the water system and that’s a big water system for not just for the reservation, but people surrounding that land,” Fernandez said.

The tribe includes around 10,000 people with a reservation located in the central part of North and South Dakota, according to the Standing Rock tribe’s website. The federal government did not adequately consult the tribe regarding the pipeline, which the federal law requires. The pipeline would travel underneath the Missouri River, a source of water for the tribe.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, pipelines have less spillage accidents than road and rail. The International Energy Agency, found that U.S. pipelines spilled three times as much crude oil as trains from 2004 to 2012, although accidents did not occur as often.

Amerman said the Standing Rock tribe is trying to protect their land.

“It’s the Native Americans fighting big business and the governments, said Amerman. “The history of the Native Americans and the government is not good on that score of the government and the business time and again looking to take over [Native American] lands and to try to also make assaults on their culture.”

Part of the pipeline is on unceded and sovereign land

of the Oceti Sakowin Sioux Nation, according to the 1851 Treaty of Fort Laramie.

Connor Smith, a senior cultural anthropology major, said the DAPL is a betrayal of indigenous people and that the jobs it will create are only temporary.

“It’s a continuation of oppression that’s been going on for a long time,” said Smith, an activist for indigenous people.

The pipeline is estimated to create 1,500 temporary jobs and about 15 permanent ones, according to Dakota Access LLC’s website. The 2014 State Department report estimated that the Keystone XL Pipeline would only create 35 permanent jobs. The Keystone’s carbon emission would be less than 1 percent of the total greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., according to the State Department report.

Dakota Access LLC’s website uses energy independence as a positive of the DAPL because the U.S. would rely less on imports for crude oil since it is estimated to transport around 570,000 barrels of crude oil per day. The State Department report found that energy independence does contribute to the greenhouse gas emissions on a small scale because more oil would be produced. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, about 50 percent of the U.S.’s oil is from foreign sources.

Beguhn, who is half Native American, said it is important for people to dig for the facts instead of blindly believing what the media tells them.

“There’s skewed information, there’s biased information, but I think it’s best to listen to the youth, the young native community,” said Beguhn, “because they’re affected by it.”

On the Southern website, students and faculty can see the schedule of each candidate as it pertains to them being on campus and meeting with the community.

“The provost is the chief academic officer for the institution,” said Hlavac. “My goal as chair of this committee was to make this search as inclusive and transparent as possible.”

With the search being as intense as it is, Malone said he understands it is a long process, but he knows Southern will make the right choice. He said he is looking for someone who he is not afraid to go to if he ever comes across a problem he may have with the university.

In all, Malone said he wants the provost to be one who he can connect with on a personal level and to not be scared to go up to him during the day if he wants to.

“When it comes to the provost,” said Malone, “I look for someone who will listen to the needs of the students and who will actually make many changes as he possibly can to help benefit the lives of us students.”



# Multicultural Center celebrates black history

By Sidney Jones

The Multicultural Center at Southern have planned events for this year’s Black History Month. Dian Brown–Albert, the Multicultural Affairs coordinator, said the events will start Feb. 7th with the screening of the documentary “13th,” by Ava Duverney.

“It talks about the 13th amendment and tries to expose or there’s loop holes in the 13th amendment and proves that slavery can exist if a person is perceived as a criminal,” said Brown–Albert. “It kind of goes back in history and kind of shapes the African–American experience.”

Brown–Albert said that the film is very powerful and that it is a must–see for students. There are other events that have been planned as well: a sit down discussion with the “Divine 9” greek organizations, a luncheon in Connecticut Hall with live music from the Caribbean Vibe Steel Drum Band, an African–American artifacts showcase, and lastly, a heritage ball featuring all the ethnic organizations.

Brittaney Nwagboli, a sophomore social work major, sees the events as a way to showcase the culture.

“Honestly, I’m excited about all them because I feel like as a black community, there’s not a lot of stuff that goes towards what we can do here,” Nwagboli said.

“So I feel like them actually incorporating it into the school, because usually in high school you can’t really celebrate it as much, it’s nice because all the students will appreciate it and it’s a way to get everyone to actually understand what we went through in the past.”

Nwagboli said that the events will bring an understanding of culture and diversity throughout the campus.

“I think we will see more people open to diversity because I feel like, at the same time, there’s not much racism going on at Southern, but I feel like people don’t really understand certain things when it comes to African–American culture or they’ll [say] things such as the N–word but they won’t really think about what they say because it is so common for people to say,” said Nwagboli. “So I feel like it’s a good way for us to come together more.”

Myles Page, a senior IDS major, had many adjectives to describe how he felt about Black History Month.

“I’m confident and I’m proud. I’m excited,” said Page. “I’m looking forward to a lot of events that are coming up.”

Page said that the promotion of the events will hopefully increase the diversity.

“I hope that it will expand on that diversity, that culture,” Page said. “You know that’s a part of Southern’s motto, so just as long as we keep properly promoting

these events, I feel like that can only increase Southern’s diversity inclusiveness on campus.”

According to the Multicultural Center events page on the Southern website, the Black History Month events will conclude on March 5th with the Heritage Ball. Brown–Albert would like to see the students of African–American culture to be “energized and engaged in the conversations that we are having” and that these events could “shape the future and mold the campus community.”

For the non African–American students, Brown–Albert would like them to learn and help make the campus better.

“Each and everyone of you can make a difference, and that starts with knowledge, awareness,” Brown–Albert said. “And these events allow you to become more knowledgeable; become more aware of who’s in your community; and with knowledge and awareness, we make progress and take action.”because she voted against him.

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# Southern Police assure safety after incident on campus

By Alex Palmeri

Deputy Chief Philip J. Pessina said the SCSU campus is one that is secure and well protected at all times.

“Our responsibility is to keep a safe campus,” said Pessina, “but we cannot do it unless we have by–in from the students.”

On Jan. 25 on Wintergreen Avenue, a driver turned onto a crosswalk while students were on the walking on the street. The driver opened his coat and appeared to have a gun.

Pessina said to not worry about campus safety. If it was not for the students who told the police department, he said they would have no shot at the case. But because Pessina said communication is one of the biggest parts to solving cases, the investigation is still ongoing.

“In this case, had these students not reported it,” said Pessina, “think about it– we would never had known that this incident happened.

Because the students told the police department about the incident, it was possible for the investigation to happen. Pessina said communication is the is a major factor that contributes to solving a case. Pessina added information that students or faculty give the department is major because they rely on it in attempt to solve a case.

“This individual took a right turn on red,” said Pessina. “He then pulled over. Then whether he intended to try to intimidate the students, or whether there were words exchanged, is really irregardless.”

Pessina said the the students gave a good description of the vehicle and did the best they could in order to report the incident. Because of that, Pessina said there should

be no issue with safety on campus as long as communication stays a top priority.

Joana Teixeira, a junior political science major, said she still feels safe on campus as well. Due to the incident that happened the other week, Teixeira said nothing came of it, so there is no reason for anyone to be worried about on campus safety.

“He didn’t do anything,” said Teixeira. “I mean he showed a gun but he didn’t fire it. It could have possibly not even have been real. It could have been an airsoft gun or something.”

Teixeria is not worried about the possibility of another incident because no matter what happens, she said the campus is overall safe.

Trevor Palmer, a sophomore communications major, said the incident does not impact the way he feels on campus. Palmer said he still feels safe regardless of the situation because the law enforcement on campus is good.

“I still pretty safe,” said Palmer. “The police officers here are very nice, they’re very concerned, they do the work well.”



The Front exterior of Granoff Hall .

PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

If another incident like this did occur on campus, Palmer said it would not change his mind about on campus safety. There are crimes everyday and Palmer said as long as the police officers continue to do their job to the best of their ability, Southern should be a safe community.

“I’m pretty much always going to feel safe here,” said Palmer. “[They] do very well. They’re always around patrolling”

# New advertisments

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Arroyo said that the marketing team initially prepared the script but asked her for some feedback to make it sound informal, not as rehearsed and like it was her own voice.

The video, which featured Arroyo, was posted on Southern’s website the first week of classes and now has more than 40 thousand views, according to Dilger. He said though there is a budget to air the ad on the television station WTNH and other cable channels, they will also be posted across on Southern’s social media accounts.

“I think the main idea was to create something that was targeted to young people,” said Martinez.

Southern has hired Simpson Scarborough, Dilger said, to the research demographics and opinions of the people that view these as and from that information build marketing and branding campaigns. By looking at key words and themes they can understand how effective each ad is.

“We have kind of a comprehensive marketing plan and the TV ads are just part of it,” said Dilger.

According to Dilger, the video advertisements are one series of several different media campaigns that with boost the image of Southern and promote the university. These include TV, radio, wrapped and banner buses, billboards—both digital and static—and promotion through social media.

Dilger said the video production cost to make one ad was \$200 but that the price of viewing the ad online was \$.30 per one thousand people. Dilger said he would like to continue to feature students in video ads.

“If we were to do these in the future, it’s a great way to showcase various parts of Southern,” said Dilger. “Maybe next time we could feature a theater student, we could feature a science student, we could feature a business student. There are so many different things.”



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Cesar Martinez (left) filming Edrienne Arroyo (right) for an advertisment featured on Southern’s website.



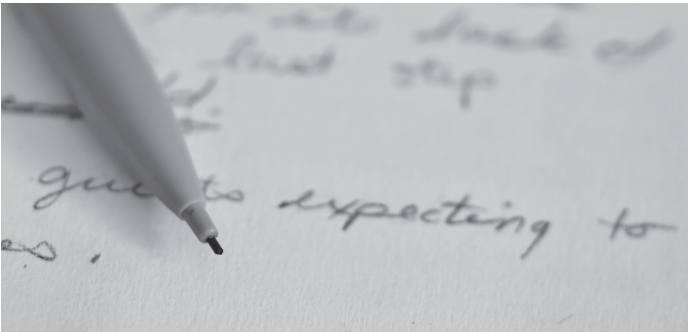


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From a writer’s perspective

By Lynandro Simmons

Viewing the world as a writer is a unique privilege. Seeing everything as something to potentially write about makes one view the world differently. It can put a person in a space where they are constantly questioning everything. As a writer everything is subject to the imagination. Things a person may not have ever take note of suddenly become compelling.

Often a writer’s view of the world is constantly changing as they change. As a person becomes older what they thought they knew changes and directly affects their writing. Sometimes this helps and other times it can hinder a writer.

An example of this is the musician Nas. As a young artist he created a masterpiece with the album “Illmatic” – a critically acclaimed album centered on life through the eyes of a young, black, New York male. However, by his eleventh studio album – “Life is Good” – his writing became more introspective as he wrote about his failed marriage and his changing views on love. Changes like marriage or having kids can directly affect a writer’s view on the world.

Some writers forego a realistic view of the world and exist in their own. For example, a writer like Dr. Seuss is a genius for his ability to bend words to his imagination and create eccentric characters. Could great characters like the Grinch or the Cat in the Hat exist without relinquishing logic? Most likely not.

Some writers create based on reality and try to bring out the beauty of it. Others become bored with the world and rely on imagination to concoct an entirely new one. Christopher Paolini – the creator of the fantasy novel “Eragon” – once said that nature itself influenced his writing. He mentioned how Paradise Valley, Montana was one of the main sources of inspiration for his book. Though this a real life location one probably could not imagine how a world where dwarves and dragons could fit in.

This is the beauty of writing. What could be viewed as plain and lifeless to one person could be exciting and a great inspiration to another. Once a person enters the profession of a writer how they view other writings change.

Things like advertisements, books, and lyrics are suddenly viewed from a critical perspective. Sometimes this change can be for the worse. While others can read through books easily a writer may be stuck on the little errors only they could notice.

Viewing the world through a writer’s lens can honestly mean many things to many people. There are a plethora of things that influence a person’s writings – upbringing, social class, relationships – and thanks to this diverse stories are constantly being written.

Writer’s viewpoints differ just like the viewpoints between two people who do not write. Some people have world views and other cannot see past the driveway in front of their house. Similarly, some writers choose to look at the subtleties of the world and how things interact and others go for large scale societal themes. Either way both can be effective in writing and expressing how one feels. As I see it, viewing the world as a writer is the first step to actually becoming one.



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The new protest culture

Since the inauguration, protests for women’s rights, science, LGBT rights and more have erupted across the country.

By Natalie Accardi

Often with signs in tow, people have made an effort to get their voices heard.

These past few months have been filled with protests and rallies around the world for a wide array of causes. People tout their activism badges to show others they have not ever been quiet. Others are new and some may not be quite sure what exactly they are protesting, but they like the feeling of being part of something bigger than themselves.

President Donald Trump’s knack for being the supervillain every superhero needs has been the catalyst for people to exercise their first amendment rights whether on a sign, shouted in the streets, or delivered in belligerence across the internet.

Protests and rallies flared

up after Trump became president, including the Women’s March on Jan. 21, which sparked sister marches around the world. There were protests right after Trump was elected and during his inauguration.

A March for Science scheduled on April 22 is being planned to show support for evidence-based policymaking. Trump and his cabinet nominees, such as pick for energy secretary Rick Perry, have admitted that there is some correlation between what humans do and global warming, but the amount of impact humans have is debatable. The burning of fossil fuels contributes the most to climate change, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

There will be a National

Pride March in June to show support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning community. Vice President Mike Pence believes in conversion therapy, which aims to make people heterosexual.

Some people do not think there is a point to the resurgence of protests and rallies. They surmise the collective effort to initiate change as whining by people who do not have jobs or can afford to take time off. Those same people will deny accusations of not caring about injustice and the suffering of marginalized groups. If they cannot see it, does it really exist? If someone’s never been to Australia, how can they be sure it is really a continent?

Bystanders share the blame with perpetrators. They do not speak or take action. They claim they

did not lift a figure against anyone and they are right. They decided, why should they care about anyone but themselves? They are the people who say they do not see color or feminism is not necessary because they have never experienced sexism. They do not challenge the status quo because they benefit from it.

The people who laugh at protesters are the same people who helped get Trump into office. They are the people who bristled at accusations of being racist, sexist, or any other form of bigotry. They say they voted for him because of his policies, which means they disregarded the harm Trump would do and already has done to marginalized groups. They are the passive racist, the passive sexist, the passive bigot.

A review of the new administration

By Lynandro Simmons

Tuesday, Jan. 31 Trump nominated Federal Judge Neil Gorsuch to replace Antonin Scalia in the Supreme Court. Though it is unlikely Gorsuch will not be approved by the senate Trump alarmingly advised the majority leader

of the senate – Mitch McConnell – to “go nuclear” and revoke the Democrats ability to filibuster if need be.

The nuclear option could be used by the Republicans if the Democrats attempt to filibuster Gorsuch, but this option is only used in dire circumstances. The suggestion by Trump to get his Supreme Court Justice

approved by any means necessary has continued his particularly aggressive approach to situations.

Some of Trump’s nominations in his cabinet have been cleared while others faced roadblocks.

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# A student’s take on the Muslim ban

By Lynandro Simmons

President Trump signed an executive order on Friday Jan. 28 severely restricting immigration from seven majority-Muslim countries and bars all Syrian refugees indefinitely.

The controversial order led to protests at several airports across the country. After just a day of protests a federal judge in Brooklyn stayed deportations under President Trump’s executive order.

U.S. District Judge Ann M. Dolley ordered a halt to any removal of refugees who hold valid visas to enter the United States. This meant that those who had arrived at the U.S. airports from the seven countries named under the executive order could remain, for now.

The seven countries – Syria, Sudan, Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Libya and Yemen – were countries that the Obama administration had previously identified as countries of concern. Trump’s executive order bans all citizens from the aforementioned seven countries from entering the United States and has even subjected green card holders to rescreening upon reentering the U.S.

However, Trump’s order was not only broader it also came with a sloppy rollout. When the order was initially issued there

was confusion about who would be affected. This led to hundreds of people being detained which eventually led to the protests.

Directly after the ban was issued, questions were raised about why Trump’s administration omitted certain countries that had a direct link to 9/11. The 9/11 hijackers were from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates. Some argued that he left out predominantly Muslim countries – including Egypt and Saudi Arabia – where the Trump organization does business off the list intentionally. This led to the continued questions about the conflict of interests for Trump as a president and a businessman.

Many were also outraged when former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani made comments on Fox News about the ban. Giuliani said that Trump had asked for a “Muslim ban,” but one that was done legally. He then said he and a panel of experts “focused on, instead of religion, danger.” Giuliani’s off-putting remarks offended many and stirred up outrage on social media.

Giuliani coming out and saying that Trump had asked for a Muslim ban and simply wanted it done legally was alarming. The fact that Giuliani did not think twice of what he was saying on national TV was even more alarming.

Late on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 this executive order was temporarily blocked

by Federal Judge James Robart. Robart ruled against government lawyers’ claims that the states did not have the standing to challenge Trump’s executive order.

The protests and outrage were all a signal of the poor job on the part of the Trump’s administration. Not only was this ban done in poor taste and with seemingly no prior thought, it also ostracized the

Muslims and legal immigrants currently in America. The disastrous rollout caused nationwide protests a week after America just saw a nationwide march for Women’s rights. With only two weeks under his belt and a tense political climate Trump needs to find ways to unite America, not push policies that could further divide it.



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A march protesting the muslim ban on the Capitol in Washington D.C. Feb. 4.

# Donald Trump’s affect on rape culture

By Melissa Nunez

As of Jan. 20, Donald Trump, a New York billionaire, assumed responsibility as the 42nd president of the United States. But Trump was renowned long before his descent into the 2016 presidential race. From his days as a host on The Apprentice, hearing Trump’s name became synonymous with his, “You’re fired,” catchphrase. Not to mention his notorious feud with comedian Rosie O’Donnell, calling her a “pig” countless times.

But when looking to the new president, Trump has had many other objectionable occurrences with women, like with model, Brande Roderick on a 2013 episode of The Apprentice.

While Roderick, Trump and former contestant and rock star, Brett Michaels were having a discussion, Trump turned to Roderick and insinuated how it “must be a pretty picture,”

Roderick dropping to her knees.

Trump’s iniquitous past with women has prompted many citizens, including Fox journalist, Megyn Kelly to question how Trump’s behavior relates to his new role. In an August 2015 interview on Fox, Kelly asked Trump if his “temperament” reflects that of a prospective leader. She also questioned him on how he would address Hillary Clinton’s charges that he is “a part of the war on women.”

Trump supporters argued the presidential nominee’s words were just that: words, not actions. Words, until a video surfaced on The Washington Post on Oct. 7, where Trump admitted to sexually explicit behavior to television personality, Billy Bush, about how he persistently, sexually pursued actress, Arianne Zucker.

“I’ve got to use some Tic-Tacs, just in case I start kissing her. You know I’m



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automatically attracted to beautiful, I just start kissing them. It’s like a magnet, just kiss, I don’t even wait and when you’re a star, they let you do it, you can do anything” said Trump.

After, Bush agreed with Trump, saying “whatever you want,” Trump adds, “grab them by the p---. You can do anything”

The statements made in the video were damning in itself for a presidential nominee but his contemptible response was

welcomed by supporters and many in the Republican party.

“I don’t think you understood what was,” said Trump, “this was locker room talk. I’m not proud of it. I apologize to my family. I apologize to the American people. Certainly I’m not proud of it. But this is locker room talk.”

For many, Trump’s response seemed to explain away his impudent comments in the 2005 video. For others, his

non-apology and the American embrace for that explanation became a prime example of rape culture.

Catherine Christie, director of the Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy Support Center, agreed, saying rape culture is defined as societal systems, such as the criminal justice system, higher education, or the media, not supporting victims of sexual assault or supporting instances of sexual violence.

Christy said Trump’s comments are characterized as sexual assault, not “locker room talk,” because he admitted to touching women without their consent. She added by him normalizing this criminal behavior, it becomes rape culture.

But public view of the 2005 Trump tape became split: either citizens view the exchange as a generic discussion between two men in private or as an admission to sexual assault.

When Trump said that he

can do whatever he wants to women, he said the same for the women he wishes to lead, the women he wishes to inspire, the women he wishes to protect as president. With unemployment at 5 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics on Nov. 4, many U.S. citizens are struggling and their desperate plea for change has been personified in an unorthodox candidate and I can relate to that struggle.

But that desire cannot compare to the struggle survivors face when we, as a nation, tell them his acts and behavior against women are not enough to condemn him. Especially when NBC clearly condemned the video when they effectively suspended Bush as a television host for his part in the 2005 tape.

To me, the mass acceptance of his behavior is kindling the flames of a rape culture debate that should have been choked out of existence long ago.

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The senate confirmed Rex Tillerson – former chief executive of Exxon Mobil Corp. – as Secretary of State.

However, two Republican senators announced they are voting against Trump’s choice for Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos. DeVos currently does not have much support from Senate Democrats and has been one of Trump’s most controversial picks for his cabinet. Despite all of this it is expected that she will be confirmed.

Trump is surprisingly not straying far away from his campaign platform. His harsh immigration stances have remained consistent and his talk of building a wall has not changed either. A lot of his executive orders have not been concrete and has left the heavy load of the work for the congress to enforce them.

Trump also received a lot of criticism for a Yemen raid that was allegedly conducted without sufficient intelligence, ground support or adequate backup preparations. The failed operation which led to a Navy SEAL member’s death sparked outrage.

Trump’s approval rating among Americans after two weeks has been significantly lower than most presidents in their first quarter. “Presidential Approval Ratings,” a Gallup Poll, currently has Trump’s approval at 45 percent. In comparison the average for previous elected presidents’ first quarter is 63 percent.

These two weeks have given a rough outline of what the next four years may be. Unfortunately with no previous work in government people still do not know what to fully expect from Trump. While this is only the second week of Trump’s presidency one can only imagine what is next.

## Conflicts in mental health and higher education

By Natalie Accardi

There is not an excused absence for students who battle with mental health issues. There is not a note they give the professor when their depression flares up and simple tasks like brushing their teeth take the willpower of an Olympic athlete.

The pressure of multiple deadlines, bills and work are not unfamiliar things for a college student to juggle. Students find themselves buckling under the burden of other issues that arise: family, relationships and friends. There are students who deal with illnesses, some of which are invisible.

It is easy to dismiss the lethargic behavior and a sullen demeanor of someone as just the effects of stress. What people do not see tends to be what people need to see. But by the time people actually notice, the end stage of an invisible illness has already claimed its victim. Then it is all people see plastered across newspapers the headline reads: college student commits suicide.

The 2015 Center for Collegiate Mental Health report found that the rate at which students were seriously considering suicide has increased from 23.8 percent to over 32.9 percent in the past 5 years. The second leading cause of death for people ages 15 to 24 is suicide, according to the 2014 Center for Disease Control and Prevention report.

Students feel the pressure of college before they arrive at its doors. Join clubs, volunteer, take AP classes is the mantra of teachers and parents. At the ripe age of 18 years old, they are asked to answer a question that will leave a residual impact on their future: what do they want to do for the rest of their life? Were they not asking for permission to use the bathroom a month ago?

They come to college with not only the stress of their future lurking behind every glossy brochure and textbook, they come to college with other issues taking up space in their mind crammed with answers to five tests due next Monday. They might be paying rent, taking care of a sick family member or struggling with depression.

Colleges offer mental health services, but students are still struggling. They are still dying. They struggle with not only an invisible illness, but the stigma attached to it. There would not be films like “Split,” directed by M. Night Shyamalan, in theatres today if it was not so.

“Split” depicts people with dissociative identity disorder as murderous villains who prey on the innocent.

The reality is that people with a mental illness are over 10 times likely to be the victims of a violent crime than the rest of the population, according to a 2014 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services report.

Students are reaching out for help. The CCMH found that students being treated by counseling centers grew at

over five times the rate of institutional enrollment in the past 5 years, and the amount of students who attended counseling center appointments grew at over seven times the rate of institutional enrollment in the past 5 years.

Students are not reaching out because society has diminished the stigma around mental health. Students are reaching out because their lives depend on it. Because more students find themselves battling a monster only they can see.

People keep collecting data and updating statistics. They compile all the people who have committed suicide and convert them into neat, compact factsheets. They share their information with the world in order to raise awareness but an organized factsheet does not solve the issue.

Students will continue to succumb to an invisible illness unless the stigma surrounding mental health issues is dissolved, unless people educate themselves because it is not just numbers, it is people.

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# Band member of ‘The Internet,’ Syd, releases her solo album



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By Lynandro Simmons

After the huge success of The Internet’s album *Ego Death*, the band decided to release solo albums for each member. Syd – the lead singer of the band – released her debut solo album *Fin*, Friday, Feb. 3.

After spending the majority of her career with Odd Future as the DJ, engineer, and only woman, Syd has finally stepped out on her own. On *Fin*, Syd brings listeners into her world. The open and honest debut album allows Syd to mark out her own lane after making her name twice over as part of a collective – with Odd Future and the Internet. The album opens with “Shake Em Off” and immediately sets the tone for the rest of the album.

“I’m drowning in doubt and frustration/can’t sleep cause I’m anxious/come and treat me,” Syd sings in her velvety voice. Amid a cloud of dull synths Syd sings reassurances to herself with braggadocios lyrics. Calling herself a “young star in the making” and reminding listeners “she’s grown.”

Throughout the entirety of *Fin* listeners can hear the influences in her work. There is lots of 90s R&B influences. From Brandy, to Destiny’s Child, to even D’Angelo’s neo-soul, this album is a melting-pot of Syd’s influences. On the second track “Know” Syd could even be confused for the late singer Aaliyah. Despite all of this Syd’s sharp lyrics let the listeners know the sensual universe they have entered is hers and hers alone.

With a beautiful sound bed and lyrics as slick



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as any songwriter, *Fin* is an album fit for the most intimate of settings. What is even more amazing to note is at a time where homophobia, racism and misogyny seems to be rampant, a black gay and self-determined woman has carved out a space for her voice to be heard.

The freedom can be heard in Syd’s voice as she smoothly transitions between genres on her album. The subject matter of *Fin* is not deeply political nor does it need to be. Instead Syd paints a picture of the things that are pleasurable to her

and the things that cause her pain without a care about judgement.

From the opening track “Shake Em Off” until the closing track “Insecurities” Syd displays a full range of emotions as well as her vocal abilities. It would be shameful for this album to be viewed as only a side project in between albums for the Internet. With only 12 tracks and one feature the album *Fin* is confident, concise and a breathe of fresh air for R&B.

# Series review: ‘The Young Pope’ leaves viewers perplexed



HBO mini series, “The Young Pope” stars Jude Law.

By Gregory Gagliardi

What even is “The Young Pope?” It is funny, but it is not a comedy. It is serious, but not a drama. It is sexy, it is sad, it is charming, it is in its purest form, a meme, and it is a brilliant one.

The HBO miniseries which is currently eight episodes deep, has done something television has not done in quite some time; it has left the viewer utterly perplexed, but wanting so much more.

Confusion, jumbled television is not good, we know that the “The Young Pope” is not that. “The Young Pope” confuses you in a strange way that leaves you wanting more. With beautiful shots of the Vatican, the show is told through graphics and emotions.

Created and directed by Paolo Sorrentino, the show moves at a slow pace, which yes can be difficult if you want a show that is quick and to the point, but what makes “The Young Pope” so special is its pace.

Combined with elements of kanga-roos dancing in gardens, nuns holding hands and slow slithering dialogue that bends off the tongue, “The Young Pope” depicts Lenny Belardo, the young pope in a sinister way. This sinister way is why I root for Lenny. Lenny wants to start a revolution in the Church, and by goodness he is going to do just that.

Through devilish ways, and unrelenting savagery Lenny or Pope Pius gets what he wants. There is a scene in which Pope Pius openly insults the prime minister of Greenland, with a touching smile on his face. You could not help but laugh at the prime minister. Sure, I wanted to scream, “Pope Pius that was so rude,” but I just laughed.

Pope Pius is not here to make friends, nor is he hear to threaten you into being on his side. He just tells you what to do, and how do it. If he has to resort to cruelty he will, but it is not his first move.

A scene that also remain a staple is the relocation of a

cardinal. Instead of simply telling the Cardinal where he is too be reassignment, Pius opts for embarrassing way. He tells the Cardinal to spin the globe, and wherever his finger lands he must go. He lands on a town on the outskirts of Sacramento. Pius, in his always calm tone of voice praises the town, then insults the Cardinal directly to his face saying he is being sent away because he is not need and not good at his profession. The Cardinal, still stunned is sent away while Pius smirks at the remaining Cardinal and Priests in his mocking tone.

As all of this happening, Sorrentino is slowly moving the camera only to pause at long moments then to reposition at that exact moment when the viewer is one second away from growing tired of the view. That is, “The Young Pope;” pushing the viewer to the edge of their emotional wits, only to reappear as something stunning.

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# Column: balancing video games and college responsibilities

By Dylan Haviland

It has been a year and a half since I have tried to beat “The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt.” Ever since that fateful day in my junior year of college when I decided to give it a go as the famous monster-hunter Geralt of Rivia I have found myself trying to make the time to finish the journey. My grapple with beating this game represents my time as an avid lover of video games and my experiences as a student.

My respect for video games has been long rooted in my appreciation for it not only as a source of entertainment but a medium of fantastic artwork, character design and story. Constantly during my times playing have I noticed the clever references to literature and history such as Fallout 3 which references to Occam’s razor and Guy Fawkes. Yet as with every past time there is the importance of prioritizing.

Most of my time spent consuming games

is during my spare breaks when I have finished work early or on vacation from school. Otherwise, once the classes come around the corner or I am sent out to get photographs the games go on the back-burner.

I think this is an important aspect for people who enjoy video games to recognize that are worried about not enjoying their newest story. The video game will always be there to pick up another time, but work and school are matters that need to be focused on in the present.

While it is tempting to grind in the hours to rank up in “Titanfall 2” there is even a more important urgency to study for my Chinese history exam or review students’ work for quality.

But getting your priorities straight as a student does not just pertain to those who have a passion for video games. This can apply to anyone that enjoys indulging in a past time, from working out to binge watching on

Netflix. As college immerses you in the sometimes drab routine of work, studying and caffeine the end result is worthwhile experience of an education and a possible career. So in reality as much as like games, I would go days without touching a controller or thinking of jumping online. It just never rose to be more important than doing well at school and work, there needs to be a focus on what will really help me later in life.

Overall, giving games a complete break over several days helped me focus on work. To others it may be different, if you have the time and it will not distract you sure give that level one more go. But as with series you have been hoping to watch, it can wait. While it might take you awhile to get to it, it will always be there. Heck it might take over a year and half to beat a game that could be accomplished in a few months, but it is well worth it succeeding in classes in the meantime.



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eSports is a form of online video gaming, which, according to ESPN, is growing at an alarming rate.

## eSports: a newly rising combination of sports and gaming

By Quinn O’Neill

From the competitiveness of Street Fighter, to the Madden NFL tournament league, the professional video gaming scene, known as eSports, is rising quickly. Southern psychology major Jeremy Farrell is a very avid eSports fan, and has followed it for a very long time. He is excited to see the hobby that he loves turn into something more serious and widely accepted, “It’s awesome,” he said, “different skills are getting showcased at a higher level.” Farrell cares a lot about video gaming and said it should get the recognition it deserves. However, there are many that laugh at the prospect it being taken seriously. He said, “I think the the general public, at least in America, looks at it as kind of a joke.” According to an online poll done by Debate, 66 percent of people believe professional video gaming should be considered a sport. Farrell said eSports will only get bigger. “I think it it’ll continue to gain popularity,” he said, “but I don’t know if it’ll make it into the olympics. I want it to though.” SCSU journalism major Chris Rzasa supports the professional video gaming world, and said it’s “really cool,” and it is, “becoming more widely popular.” Rzasa admitted it will be a long road for eSports. “Over the next 10 years, they’re not going to get as popular as sports like the NBA or the NFL,” Rzasa said. “It’s good it’s getting attention though.” Rzasa praised the players of eSports, and said he respects their ability to play so hard. He said, “It’s not as much about physical ability, but more of mental ability. It’s great.” With the idea of eSports being in the Olympics, Rzasa said, “I wouldn’t mind seeing it. There’s just too much



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Photo of an eSports event where players challenge each other.

opposition for it to be accepted, and given a chance in a physical setting.” Some people passionately support eSports, but there are others that firmly believe one thing: video games are not sports. Junior journalism major Tyler Ferrara disagrees with the notion that eSports should be taken seriously. He said, “There’s no real role model in video games, no one to set an example. You’re just pressing buttons.” Ferrara talked about the possibility of it being in the Olympics, he said the proposition was “ridiculous,” and, “could never come close to that kind of respect.” Ferrara considered it to not be a sport, but to be a hobby. He said, “There’s no physical activity. You’re not moving.”

He finished saying his own definition of what a sport is, standing firm on his belief. He said, “A sport is something where you are using muscles, and video gaming isn’t that at all.” According to ESPN, the world of eSports is growing at an alarming rate, and gains more than 21 percent more fans per year. Not only that, but as of 2014, the world spends more than three and a half billion hours a year watching eSports. Our world is divided regarding video games in sports, but we will see the market rise or fall within the next few years. The online community is continuously supportive of eSports, but time will tell if it will be enough to reach the height and fame that traditional sports have achieved.





Two Bitmoji users having a conversation on their iPhones and exchanging Bitmojis as a form of entertainment.

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## Bitmoji allows users to communicate through unique emojis

By Adrianna Rochester

Bitmoji has nailed the concept of creating adorable, eerily accurate avatars people can use to text to their friends. The app came out last November and although making one is pretty easy, the likeness is very uncanny.

“The concept of having an emoji that looks like me is a great idea,” Harina Davis Southern alumni said. “I’ve been using the app since it came out.”

She said what makes this app different from the other emojis is that it stands out more and it includes the most recent slang and catchphrases with the photos—which other emojis do not have.

“Bitmoji adds variety, it makes communicating through text messaging a little more fun and you can always change your avatar,” she said.

Bitmoji characters can also be used on Snapchat, she said.

“It’s like your own virtual person for your phone,” Davis said.

When it comes to using the app on Snapchat, she said it makes snapping fun again and allows her to put her own personal flavor to it. With Instagram evolving its social media platform to now do some of the things Snapchat does, she said she started to get bored with using Snapchat until she found out she was able to connect her Bitmoji character to it.

“I don’t think the app will lose its

momentum because people still use the original emojis and I think this app appeals more to the younger age groups,” she said.

Even though Davis is an active Bitmoji user other individuals, such as Murphy Herrington of New Haven is among the few who is not into all the hype.

“I first learned about the app through Snapchat,” Herrington said. “Slowly I started seeing these avatars pop up on my friend’s Snap stories and it got me curious.”

He said after talking to some friends he found out more about the app, but when he went to create one, he thought the process of creating one was subjective.

“At first I thought I had to create on Snapchat, but you actual have to download an app to do it and then connect it to the

Snapchat app,” Herrington said.

“Once I found that out, I didn’t really care that much to go through the process of it all,” he said. “I do get the why people are so crazy about it, though.”

Unlike Herrington, Jerome Aiken, junior at SCSU said he created an avatar for himself.

“The process wasn’t that long,” he said. However, after making the character, he said still does not actively use it on Snapchat or when he texts his friends.

“Even though, I don’t use the character, it still comes up on some Snapchat filters, so it’s kind of like I’m indirectly using it,” he said.



A groups of students participate in a Free flow yoga session held in the SCSU Fitness Center.

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## Yoga is an art form that students can use to manage stress

By Adrianna Rochester

Free yoga classes are being offered at the SCSU Fitness Center for students who are non-members. The classes are offered twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:30-1:30 p.m., according to Denise Zach, instructor of the free yoga sessions.

Zach said, “This isn’t the first time the fitness center has offered these classes, but they’re a great way to get non members involved with the center.”

According to Zach, the classes focus on helping students make mental connections through body and breathing exercises that also help them to relax and put them in a calm physical and mental state.

“Working out isn’t about what exercise is

better than the other, it’s all about what you want to get out of it,” she said. “So, if you want to work on building a stronger core or find a workout that helps you relax, then yoga is an exercise that can be for you.”

The types of classes that Zach teaches are the more intense and fast paced yoga sessions that consist of harder poses, such as the extended leg pose, and warrior I and II poses. However, she said she encourages everyone to try the classes for themselves to get a feel for which level of yoga class fits their body needs best.

Senior, Briana Shea, said she buys her gym membership only to take the yoga classes the center offers.

“Since my freshmen year I’ve been going to these yoga classes and I can honestly say they help,” Shea said.

For Shea, she said the yoga classes help her de-stress from her life as a college student and they give her two hours periods to forget about the outside world.

Even though the yoga class Shea usually takes is more on the beginner’s level for members of the fitness center, she said every student should become members and utilize the center’s many workout activities.

“Even if you’re not a member still take advantage of the free classes that are offered,” she said. “Students won’t regret it.”

“Students live such stressful lives being in college, so they need ways to help manage all that stress,” said Lyn Baumgartner yoga teacher for fitness center members.

“These yoga classes are a judgment free

zone for anyone,” she said.

Each of the four classes—two for nonmembers and two for members—teaches self-control, Baumgartner said, and the breathing exercises that are designed to help give the body balance.

She said, “Breathing is key and I’ve found these breathing techniques are useful to students outside of the sessions.”

For example, she said students can use to help with anxiety, panic attacks or to just settle their nerves, especially when they have to do presentations in front of a group of people.

“I encourage all students to sign up with the gym,” she said. “Even if all they take is yoga, and for 45 dollars a semester, that’s honestly a good deal,” Baumgartner said.





The Southern Gymnastics team celebrates during their meet on Saturday against the University of Bridgeport.

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## Owls impress in loss

The Southern gymnastics team set a new program record for points with 192.

By Matt Gad

The Owls set two records Saturday in their meet against Bridgeport University. They have had a tough stretch so far but this performance could definitely be seen as a confidence booster.

Southern fell 194.075 to 192 to the Purple Knights but that 192 they put up was the most points scored in program history. And that alone should make anyone feel great.

“The meet went great,” head coach Jerry Nelson said. “We set a new record for balance beam. We set a new record as a team. There’s a lot of excitement in the air and it was

awesome.”

Back at the 2015 ECAC Championship the program initially set their points record at 191.875. On the balance beam Southern had a team score of 48.5, eclipsing the previous beam record of 48.375 set March 6 of last year in a competition with Rutgers,

**“We set a new record for balance beam.”**

— Jerry Nelson, gymnastics head coach

Towson and West Chester.

“I think the meet went really well today,” Tiffany Elliot said, on behalf of her record-breaking team.

“Last week we really put a lot of work into the gym and I think that we came together today and supported each other and went out there and had a good time.”

Elliot herself scored a 9.75 on vault, earning her a third place finish. Alexandra Avendano, a captain, scored 9.7 and finished sixth in the event area. The top finisher for the Owls in the bars portion of the meet was Kathleen Aberger, who claimed fourth place, scoring 9.725.

Assessing the season so far, Nelson said the team had a rough meet last week at Yale but since changed attitudes in preparation for Bridgeport.

“We did well in the gym. We did well here on the competitive floor and I’m very, very proud of this team,” he said.

The women have had to get used to facing higher level competition this year with Division I level opponents. As Nelson said, they recently had a meet with Yale at their facility. This Saturday the Owls will travel to compete at Brown University in Providence New Hampshire.

“Our season has been going well,” Elliot said. “I think that this was a good meet to build off of and next week we are going to do even better.”

Rotem Porat, a senior, scored a 9.8 on the balance beam, which tied her for

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## Steinauer continues to improve during freshman campaign



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Kiana Steinauer is averaging 5.7 points per game in her freshman year.

By Matt Gad

Kiana Steinauer, who was born in Oakville, Ontario, Canada, said she was happy to receive the honor of being a Player of the Week but is simply focused on her team.

“I just want to get as many wins as we can to make the playoffs,” she said. “Being the freshman class we just try to get together and bring as much success to the team as we can.”

Head coach Kate Lynch, who graduated Southern in 2008 and took over as head women’s basketball coach last season, said Steinauer has been coming around of late.

“It is always difficult when you come in your freshman year: the game is a little bit faster and it’s different. Your coaching staff is asking you to guard things a certain way and to know these plays and all these different things,” Lynch said. “It typically takes a little while for freshmen to kind of adjust to that college level.”

Steinauer has been building her strong freshman campaign with a lot of efficiency, according to her stat line. In 22 games so far, the young Owl starter has averaged 5.7 points per game, with a .476 field goal percentage (.250 shooting the three ball). She has also recorded six rebounds, 0.5 assists and 0.9 steals, on average.

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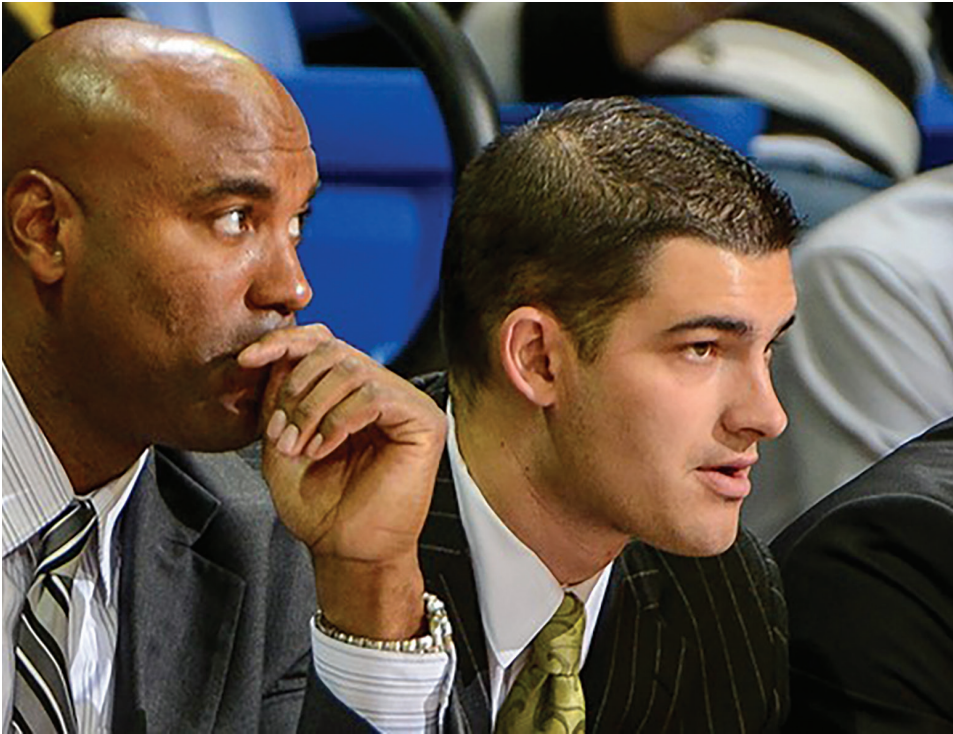


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Michael Papale is now in his second season as assistant men’s basketball coach after helping the Owls to a 24-8 record last season.

## Papale and his road to Southern

By Phil Zoppi

Assistant men’s basketball coach Michael Papale had his life change forever at the age of 17 when he went into a sudden cardiac arrest.

Aug. 24, 2006 started off like a normal day for Papale. The three-year varsity player and McDonald’s All-America nominee at Sheehan High was getting an early morning workout in with his brother. Papale described that two-hour workout as normal but just a half hour after the workout Papale went into sudden cardiac arrest.

Without an Automated

External Defibrillator “AED” on site, doctors said Papale’s chance of survival was one in a million.

The only way of surviving a cardiac arrest is to be shocked by an AED. Someone who was with Papale called 911, and a volunteer EMT came over and performed CPR on Papale, which saved his life, until an ambulance was able to arrive with an AED.

“I was unconscious for two days so I don’t have the memory of two hours before it happened and two hours after,” said Papale when referring to going into sudden cardiac arrest. “One of the first things I remember is doctors

telling me I couldn’t play basketball ever again.”

This hit Papale hard as he was starting to realize his dream of playing college basketball with multiple colleges recruiting him before his cardiac arrest. The fact that Papale probably shouldn’t have even been alive made it easier for him to accept playing college basketball was no longer an option.

Playing might have not been an option but coaching was. Papale has coached and been involved in basketball operations with AAU teams, UMass Lowell, Quinnipiac University and now Southern. For the most part Papale now

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# Brady does it again

By Matt Gad

Tom Brady won Super Bowl LI. It went into overtime. He threw for 416 yards. He won his fifth ring. His wife was beaming. But by now, you know all that already. In fact, you probably knew that he retired last night on the new 6 p.m. SportsCenter with Michael Smith and Jemele Hill.

OK, I think the latter did not happen. But if it did, could you imagine? Did someone say ratings boost? I do not like the

Patriots. I respect Tom Brady, but I think he is a cheater. I also think he will have fun when the team goes to the White House to celebrate this thing, but I am pretty sure Phil would not want me going there.

My prediction was 34-31, Falcons. So I was off, but not terribly. At one point watching the game, I thought Atlanta would blow the Patriots out. Brady looked lost. Edelman looked lost. Chris Hogan – OK, you get the point. For the sake of an entertaining Super Bowl, I actually craved Patriot points.

Clearly I was rewarded with too much.

They ran off 25 straight, including two sets of two point conversions. Brady finally had a jolt of energy in him. It was crazy. And it was tied. 28-28 with :57 left before regulation ended. Atlanta had no timeouts remaining so the mad dash for Matty Ice began. But it started out alright.

They made plays. They got out of bounds and they spiked the ball. They got close. But instead of running to set up a game-winning field goal,

Matt passed once more. It was not intercepted but it was incomplete. The Falcons pushed themselves out of field goal range. They punted.

The game went to overtime and it did not take long for Brady to give his team a chance from two yards out. A simple handoff. And then the confetti flew. Booyah.



# Southern football holds first open tryout



Southern football has never held open tryouts before in the history of their program.

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By Michael Apotria

Head football coach Tom Godek said that in the three seasons he has been the coach for SCSU the team has never formally held walk-on football tryouts, but has always had students inquire about playing.

“This is going to be the first time since I’ve been coaching here that we’re doing walk-ons,” said Godek. “In the past there have always been a lot of students that would come up to me and ask if they could try out.”

Godek said having multiple students along to years asking to tryout left him wondering what kind of undiscovered talent was at SCSU, one of the initial reasons

that got him interested in the idea of open tryouts.

“I guess not really knowing what kind of player someone is and turning them down left me wondering,” said Godek. “Who knows what kind of talent is already right here on campus.”

Godek said the coaching staff is heading into the tryouts with an open mind for any and all athletic players and potential difference makers on the field.

“I don’t think we’re looking to fill any particular spot,” said Godek. “We’re not going in looking for two quarterbacks or two defensive lineman or anything like that. We’re mostly just looking for students to display athleticism.”

Tryouts are only expected to

last roughly an hour and Godek said that the students that will be trying out would mostly be running basic football drills to display their coordination and athleticism.

“They’ll mostly be running agility drills,” said Godek. “Things like stop-start drills, change in direction, turning motions and likely a little catching and blocking drills as well.”

While athleticism is what Godek is looking for, it is not the most important factor to playing on the team.

“I can not stress enough how important academics are,” said Godek. “You can be the most athletic guy on the field, but if your grades aren’t there you can’t play.”

Additionally, Godek said that a lot of people forget or may not know how disciplined a student athlete must be to succeed in the classroom and on the field.

“It’s definitely not for everyone. It takes a lot of time and dedication to be a successful student athlete,” said Godek.

Godek said the message he has for a student trying out is to just give their best effort and that a spot can open up at any point through out the season.

“Come in with an open mind when trying out and don’t get discouraged,” said Godek. “It could work out right away with the team or it can work out down the road. Sometimes injuries take a toll and all of a sudden you got someone over in Farnham 217

ready to step up and play.”

Offensive coordinator Chris Bergeski said that the spring semester presents a challenge for most football programs due to the roster turnover and keeping an eye on everyone could be the difference maker.

“The spring semester can be tough. We’re going to lose some seniors,” said Bergeski. “Even if we find a couple guys the help us out during practice and then we reevaluate them as the season goes on, that’s a few mores guys to give something to the team.”

Bergeski said that he is excited about the expected turnout for the walk-ons. He said if all goes well this may be something the team will look to again in the future.

# Steinauer

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Coming in, she said she was expecting a team environment she could see herself thriving in. Steinauer cited her strong approval of the coaching staff as an important decision maker in her recruitment process. In addition to Lynch, Stephanie Hiriak assists the team. Another Southern alumna, Hiriak, like Lynch, was part of the 2007 women’s championship team that won it all.

Since her graduation in 2010, Hiriak has coached all throughout the state, with stops at Hopkins and Foran, in New Haven and Milford, respectively, and at the University of Bridgeport, where she spent four seasons helping coach a 50-win team that made two appearances in the East Coast Conference Tournament.

“I know that coach’s goal is to win a national championship so that’s what we’re trying to do and hopefully we can get to that (accomplishment) eventually,” she said.

Additionally, Steinauer said she has been pleased with the way the captions have treated her. She said the team works really hard in practice and that everyone is treated equally.

Lynch said it is a rare sight to have a freshman come in and make such an impact, reiterating her earlier point on



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Steinauer has been averaging 15 points and six rebounds a game the last two weeks.

impact, reiterating her earlier point on adjusting to the pace of the college game.

“We always expect our freshmen to get it but when they actually do it is fun to see.” Additionally, Lynch said Steinauer has been making a

“really big impact” and she is happy to see it is happening before the end of the season.

“We knew we had a spot to fill,” Lynch said. “We graduated Jackie Bethea, who became Southern’s all-time leading rebounder, averaging

16 boards a game. To see Kiena the last couple weeks average 15 points and six rebounds you feel like OK and we can fill that hole a little bit from Jackie.”



# LeBron shuts down Barkley

By Phil Zoppi

Charles Barkley needs to keep the name LeBron James out of his mouth. James has had to endure criticism from Barkley for his entire career and this past week he finally decided enough was enough. Following a 104-97 loss to the Dallas Mavericks James called Barkley a hater for some of the comments he made about him earlier in the week. Barkley used the words inappropriate

and whiny when referring to James asking for Cleveland Cavaliers owner, Dan Gilbert, to give him more players if he wants to win another NBA championship. What does Barkley know about winning a championship? Not too much. James will be compared to Michael Jordan as the greatest NBA player of all time while Barkley will be remembered as one of the best players who never won a ring. Barkley needs to stop being so jealous of James and start to listen to what he is saying,

because James has a point. Take a look at the Golden State Warriors roster and tell me how the Cavaliers have any chance of competing with them in a seven game series. James was able barely edge the Warriors in a seven game series last year but with Kevin Durant now in the picture that is not happening in 2017. Gilbert should have made a move in the offseason to counteract the Warriors signing Durant but he did not. James took notice of this and is finally sounding off on it. Losing guys

like Matthew Dellavedova and Timofey Mozgov from the 2016 championship team seemed small but Gilbert did nothing to replace them. James is starting to realize that and is demanding Gilbert to give him some more playmakers to work with. Just because James is looking for a playmaker to contend with the Warriors does not make him a whiny or a baby. It makes him smart. The sooner Barkley realizes this the less we all have to hear him complain.



# Gymnastics

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second place with teammate Kathleen Aberger. Two other teammates, Keylea Brothers and Kylyn Dawkins, scored identical 9.65s for sixth place ties. Going forward, Nelson is just looking for constant improvement. He just hopes the team is able to keep moving forward. Said Nelson: “We just want to continue raising our scores, raising the amount of hits that we have. We are looking forward to competing against Division I Brown next weekend.” The Owls will be on the road against Brown this weekend. The next time they play at home will be Feb. 17. Southern will compete against Yale, Rhode Island College and Springfield College in that meet.



Head coach Jerry Nelson was pleased with the way the gymnastics team performed Saturday.

# Papale

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**Papale's In A Heartbeat foundation has already donated 12 AEDS.** lives a completely normal life. Trying to help those who might go through what Papale went through at 17 is now a big part of what he does outside of coaching. Papale created a foundation called In A Heartbeat in 2015 to raise money and awareness for sudden cardiac arrest and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. After Papale's survival from sudden cardiac arrest he went to many events to talk about his story, which triggered the idea for his own foundation. “As time went on my mom and I always talked about how cool it would be to have our own foundation,” said Papale. “Nothing really came of it for a few years.” Papale would then suffer a setback in November 2014 where he had to have emergency open-heart surgery. After that surgery Papale decided that he really needed to go through with making his foundation. “After the surgery I said I have to stop just talking about this and actually do it,” said Papale. “I hired lawyers and it just kind of went from there. It's been going on for a year and a half now and it's really grown a lot.” In A Heartbeat donates AEDS to schools, businesses and families that are in need, helps with CPR and AED training and assists in creating action plans for emergency situations. According to Papale the foundation has already donated 12 AEDS and written a \$6,000 check to Tufts Medical Center. Papale is happy with where the foundation is at this point and hopes that awareness for sudden cardiac arrest and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy continues to rise.

# Basketball

# Joey Wallace tries to make his own name



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Joey Wallace is averaging 11 points per game in his sophomore year.

By Matt Gad

Growing up with a dad who played Division I is not normal, but it was for Joey Wallace. His father, John, played four years at Syracuse University and then seven in the National Basketball Association. And he almost won a national championship, too. “Everyone knew who my dad was and whenever we went out to places people would ask for his autograph,” Wallace, a sophomore business management major, said. “My dad did not force basketball upon me but wanted to see if I would fall in love with it on my own, and I did.” Wallace, who starred at Immaculate High School in Danbury, Conn., is now coming off the bench for Scott Burrell, a former Division I player and NBA star himself. He said when he was first recruited that Burrell did not even realize he and his dad had any relation. In a funny story, Burrell was actually part of one of John's recruiting visits to UConn “back in the day.” “My dad always told me I can't live

under his name my whole life. So now when people see me I want them to say ‘Oh there goes Joey Wallace,’ not ‘There goes John Wallace's son,” he said. His teammates definitely do not think he is living under his father's shadow, whether or not they know too much about John Wallace's career. “Joey is a great teammate,” Jerry Luckett Jr. said. “He is always looking to pass me the ball and get teammates involved during games. I guess you could say he is the ‘energy guy’ on the team.” In roughly 34 minutes a game, Wallace is able to average 11-5.5-5. He holds a .779 field goal percentage, shooting .306 from three point range. Said Luckett: “We have great team chemistry off the court, and I think that transfers when we are playing as well. With everyone being back now it will give us more momentum to build on and make a run before the playoffs.” The Owls are 15-8 at the time of publication. They have recently come up on the short end to both Merrimack, 100-94 in overtime, and Adelphi, 87-86 and look to straighten things out at home Feb. 7 against

American International and Feb. 11 with the College of Saint Rose. The Owls are also fortunate to be under the guidance of Burrell, who played up in Storrs and professionally in the NBA. Luckett said playing for someone with his experience is “motivating, inspiring and challenging (all at the same time).” “Being that he's been in our place before he challenges us everyday to compete against one another and get better. He often reminds me of what Michael Jordan used to say: ‘if you work hard in practice it makes the game easier.” Wallace said, simply, he is just always been taught to give it whatever he's got. He said his dad passed a strong work ethic onto him and it is just all about staying consistent. “My dad always told me whatever I do I should give it my all,” Wallace said. “He has this thing he preaches to me called 10,000 hours. It is about working hard for three hours a day for 10 consecutive years.” Wallace said he had zero college offers and was not able to compete during his senior year of high school but that it did not stop him from working hard every day.



# SCSU Gymnastics vs. University of Bridgeport



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Southern set a new record on the balance beam Saturday.



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Southern set a new program record with 192 points against Bridgeport.

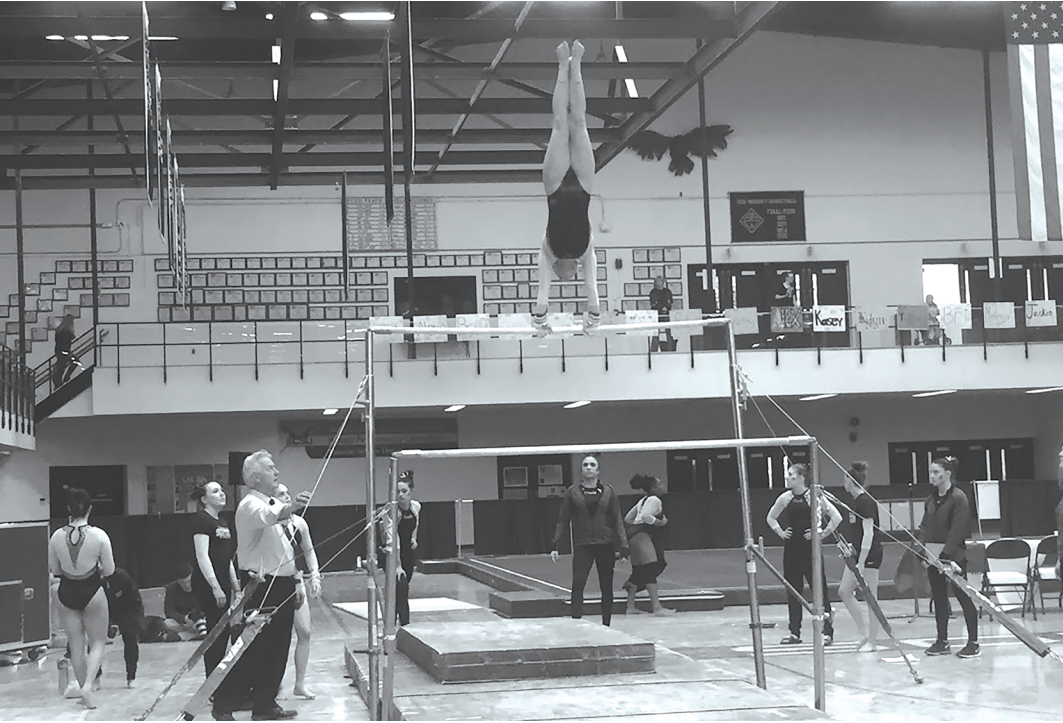


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Jerry Nelson (bottom left) watches on as his team competes against Bridgeport.



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Southern Gymnastics team is introduced before their meet against Bridgeport.

# Northeast-10 Standings

## MEN’S BASKETBALL

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
NORTHEAST DIVISION						
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	16	12-4	0.750	21	16-5	0.762
MERRIMACK	16	11-5	0.688	23	17-6	0.739
SAINT ANSELM	16	9-7	0.563	20	13-7	0.650
FRANKLIN PIERCE	16	8-8	0.500	22	11-11	0.500
STONEHILL	16	7-9	0.438	22	12-10	0.545
BENTLEY	16	7-9	0.438	21	10-11	0.476
ASSUMPTION	16	4-12	0.250	23	6-17	0.261
SAINT MICHAEL’S	16	4-12	0.250	21	5-16	0.238
SOUTHWEST DIVISION						
LE MOYNE	16	12-4	0.750	22	17-5	0.773
SO. CONNECTICUT	15	11-4	0.733	23	15-8	0.652
SAINT ROSE	16	11-5	0.688	25	19-6	0.760
ADELPHI	16	9-7	0.563	24	16-8	0.667
NEW HAVEN	16	7-9	0.438	22	12-10	0.545
PACE	15	4-11	0.267	23	7-16	0.304
AMERICAN INT’L	16	3-13	0.188	24	9-15	0.375

## WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
NORTHEAST DIVISION						
BENTLEY	16	15-1	0.938	23	19-4	0.826
SAINT ANSELM	16	10-6	0.625	22	15-7	0.682
ASSUMPTION	16	9-7	0.563	21	14-7	0.667
SAINT MICHAEL’S	16	9-7	0.563	21	11-10	0.524
STONEHILL	16	9-7	0.563	20	10-10	0.500
MERRIMACK	16	8-8	0.500	21	10-11	0.476
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	16	5-11	0.313	23	10-13	0.435
FRANKLIN PIERCE	16	0-16	0.000	21	2-19	0.095
SOUTHWEST DIVISION						
ADELPHI	16	15-1	0.938	23	20-3	0.870
AMERICAN INT’L	16	10-6	0.625	24	15-9	0.625
LE MOYNE	16	9-7	0.563	22	13-9	0.591
SAINT ROSE	16	7-9	0.438	22	12-10	0.545
SO. CONNECTICUT	15	5-10	0.333	22	9-13	0.409
PACE	15	4-11	0.267	23	10-13	0.435
NEW HAVEN	16	4-12	0.250	21	5-16	0.238



Unsung Heroes: Judite Vamvakides and Kaitlin Ingerick

By Latiyah Sullivan

Tucked away in SCSU’s newly remodeled Wintergreen building are the offices of Judite Vamvakides and Kaitlin Ingerick. They are the director and assistant director of annual giving, respectively. They are also a little unsung; just the way they like it. “Knowing that I’m doing something greater than me, my little piece is really helping the bigger institution run, that’s [my favorite part]. I don’t need the recognition,” Vamvakides said. Both Vamvakides and Ingerick are a part of Southern’s Division of Institutional Advancement where they work day-in and day-out obtaining gifts for Southern’s populace. “We’re responsible for soliciting gifts from pretty much our whole community, our whole family, Southern family. [And] if there are community members who have no affiliation with Southern, other than just living

down the street, we will totally take that too, but that doesn’t happen very often. Usually most of the people who make a gift to the university are people who have some sort of affiliation; alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff,” Vamvakides said. Vamvakides and Ingerick oversee two separate gift giving initiatives: The HOOT campaign and The True Blue Owls campaign. The “Helping Our Owls Thrive” or HOOT campaign is directed toward encouraging faculty and staff to give back to Southern’s community, while the “True Blue Owls” campaign is directed toward encouraging students to give back to their community. “Every time we ask for money for the university, it’s always to support students in some way. It’s never for [personal gain], it’s always to support students,” Vamvakides said. “Student scholarships, programs, internships, study abroad. There’s a lot of different ways that people make a gift and then that money goes

out and supports those things to make sure that students have a really broad education.” Students who wish to partake in the gift giving can do so through the True Blue Owls campaign, where they can donate to any specific program they would like. If they want to give to their athletic team, or program department, they can. Students are also given prizes for their participation. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors can make a minimum donation of \$5 and will receive an official Student Philanthropy Council insulated cup which gives you access to a variety of Phil Your Cup events throughout campus all year long. Seniors who choose to donate must make a minimum payment relative to their graduating class. For example, this year a senior would make a donation of \$20.17, next year, \$20.18, and so on and so forth. As a token of appreciation, seniors will receive a student philanthropy council insulated



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Cierra Green and Haley McGuane, student development officers.

cup that can be used at all “Phil Your Cup” events throughout campus all year long, a senior class gift honor cord to wear at commencement, acknowledging them as a campaign contributor, name recognition as a senior class gift contributor in the commencement program and a special invitation to an end of year senior class gift donor recognition celebration.

“Last year students raised over \$7000, which is great. \$7000 is essentially almost half the tuition of one student,” Vamvakides said. “They already understand the importance of giving back to their university, and want to help build a culture of giving among their peers,” Ingerick said. “It’s [philanthropy] a commitment I believe in deeply. I am in awe of Southern’s amazing students.”

Expectations based on gender

By Natalie Accardi

Virginia Metaxas said gender expectations shaped the role of women in history and would continue to influence women when they began to play a crucial role in the workforce. “Women’s track from the family home into industrial society and out into the world, into the wage labor system is very much gendered,” said Metaxas, a history professor. “The first women’s profession in the U.S. is teaching. Why? Because teaching is an extension of childcare.” The shift from the agricultural society to the industrial society allowed women to be paid for work they would do at home, according to Metaxas. For example, women got jobs making cloth instead of sitting at

home with the spinning wheel making it. “Women were believed to be naturally good at childcare so it seems that women should be in charge,” said Metaxas. “Again, who are the caregivers in the preindustrial society? Who’s taking care of the ill? Who’s taking care of the babies?” Along with industrialization came scientific and technological advances such as birth control in the 20th century, according to Metaxas. In an agricultural society, people tended to have larger families but with the invention of condoms, people began to consider having smaller families. Metaxas said the invention of birth control also sparked a movement called “free love,” which introduced the idea of consent and bodily autonomy for women. The followers of the movement believed

that people should not have sex unless they really wanted to instead of viewing it as a duty and that women could have multiple partners, according to Metaxas. “This kind of privilege [multiple partners] is something that’s been a male privilege for forever, but for women to say that, it was seen as radical,” said Metaxas, “as well as for women to say, ‘I want to have sex and I don’t want to get pregnant.’” Director of the Women’s Studies department Yi-chun Tricia Lin said that gender is often thought of in binary way: men and women, when it is actually a spectrum. She said people tend to forget that gender is a social construct and is different from a person’s biological sex. Lin said since people tend to think of gender in a binary way, transgender people face additional adversity and these expectations are taught to people at a young age and are reinforced by society. US National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health 2010 research article cites gender as a social construct that has a negative impact on physical and mental health. The article uses an example of how women’s body image is linked to eating disorders because women are ingrained with the idea that the way they look defines them. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, girls are more than 2.5 times likely to suffer from an eating disorder than boys and women are also more than 2.5 times likely to suffer from an eating disorder than men. Lin said society defines gender in a strict fashion and gender expectations operate even within relationships. For example,

men are often expected to be the providers while women are often expected to be the homemaker. A gender expectation of men is to be stoic and tough while women are allowed to express their emotions, according to Lin. “If a boy cries, he is likely to be chastised,” said Lin, “because boys aren’t supposed to cry.” Cathy Gennert, a sociology professor, said women are expected to be submissive, dainty, feminine, and to be mothers, a concept called biological determinism. Men are expected to be active, dominant, mentally and physically strong, and to be the workers. “There’s a pressure on men to be financially successful. Being stoic and unemotional takes a toll on them, a physical and mental toll, then violence comes out and hurts other people,” said Gennert. “Men are more prone to suicide.” Women are more likely to attempt suicide, but men are almost four times more likely than women to die by suicide, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Gennert said everyone is a victim of the patriarchy, which means the rule of men in all areas, not just the home. “It’s not just all men are equal in society’s eyes like men of color, gay men, men who aren’t working, they all get oppressed too from patriarchy,” said Gennert. “I don’t think it allows anyone, male or female or in between or something different to be their authentic selves.”

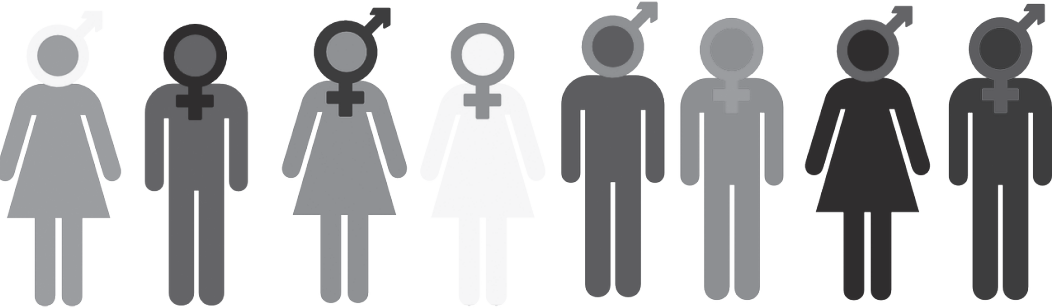


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Southern’s sister schools abroad

By Adrianna Rochester

Every student who has left America to study abroad has come back a different person, said Michael Schindel, assistant director of international education. “Students come back more independent, self-aware and have a different sense of maturity,” he said. There is a common misconception that only rich or privilege students are able to study abroad, but Schindel said that is not the case. “All our partner schools match Southern’s curriculum as far as course, tuition, internship possibilities and more,” he said. “Over the years the study abroad program has been achieving our goal to make it more affordable for student to travel overseas,” he said. Any major can go overseas and even if a concentration is specific to the United States, he said. The program still can find a school that will match with the student’s needs. “Students open new opportunities for themselves by going to these schools and I’ve found most students transition fairly easily from SCSU to one our partner schools,” he said. Naturally, there are some differences between Southern and these partner schools. For instance, he said classes at some of the partner schools are more

independently driven for students to learn the material on their own. “There’s no homework or quizzes, which means your grade is solely based on one major assignment,” he said. “So there’s pressure to really know your stuff.” Erica Surgeary, a senior, said after watching the development of the study abroad program she wanted to get involved and was able to spend last fall studying tourism hospitality and event management at Liverpool John Moores University, in Liverpool, England. She said, “Being a fall semester senior, I felt I needed to leave and study my major somewhere else.” It was easy for her to adapt to the learning style at John Moores University, she said. “In my program it wasn’t mandatory for us to attend class,” she said. “We didn’t get any homework, quizzes or any assignments like we do at Southern.” However, even though class was not mandatory and the assignments were scarce there was more pressure to do well because, she said her overall grade depended on one or two heavily weighed assignments. “The grading system in England is either pass or fail and instead of having one instructor grade my work, I had three collectively decide on my grade,” Surgeary said. The cost of tuition was the same as Southern, she said. So, the only out of pocket expenses she had to

worry about was her plane ticket and spending money. “Since I was on a student visa, I couldn’t work in England, so I spent the entire summer working to save money before going to Liverpool,” Surgeary said. The best part about spending an entire semester in another country was the people, she said. Liverpool is in the city where other universities are also located, so instead of having separate dorms for each of the campuses every student from every university lives in one big dorm community, she said. “Working with the partner schools gives these students an experience they can’t get here,” said professor of Spanish, Carlos Arboleda who has worked with the study abroad program and traveled to Spain with students. “By going to Spain, those students were able to get emerged in the culture, which then helped them learn the language better,” he said. Students love the idea of going overseas for school, he said. They learn to value education and life more in the United States once they have gone to school in a different country.



Let it Snow!



Plowing taking place on campus just after 1:45 p.m.



Snow coming down on campus at 1:45 pm Jan 31st.



Two SCSU students simultaneously slipping in the snowy conditions.



Snowy conditions behind Engleman.



An image of Farnham ave at 2:00pm Jan 31.



Residential portion of campus during the snowstorm.

By Palmer Piana

Campus experienced its first winter snow storm of this school year on Tuesday Jan 31. The snow began to fall around 10:0 a.m. and almost immediately began accumulating on the ground and sidewalks. Campus eventually was closed as of 4:30 p.m. but not before students were seen slipping in the icy conditions, as well as reports of 315 traffic accidents across the state according to Fox 61 News. Despite the possibly dangerous conditions the school was covered with an serene blanket of white, which was a refreshing contrast to the wet and dreary Connecticut has had up to that point.