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New building officially breaks ground

Four-story Health and Human Services Building to be completed by spring 2022 for health-related fields

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

A \$74 million building fully funded by the state of Connecticut has officially broke ground. The Health and Human Services building is projected to be completed by spring of 2022.

“This will be a state of an art facility that will provide greatly enhanced research and experiential learning opportunities for our students and faculty in the health-related fields,” said President Joe Bertolino.

The building will be four stories high. It will contain the communications disorders, health and movement sciences, nursing, public health and recreation, tourism and sports management departments.

The first floor will contain the human performance labs and a center for adaptive sports and inclusive recreation. The second floor will house the communications



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President of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system Mark Ojikian, President Joe Bertolino and Sanda Bulmer breaking ground.

disorder clinics. The third floor is will be a space for interprofessional collaboration and the fourth floor will contain a showcase facility for the nursing program.

Student nursing major Melquicedex Hernandez,

a sophomore, will be one of the first students to use the facility and equipment in the new Health and Human Services building.

“Some of the highlights of the nursing floor will have a state-of-the-art simulation center, a home

simulation department, four standardized patient rooms, and four large teaching labs,” said Hernandez. “There is no doubt this building will be a beautiful addition to this campus.”

Many students whose

majors are moving into the new building said they are excited to see what opportunities are waiting for them.

“When I found out about the construction of the health and human services building, I was

very excited to what Southern students with majors in the health and service field would have in the near future,” said Hernandez.

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New School of Business to be built

By Jessica Guerrucci
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The Health and Human Services Building has officially broken ground — but it will not be the only new construction at Southern in the next few years. A new School of Business is to come next.

“It’s going to be 60,000 square feet,” said director of External Relations for the School of Business Susan Rapini. “So, if you take this existing building it’s about two-and-a-half times the size of the existing building.”

The current School of Business, which is 23,000 square feet, now houses two classrooms for its 1,168 undergraduate and graduate students, according to the SCSU School of Business 2018–2019 Annual Report.

Bob Sheeley, associate vice president for Capital Budgeting and Facilities Operations, said the current School of Business was part of the old student center and renovated to house classrooms and offices.

However, as the business school grows, Rapini said the current building is too small. The issue of lack of space is one that Rapini said can hopefully be remedied by the construction of what Sheeley said will be a \$33 million new School of Business building.

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One of the COVID-19 flyers around campus that explains preventive measures.

International study suspended

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

In response to the continued spread of coronavirus spread of regionally and worldwide, the university has suspended international travel to certain countries, with more expected to get added to the blacklist in the coming weeks.

“As the global COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak continues to spread, we are taking every precaution to mitigate any potential impact on campus,” said President Joe Bertolino in a campus-wide email.

“We have suspended institutionally sponsored travel to countries designated Level 2 or Level 3 by the CDC.”

There have been over 100,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus, with Eastern hemisphere regions being the first to get severely affected. So far, that travel has been suspended to Asian, with China, Iran, South Korea and Japan, but Italy has also been restricted as well.

“[[This list] is likely to grow in coming days and weeks,” said Bertolino.

This restriction includes school-sponsored travel programs and applies to

all students, faculty and staff regardless of any symptoms they could or could not have, affecting two students who are currently studying in Italy. This also requires those to not return to campus after arriving in the United States for two weeks.

Southern is far from the only place to be canceling events which require involve traveling internationally, as other places in the United States are doing the same all around. Three states have declared a state of emergency in response to the outbreak.

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Neil Thomas Proto shares his new book

By Tamonda Griffiths
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During his reading and brief discussion of his new book, “Fearless: A Bartlett Giamatti and the Battle for Fairness in America,” Southern alumnus class of 1967 Neil Thomas Proto said there were five points he wanted students to take away from the event.

“I want you to keep in mind you need to be participants in this. This is not just going to be a one-way discussion,” said Proto. “I want you to stay focused on Bart Giamatti, his family and who he is, and his notion of ideas; they matter in his life and the way he thought about his life.”

On, March 4 Proto read excerpts from his book in Political Science Seminar Room in Engleman Hall, Room C 234F.

The book is a biography of Proto’s late friend, former Yale University president and commissioner of Major League Baseball Angelo Bartlett Giamatti.

The event was sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences and the Department of Political Science.

“Neil Proto’s been highly involved in the pre-law society,” said Theresa Marchant-Shapiro, advisor to the pre-law society, associate professor and graduate coordinator for the political science department, “providing us with various resources, funding for an undergraduate journal and funding for supporting scholarships for the students to take LSAT reviews.”

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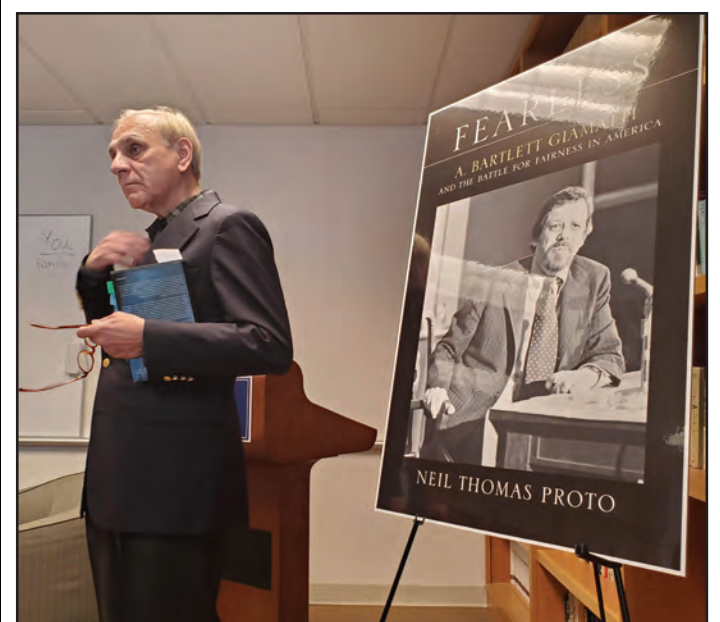


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Neil Proto standing next to his new book’s cover.

'Swipe It Forward' merges with 'Swipe Out Hunger'

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Swipe It Forward is a meal swipe donation initiative on Southern's campus that is now going to become a part of a national organization called 'Swipe Out Hunger.'

Swipe It Forward was created on Southern's campus to help students who are food insecure. This type of insecurity is a nationwide problem on almost all college campuses.

This organization offers many different opportunities for students to help another student in need, such as Swipe Pantry's that allows students to donate their

swipes in one area. These swipes can be used for places like Connecticut Hall, Student Center, and the Bagel Wagon.

According to Swipe Out Hunger's website, "Swipe Out Hunger is dedicated to building partnerships with universities to implement both innovative and proven common sense solutions to address college student hunger."

AmeriCorps Vista at the Student of Affairs Office Sarah Rodgers is pushing for the campus to be a part of Swipe Out Hunger. Rodgers said she has noticed many more students have been using Swipe It Forward on campus. Faculty have also been paying to donate swipes to students.

"A lot of it comes down to education around the program and that a lot of the students one, don't know that there is three meal swipes if they need them and they have to get them from the Deans of Student Affairs Office," Rodgers said, "or if they are not the ones in need they can help a student out, simply by swiping your card and saying 'X amount of swipes' is taken off so that someone can have a meal."

Rodgers said she has noticed it is being used but more students can be helping with this program, especially with the amount of students on campus who eat at Connecticut Hall.

Rodgers will be on campus until July and is

a part of AmeriCorps, a program from the Federal Government that puts volunteers, or service members, into different areas of the country focused on different projects, she said.

For Rodgers, Southern is the site where she is doing her service, and Swipe It Forward is a big area she has been focusing on in the year she has on campus. She does more capacity building service rather than direct service.

"[My focus for Southern is] creating systems, marketing creation of the center, not as direct, but capacity building to create something on this campus that can function after I leave," said Rodgers.

Student Government

President Alexis Zhitomi said it is hard reaching out to food insecure students on campus because it can be difficult for them to find help.

"[It is] hard to target those certain populations because you don't know who is food insecure on campus so how do you reach out?" she said. "How do you get the news out to these students that benefit from it?"

Zhitomi said one thing SGA can do to improve this program and to help the students who are food insecure is to talk more about this issue on campus and this organization.

Southern does not have any way to tell if a student is food insecure. Instead, Southern has an

open-door policy; if the student needs a meal swipe then they can go to the Dean of Student Affairs and get a swipe that they need. Some may think there would be a problem going forward with this, but Rodgers said she does not feel worried about problems that can happen with this organization such as overuse and students abusing the system.

"I hope that they start using it. We have seen good numbers of people using it but we can always generate more giving out swipes," said Rodgers "so there is a fear that we can run the bank dry, but there is enough to put on this campus that if that would happen we would be able to fill that bank up again."

Proto

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Marchant-Shapiro said when she heard about Proto's newest book and the research that went into the book, she had to get him to come back to share it with the students.

"In this book, there are over 100 pages of endnotes, documents and narratives," said Proto. "For all the books that I have read — and I think I have read them all — about Yale University's history, about its culture, biographies written about its presidents, and works done about New Haven, including by faculty members who are currently on the faculty at Yale: I don't find these endnotes."

When Proto referenced the amount of research he had conducted, Marchant-Shapiro said he was talking about the view Yale has on itself.

"There's this aura and there's this identity of who they think they are, and the point is they don't really do the research and gather the data that they need to realize this dark side of their history and he took the time. We here at Southern trained him how to research, then when he went to graduate school he learned more."

According to Marchant-Shapiro, it was important to Proto to collect the evidence and draw an unbiased conclusion as opposed to making "Yale

shine in a way someone from Yale would."

"Everything that Neil has done has been multi-disciplinary," said Marchant-Shapiro. "He's always wanting to get political scientists talking to historians talking to artists talking to communications talking to everyone. He wants all of us to talk to together because we have really a richness of heritages."

According to Marchant-Shapiro, Proto finds students embracing their lineages and history to be of the utmost importance and said it can make a difference in the realization of one's potential here at Southern.

When Yale decided to hire Giamatti as youngest president in over 200 years at the time and its first Italian, non-Anglo-Saxon Protestant president, Proto said the choice had been, "more radical and enduringly explosive" than people at the time likely anticipated.

Over time, Proto said the subsequent presidents of Yale no longer were following the "Yale man" model, and eventually, even the makeup of the student body transformed.

"Gone was the pretense that former Yale president's A. Whitney Griswold, Kingman Brewster and their predecessors had relied upon," said Proto reading from his book, "to New Haven and the student body's detriment."

That pretense, Proto said, was a "eugenics



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Dean of Arts and Sciences Bruce Kalk (left) listening to Neil Proto speak about his new book.

mentality."

According to the History channel website, the science of eugenics emerged in 1883 by Francis Galton, cousin of English naturalist and "father of evolution" Charles Darwin.

Eugenics is defined by the Encyclopaedia Britannica as "the selection of desired heritable characteristics in order to improve future generations," specifically in humans.

"Galton's science was measurement," said Proto reading from his book. "Body type, eyes, skin and hair color, posture

and especially the human brain, its size and shape. Being an Anglo-Saxon elite, Galton's model had nothing to do with education, group or individual experiences or luck."

Proto said Galton claimed humans were "fixed in place" to their various stations or statuses in life-based solely upon their hereditary genes, not their environment and upbringings.

"In a manner more revelatory and disquieting than I had anticipated," said Proto, "Yale's roughly exercised

parochialism, and deeply embedded prejudices and insurmountable eugenics mentality merged repeatedly. Their effects spread well beyond Yale's halls and New Haven with a continuity and evolving form that hardly diminished from the moments of Giamatti's selection as president."

According to Proto, Yale, Princeton University and Harvard University were the primary advocates for eugenics practices such as the determination of "fit and unfit" parents, experimentation and forced or unknown sterilization be enacted before and during Giamatti's tenure as president.

Communication major Rakim Grant, a freshman, said he found Proto's reading of this particular excerpt of the book interesting.

"We always look at those institutions like they're in the right always," said Grant. "That they're these places that are just perfect and they're clearly not."

An activist himself, Grant said he came to the event to hear more about the story of Giamatti and his fearlessness in breaking the mold at Yale.

"It's just interesting to hear about how he got into a position of power, how [Finnis] Engleman fought Yale and I'm really interested in just fighting for making things more democratized," said Grant.

Recently, Grant said he went to Hartford to testify to the legislature regarding

the lack of funding of public higher education in the state.

"I'm really interested in things like that," said Grant, "using my voice and that type of stuff."

Political science major David Betters, a senior, said having heard Proto discuss his book, he is thinking more about the establishment mindset created by Yale.

"There seems to be this huge contrast," said Betters. "How strong they were even into the middle of the century. By then, in my own family, they'd married into German families and stuff like that and Catholics, which to this establishment of the Anglos here in New Haven that would have been unheard of."

Betters said he found the treatment of Italians and other European immigrants as underlings at the time shocking due to events in Europe at the time of the movement of fascism. "it's very telling."

"Go back as far as you can remember," said Proto. "Go back to think about great-grandparents, and grandparents, and parents and you, and then think about contemporary America because what you're going to find is eugenics and urban renewal were largely directed against those values and the people that mattered to you in your life. There is nothing benign about this history. It is deliberately called a 'Battle for Fairness in America.'"



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Philosophy and political science major Trent Kaisen, junior, talking to Neil Proto during the event.

Southern students scores well on Putnam test

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

Six hours, twelve questions, one day. The Putnam test is a voluntary math test that can take students up to six hours to complete.

The test is scored out of 120 points and the typical score is usually a zero.

"This year it was apparently an easy test and the median score was a two or three," said mathematics professor Joseph Fields.

"That's not really an easy test, a 2 out of 120."

Mathematics major David Diaz, a senior scored a 22 on the Putnam Test, the highest someone has

scored at Southern.

"This was my third time taking it and first time I got a much lower score than I was expecting and the second time I got a higher score than I was expecting," said Diaz. "It felt good and grad schools will get my name which is cool."

Students can take the Putnam Test up to four times throughout their college career - or 24 hours of their life.

"I've taken it twice. The first year my goal was to get the experience of taking it and this year my goal was to get a non-zero score, so I was ecstatic when I got seven," said applied mathematics major Dani Rosenberg, a senior.

The test incorporates many different levels of math.

"There will be number theory, complex analysis, abstract algebra, topics that most people don't study until their senior year," said Fields.

One question on the test was factoring a trinomial "so something similar to Pythagorean theorem," said Diaz.

Another question on the test dealt with dots in the shape of squares and the students had to see how many squares they could make out of the dots.

The answers to the Putnam exam are not about getting the correct answer but proving or explaining

why that answer is correct.

"The answers on these are more like arguments. You are supposed to be proving something is true.

Even if the answer was a number and you wrote down that number, it would be a zero because they want the explanation of why it's that number," said Fields.

The mathematics department does seminars where they work on problems that are from old Putnam test in order to help the students prepare. Fields said that it is nearly impossible to study for the test.

"The first time I did a lot of practice and preparation, I was at

the Putnam seminar every single week and I was doing the problem seminars in between. This year I did less preparation because in general I was more prepared for it being a year further along in my mathematics," said Rosenberg.

The students who decide to take the Putnam said they find it to not be as stressful as other tests they have to take.

"It's easier than doing the SAT because there is less pressure, I think, because I'm not expecting to win so I'm hoping I just do well," said Diaz.

The Putnam test has been around for decades. "It has been around since

the 1930s and started off as a rivalry thing between Princeton and Harvard and a few other Ivy League schools, but now it is everybody in America and Canada can participate," said Fields.

The students said they enjoyed taking the Putnam exam because it is nothing like the tests or exams they usually take.

"The Putnam questions are uniquely cool because it's not like this is a question like, 'Oh, I remember learning this in calc 2, this is the formula, here's the answer.' It's like 'Here's this pattern. Can you figure out what is going on?'" said Diaz. "It's just very creative."

New Building

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Everyone who talked at the groundbreaking ceremony said the Health and Human Services building will give students many opportunities in their learning.

"We are taking these important steps to build our legacy of excellence, expanding opportunities for students to obtain an outstanding and affordable education in the field of health, health care and human services," said Dean of Health and Human

Services Sandra Bulmer.

The Health and Human Services building is also about the community.

"I think that this new building will serve the wonderful resource for the off-campus community through our expanding speech therapy and hearing clinics, human performance labs, and our center for adaptive sports and inclusion recreation," said Bertolino.

The speakers at the ceremony all said the Health and Human Services building will be beneficial for many students, but will be more than a place for students to just come and learn.

"This building is not just a building. It is a symbol of something greater. It is a symbol of who we are as an institution and what we hope to give back to this community," said Bertolino.

The Health and Human Services building, as all the speakers said, is for the students.

"It's a place" said President of Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education Mark Ojakian, "where they feel valued, cared for, and that the members of our community in particular our students know that they matter."



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President Joe Bertolino speaking at the ground breaking of the new Health and Human Services Building.

Merit discussed at lecture series

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

"Merit is a sham" is the first sentence in the book "The Meritocracy Trap" by Daniel Markovits. Markovits came to Southern to discuss his book about economic inequality.

Markovits was the first annual speaker of the Neil Proto Law and Social Justice Lecture Series. Neil Proto is an alumnus of Southern and this year's theme was economic inequality.

Markovits book deals with the economic inequality that has been going on in the United States since the 1960s.

"There are two kinds of inequality in any society. There is high-end inequality and low-end inequality," said Markovits. Low-end inequality fundamentally concerns poverty and high-end inequality fundamentally funds wealth."

For Markovits, economic inequality remains exceptionally high.

"It remains the most suppressing economic injustice of our age," said Markovits. "There are too many poor people in this country, and we are not doing enough about it."

Students who did not know much about economic inequality when they attended the

event said they found Markovits talk to be very educational.

"I'm an environmental major so I am not exposed to stuff like this and being able to relate this topic to everything we learned about social justice at this university, I think was definitely very interesting and helped understanding the topic as a whole," said environmental system and sustainability major Brooke Mercaldi, a senior.

After Markovits' lecture, he engaged in a discussion with and the audience. The conversation switched to concentrating on the merit of an individual. Theresa Marchant-Shapiro was the first one to ask the question relating to merit. "What exactly does merit mean? In your talk you talk about talent as being a part of what you thought of as merit," said associate political science professor Theresa Marchant-Shapiro.

Markovits made two points about merit, the first being that he does not believe in the conception of merit that drives this type of hierarchy. His second point was that there is a gap between talent and accomplishments.

"Talent has to do with your innate ability to accomplish when given support. Accomplishment has to do with what you actually accomplish with

the support that you have," said Markovits.

"What counts as merit has to do with the interaction between the individual and the group. It's not something that's actually valuable or virtuous."

Political science major Irene Machia, a junior said she was surprised by Markovits take on merit.

"I wasn't expecting him to take the approach that he did on merit especially as a Yale professor. I was assuming he would be a little bit for merit," said Machia.

She did like the examples and the way he described his position on merit.

"He explained that usually meritocracies create societies in which they are important and need merit or get merit and make themselves indispensable, so I thought that was interesting because I haven't heard that before," said Machia.

Southern is looking to continue the Neil Proto Law and Social Justice Lecture Series with a different topic to discuss each year.

"Every year we will have a different theme and next year the theme is going to be voting rights," said Marchant-Shapiro, "and so next year especially with the election we'll have a series of events where this year we only had the one event."

COVID-19

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Professors expressed understanding for the people who are negatively affected by this restriction, but are supportive and aware of why the campus had to make the decision.

"I don't think you'd find one soul who would be happy to be sent back from whatever they're doing," said Italian professor Giuseppina Palma. "But the reality is, right now, it's in everyone's best interest for them to be back."

Palma said that although it is necessary for proper actions to be taken in order to remain safe, it is not necessary to panic over this new sensation, and the best way to go about it is to change and adapt to emerging situations.

"These are contingencies that we do not have control of, and we need to adapt to them," said Palma.

"The most important thing is to be aware and accepting of the modern circumstances."

The school administration has made outgoing efforts to educate students about the necessary action everyone should take in order to protect themselves from illness.

"On campus, we continue to advise all members of our community to take everyday preventative actions that help stop the spread of germs," said Dean of Students Jules Tetreault in a letter to students.

The campus website has provided multiple pages providing information on the virus. Some professors chose to outright mention it during their classes, even if it did not directly relate to class material.

"I always tell my students to be safe, to not expose themselves more than they need to," Palma said. "Just like the flu, we need to make the proper precautions to ensure we

are safe."

Even with the immense amount of press coverage and nervous attention surrounding the coronavirus currently, students realize that the danger is not imminent and not worth stressing over.

"I don't spend a lot of time worrying about the coronavirus. Even though it is a dangerous sensation, I feel like it's hyped up to be a lot more than it actually is," said English major Patrick Kearney, a sophomore.

Although Bertolino said he agrees it is not necessary to panic about this virus, he is prioritizing the safety of the campus first.

"While the immediate risk to the American public and to our students and employees is believed to be low at this time," said Bertolino in an email to the campus. "I assure you that Southern remains diligent in monitoring the most up-to-date information."

Business

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The new School of Business will be constructed after the tearing down of Temporary Building Six, Sheeley said, as the plan for the building is to be placed on the corner of Wintergreen and Farnham Avenue.

"It's a prominent place," said Sheeley, "and we want the School of Business to be in a prominent area. It's just a good place for it."

The new building will be in what Rapini said is "the heart of campus" and will be bringing together a group of students that are currently spread out.

"Classes are held in Buley Library, they are held in Engleman, they're held in the temporary building," said Rapini, "so from my opinion, it's very fragmented and it's

hard for the School of Business students to get that sense of community and belonging to the actual school."

However, Joe Amarante, graduate assistant for the Master of Business Administration program, said even though business students are spread across campus, the sense of community is not hindered by the building size.

"It's not like it's the building that's causing no sense of community or anything," said Amarante. "I think there is a sense of community. It is just what we need is the bigger building to further support that community."

The bigger space will not just improve the sense of community amongst students. Younjun Kim, associate professor of economics and finance, said it will also improve the relationships between students and their professors and the

relationships between professors.

"If our building had more classrooms then more courses could be taught in this building and then students may have more interaction with faculty members and students can easily visit office hours right after class," said Kim.

The first out of four floors of the new building, according to Rapini, will have a community center and will feature two 75 and 120 seat auditoriums. As they are still in the design phase, she said the building committee is focusing currently on the physical space and will later decide how the building will be broken up.

"The biggest benefit is that we're really going to be able to bring the business community in and engage them," said Rapini, "and just have a much better relationship with them for student success."

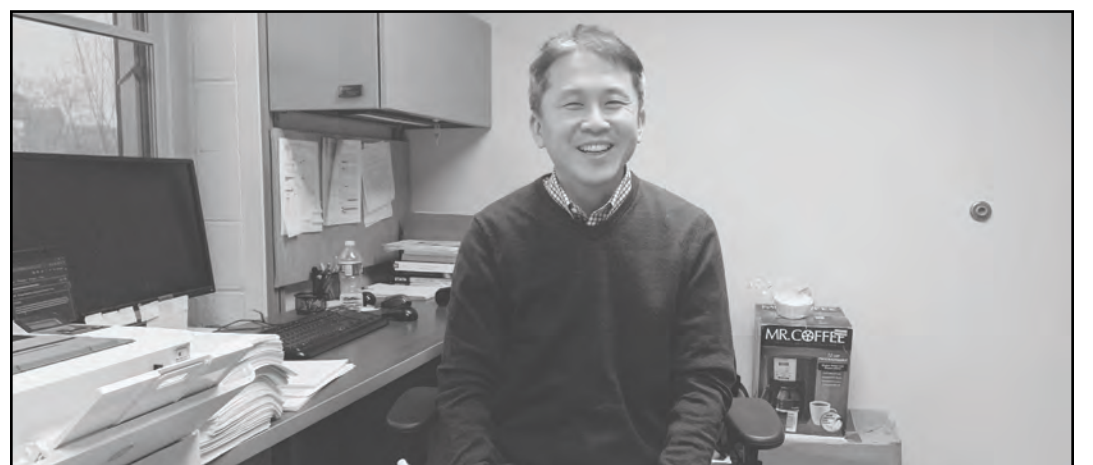


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Younjun Kim, associate professor of economics and finance in his office in the School of Business on Nov. 25.

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These are the opinions of the The Southern News Editorial Staff

The college education is not prepared to go online

Column by **Tamonda Griffiths**
Editor-in-Chief

As the number of cases for coronavirus or COVID-19 continue to rise here on the east coast, Connecticut now experiencing its first case, and spring break just a week away, students have been anxious to find out whether or not

the university will go completely online after the break.

On Thursday, March 5 an email was sent out to university faculty in preparation for the potential of in-person courses being converted to online learning.

According to Inside Higher Education, the University of Washington and Stanford University

in California have forgone in-person instruction, opting to teach the remainder of the semester online.

In New York, Columbia University, Hofstra University and several school districts have shutdown classes altogether.

I do not know what the universities ultimate decision will be regarding

going online, however, I am skeptical of the overall effectiveness in such a decision.

Blackboard Learn 9, while a fairly diverse channel for professors to interact with students, is not without its faults. And let's not, not acknowledge there are faculty on this campus who outright refuse to use it, meaning students who have had

them for years now may be unfamiliar with the software as well.

Not every major can be taught solely from a screen or a textbook. There is no consistency on how online classes are taught either.

And what of classes that were designed for in-class, teacher to student interaction? Can they be converted effectively?

My diagnosis is no.

America was not ready for Pete Buttigieg to be president

By **Sofia Rositani**
Reporter

Pete Buttigieg dropped out of the race on Monday. His announcement came as a surprise, as Buttigieg had become a symbol for the LGBTQ+ community, as a veteran and open Christian.

Personally, I did like Buttigieg and thought he was a great candidate; he was very open about himself and it made him feel more human. Because of his struggles he was more likable, as many people in American can relate to this.

Southern's campus is full of members of the LGBTQ+

and as students over the age of 18, they can vote, and I have a feeling they would have voted for him. On the LGBTQ+ community Democratic side, 60 percent were going to vote for Buttigieg, while 40 percent were not.

Though Buttigieg would have been a great president, he would have faced a lot of backlash from people who are homophobic. It is sad that this still has to be talked about today, but it is true. People just would not be able to handle the fact that we would have a gay president, and instead of a first lady, we would have a first man. He could

have great ideas and yet his sexual orientation is what would cause him to not win.

I am neither democrat nor republican. I just do not believe in one side or the other. Both parties have great ideas, but both parties also have ideas that are just not that great. But I will admit when I first heard about Buttigieg, I knew immediately that this guy is great and should be president. From day one in the race, he was the only candidate who I really cared about and agreed with. I would have happily checked his name off in the ballot for presidency.

Buttigieg is a Christian, which is not common in the LGBTQ+ community, according to Gallop Daily News. A study from 2014 showed that 47 percent of those in the LGBTQ+ are not religious while 29 percent are moderately, and 24 percent highly religious. Buttigieg says he is proud to be a part of the Episcopal church and proud to have been married in that church.

Buttigieg is a veteran. He fought for this country. People, and by people I mean Trump, are not fans of someone who is LGBTQ+. I mean, look at the transgender ban. This

ban was eliminated in 2016 only for it to come back once Trump became president. If Buttigieg did win, Trump probably would have not gone to the inauguration. This may sound like I am bashing him but let's face the facts that Trump is homophobic and transphobic.

What happens now that he is out of the race. Well Buttigieg announced that he will be endorsing Biden, which I was very shocked about, but he may also be able to become vice president if he is picked by Biden.

Unlike many other candidates Buttigieg is not

very old fashioned. He is kind of like that cool uncle that even friends want to hang out with. If he did become president at least we know he would not die after an hour of being president — no shade to Sanders though. Buttigieg also seems like a very happy and nice guy who wants to make this country better, while the rest just fight about Trump like little kids.

Buttigieg should have stayed in the race. But I understand that this country just was not ready for him yet. But if or when he runs again, he will definitely get my vote.

Drivers should not be confusing parking lots with race tracks

By **J'Mari Hughes**
Copy Editor

Every weekday morning I leave my home at 7:30 a.m. and venture off to another day of school. I cruise, at a decent speed, towards the Davis Hall parking garage, wave hello to the security guard and make my way to a spot where I can park my Volvo 240.

That is, until I slam on the brakes due to the student who thinks it is appropriate to go over 50 miles per hour in a parking garage.

It was not until this semester that I began parking my car in the garages on campus. Before that, I found myself in the commuter lot which, while being a long walk from the main campus, made me feel safer. The space is

open, you can see all the cars around you and from what direction they are coming and because it is so far away, it seemed to me barely anyone else wanted to even park there.

But due to my classes being so early this semester, I figured why not park closer to campus? I put my big girl shoes on and got over the fear of parking in such a confined space and once I did I finally realized why parking garages are the worst.

It is not every single day that I experience some type of inconvenience in what some students consider to be a race track. Only rarely do I slam the breaks, only sometimes I swerve to let a car over, and hardly ever do I have to stop where there is not even a stop sign to keep

another students' car from colliding with mine.

But even so, I cannot fathom the reason some drive so unnecessarily fast, especially at 7 a.m., like where are you even going?

According to Southern's website, the speed limit on parking grounds is 10 miles per hour. While I do not expect any student to actually abide by this rule, I think we should all make an effort to go no higher than 20. It is essentially a parking lot, other cars are around and more importantly, people are walking around on foot. Hitting a pedestrian or even another car is not worth the "thrill" of reckless driving, making it to class on time, or whatever other reason students drive like The Flash.

Unless I am in a rush,



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A sign on the ground of Davis parking garage telling students to drive slow.

or nervous about the potential horn-honkers behind me due to taking five seconds too long to park, I tend to back my car into its spot. Not only does it make it easier to leave, it also assures my trunk and backseats will not get snapped off by someone driving too fast as I back out to leave. While this is an extreme exaggeration,

I feel safer knowing I can see whether or not cars are coming as I prepare to exit.

On some days I hear the sound of a car engine revving its way through the garage to a parking spot, and on others I feel my car vibrating due to others' speed. I have never experienced or witnessed an accident in the lot but still, that does not mean

students should drive nearly as fast as they do.

At the end of the day, it is better to be safe than sorry. If driving safely is a sure way to keep from hitting someone else's vehicle, then students should be quick to adapt to that rule. There is no reason to zoom to a spot, especially with the vast amount of other students around.

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#MeToo Healing Quilt and 'The Hunting Grounds' film

By **Alexandra Scicchitano**
Opinions & Features Editor

The event, The Hunting Ground to the Healing Ground unveiled the finished #MeToo SCSU Healing Quilt, showed the film The Hunting Ground and held a panel with nine panelists.

To fully finish the #MeToo Healing Quilt, Alex Girard drove all the way to Wisconsin to have his mother help put it together.

"I actually drove those pieces to Milwaukee, Wisc. where my mother pieced it together," said Girard, an assistant professor and coordinator of graphic design. "So, my mom actually constructed it, and then her friend helped to bind it and did the quilting of it."

Girard said everyone working on the quilt is trying to find the best way to show that they are "honoring the intent behind it and are celebrating all that positive energy."

According to Emeritus Professor of History and

Women's Studies, Virginia Metaxas the eventual location of the quilt will be in the Student Union.

Metaxas said the reason they started the quilt project was because of an incident that happened last year.

"There was an unfortunate incident where one morning the students and Trisha [Lin] came into the office there was a poster plastered on the Women Studies office and it had a picture of Kavanaugh and written across his face said 'Kavanaugh did nothing wrong' around the poster. There were certain symbols that depicted white supremacy, sort of pro-rape kind of symbols and things," said Metaxas.

Girard said the reason he wanted to help the quilt and why it was important to him was because "[I] was really bothered that people were using my tools and output, my field as a designer to spread messages of hate."

President Joe Bertolino said the quilt project is



MC Mike Sanger unveiling the completed #MeToo SCSU Healing Quilt after a year of creation.

PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

a great way to express thoughts and emotions creatively.

"[The quilt] as a collective makes a statement about who we are and what we value as a community and the fact that the members of our community are never alone in their struggle," Bertolino said.

Spanish education major Bekah Burke, a sophomore, said that every time she looks at the quilt again, something new catches her eye.

"I honestly wasn't expecting everything that I did see here," said Burke. "I especially like the ones in different languages or the ones that allude to issues bigger than simply feminism, because I think feminism should be humanitarianism that should include everything."

English major Miranda Kross, a junior, said she was also very surprised by the quilt.

"[The quilt] definitely stands for something that matters to me personally," said Kross.

The quilt itself, Kross said, is a "testament to women."

"My biggest dream for this, I think, is that its great people will acknowledge it, but I think there are people that will see it and we may never know they see it, and it will give them a sense of belonging and peace and hope," said Girard. "To me, that's the most powerful thing we can do here."

After the film screening, a panel went up to answer questions about the film or other issues rallied by the audience.

The panel was made up of one graduate student, one foundation member, two current Southern students and five staff or faculty members of the campus.

Burke was one audience member that asked questions on past sexual misconduct cases involving faculty or staff on campus and expressed concern about safety on campus.

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Students gather around the newly completed #MeToo quilt at the 'The Hunting to the Healing Ground' event on March 5.

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Nursing forum from Katherine Tucker answers students' questions

By **Joseph Vincenzi**
Reporter

She worked full time in a nail salon while attending school and raising a family.

Now, she works in management at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Katherine Tucker came to speak to nursing students about her incredible success story and any advice she has for upcoming nursing students at Southern.

"I want to know where you are and where your paths are going forward," said Tucker to a group of students eager to share their concerns about their future nursing careers.

The nurse was invited to speak by nursing major Angelica Castro, a senior and the president of multicultural affairs, who said that the invitation was important for job-hunting students.

"We're in the job-hunting process," said Castro. "A lot of our

students are eager to hear from other nurses."

Tucker said to students that it was normal to have mixed feelings about post-college ambitions.

"It's a good thing to not necessarily believe that you know [what to do after college]," said Tucker.

She started her session by saying a bit about her background and rise to maintaining a position at Yale New Haven Hospital. She attended multiple schools including Southern and Quinnipiac and worked as a certified nursing assistant, a nurse who cares for people in their homes. At the same time, she was raising four children, and worked in her own nail salon during the evening.

"People said that I had no social life," said Tucker. "Well, my social life was my kids, and that was enough for me."

Tucker said she finished her last years of school at Quinnipiac and started working at Yale New



The speaker, Katherine Tucker, talking about her path through the nursing field and offering advice to students.

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Haven right out of college. But it was not until years later that she considered working in management.

"Could you do travel nursing right out of nursing school? You could. I would not," said Tucker.

Tucker said she suggested "planting" one's feet first in the

nursing field, which she said can lead to a better understanding of how the business works. Hospitals, Tucker said, "are a business," and they are set up to make money.

Tucker also said students should be prepared for any type of situation they may have to work in and

gave examples of some things new nurses might face.

"It might be an IV, it could be anything you learned in your nursing classes," said Tucker. "You always want to have whatever you need before you need it."

The biggest message

from Tucker, however, was more than the specifics of the nursing industry. She said setting goals for oneself was the most important thing any student could do for themselves to chart a path for success in the future.

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Students share concerns about tuition increase

By Tamonda Griffiths
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Reporter

Recently, the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities' Board of Regents announced an overall 3.8 percent tuition and fees increase to the 2020 academic year.

On Thursday, March 5 the American Association of University Professors hosted an event encouraging students, faculty and staff members to write letters to legislators about their concerns regarding funding to the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities' four-year institutions.

"I think not enough students know they're required to be a part of this," said Associate Member Services Coordinator for the AAUP, Gary Holder-Winfield. "You know your tuition goes up, you know something's not right, but you don't see this. You don't, if you do see it you don't know that, that the person the sign is asking to come is you."

The event titled Pens and Pizza was spawned following a previous event called Politicians & Pastries.

"We pretty much felt like we needed to capitalize on a little bit of the energy that we got going [from Politicians and Pastries]," said political science major Abdul Osmanu, a freshman, "and really got students involved in this fight to actually get public education funded well."

Osmanu, who assisted in the organization of Pens and Pizza, said the idea for the event came right after he and another student went to the state capital in

Hartford, Conn. to testify at the appropriations hearing.

Holder-Winfield, who is a state Senator for the 10th district of West Haven and New Haven, said the hardest part of an event like this is getting student input.

"What we don't have are the stories behind [the data] and what happened in your life and how that thing that is a small change in terms of a dollar amount made a huge change in terms of your life," said Holder-Winfield.

While he and his colleagues have plenty of data to back not wanting tuition to increase, Holder-Winfield said the personal stories of its effect on students can make a difference too.

Students, Holder-Winfield said do not often think of furthering their education until entering university and experiencing what the institution has to offer.

"We have to make sure these universities, Southern, Central, Eastern, Western remain, what we call 'Universities of opportunity,'" said Holder-Winfield. "It's an opportunity because you have the ability to access it; when you increase the tuition, you lose that opportunity."

According to Holder-Winfield, about 14 years ago it was reported that more education was needed to be developed to sustain Connecticut's changing demographics. "Guess what it's 2020 and we still haven't done enough," said Holder-Winfield.

On Feb. 12, during Politicians and Pastries, Chairperson of the Management and International Business

Department Greg Robbins, said public education is not, "a private good."

Robbins said Southern graduates contribute to the state economy and reduce the burden on public support as well as exercise their critical thinking skills.

"In business," said Robbins, "one of the fundamental, but alas

President of the AAUP and professor of social work Stephen Tomczak, said when he attended the university in 1989 tuition was about \$500 per semester and in the time in which his mother-in-law attended, it was about ten percent of that.

"The way I am paying tuition right now," said

on my financial stability, which in a sense I can't save for after graduating college," said Mack.

English major Mike Rabuffo, a freshman said, he thinks the tuition increase is ridiculous.

Rabuffo said he thinks that because students are the future they should keep the rates down.

"I think if enough of us write a letter then they kind of have to listen to us if they want to get reelected," said Rabuffo. "We are the young people and our vote counts."

English professor Cynthia Stretch said she was hoping to help other students make a difference.

"I hope the students get the quality education that they deserve," said Stretch. "They are sacrificing, their families are sacrificing, and the social contract is that they put in the work and the state supports that because it is a contribution to the public good. Over the years that contribution has decreased and meanwhile, students are expected to take out loans to finance their own education and somebody is getting rich off of these student loans."

Stretch said the people who are getting rich off student debt are the same ones not paying their taxes.

"It's kind of a vicious cycle where resources are being funneled to the people who need them the least," said Stretch. "I think my students deserve a high-quality education. It's increasingly difficult to provide that because we do not have the resources and because they are working so hard and so many hours to stay in school, they can't do the work that they are capable of doing so everybody gets cheated."

Stretch had made similar comments during Politicians and Pastries to which state representative for New Haven (D-93) Toni Walker responded.

"We have not, we have not taken, we have savings and things we have not reinvested back into industries that we have savings for and that's part of the problem and it's not just with education," said Walker.

The lack of reinvestment Walker said can be seen in the infrastructure and the K-12 system.

According to Walker, there has been a reduction in the state budget of 17 percent over the last 15 years.

"The concept was that our government was too big, and we make too much money and that's not at all true," said Walker. "So, a lot of the myths created the problem. One of the things that really hurts my heart most is that when we do a budget the higher education department is about \$308 million; the department of corrections is \$603 million."

Incarceration, Walker said should be used to rehabilitate individuals, instead, it is being used as a means of "separation and segregation."

Walker said she hears more from Southern, Gateway Community College and Housatonic Community College about what it means to be a student today.

Stories from students at the state universities, Walker said, help illustrate to legislators the struggles of being a student today.

"It's important that education not be an outlier," said Walker. "Education is the equalizer."



Abdul Osmanu (left) and Rakim Grant speaking during 'Politicians and Pastries' on Feb. 12.

common and seductive errors is to treat as an expense what is really an investment."

Robbins said it is important to give students the amount of support they need for them to make a return on their investment in their own education and reap all the benefits that come as a result of it.

political science major, Treqwon Mack, a senior, "is I am using financial aid, on top of all of my student loans, and on top of me paying out of pocket."

Mack said last semester he paid \$1,200 out of pocket. This semester he said he pays \$1,800 out of pocket.

"It's really taking a toll



Students writing letters to the legislator at the event 'Pens and Pizza' to address concerns regarding the 3.8 tuition increase set to be implemented for fall 2020.

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"Write down your goals," said Tucker. "All the things you want to accomplish are going to lead you to your goals in life."

Nursing major Josh Estores, a senior, said he was happy with the answer Tucker gave to his travel nursing question.

"It made me appreciate that there isn't a solid set path," said Estores.

Nursing major Christine Mesce, a junior, said she was curious about Tucker managing her life.

"I definitely feel encouraged," said Mesce. She said she plans on going to graduate school and work at the same time. "If she can go to school and manage a family, then I can definitely go to school and work."

"Choose your pathway," Tucker said. "What is it that you want to be accomplishing?"



A patch of the SCSU's #MeToo Healing Quilt

Quilt

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"I think you'll appreciate that control is in the survivor's hands," said Tracy Tyree, the vice president for student affairs. "Investigations

depend on what the survivor wants, how much they want to proceed. If we believe there is threat to the community, we will do some things that we believe should be done even if the survivor doesn't want to be involved in an investigation."

Continuing to quell students' fears, Tyree said

"when we move forward if the survivor even doesn't pursue an investigation but needs some things to happen to feel safe, we take those measures as well."

See Page 12 for more photos of patches of the SCSU's #MeToo Healing Quilt

SCSU Film Festival Submissions

By SCSU TV Staff

SCSU TV is hosting the annual Southern Connecticut State University Film Festival on Wednesday, April 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Adanti Student Center Theatre. All entries must be submitted by April 10th. Entries must not exceed 10 minutes in length. The film slates available for submission are avant garde, narrative, documentary, animation, community, transatlantic and other. Students may visit room 235 in the ASC or email scsutv@owls.southernct.edu for further questions. To find the entry forms students can visit southernct.edu/scufform.

Taylor Tomlinson's comedy special targets millennial humor

By Jacob Waring
News Editor

"Taylor Tomlinson: Quarter-Life Crisis" is peak millennial humor. It is great to see Tomlinson get her own Netflix comedy special as it showcased her growth as a comedian since Season nine of NBC's Last Comic Standing back in 2015. She really captured the humor found in the struggles in the life of people surviving their twenties. The comedy showcased in this special is uber-relatable. Relatable because as someone in their last years of their 20s, what

Tomlinson jokes about has endless amount of truth. It is that truthfulness where she brings out the humor that had that crowd giggling to outright laughter.

"Love is blind. Lust is Helen Keller," is a line she joked about that summed up one of her best punchlines. Her jokes are heavily colored by her own experience as a young woman with dating and sex. She joked about her inexperience as a sexually active woman, how she navigated dating game and her interaction with men.

The hilarity come forth from her ability to story

tell with such energetic joyfulness. Her facial expressions makes the punchlines hit harder, Tomlinson's expert utilization of her body language is key to her special's success.

Tomlinson does not overexpose her blocking on stage to where it would become a distraction. Yet, she moves as if to the beat of her jokes and almost as if she's stringing the momentum of the crowd's laughter into the next joke as she moves.

Some of Tomlinson's best bits are when she touches upon the topic of social media and dating apps. She told a hilarious

anecdote of an interaction with a man on OkCupid, and his response of an emoji as a litmus test in determining a woman's personality. She went on a rant about people "heroically" taking a break on social media.

Blink and at times you could miss the punchline. She eases into joke after joke and when she tells a dud of a joke then the speed of her delivery allows people to leave that joke behind. The downside is that some of the jokes do not have a chance to breathe and you could experience whiplash from a quicken comedic assembly line.

Tomlinson's best bits, which I will not spoil, are the jokes she allows to breathe before delivering. It was evident when she spoke about her childhood and the stories she told of her parent's parenting. She got some of the loudest cheers, giggles and audience participation with their vocal happiness.

It is interesting that her best content is when she tell jokes not relating to the experiences of a twenty-something year old but her childhood. I think that is because one's childhood is a universal experience. We all have been a child at one point. We all have funny

stories or trauma from our parents, sometimes both. Every generation's experience being in their twenties is diverse and a product of their times that I feel the farther from Tomlinson's own generation, the harder it will be to find the humor in her jokes.

Tomlinson's Netflix special brought the laughs, Delivered on a slice of life that holds truth while also bringing the funny. These specials can be hit and miss depending on your comedic tastes but Tomlinson's stories bring broad appeal and she does her best to be relatable to all ages.



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Netflix comedy special hosted by Taylor Tomlinson displayed on a Macbook Air.

'The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez' exposes flaws in the system

By Essence Boyd
Contributor

In the course of six episodes, Netflix highlights the abuse and systemic failures that led to the death of 8-year-old Gabriel Fernandez of Palmdale, Calif.

"The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez" was released to the public on Feb. 26 and since then it has been all the craze nailing the spot of the No. 2 most watched Netflix original series in the U.S. in the two weeks it has been out.

While in the care of his mother Pearl Fernandez and her boyfriend Isauro Aguirre, Gabriel endured a vast amount of abuse and

torment up until the day of his death.

From starvation to humiliation, Gabriel was made out to be a liar and homosexual when he was just a child in desperate need of being loved.

The series starts with a 911 call made by Pearl the night in 2013 when Gabriel lost consciousness.

"My son is not breathing," were the first words said to the police during Pearl's call to dispatchers.

Antelope Valley Hospital trauma nurse Christene Estes recalls the moment when Gabriel was brought into the emergency room and the unexplainable conditions of his body.

"He had a depressed skull fracture. Meaning you could

feel his skull. I remember his throat just looked like somebody burned him. Bruising and cuts all over his face. Blacks eyes, cuts everywhere he had a weird cut above his penis. He had abrasions above his foot like he had been dragged. Ligature marks on his ankles like he had been tied up. Every part of his body there was something," said Estes.

After being revived three times in the hospital by paramedics and nurses, Gabriel died.

From this moment on, the documentary becomes more and more heartbreaking leaving you with the same question of "why," after each episode.

When watching this series you want to place

blame. However, there are just too many people to hold accountable. From the Child Protective Services workers to the Los Angeles Police Department Gabriel was failed every step of the way and not just by the hands that took his life.

In the documentary it is stated that in numerous cases the L.A.P.D. visited the Fernandez household and reported no signs of abuse. In the series a time is described when authorities visit the home in response to claims of abuse and were informed by Pearl that Gabriel was lying as he was beat up by neighborhood children. In return the police place him in the back of the squad car to scare him instead of helping him.

The most disturbing part of hearing about the horrors Gabriel had to endure were his living conditions. Despite there being a warm and clean bed for him to sleep in, the 8-year-old was subjected to sleep in a cubical in the room of his caretakers, where he was blindfolded and chained up. To add to this cruel punishment he was fed cat litter on numerous occasions.

The ignorance and laziness on every level of the system will leave you frustrated and angry as if just one person would have done their job and done it correctly there is no telling how the story of Gabriel Fernandez would have been different.

According to many of Gabriels family members and his teacher, he was full of love, potential and loved his mother dearly. During the docuseries his teacher recalls a time where he was beaten by his mother and her boyfriend but took part in the making of Mother's day gifts.

"The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez" was not the celebration of the life of bright boy. It was a microscope into a failing system. Everyone should watch The Trials of Gabriel Fernandez to know what the signs of child abuse looks like. Children are the future but there is not going to be anyone to correct the system if they do not make it through it alive.

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Tie-Dye Party helps Chemistry Club raise money

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

The chemical reaction that comes with tie-dyeing is a whirlwind of colors — it can be a spiral, it can look like many blotches of color, and it can be an interesting look of just a blend of colors.

The Chemistry Club hosted a tie-dye event for students to raise money for their trip to Philadelphia for the American Chemical Society's national meeting at expo. The Chemistry Club is attending the convention the week after spring break. The cost to tie-dye varied from three dollars to ten dollars.

Students could tie-dye T-shirts, socks,

pillowcases and anything else they wanted to bring in.

"These dyes are essentially filled with water and it's a hydrolysis reaction and so what you do is the dye essentially reacts with the cotton within the shirt, the water leaves and the dye remain within the shirt," said Rachel Kelsall, president of the Chemistry Club. "You let it sit for six to eight hours to kind of let that reaction proceed."

Tie-dyeing is a part of chemistry which is a reason the club decided to host this event. Kelsall said

Kelsall said there is a lot of chemistry in tie-dyeing, which relates with their club, as its motto is "chemistry is fun."

"Using the appeal of

vibrant colors accessed through tie-dyeing, There is a lot of chemistry in tie-dyeing. So, it kind of intertwines with our club. You know a motto is 'chemistry is fun.'

"Chemistry is everywhere," she said. "It's all around us and so kind of showing a real-life application of chemistry gets people more engaged in the sciences and kind of a better understanding of a difficult concept."

During the event the students who did tie-dye got to listen to 1960s music, including "Good Vibrations" and "Surfin' USA" by The Beach Boys, as well as "Tequila" by The Champs.

Tie-dyeing became popular during the 1960s due to hippies who were

protesting for peace during the Vietnam War. Hippies were known for using psychedelics, so the shirts were tie-dyed to look similar. During that time if someone wore a tie-dyed shirt, they essentially were fighting the power.

The convention that the chemistry club will be attending is national. Only 10 students from the club are going, with the possibility of one presentation by a Southern student.

According to Kesall, this convention will have scientists, chemists, physics from all over the country.

"[They are] meeting in Philadelphia to present their research, going to get to network, meet other people who have

similar interests to you as far as research wise," she said

Kelsall called the convention "a sort of meeting of the minds."

Many of the students who attended the event are chemistry majors and will be attending the convention in Philadelphia, including bio-chemistry major, Aleah O'Brady, a freshman who ended up tie-dyeing a ripped-up lab coat for future uses.

"I am hoping that we would show people the type of reactions that you can make while also doing something fun, every color has a different reaction" O'Brady said.

Another person who attended the event was chemistry major Marvin

Romero, a senior who was tie-dyeing a shirt using a multitude of colors such as blue, red and purple.

"What I am attempting to do is this double spiral shirt, we will see how it goes."

Chemistry is something needed for the future, the world is always looking for new scientists. A popular topic is women in chemistry and Kelsall said did someone say this

"Being a woman in chemistry, myself we are definitely under-represented in the sciences," Kelsall said, "and so I think it is really important to show that this isn't an unapproachable topic and that anyone can do it."

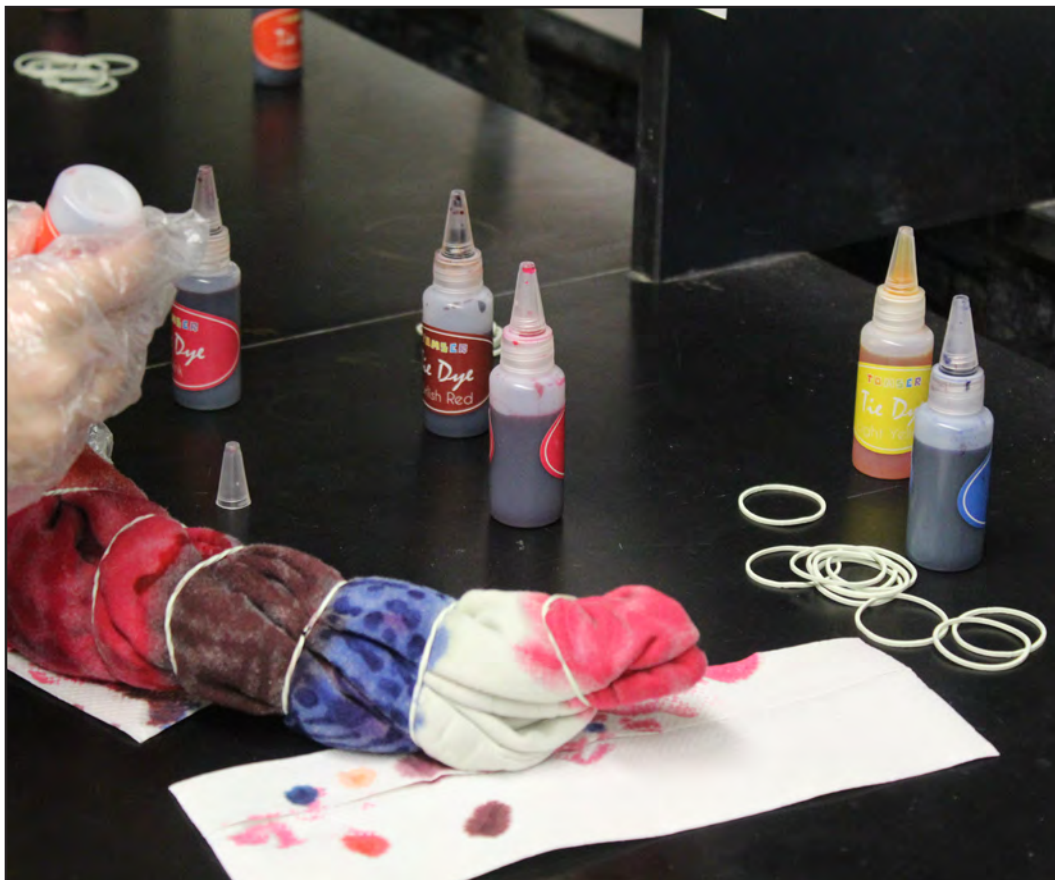


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Some of the supplies used at the Tie-Dye Party event last Friday in Jennings Hall.



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A student dropping dye onto their lab coat during the event on March 6.

Gary Robinson Jr.: taking college by storm with various talents

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

With the last showings of the play "Red Velvet" closely on the horizon, the Southern community has been abuzz about the show, more specifically, one of the lead actors, Gary Robinson Jr., a freshman who stars as young Ira Aldridge.

"In the play [Robinson playing Aldridge] says, 'Talent is an unknown quantity,'" said Director of Red Velvet and Adjunct Professor in the Theatre Department, Benjamin Curns. "What Gary does have is his instincts are really good. And he is so comfortable on stage."

Robinson, who had caught the acting bug in third grade, is no stranger to performing.

"My family is very talented," said Robinson. "We used to, every Christmas — every family gathering we would always write a song and play drums or play guitar, something like that, we have performances for the adults and everything and they would laugh and things like that."

Robinson said his drama teacher at the time encouraged him to branch

out to drama and acting.

"I tried it, I loved it," said Robinson.

Eventually, however, Robinson said he had taken hiatus from the theatre because of his focus on football, but also the discouragement he had received from his peers as he grew up.

"I started hanging out with different people," said Robinson, "and they were like, 'Why are you doing theatre?' so it kind of got discouraging."

To an 8 and 9-year-old, Robinson said it was heart-shattering to not be supported by his friends.

Curns said his mother taught him to give activities such as acting, sports, playing an instrument, "an earnest try," of at least a year before completely dismissing whether or not it was for him.

"To deny yourself your own personal information, your experience of what it is — I think does a disservice," said Curns, "because it's an enemy of curiosity. There's nothing wrong with being curious about art."

It wasn't until his senior year of high school, Robinson said that he decided to ignore the immature discouragement

of others and do what he had once been very passionate about.

"I was like, 'You know, what let me just go all out,' because you know, it's your senior year you're like, 'Let me do everything,'" said Robinson. "I went and did two plays and I was like, 'Man, I love this. I have to do it some more,' therefore I auditioned in December and then got the part."

Now, in college, Robinson said his teammates are very encouraging, promoting the show on their various social media platforms and coming in droves to see him perform on the play's opening night.

On the football field, Robinson is no longer young Aldridge, but rather defensive end, No. 92.

"It's four down linemen, which means that they have their hand on the ground and they're closest to the offensive lineman, which are the other really big guys," said Robinson.

"So, I'm on the edge and basically, I just play contain; make sure the quarterback, running back doesn't go outside [the box]."

Robinson said he'd consider himself a quiet guy who doesn't do a lot of



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Gary Robinson Jr. on stage in the Lyman Center performing as young Ira Aldridge in 'Red Velvet,' which closed this past Saturday.

talking, but on the field or a stage his "killer instincts" come alive.

"You have to break all hell loose, you have to go all out," said Robinson. "Your eyes get big; your heart starts pumping. It's fun, exhilarating which goes hand-in-hand with acting."

Curns said he and his fellow theatre professors work hard to encourage students to, "infuse a sense of themselves" within whatever role they may play.

My mentor used to say," said Curns, "Whatever role you do — you know whether

it's Hamlet or Willy Loman or Ira Aldridge — at the end of the thing I should know more about Gary, about him the person based on the choices that he makes. And it's just something I spent no time with him on."

Robinson's portrayal of Aldridge, Curns said demonstrated to him that Robinson not only understood Aldridge but put in the work to do Aldridge justice.

Curns said he thinks of himself and Robinson as kindred spirits in their work ethic.

Whether in football,

acting or hosting a radio show on WSIN 1590 AM titled, "On My Way," Robinson said when he is in any sort of performance arena he does not show off solely for the crowd, but rather with his fellow actors and actresses, his co-hosts and his brothers in the huddle.

"The attention and everything is cool, but that's not really what I'm doing it for," said Robinson. "I do it for the love of acting, first and foremost. And just the love of speaking to millions of people which is one of my goals at the end of the day."

Big bats lead to double-header sweep Explosive early innings lead to baseball blowing out Queens College back-to-back

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

After a disappointing loss in game one of a three-game set with Queens College, the baseball team came home to The Ballpark looking to flip the switch, sweeping Sunday's doubleheader against Queens College, winning 12-5 in game one and 10-5 in game two.

"We didn't play well at all yesterday," said head coach Tim Shea. "We talked about bouncing back, a new day, we had to correct some things. But overall, I was pleased."

The Owls started out in an early hole in game one, as starting pitcher gave up a leadoff single to the Knights' left fielder Louis Antos, a senior, who came around to score just two batters later to give Queens the 1-0 edge.

In the second inning, the Owls' offense came out aggressive at the plate, exploding for eight runs, all coming with two outs. Second baseman Anthony Zambito, a junior, put his team on the board with a bases loaded single to give the Owls the lead 2-1. The next batter, rookie shortstop

Zach Bedryczuk, drove in two more on a single and an error, and then the heavy hitters in the middle, right fielder Conor Redahan, a senior, catcher/designated hitter Mike DeMartino, a senior, and corner infielder Mike Ferrett, a sophomore, finished the job to give the Owls the 8-1 lead early.

"I think after yesterday, we had kind of a rough day," said Ferrett, "but we came to The Ballpark ready to play - everybody had real good approaches [at the plate] today, we were just getting our pitches that we wanted to hit, we were getting into really good counts."

While the offense headlined the beginning of game one, the Owls delivered a phenomenal outing from their starting pitcher Joe Nemchek, a junior, and former transfer from UConn Avery Point. Nemchek went six strong innings, surrendering just one run on three hits, five walks and nine strikeouts before turning the mound over to the bullpen, picking up his first win of the season.

In game two, the narrative remained the same for the Owls, as they were led by quality starting

pitching and big bats, but Queens jumped out on top for a tad bit longer.

The Knights took an early 2-0 lead, which staggered Southern's starter Brandon White, a sophomore, in the early going. The first baseman Ferrett was able to deliver a two-run single for the Owls in the bottom half of the first, but the Knights regained the lead in the top of the second at 3-2, where the Owls made multiple defensive errors, which they also did in game one. The Owls made six errors in both games combined, five of which came in the early going of game two.

"It's reps, it's all about reps," said Shea. "Some of the stupid mistakes that we made, line drives, throwing the ball into right field, things like that, those things will clean up - getting in front of a ground ball, [it] takes a bad hop, or over-running a ball in the outfield. We anticipate that stuff will clean up."

In the home-half of the second inning, the Owls bats once again went off for big numbers, as they scored six in the inning.



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Outfielder Nolan Cloutier, senior, narrowly beating the catcher for a run during the first of two home games played on Sunday against Queens College.

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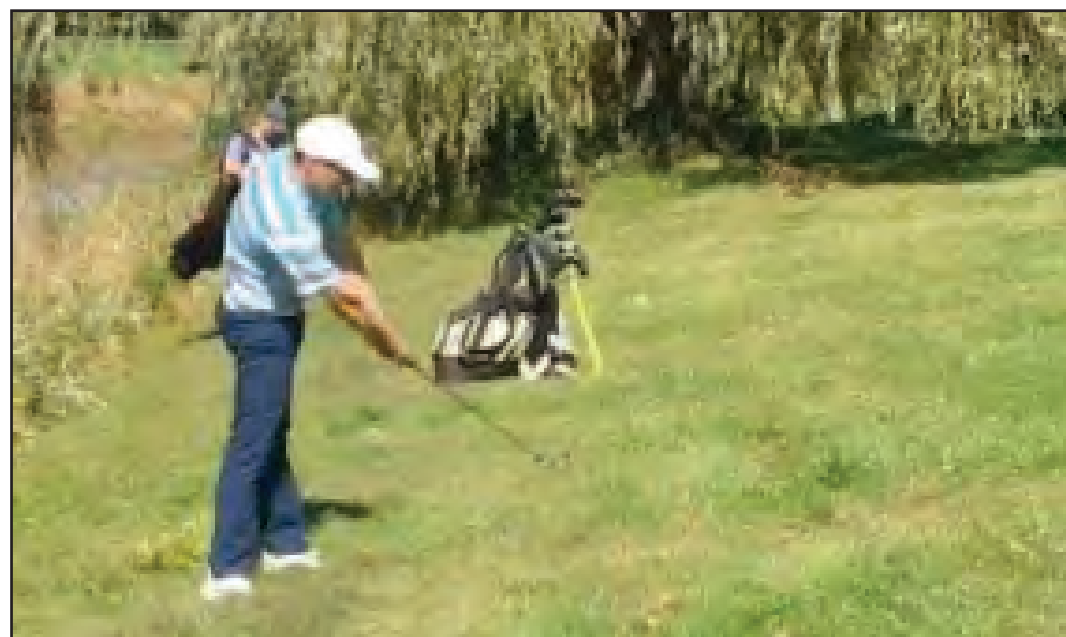


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Trent Kaisen striking the ball during a competition last season at the Tunxis Country Club.

Golf club keeps an inclusive environment for members

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

To officially kick off their season, the Golf Club held an informational discussing all different aspects of the club to its members, old and new, on Feb. 26.

Between casual tournaments competing with other teams in Connecticut, weekly practice sessions and uniforms, the club adviser and lead members of the group had explained all crucial details to those who were interested. The team leaders emphasized that this club was a casual environment that was very inclusive, prioritizing comradery over competition.

"We're all very close, that's the great thing about this group," said Jonathan Wharton, the adviser of the golf club and political science professor. "There

used to be around 20 students when we started, now we're down to eight."

The golf club has been around for six years on campus, but it has shifted from a highly competitive environment into a more laid back approach. The club is attending three different tournaments being scheduled for this spring semester, where they will play against other Connecticut teams. They also go out on Friday afternoons for practice sessions.

"It's a really good way to just relax throughout the semester," said club vice president and finance major Drew Griffith, a junior. "It's a nice way to unwind, especially during the school year."

The club plays at multiple different venues throughout the semester, which allows for players to experience a variety of areas, especially if a team

reaches the high levels of competition. Griffith explained that there past competitions have been held in places such as California and Georgia.

"We get out on nice weekends and just play courses you wouldn't get to play often," said Griffith.

Although it is a casual environment, that is not to say these tournaments are non-competitive. There are still awards and prizes handed out to the best teams, and some can potentially qualify to compete nationally. The competition is there to those who are interested in taking it to that level, but it is not a required part of the experience.

"We encourage the competitive play, but it's really about improving your game and still having fun with it," said Griffith.

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Women's lacrosse crushed by No. 1 Le Moyne College

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

After coming off a blow-out loss to Assumption College on March 4, the women's lacrosse team fell against the second NE10 opponent of the season, Le Moyne College, 18-4, in a battle that was over not much longer than it started.

Entering this game, the Owls knew this game would take energy, toughness and willpower to claim the unlikely win, as the Dolphins rank No. 1 nationally in DII lacrosse.

"I think the whole entire team had the mentality of let's just play how we play," said attacker Hailey Gordon, a junior and starter for the Owls. "The score is whatever it's going to be but if we play our best and work as a team then that's

going to show what we can do."

The game started with early offense for the Dolphins, who had scored a combined 33 goals in their first two games of the season. The first of the team's 18 goals came less than a minute into the game. Le Moyne rapidly passed the ball behind the net, looking for cutters and eventually finding one to send in a shot, a trend that would frequently reoccur in the first half.

Their next three goals all came within 61 seconds - two scores off a free position shot with 28:14 and 27:40 remaining on the clock, and a drive from one of their speedy attackers at 27:13.

Pushing up field with long, accurate passes, Le Moyne was able to quickly

rip through Southern's defense like a warm knife through butter, while the team's defense snubbed Southern's offense by creating turnovers and keeping them on the perimeter without any chance to drive.

"We played really good defense and they found that shot with 11 seconds left on the shot clock, with three seconds left on the shot clock. They didn't force anything, they waited for that really good opportunity," said head coach Kevin Seidlecki. "That's the biggest thing. They were patient and skilled."

At the end of the first half, the Dolphins had shut out the Owls and ran up the score to 13-0.

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PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Attacker Julia Shapiro, freshman, running up field during a home game against Le Moyne College on Sunday.



Handful of Owls take home awards

Column by Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

The 2020 basketball season may be over on campus, but players on both the men's and women's teams took home some personal year-end hardware to cap off the season.

For the women, their senior point guard Imani Wheeler, after scoring her 1,000th point on a pair of free throws in the season finale at Adelphi, was named the NE10 Conference's 2020 Defensive Player of the Year. In addition, Wheeler collected 3.0 steals per game, good for number one in the conference.

In total, Wheeler stole the ball 85 times on defense this season, also ranking first in the NE10. On the NCAA level, Wheeler's ranked eighth in the country, and her 3.0 steals per game puts her at 10th in the nation among Division II players.

In addition to the senior guard, forward Alexa Kellner was named to the NE10 All-Rookie team. Kellner averaged 9.4 points per game and a solid 5.5 rebounds per game operating both outside and down low for coach Kate Lynch.

Kellner showed off her sharpshooting this season, as she averaged two made threes per game ranking first in the NE10. She is also the first freshman to score 200 in a season since Taylor McLaughlin in 2014.

On the men's side, freshman, guard Lyron Bennett, also made the NE10 All-Rookie team. Bennett tabbed 10.9 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.9 assists per game in his first season, earning NE10 Rookie of the Week multiple times.

Bennett ranked first among freshmen in the conference in assists per game and fourth in points and rebounds per game as well as shooting percentage.

Finally, senior forward Taurus Adams II, was named to the All-Conference Third Team. Adams had his best season at Southern averaging 16.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. Adams ranked in the top 10 in the conference in points per game and tied for third in rebounds per game.

Nationally, Adams ranked eighth in the NCAA for offensive rebounds per game at 3.8 per contest. Adams scored in double-digits 20 times in 23 games and was the first since former teammate Jerry Luckett Jr. to record 350 points and 200 rebounds in a season.

Redahan leads team with winning as inspiration

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

The baseball team at Southern has had a hot beginning to the spring 2020 season, with senior player Connor Redahan being a stand-out player who has contributed greatly to the team.

Redahan's interest in baseball started at a young age like most boys, stepping to the mound at tee-ball. With influence from his father, he took to the sport, and was able to take advantage of the fact that he grew up on Brunswick School's Upper School, an elite private school.

"I grew up on a private school property so we had a bunch of athletic fields to play on," said Redahan. "[My dad] would always throw me batting practice, hit me ground balls, stuff like that."

When looking at potential schools to play baseball at, Redahan said the fact that Southern was so close to home, as well as the coaching staff, played a major part in his choice.

"I was looking particularly at the NE10 schools. I talked to a couple different coaches," said Redahan. "But when I first talked to Coach Shea, he was a big influence for me. He made it seem like it was a great school to come to, and I'm glad I came."

Head coach Tim Shea has been a long-time member of the Southern community for nearly 50 years, first entering his college career here as a student and staying in the athletic department afterwards. Not only is he a good mediator of morale for the team, but he also has a history of bringing multiple teams to the championships and winning. The roster speaks very highly of his ability to keep the team operating successfully.

"Coach Shea is such a great guy, he's definitely someone you'd want to play

for," said outfielder Nolan Cloutier, a senior. "He's a great coach, a better person arguably. He brings a certain comfort level to the field when we play."

Redahan has had a great start to this season, sitting at a high batting average of .367 and 15 runs so far, which has contributed to the positive win ratio of 6-3-1 the team is currently sporting. While the season is still early, his batting average is already improved on last years, which was .331, and he is on pace to beat his runs record for the same year — during the 2018-2019 season he helped score 35 runs in total.

Like many collegiate athletes, Redahan said the biggest adjustment he faced from high school and college was the speed and talent he would be playing with. Despite that, he said facing such adversity bettered him as a baseball player.

"Coming here was a big difference from high school, because everyone here was the best from their old team," said Redahan. "The faster pace helped me improve for sure."

Going into his fourth and final year of playing for Southern, Redahan said he has a few main goals in mind going into this season, which mainly center on winning.

"I definitely want to make the NE10 playoffs, I hope to win it," said Redahan. "[For] personal goals, maybe just top my last year, but as a team, I want to focus on winning the championship."

The team shares an intimate connection with their coach and among themselves, as Redahan recalls his fondest memories being here at Southern being with his fellow teammates.

"I think the comradery of this team was the biggest takeaway of what I got out of it for sure," said Redahan. "I just love the guys, going to practice and laughing is my favorite part of it."



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Infielder Connor Redahan, senior, stepping to the plate during a home game against Queens College on Sunday.



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Infielder Connor Redahan, senior, looking to steal a base during a game last season.



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Drew Griffith, junior, in his backswing during a match last year at Lyman Orchard Golf Course.

Lacrosse

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Between their seemingly perfect passing and driving, the Dolphins found their way to the net on almost every possession and racked up 21 shots on goal through the first 30 minutes, while Southern had just six in total in the first half.

The start of the second half did not bolster much hope early on, with Le Moyne scoring within the first five minutes as a shot rolled in under the feet of goalkeeper Laura Morton, a junior. However, Southern did eventually get on the board with

a free position shot by Gordon just two minutes later. The Owls once again scored off a drive and dish from attacker Karlie Rowe, a sophomore, to attacker Morgan Chase, a senior, moments later, making the score 14-2.

Two Le Moyne goals later, Southern once again found the back of the net from a shot by attacker Bayleigh Takacs, a sophomore, assisted by midfielder Steph Seymour a senior.

With the final horn growing closer, a running clock in play, Le Moyne started to waste clock, patiently passing before continuously driving and looking for cutters.

Their final two goals

Club Golf

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"We encourage the competitive play, but it's

really about improving your game and still having fun with it," said Griffith.

Students in the golf club express their appreciation for the friendships they have made through being in the club, as it gives them a group on campus.

"I love the comradery," said club president and philosophy major Trent Kaisen, a junior. "I'm a commuter, I like that I have a group that I can see around campus and say, 'What's up?' to, and I love that we can go and hang out off campus as well."

One of the biggest aspects of the club was to remain as

inclusive as possible to all students who are remotely interested in joining.

Members of the group are not required to attend tournaments if they cannot. Wharton said that nothing should stop someone from joining if their interest is peaked.

In order to keep the club inclusive, the laid-back aspect of the group is crucial, according to Kaisen.

"I think any highly competitive environment is bound to turn some people away," said Trent, "so being inclusive as possible has always been a major goal for the team."

of the game came in that fashion with in the last five minutes, before freshman attacker Julia Shapiro scored her first goal of the season by way of a free position opportunity and set the final a score at 18-4.

Despite the 14-point deficit, Seidlecki continued to stay optimistic about the teams effort throughout the day.

"We really met a lot of the goals we set for ourselves in a game like this. [Beating the No. 1 team in the country] is not where we're at right now, we're not a top five team in the country," said Seidlecki on facing such tough competition. "We are trying to be the best team we can be, the best us

we can be, and I think we came pretty close."

Gordon, who continued her streak of scoring a goal in the past nine games she has played, said in preparation for the next game, against Nyack College on March 15 which will be played in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the team needs to focus on their mental toughness, especially not getting deflated when facing tough opponents.

Le Moyne is one of seven teams within the NE10 that are ranked in the top 25 for DII lacrosse, which includes teams like Adelphi University (No. 4), the University of New Haven (No.13), and Assumption College (No.14) all withing the

top 15. In late March to early April, the Owls will face three of these teams throughout a four games.

Facing these great opponents is something Seidlecki said forces the team to think about the little things as they go forward.

"You have to take away the successes. There is so much disparity in our sport that we go into this game knowing that winning is not a reachable, good goal for us. So we have the successes that we're looking for, and we met those," said Seidlecki. "It just about effort. I mean, our girls are busting their butts out there. They're working really hard."

Basketball's winning season comes to a close

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

The basketball season at Southern is officially over, with the final mark coming from the men's 86-71 loss to Stonehill in NE10 tournament. Over the course of the 27 game season, the men's basketball team saw a lot of development, highlights, excitement and a playoff berth.

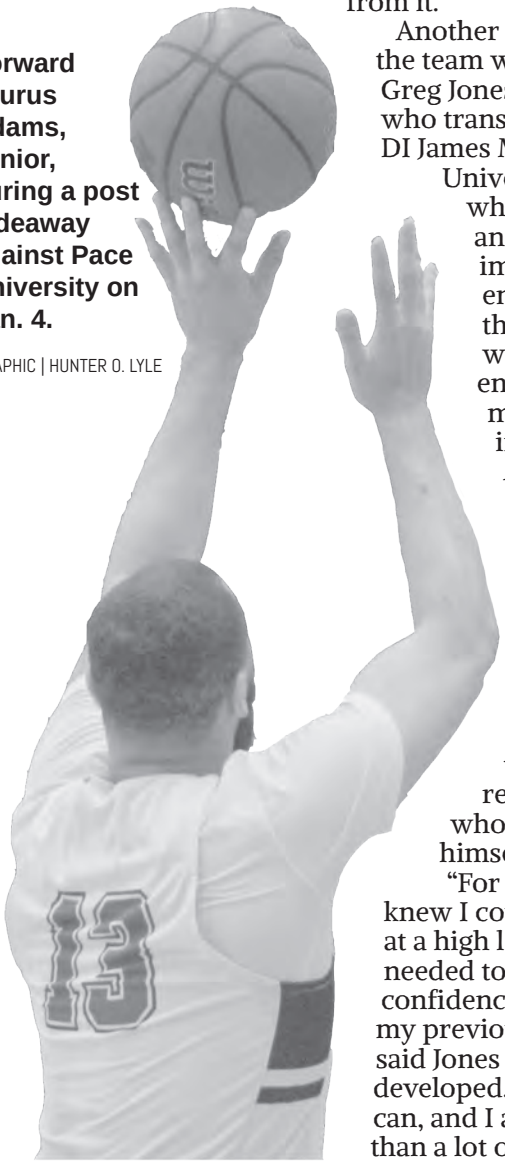
Southern was able to claim a winning record of 16 -11, claiming the third seed and a bye-week for the playoffs, an improvement over last year when the team was the fourth seed. Head coach Scott Burrell said while he is happy overall, there were a few chances the Owls missed out on.

"Ups and downs. I think guys got better, which you hope," said Burrell. "Some games you lost that you wished you never lost. You look back at games you had a chance to win, you should have won and they slipped away. Hopefully guys learn from it. As the season goes on you hopefully learn for next year."

The regular season started in Bridgeport, with the Bridgeport Conference Crossover Challenge, where the Owls faced off against Post University for their first game, and ended in

Forward Taurus Adams, senior, during a post fadeaway against Pace University on Jan. 4.

GRAPHIC | HUNTER O. LYLE



Garden City, N.Y., against NE10 opponent Adelphi. In between those games, the team saw the rise of guard Lyron Bennett, a true freshman.

Throughout his first season with the program, Bennett said he saw himself transform into a better basketball player, as well as a better person.

"I would summarize [my first season] as very successful, because I feel like I became more of a leader. I learned how to play at a faster pace and I just became way more mature," said Bennett. "Coaches expected more of me to be an adult, be responsible for own decisions."

Bennett was successful with the Owls. He quickly earned a starting spot on the roster and averaged 10.9 points, 3.9 assists, 5.3 rebounds and 1.2 steals. At the end of the season, he also became an All-NE10 Rookie Select and won multiple Rookie of the Week awards. While he said he was more than happy to earn the accolades in his first season, Bennett said he tries to stay humble despite them.

"I use [the awards] as motivation. I don't ever get my head too big because anything can happen in basketball," said Bennett, "so I just use them to get better, hopefully progress from it."

Another new face for the team was forward Greg Jones, a junior who transferred from DI James Madison

University, and who brought and instant impact of energy to the team as well as an enforcing big man presence in the paint. Averaging 13.8 points per game, as well as seven rebounds and a rejection, he said playing with the team reinforced who he was to himself.

"For me, I always knew I could play at a high level, I just needed to get my confidence back from my previous school," said Jones on how he developed. "I know I can, and I am, better than a lot of players."



PHOTO | HUNTER O. LYLE

Guard CJ Seaforth, junior, sizing up the defense during the team's second game of the season against Goldey-Beacom on Nov. 10.



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Forward Greg Jones, junior, battling in the post during a home game against the University of the Sciences on Dec. 14.

Last season, with the presence of guards Kealan Ives and Isaiah McLeod who lead the team from the backcourt, the team was a slashing and shooting team. This year, focusing on the twin tower pairing of Jones and Taurus Adams, the teams played with a post-heavy offense.

Adams, who was a four-year player for the Owls, had a breakout season for himself. He lead the team in scoring with 16 points a night, 10 more points than his junior season, and nine rebounds a game, six more than the previous campaign. He also tallied ten double-doubles over the season, including a 21-and-19 game on Feb. 22 against the College of Saint Rose — Senior Night.

"I think the key to my success was the work

I put in the offseason. I was in the gym every day and coach trusted me," said Adams. "He had confidence in me. My teammates found me in good areas to succeed and I did what I had to do for my team."

Besides the aforementioned players, the team also had standout performances throughout the season from junior guards Isaiah Boissard, who gained a starting spot averaging 10.6 points a game, 1.5 assists and 3.9 rebounds, and CJ Seaforth, who scored 12.2 points a game and grabbed three rebounds and 1.4 steals each night.

"I think everyone got better. Isaiah Boissard, who didn't play at two years ago, I think he had a great year. Greg got better as the season went on.

Lyron obviously got better, finished strong at the end of the year," said Burrell. "I think all the guys who came in got better and it showed the great growth that I hope they feed off."

Except for Adams, the entire roster is set to return next season, and Jones said he is confident they will be back in the playoffs sooner rather than later.

"I expect to have a big season because everyone knows each other now. We know how each other play. We know what we can expect from each other," said Jones. "I feel like we let Taurus down, so for us to go out there and play 100 percent, even though he's not here, he's here with us. So, I feel like everyone's going to play a lot harder."



Allow contact in women's lacrosse

Column by Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

After watching women's lacrosse for the past two years, there seems to be a lack of excitement on campus surrounding this particular Owls team.

Certainly one could attribute this to the lack of winning the program has faced, which looks to be changing with the culture second-year head coach Kevin Seidlecki is bringing, but as the Owls tack on more wins, hopefully more fans will come.

Bringing fans to a Southern sporting event has always seemed to be difficult in my tenure following them, as the student body is largely comprised of commuters, but I believe there are things that could draw in more eyes to this particular spring sport. One specific factor could be increasing the amount of contact allowed.

Now, as a reporter covering lacrosse for the first time last season, watching the first game surprised me to some extent. While I am not an avid watcher or follower of lacrosse by any means, when thinking about the sport, I thought of the big hits and highlights from the men's side. Watching players deck each other and get physical throughout a game has always piqued my interest, whether it be football, hockey or lacrosse, and I think a good portion of sports fans would agree.

With that said, women's lacrosse should bring that physical aspect to their game, on all levels of play.

Other women's sports, like women's rugby for instance, are allow hitting, as it is in the men's counterpart, so adding this to lacrosse would not be some out-of-left-field addition. If it's women-versus-women, why should they not be allowed to take out some aggression on the field?

Not only would the added highlights from big hits impress the fans, as my earlier point implies, it would benefit the players, as they could work this into their game to help on defense. Besides the literal stopping of offensive runs with a knock down, it would potentially add to the mental landscape since getting hit would be on the back of player's minds.

With this addition there would be health risks, but no more so than football, which Southern completely endorses. Adding hitting would make the sport a more enjoyable game for the fans while also adding to the game for the players. Sports are supposed to be physical for the most part, so I do not see any issue with letting players be physical.

Baseball

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Center fielder Nolan Cloutier, a senior, begun the rally with a leadoff single and a stolen base, before being driven in by Bedryczuk. After left fielder Cam O'Toole and Redahan were hit by pitches in back-to-back at-bats, DeMartino drove in two. The next batter was Ferrett, who slugged a homerun over the left field scoreboard, his first of the season, to cap off the rally.

"I went up just looking for a fastball, and that's my approach - always first pitch I'm looking fastball, and I hit it and all of a sudden my mind just kind of went blank," Ferrett said. "I knew it was gone immediately. When you hit it that well, sometimes you don't even feel it off the bat and that's the feeling that I got."

With the lead back at 8-3, White settled down. He ended up pitching five innings and surrendered just two hits. He gave up three runs, though only one was earned, and struck out 10 batters to pick up his second win of the season.

"In the beginning I wasn't throwing many strikes," said White. "Then we settled in. I started throwing more strikes, more strikeouts and everything was sailing from there."

The game was called by the umpires in the seventh inning, giving the Owls the sweep on the day. With the two wins, Southern improved to 6-3-1 on the young season.

"I'm excited about where we are, the energy that we have as a group has been fantastic," said Shea. "We have to play complete games now; we have to put the hitting together with the pitching and the defense."



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Pitcher Jared Henry, sophomore, throwing from the mound during during a doubleheader against Queens College on Sunday.

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#MeToo healing quilt unveiled



By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

This week, the Southern News reported on the unveiling of the #MeToo Healing Quilt during the showing of 'The Hunting Ground to the Healing Ground' on March 5.

The quilt, which will eventually be in the Student Union, was started after a pro-Kavanaugh poster was put on the Women's Studies door.

The making of the quilt was organized by faculty such as Virginia Metaxas, Professor Emeritus of History and Women's Studies, and Alex Girard, assistant professor and coordinator of graphic design.

The quilt, according to Girard, was created as away to give people who see it a sense of belonging.

See Page 5 in the Opinions & Features section for more about the #MeToo Healing Quilt.

