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Religious discourse leads to student rally

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On September 20th, the academic quad became occupied by a group of non-students which triggered a rallying response from students.

In front of the Hilton C. Buley Library, a group of preachers claiming to be from all over the state stood on the grass for #SinAwarenessDay.

According to various students, these groups of preachers come every year and have actually come once before this semester to preach their anti-abortion opinions.

This time, they were here to tell students evolution is a lie.

However, their anti-evolution message evolved into a chaotic protest by students when preachers were aggressively telling students to repent or they

were going to hell.

As retaliation, Health-care studies major Naomi Lorde, a junior, played music through her large JBL speaker.

"I just feel like people should be able to go to class without having to deal with this and hear people who are telling people they're going to hell. So I wanted to play positive music to keep the energy on campus positive," Lorde said.

Due to the loud music, and the preachers trying to drown out the music with their microphone system, it attracted more attention. The louder the preachers got, the more students disagreed. Then business major Arlo Bruckmann, a junior, arrived dressed as the Pope.

"I come to mock them because they're preaching hate. I've done this every year and it's a lot of fun for me," Bruckmann said.

The Pope was an instant hit and garnered more attention. Students rallied behind his oddity, his jokes, and his disagreement with the preachers.

Nevertheless, many students felt the preachers' presence was disruptive.

"They are here to take away from the important things going on. Like the PCAO bake sale we held to support a four year old with cancer. It's best to just ignore," said President of the Pediatric Cancer Awareness Organization (PCAO) Gabriella Gjoni, a sophomore.

However, not all students disagreed or took issue with the preachers' presence. Psychology major Christie Beaulieu, a senior, chose to sit on the grass where she was closest to the preachers while she finished her assignment.

"I wanna support the speakers because I feel they

(the students) are being disrespectful. Because if this was an LGBT rally, and it was Christians were being negative towards them, we would have a problem. A true Christian has love for everyone and their message is about peace and love. You can disagree, but it's about respect. Everyone has different beliefs. Bigotry is bigotry no matter what group. Wrong is wrong. Being rude is being rude," Beaulieu said.

Another student who agreed with this sentiment was sociology major Anna-Sashia Jones, a freshman.

"I fully agree with what they said. They (students) don't come with open minds they come to antagonize," Jones said.

Interdisciplinary studies major Eric Johnson, a senior, actually spoke to one of the preachers one-on-one.

"I asked him questions concerning the crusades;

he went deeper than I thought. Tim was the only speaker I respect because he was honest and didn't seem nearly as blinded by religious zealousness. But still, once you start preaching hate, that's the part I don't like and is going to make people uncomfortable and not listen to what you have to say," Johnson said.

Preacher Norman Patterson explained why the preachers choose to come to this university despite receiving all the negativity and shunning.

"We came to the state college because I knew there would be other men preaching the gospel and I wanted to join them. We come every year because what we believe is the truth. And just because we receive a lot of hate for speaking it, doesn't change us because we still truly believe," Patterson said.

When students were

asked why they chose to stay instead of ignoring the pastors, many said they stayed because of the fake pope. Others stayed just for chaos.

"I stayed because I like the energy of everyone here. I like being around all the people who are having a good time. We have a lot of good energy and we're reciprocating the energy towards the pope because he's talking to us," Communications major Spencer Lane, a sophomore, said.

An Information and library science major, named Kylie Higginbotham, a freshman, was taking photos for class and was there from the beginning to end.

"I stayed for the pope, but I hated them being here and wished they stopped coming. I wish there was something we could do to make them leave," said Higginbotham.



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Arlo Bruckmann posing as the pope yelling at the preachers.



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A preacher yelling back at Arlo Bruckmann.

Resident Advisors talk mental health in Chase

**By Jaylen Carr
Sports Editor**

Chase Hall resident advisers provided different ways for students to cope with depression and anxiety. These included seeking help and doing fun activities which helped students handle their mental health at a recent event.

"People need to know that they have someone to talk to and they have resources out there," psychology major and Chase Hall resident Tamara Carlino, a freshman, said.

Chase Hall residential advisers Selena Bautista, Aaralyn Torreira and Nicole Sanchez held an open forum event, on Sept. 21, 2022, inside the lobby of Chase Hall to provide resources and coping mechanisms for students.

"I feel like it's a hush topic, everyone goes through it whether it's more severe than others," Bautista said.

According to Torreira, a lot of people in her generation struggle with

depression and anxiety, which lead the residential advisers to hold this type of event for the residents.

Bautista said one of the major reasons they wanted to have this type of event was because it's Suicide Prevention Month.

"I'm in the Army National Guard and I've lost a lot of friends to suicide. You just can't tell because you have to put up a front when you are in uniform or as an R.A. (Residential Advisor)" Bautista said.

According to the Mayo Clinic Health System, "Up to 44% of college students reported having symptoms of depression and anxiety" and 75% of students that struggle with depression and anxiety are unwilling to seek help.

According to Torreira, there are great mental health resources on campus such as the Counseling Services located in Engelman Hall B219 and the Wellbeing Center located in Schwartz Hall, Room 100.

The residential advisers taught about the signs and symptoms of anxiety,

irritability, a sense of dread and the feeling of worry, which provided the students with information on indicators to look out for.

Bautista said that staying active, finding a support group and journaling can help coping with anxiety and depression.

According to Sanchez, Emotional Support Animals (ESA) can be therapeutic to someone that is suffering from anxiety and depression.

"I feel like a lot of people secretly struggle with it. Now that times have changed, it's important to let people know just how important mental health is for everyone," Torreira said.

Carlino said talking about mental health should not be taboo or controversial.

"You can feel yourself changed; you can feel yourself relaxed a little bit more and you can feel relief that you have someone to talk to," Carlino said.

The resident advisers of Chase Hall always try to have events for the

students to help provide support in life and education.

Bautista said Chase Hall has been a safe place for students and a place free from judgement. The people of Chase Hall are friendly and they advocate for each other.

According to Owl Connect, Chase Hall is a gender inclusive housing community and a living and learning community for future health professionals.

Carlino said Chase Hall is a "good community even if you don't know people.

It's a place where you can hang out, especially in the basement."

"We try to have weekly events for the residents to try to keep them in touch about resources and really get the residents into bonding time," Torreira said.



PHOTO | JAYLEN CARR

Aaralyn Torreira (left), Selena Bautista (middle) and Nicole Sanchez (right) in the lobby of Chase Hall.

Block party brings students to a basement

Story & Photos by Sarah Shelton
Photo Editor

Wilkinson Hall and Chase Hall held a "Light the Night Block Party" Monday night for a chance to win prizes.

The event was originally supposed to be in the Residence Life Quad but due to the rain, it was moved to Wilkinson, also known as Wilk, Hall's basement.

Outside of Wilk was a small popcorn table for students to grab a bag

before heading in. Then in the lobby was a raffle table for every student entering to put a ticket in the bowl. These prizes included gift cards and speakers.

After the sign-in raffle table, students headed to Wilk's basement to music, food, balloons and games.

There were a few performances, Pool, Foosball and different chicken wing options for students to enjoy while waiting for raffle winners to be announced.



Students standing by the entrance to Wilkinson Hall basement.



Self-serve table of food featuring different kinds of wings.



Speaker playing rap and hiphop music.



Wilkinson Hall sign before entering the building.



Popcorn bags for students to grab while heading into Wilk.



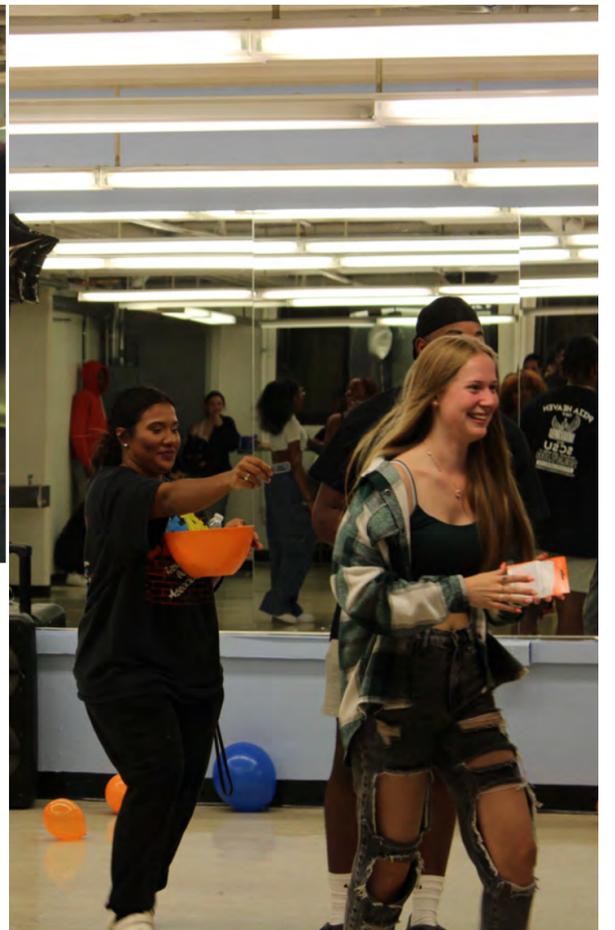
Healthcare studies major Leelani Supersad, a junior, who won a television in the raffle.



Students playing and watching a game of pool while enjoying food and soda. A jenga game is happening behind them.



Students watching one of the performance.



First raffle winner grabbing her gift card after name was called.



A game of foosball which took place in the basement corner.



Two options of chicken on the food table.

Anthony Fantano told me to review the new Björk

By Ali Fernand
Features Editor

Online music reviewer and alumni of the University, Anthony Fantano, told me on Friday September 30th to review the new Björk album. This was after I had replied to one of his tweets asking what I should review this week. Since I am a huge fan, I will be doing exactly that.

Icelandic singer, songwriter Björk has released an album, *Fossora*, on September 30th. This is her 10th studio album of her over 30-year career. Björk first turned heads in the 90's. She was a leading woman in the alternative music scene. She was first the lead singer of the band "Sugarcubes." They released their first album, "Life's Too Good," in 1988 and disbanded shortly after in 1992.

After "Sugarcubes," she then went on to pursue a solo career. This landed her hits which included "Army of Me," "Venus

as a Boy" and "Human Behavior." These singles and her albums landed her many music awards including NME Awards, MTV Music Video Awards and Brit Awards. The sound of her music has been experimental. It contains influences of electronic, rock, trip-hop and classical. Björk's alternative sound has landed her as a darling of the music magazine, Pitchfork. Though never reaching popstar status, Björk has been a staple for music lovers. The height of her popularity was in the 90's. However, her cult following has kept her afloat to keep making music.

In *Fossora*, Björk collaborates with many small artists. The features on this album do not have more than 600,000 listeners on Spotify. These features include Kasimyn, Sindri Eldon, Emilie Nicolas and "serpentwithfeet." In this way, Björk can put the spotlight of the album on her and these smaller



Anthony Fantano replies to me on Twitter on September 30th.

upcoming artists.

This Björk album is dark. It sounds as if it should be the soundtrack to a horror movie. It is not an album that I would listen to alone in the woods. However, Björk never jumps out and scares you in this album. Regarding the dynamic, it remains stagnant for the most part. That does not fail the mood of the album. The lack of predictability or build creates an unsettling mood. I as a listener feel more intrigued by where the song will go. Songs like "Ovule" and "Mycelia"

remain the same sonically the whole time, yet they still evoke dark emotions.

Many of the songs contain classical instrumentation. Due to Björk's classical upbringing, she can creatively incorporate this instrumentation into her music. Many of the horns and woodwinds are very dissonant. The harmonies clash in a way that disturbs the listener. "Victimhood" and "Sorrowful Soul" use this instrumentation. The dissonant instrumentation is paired with a chorus of

Björk's vocals. This creates a spacey effect that is also grounded. There is not much percussion to any of the songs besides a smacking bass drum.

"Fossora" contains a few bright moments. It includes "Ancestress," "Allow" and "Fungal City." "Ancestress" contains bright strings and chiming xylophone. This is the longest song on the album, running over seven minutes. Despite the length of this song, it is the strongest of all the other songs on the album. The length gives it the perfect amount of time to get its point across.

There is a lot of filler in the album that feels unnecessary. These songs have little musical or lyrical content. "Fagurt Er í Fjöroðum" and "Trölla-Gabba" are both under one minute and 30 seconds. They feel as if they are not given enough time to add anything to the album.

Björk lyrically explores ideas such as love, nihilism and motherhood. A lot of the focus is on the cycle of

life. She talks about how we reproduce to continue our flesh then die. A lot seems to be how she is coping with the meaning of her life and trying to find the value in the ones that she created. Björk also speaks of the sacrifices made as a mother. As mothers lose a lot of their life to give to their children. Though very dark, this album is filled with love. She speaks of her love for her partner and her two children.

Overall, Björk has been able to create a beautiful and spacey record. It is one of her most eerie projects to date. It doesn't contain much dynamic, which is something I look for in albums. However, I feel that it works for the most part in keeping the sound cohesive in the record. It is a little bit hard to sit down and listen to because of the dissonance and lack of predictability. At the end of the day, Björk succeeded in what she wanted to do. As Fantano would say, overall, I'd give this album a strong 7.

Opinion: Italian Heritage Month is not celebrated

By Sofia Rositani
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Antonio Bagnetto, Rocco Geraci, Loreto Comitits, Charles Traina and 7 more were lynched on March 14, 1891, in New Orleans on the street that is now used for Mardi Gras Parades.

Italian Americans did not get an apology until March of 2019 by the mayor of New Orleans.

"Nobody thinks of an Italian being lynched, when it was common practice back then," John Fratta, from the Order of the Sons of Italy, said in an article from BBC. "So [the apology] is more of an education, especially for younger Italian-Ameri-

cans." He added, "Also to let these 11 souls rest in peace, knowing that they got the apology they deserved."

Few people would think that Italians were lynched or had slurs thrown at them but that is so far from the truth. Many Italian immigrants, especially those from Southern Italy, including my family, were considered "scum" and were treated as such. With slurs like "wop," "Guido" and "guinea" being yelled and used by those who were racist toward Italians.

Today we have no celebrations for Italian American heritage month, most of it steeped in anger due to "Columbus Day." But rather than getting angry at

the holiday and the name, people should read and learn why it was created. We do not use it to celebrate Christopher Columbus, Italians in America use this day to celebrate our ancestors who fought to get to a country that did not even care about them. A country that killed 11 innocent men, and probably more, and to this day celebrate on the same road that these lynchings occurred.

"President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed it as a one-time national celebration in 1892 — in the wake of a bloody New Orleans lynching that took the lives of 11 Italian immigrants. The proclamation was part of a broader attempt

to quiet outrage among Italian-Americans, and a diplomatic blowup over the murders that brought Italy and the United States to the brink of war," according to an article from the New York Times.

While the entire reason for creating this holiday was to shut up those who were upset with this country, it now further pushes the Italian culture away from being celebrated. I do not like this at all. As an Italian woman, it is my job to make sure this state and this country knows that we will not go down without a fight. We deserve to be celebrated as much as any other culture but this university, this state and this country

continue to turn their heads away from us and do not care.

You can say I am being very overdramatic or even sound crazy, but as someone who has not even seen anything pertaining to it being Italian-American Heritage month, or the fact that I am forced to be quiet when I want to speak about the culture I grew up in makes me disheartened.

"Columbus Day" is considered controversial to celebrate. If people want to change the name go ahead but change it to an Italian or better yet call it "Italian Heritage Day."

I understand writing this is very controversial, but I have a right to be upset

when a city that prides itself on being Italian and having the best "pizza" does not even celebrate a month meant for the people who created it. And this university is very hypocritical because they say they are for diversity and culture but have yet to do anything to celebrate this month.

I am a senior and I have not seen anything in the four years I have been here, and I am genuinely upset about this. My friend and I have been trying to set up meetings for two weeks to go over this, but it has yet to happen, and I highly doubt that it will. It upsets me as someone who wants to actively see change on this campus.

Event offers hundreds in prizes to students who win



(Left to right) Ramsley Exantus, Leander Adams, Zachary McCarthy and Wajihah Ali in Farnham Programming Space.

By Ali Fernand
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Students had the chance to win over \$200 in prizes this past Thursday night. Programs Council (ProCon) set up challenges for students to win these prizes in the Farnham Programming Space.

"This is Minute-to-Win-It, where students are going to do multiple challenges to see who gets the most points and wins the prize," said Manager of ProCon Izzy Satmary, a senior.

By participating, students had the chance to win prizes

es. The competitions that ProCon holds often reward the winners with expensive prizes. All the prizes for this event went to one winner. "The prize is AirPods and \$100 worth of gift cards," Satmary said.

The gift cards included iHop, Outback Steakhouse, Chipotle and Applebee's. By winning these prizes, students can have a few meals out with friends or on their own.

Many students are looking for extra money to have somewhere else to eat than Connecticut Hall. There was a lot of hope from students

to win these prizes.

"I'm looking forward to having fun and hopefully, most likely, winning something," Business Administration major Zachary McCarthy, a freshman said.

By attending events, McCarthy can do a few things: win prizes, meet new people and have fun. Winning prizes is the most exciting to him, but he would not be there if he was not having a good time.

McCarthy has attended multiple other Pro-Con events such as Lake Compounce and Glow in the Dark Mini Golf. These events were held just in the first few weeks of his first

semester on campus.

Freshman students were offered this opportunity to bond with friends and make new connections at school. That is one of the goals that ProCon has for students on campus.

"The goal is just to get students to come together, play some games and have a good time," Senior Night-time Programmer, Katie Kost said.

Students can check Owl Connect if they are searching for something to do on campus. That is what students like McCarthy have done.

The event included a few minigames. Students had

multiple chances to gain points for themselves.

"We have a bowl full of smarties that people will take chopsticks to sort them out," Kost said. "We have a cup stacking one and a charade one."

In total, there were eight rounds that students participated in. It started with cup stacking and ended with the letter game.

In the cup game, students competed to stack 10 cups in a pyramid and then take it apart in the fastest time. In the pencil flip, students had to balance a pencil on the back of their hand. Then they would flip it and catch it as many times as

they could in a minute.

This event was based on a popular game show previously hosted by Guy Fieri.

"There used to be a game show like this, and our other committee member had the idea to do it," Kost said.

This shows popularity made the gameplay familiar to students. They were able to relate what they knew about the show to the event.

This is one of the first couple of game show style events that ProCon has held. Their events in the future include Pumpkin Painting and Trail of Terror.

"I'm looking for sports trips and more fun events like this," said McCarthy.

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Wilson wants be a household name

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Not only has the Owls' running back Diante Wilson, a sophomore, won the Northeast (NE) 10 Weekly Honor Roll last week, but he wants to be remembered for what he's done on the field.

Wilson is from Union, New Jersey where he attended Union High School where he amassed 2,139 total yards and

16 touchdowns in his 22 career games. Wilson's junior year of highschool was one of his best.

He rushed for 1,114 yards in 13 games, and he was able to get into the end zone 10 times that season.

Recently, Wilson has been dominated thus far this season. He had a recent 100-yard rushing yard game.

In the matchup against Saint Anselm, Wilson rushed for 151 yards. Wilson prides himself on having a great work ethic and takes pride in the

work that goes into football.

Wilson can run between the tackles and catch the ball out of the backfield.

Wilson prides himself on having a great work ethic.

Wilson said, "I want to be the best on the field. No one is going to outwork me."

Family has played a big part in Wilson's life. Wilson said his family is his backbone.

From an early age, Wilson had family by his side with football and more. Wilson gets confidence and

motivation from his family every time he plays.

"My family is what keeps me going, they love watching me play and I love them for that," Wilson said.

Owls' offensive coordinator, Chris Bergetski, said Wilson is quick to improve any flaws in his play.

"He really doesn't make the same mistake twice. So, that's a big reason why I think he's taken the strides he has taken since he's been here," Bergetski said.

According to

Bergetski Wilson runs with aggression and force

He rushed for 490 yards in 2021. So far this season he has rushed for 276 yards and scored two rushing touchdowns.

"He is a great kid; he stays focused and gets the job done," Bergetski said.

Wilson said that he likes to be a student of the game and study the upcoming opponent.

Owls' quarterback Joe Bernard, a senior, said, "He's a great teammate. He always

has a smile and willing to work hard."

Bernard said he is such a hard runner; it takes a lot to bring him down.

"He is a great football player. But even a better friend and teammate," Bernard said.

Wilson said that everyone on the team has the same goal every week which is to win.

"By the time my four years is done everyone will know my name," Wilson said. "I will be a household name."

Column: On MLB

By Jaylen Carr
Sports Editor



Can this be the New York Yankees year? I surely hope so because this franchise desperately needs to add their 28th World Series Championship.

This has been a historic year for Aaron Judge, specifically, because of his record in hitting home runs. He has been so good that pitchers are scared to pitch to him. It would be a complete waste of a great season for Judge if the Yankees cannot get it done in October.

The Yankees have over 95 wins and clinched the American League, or AL East Division, last week in their win against the Blue Jays. But there is one team that makes me tense every time postseason comes around and that is the Houston Astros.

The Astros have eliminated the Yankees seven times in the last seven years. Houston had another 100-win season and is experiencing enough to make a deep playoff run. The Astros stopped the Yankees from making World Series Championship number 28, a reality back in 2019. I thought that was our year to finally get over the hump, but I knew once the Astros went up 3-1 in the series it was over.

I predict the Yankees will win the American League Championship and clinch a World Series win. They will advance to the fall classic by beating the Houston Astros in seven games.

I would love to see a subway series between the New York Mets and the New York Yankees which would be great for both fan bases.

However, I think the Dodgers have the talent to make it to the fall classic. Freddie Freeman of the Dodgers has had a great season with a .327 batting average. Mookie Betts has led the team in homeruns with 35 and despite Betts being a former player from the Red Sox, he is one of my favorite players to watch.

A New York Yankees versus Los Angeles Dodgers matchup will be great to watch because of the individual stars on both teams. I predict that the Yankees will win the series in six games with the second baseman, Gleyber Torres, winning the World Series MVP.

Field hockey team wins home opener

By Ben Martin
Sports writer

The Owls field hockey team defeated the American International College (AIC) Yellow Jackets 2-0 on Friday night. Throughout the matchup, one trait led the Owls to win: intensity.

"They came out and they pushed hard the entire game," said the university's head Field Hockey coach Kelley Frassinelli. "They worked one quarter at a time and set the goal of what we needed to do in that quarter, the intensity never failed."

Coming into this game the Owls had already matched up against the Yellow Jackets once this season. Coach Frassinelli saw practicing between those two matchups pay off.

"We worked on a lot of stuff coming off this game. We had a non-conference

game with them over a week ago and it was a 2-1 game," Frassinelli said. "I feel great for them and the work that they've done to get here."

Frassinelli was pleased that the Owls scored again.

The goal was tapped in by midfielder Abbey Kellerman, a senior, off a deflected shot by midfielder Kayla Siemer, a junior.

"It felt good to tap it in and (I) look forward to the next one," Kellerman said.

Kellerman's goal was her third goal of the season moving her to second on the team in goals.

Kellerman's goal, the Owls offense was quiet for the next two quarters. But as the Owls offense was suppressed, the Yellow Jackets were swarming.

The middle two quarters were the biggest test for the Owls' defense headed by their goalkeeper Katilyn Parent, a freshman. The



PHOTO | LUKE MOLWITZ

Foward, Brianna Caffrey going after the ball against American Internatinal.

Yellow Jackets had eight shots on goal in the second and third quarters; however, none of those shots resulted in goals.

Parent ended the game with her first shoutout in her college career. She totaled six saves in the game.

With just over four minutes left in the quarter,

Siemer put another shot on goal and that shot was redirected in by midfielder Trinidad Rodriguez Ricchiuti, a sophomore.

Ricchiuti said scoring the goal was a good feeling and that she was happy to score it. Ricchiuti's goal was her fourth of the season and puts her as the team's leader in goals.

"I think the main, key takeaway is to keep up the intensity," Kellerman said.

The Owls' overall record up to 3-4 and their in-conference record to 2-1.

"I'm really happy for this win," Ricchiuti said. "I think it's really important for the team to keep the momentum going for the next games coming up."

Men's soccer comeback to tie the game

By Ben Martin
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Contributor

In a physical affair, the Owls battled back from a two-goal deficit at halftime to end the game in a 2-2 tie against Le Moyne College on Saturday night.

After allowing two goals in the first half, the Owls responded with two of their own to tie the game up.

The first goal came from forward Leroy Best, a sophomore, with just over

33 minutes left in the half on a penalty shot.

"It's kind of a relief, honestly; being in over half the season and not having scored. Good to get one in at the end of the day; the team is what matters," Best said.

Best's goal put the Owls behind one, and they would end up getting another goal from Karim Said, a midfielder freshman. The throw in went into Said, who passed the ball to Best.

"Obviously as a football player you like to score goals, and today

I was lucky to be in that situation," Said said.

Said's goal was the last one the Owls would put on the board that night

"Our heart that we showed today; we can take that into the next one," Said said. "We did not give up after being 2-0 down; it speaks great that we are able to come back after being down 2-0."

Goalkeeper Devin Juan, a sophomore, had six saves in the second half including three in the final four minutes of play. The stout defense in the second half was led by

Juan, who amassed a total of nine saves in the contest.

"Our defenders closed off a lot of gaps so whenever the shots came through I had a clear view and I could get my hands on the ball," Juan said.

Although the Owls had some second half heroics, the team should not have been in a situation where they needed them in the first place.

"I think that we needed to start the game a bit better," Coach Tom Lang said.

Along with improving upon the start of the game, Lang said the team could have been better at dealing with the ball throughout the game.

Best agreed with his coach saying that the team made a couple of bad decisions in the first 45 minutes of play that put them down two.

With the tie, the Owls' overall record moves to 4-3-3 and their in-conference record goes to 1-2-2.

The Owls travel to their cross-town rival: the University of New Haven Chargers. The Chargers have an overall record of 0-6-4 and a Northeast 10 conference record of 0-3-3.



PHOTO | BRADLEY ROBIDOUX

The men's soccer team huddles after coming back to tie Le Moyne College at Jess Dow Field on Oct. 1st, 2022