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## The Red Flag Campaign is back



The Red Flag Campaign invites students to create red flags with “red flags” or signals in relationships. The flags aim to raise awareness for dating and domestic violence.

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## Women’s studies office hosts domestic awareness panel

By Courtney Luciana

In honor of domestic awareness month, the women’s studies department hosted the SCSU community and a panel of Connecticut candidates in the Engleman auditorium on Oct. 5. The intent of the event was to discuss social justice encompassing in on gender and sexuality affairs.

The struggle for justice has been ongoing, said Shante Hanks, an alumni and deputy district executive for congressman Jim Himes. Still, she advised individuals to make a difference for their community by reaching out.

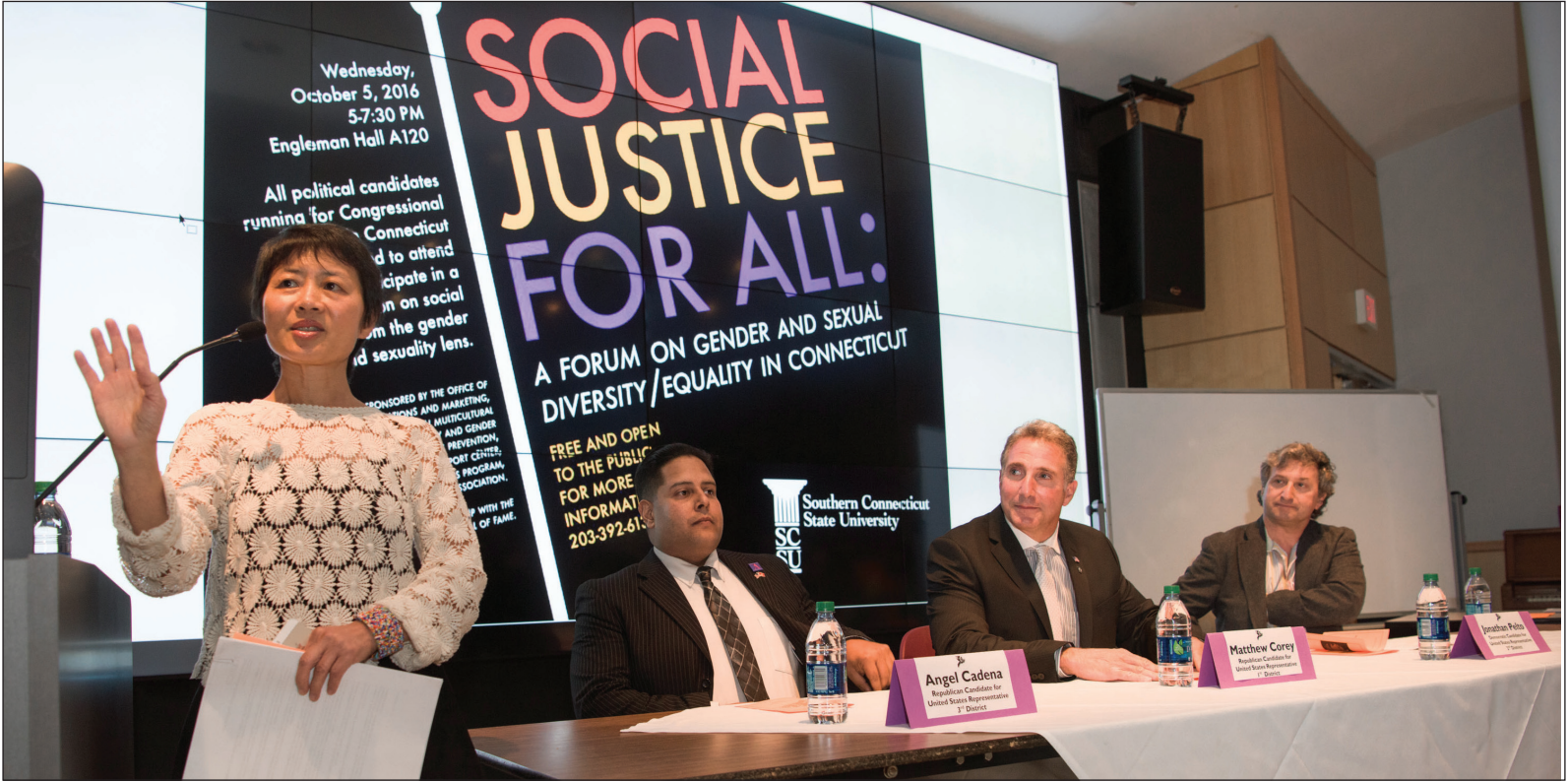
“I was hoping our future congressmen would say a change would made at the White House,” said Hanks. “The fact we are still fighting for equality in 2016 is surreal.”

Hanks placed her hopes among Republican congressional candidates Angel Cadena, in Connecticut’s third district, and Matthew Corey, in the first district, both helped to advocate the educational discussion into a series of full-fledged debate by utilizing concerns of the LGBT community as a gateway to discuss a variety of issues including: gun laws, mental health and education.

Initially, Cadena and Corey insured members of the LGBT community their woes were recognized in light of the Orlando shooting at Pulse Nightclub that occurred this June.

The two Republican congressmen advised the LGBT community to remain aware of their surroundings at all times but to also accept that gun control will remain sufficiently justified under the constitution.

“These answers are not good enough,” said Mckenzie Katz, a senior women’s



Dr. Yi-Chun Tricia Lin discusses issues social justice issues at the event on Oct. 5.

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studies major and member of the Sexuality and Gender Equality Center. “The LGBT community needs comprehensive education to be placed among middle and high school students based on sex education and our peers need to be taught how to treat individuals of our community properly.”

According to the Pew Research Center that surveyed a national representative of 1,197 LGBT adults said 39 percent of these individuals have claimed to have been rejected by a family member or a close friend due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. Thirty percent said they have been physically attacked

or threatened. Twenty-nine percent said they have felt unwelcome in religious locations. In addition, 21 percent said they have been treated unfairly in a workplace establishment. Over half with 58 percent said they have been the target of mockery.

Corey said he was not advocating LGBT members to obtain a firearm as a solution to alleviate the fear of attacks among their community.

“Again, I’m just pushing individuals to be aware of their surroundings,” said Corey with no new answers. “All we can do for now is work on centralizing education on these topics.”

The phrase “my community,” the phrase “your community” and the phrase “our community” surfaced to one equivalent conclusion: Safety measures for the LGBT community need to be advanced.

Jonathan Peltó, Green Party candidate for Congress, in the first district, said the blown up discussion on social justice made a good snapshot of the structural issues the world has faced today.

“The fact is a lot of domestic terrorism is occurring,” said Peltó. “The police need to be trained to learn that political idealization is a dangerous weapon.”



# Red Flag Campaign spreads message across campus

By Jeniece Roman

The Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center began a dating violence awareness campaign throughout the month of October on campus.

According to Shantal Collins, a VPAS member, the Red Flag Campaign promotes the prevention of dating violence; the name refers to the “red flags” in a relationship that point to it being unhealthy or abusive.

“Our main goal is to just spread awareness about what sexual misconduct is and basically showing students that they can get support,” said Collins.

She stated that the campaign seeks to educate students on what is considered a sign of an abusive relationship. Collins said students could write an example of an abusive or unhealthy relationship on a red flag; the flags are then placed around campus. Collins said that sometimes VPAS will receive anywhere from 100 to 1,000 flags per year.

“If students do recognize that they’re in an unhealthy relationship, they feel comfortable getting help and support on campus,” said Jessie Holman, VPAS member.

Through education and prevention awareness, Holman said advocates make sure that students know their rights and reporting options should they ever need help. Holman said the flags around campus could show students the different ways in which a partner can be abusive and signs of an unhealthy relationship.

The Red Flag campaign is also run by VPAS with the sponsorship of the Sexual Assault Resource Team; together provide violence prevention education, victim advocacy and support services in an effort to create a campus community of respect and safety by, according to the VPAS

resource guide.

“There are often times when people see a red flag and it’s an indication of abuse but people don’t think it’s abuse,” said Elizabeth Brady, graduate intern and VPAS member.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in Connecticut, domestic violence relief programs serve 46,750 victims annually. The NCADV also stated the warning signs of an abuser include verbal abuse, possessiveness, and extremely controlling behavior.

Collins said sometimes the red flags of an unhealthy and abusive relationship are not always recognized. Attempting to control how a person dresses, extreme jealousy, demanding passwords to all social media accounts– all are signs according to Collins.

Brady said when people think of “domestic violence” or “abusive relationship” they often think of physical violence. She said verbal abuse is often an indicator prior to physical violence. Brady said through education VPAS wants to show what a healthy relationship is and is not.

“If you see someone that is dealing with this red flag that they might not see as abusive or unhealthy,” said Collins. “You can say something and provide them with the support that they need.”

Collins said the campaign is meant to inform students of the resources available to them, to let students know that VPAS is there and if they see a red flag, they feel comfortable enough to say something. She said the goal of VPAS is to make campus feel safe and educated on the importance of a healthy relationship.

“Students, if they feel like they with sexual misconduct that they can get the support they need,” said Collins. “Our advocates will do anything to help students.”

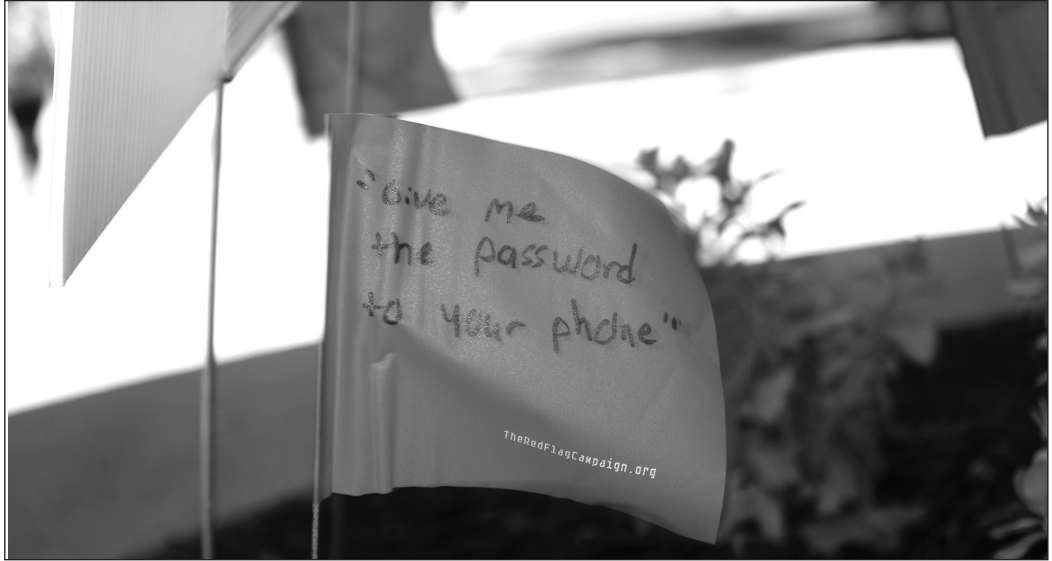


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## Provost search carries on

By Jeniece Roman

The Provost Search Committee hosted an information forum for student on Oct. 6.

“Right now we are looking, I think sometime in February to bring the candidates to campus and we’re hoping by early March to have a provost appointed by the President,” said Craig D. Hlavac, associate professor and chairperson.

The university has retained Robert Holyer, AGB Search of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges as a consultant.

Holyer started the forum and said the hiring process would be explained and that students would have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments or voice concerns.

“First, I’m just trying to understand more about Southern. So, a lot of the questions we asked this morning and this afternoon, the answers we got, help me certainly understand more of the background here,” said Holyer.

Hlavac said he looks forward to hearing from students what they thought were the biggest issues academically on campus, what do they feel Southern does well and what needs to be improved on.

He went onto say that they want to make sure the candidates have a balance of the qualifications necessary but that they also fit within the Southern community.

“Part of what I do is talk with candidates and they’re going to have a number of questions and going to try

and give them a sense of what would be a good fit,” said Holyer. “The more I know about Southern, the issues that students see, faculty, and others the better I can.”

Several students in the forum said that many students do not graduate in the intended four years because of the LEP requirements. They said advisors need to work better when it comes to making sure students graduate.

Other topics mentioned at the meeting included having more stable adjunct office hours, hiring more tutors at the Student Success Center and the need for a provost dedicated to social justice and is highly visible on campus

“We’re listening to feedback from different constituencies on campus,” said Hlavac. “We hope to by next week have the ad out.”

According to Hlavac, the timeline of the hiring process is on the web and once job description is finalized it will also be posted. Hlavac said after collecting applications, selecting the most highly qualified, and then the committee will deliberate and choose between three to four candidates.

“It’s a thorough processes that I’m confident will result in the hiring of a good provost,” said Hlavac.

The committee is looking for a candidate who has experience as a provost and has worked at a public university, according to Hlavac.

“Perhaps someone who has worked in an institution like Southern,” said Hlavac. “A public university with a diverse population, unique environment, and a commitment to shared governance.”

## Clown scare reaches campus

By Meagan McAdams

A sighting of a person dressed in a clown costume was reported on Southern’s campus on Monday, Oct. 3, when university police received a report that someone who appeared to be dressed as a clown was walking through parking lot 9.

According to Chief of police, Joseph Dooley, officers who responded to the report found no such person on campus.

“We didn’t have a lot of information to go on,” said Dooley. “Most of these reports are pranks.”

However, police are still taking matters seriously. Some members of Southern’s police force spoke at a Residence Hall Association meeting to inform students that all buildings are secure and there should be no fear. Dooley said around Halloween they usually have more patrols out anyways, and this year will be no exception.

Monday night, rumors that Brownell Hall, North Campus and Schwartz Hall, were all on lockdown began circulating, despite none of Southern’s buildings ever going into lockdown. The report was only a sighting of a potential clown; no threats made, and no harm done.

The clown frenzy was not only at Southern, as Quinnipiac University was rumored to be on lockdown Monday night as well, because of clown sightings. The lockdown did not happen, as Quinnipiac tweeted the campus was secure, and all operations were running as normal.

“I basically sprinted back from the library because my friend said he

saw one on Farnham Ave. and sent me a fake picture of a creepy looking clown standing on the corner of a road,” said sophomore Zachary Wright.

Six Connecticut teens have already been arrested for being linked to a clown social media page, according the Hartford Courant.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, a new law went into effect in Connecticut that makes it possible for people caught threatening schools to face felony charges.

“Creating social media pages inciting violence or alluding to creating fear in our communities will not be tolerated and will be handled as criminal matters,” said the state police in a Facebook post Wednesday, Oct. 5.

In response to public’s fear of clowns, a group of performers in Tucson, Arizona have organized a Clown Lives Matter campaign. They have planned a march for Oct. 15, with hopes of redeeming clowns reputations, and demonstrating that they are not all scary.

“When I first heard about the clown sightings in South Carolina I didn’t really think anything of it, but then I saw videos on twitter of clowns with knives chasing people,” said Patrick Swiatek, a junior. “I don’t really know what to believe anymore because some of the videos look really real, and some of them are totally fake.”

Southern’s campus has only had one report of a clown sighting.

“Our building are always locked and secure,” said Dooley, “students have nothing to fear.”

## Southern welcomes 22 new faculty members

By Alex Palmeri

According to the Southern website, the University has welcomed in 22 new tenure-track faculty members to Southern for the academic year. With a variation of degrees, encouragement and motivation, the new faculty will improve Southern’s academic offerings along with enhancing the community of Southern.

Of the new faculty members in the various sections of majors and degrees, Sara Baker, an assistant professor of communications, is one faculty member that came from Illinois. Baker was a course mentor at Western Governors University in Salt Lake City. Recently, she was an assistant professor of communication studies at Eastern Illinois University.

“The facilities here are amazing,” said Baker. “I think it’s a beautiful campus.”

Baker said she has only been here for six weeks but she enjoys one thing most: She enjoys working with all of the students. She said the students bring a lot to the table such as energy, engagement and discussions.

“The energy I get from the students,” said Baker, “I just get so excited to be able to go to the classroom.”

Baker teaches three classes and she is the internship coordinator. Among the classes she handles, Baker teaches a freshman public speaking class, intro to the major course, which is primarily sophomores and

juniors, and a 300 level organizational communication, which is composed of juniors and seniors.

“I like the variety,” said Baker. “There’s opportunity in every group.”

Baker said she has no plans to work anywhere else anytime soon. She said the new leadership at Southern excites her and inspires her on a daily basis and she is excited to be a part of the community at Southern.

“I’m looking forward to being here for a very long time,” said Baker. “We have phenomenal leadership within this department, within the college. I know that I will be well taken care of from those who will lead me and manage me; and I’m already getting great vibes from the students.”

Another new faculty member is Jennifer Hopper, an assistant professor of political science. Hopper worked as an assistant professor of political science at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. for five years.

Hopper said she is from Queens, New York. She went to a city university in New York for her undergraduate and graduate schooling. Because of this, Hopper said she wanted to be at a public university and close to the northeast, which is why she thought Southern was a great fit for what she wanted.

“This is a much bigger school,” said Hopper. “There are a lot more programs here.”



# Active Minds works to promote suicide awarness

By Jeniece Roman

Active Minds seeks to place the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number on the back of the student identification cards of Southern Connecticut State University.

“I think it would be a really great, proactive move for Southern to make, to help save lives and it would also be a great example for other universities to do the same,” said Alyssa Korzon, president of Active Minds.

According to Korzon, the proposal stated that all new Hoot Loot cards would be printed with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number and all existing cards would have the number on a sticker, in order to avoid the cost of reprinting.

“Southern has a lot of amazing resources like the Wellness Center and Counseling Services and it’s a good place for students with mental health issues to seek help,” said Korzon. “But the one thing that would make it better and safer, and a really proactive way to do that would be to add the suicide prevention lifeline number.”

Megan Kelly, an Active Minds member, has struggled with anxiety and has family with depression and bipolar disorder. She said she joined Active Minds because she wanted to work against the stigma people have of mental health. Kelly said students could use the number to call for themselves or a friend.

“It’s just something small that I think can maybe save a life,” said Kelly. “You use it to pay with money, open doors, why not save a life.”

Denise Zack, advisor of Active Minds, said the initiative has come completely from the students.

“They’re really passionate about changing the conversation about mental illness on college campuses. They’re-



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From left to right Natalia Surdam, Kellie Siciliano, Alyssa Korzon, Meghan McGovern, President Joe Bertolino, Katherine Granke and Danielle Franceschini at Week of Welcome event.

incredibly passionate about increasing access to resources,” said Zack.

Korzon said the University Card Office approved the mock up of the number on the Hoot Loot card but the Office of Student Affairs then denied the proposal.

“I think our students’ voices need to be heard, I think that our students’ voices are important, and they need to advocate for what they believe in and what they believe will make a change on our campus,” said Zack.

Vice President of Student Affairs Tracey Tyree said the former director of Financial Business Applications at the University Card Office initially turned down the proposal. She said the

idea brought forward by Active Minds opened an opportunity for discussion. Tyree said the question came up of what would elevate a suicide hotline over many other emergency response kinds of information or numbers that might be of equal relevance for students.

“While I understand that they don’t want a million numbers to fill it up, I think that the suicide prevention lifeline is like the most important because it’s the only one that’s literally life or death,” said Korzon.

If a suicide prevention hotline was to be considered, Tyree said that so would a rape crisis line, university police, and other emergency lines for the university.

“If we were going to pursue something on the back of it, that the idea of just putting a suicide hotline was a bit of a narrow scope in terms of all of health and safety of our students,” said Tyree.

Korzon said Active Minds is collecting signatures for a petition that will be presented to SCSU President Joe Bertolino and several other administrators at Southern.

“Our events have made a lot of impact on campus so this is like our next step to really make a difference,” said Korzon. “In suicide, seconds count.”

# Evangelists preach in front of campus library

By Alex Palmeri

Cross Country Evangelism made an appearance at Southern on Wednesday, Oct. 5 to proclaim their faith of Christianity. Several people stood in front of the Buley Library to discuss Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mike Stockwell, full time evangelists sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with people, was one of the people that came to the university. Stockwell said the police showed up and talked to them about the degree of volume the Cross Country Evangelism presented, while preaching the word of God. Stockwell said he was just trying to get his point across.

“Sometimes, the message that we preach,” said Stockwell, “gets cloaked in volume, when in reality they just don’t like the message that we’re preaching.”

Stockwell said people were complaining about the message to them directly. Though this was the case, Stockwell said the police said their message and volume were just too loud. He added people across the university did not like what they were doing.

“We had people complain to us, ‘You’re forcing your beliefs on people,’” said Stockwell. “I say, ‘Is that what you believe?’ Then I say, ‘Well, you’re forcing your beliefs on to me now.’”

Stockwell was handing out cards that said Judgement Day was coming. He said they had a message to send to everyone. Because he said he has free speech, Stockwell said he had every right to stand there and do what he did. He did not agree with people telling him that the Cross Country Evangelism making an appearance was in the wrong.

“So if one person has a rule over many people because they don’t like something, and then it gets shut down,”

said Stockwell. “That’s not freedom of speech; that’s regulated speech.”

To get his message across, Stockwell said he was even willing to be arrested as long as people can here the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“To what degree are we willing to stand for this? Are we willing to get arrested? We hope it doesn’t come to that,” said Stockwell. “I have in the past.”

Robert Parker was another person to make an appearance at the university. Parker, like Stockwell, said he wanted to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He said sins can be forgiven through what Jesus Christ did on the cross. Since Parker said Jesus took the raft of God for everybody’s sins, everyone can be forgiven.

“It’s good news man,” said Parker. “No matter what you’ve done your whole life, your sin can be forgiven.”

Parker said one lady came up to him,

saying they were a disruption to people across the university. Parker begged to differ.

“No, we’re not disturbing people,” said Parker. “This is a public campus; this is our First Amendment right, freedom of speech. Police said we were too loud, it’s a First Amendment issue.”

Parker said there is a lot of bias towards the religion. He said if he were to talk about football loudly, he would get a crowd of people around him chanting. If he was talking about the Southern football team, Parker said nobody would be complaining about anything.

“Nobody would be complaining about how loud it is or the sound level,” said Parker. “They’d probably be jumping up and down celebrating. But we’re talking about Jesus and it offends people.”

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# Humans of SCSU: Andrew Genova

By Meagan McAdams

Andrew Genova, a senior double major in marketing and event management, has turned his passion for dancing into a written work.

Genova’s family moved to the United States from Italy when he was in the eighth grade. Having to adapt to English speaking schools and an Italian speaking family, Genova found a connection in a book by author Amy Tan. The main character in Tan’s story attempts to speak English and Chinese.

“I came from Italy and reading it she told people she had to come up with this intermediate language of Chinese and English because her mother only spoke Chinese and her friends only spoke English, and it made me understand English way better and then I started experimenting with writing and then that’s how I got into this book,” said Genova.

Genova attended high school at the Regional Center for the Arts, where he received a degree in dance.

Genova said English in school was not his strong suit, however Tan’s book struck a nerve that sparked his interest in writing. After about two years, Genova completed a 12–chapter book, titled “Emerald Eyes.” The book is fiction; a love story entailing a world famous painter and a woman from a lower class who does not like the limelight, however she turns out to be a stripper, saving up money for nursing school.

The first chapter alone took Genova about three months to complete. When his book was finally finished in 2015, he attended an annual writing conference in Ridgefield, where he got his work to a publisher at a small company in Boston, who he already knew was a friend of a professor at SCSU.

The book is currently in its editing phase. If the publisher decides to print it, Genova is expecting to see it out in 2017. In 2006, Publisher’s Weekly reported the average book sells less than 500 copies, though he said the ultimate goal would be for this book to blow up and for writing to become his career.

“The book itself changed, I went from one book, and I scrapped it, went to another book and I scrapped it, I just could not get it off the ground, and then I got one solid chapter,” he said.

Genova’s idea for the story stemmed from his own experiences. Although he is trained in ballet, Genova decided to join a burlesque show about six years ago.

“I was auditioning for ballet companies, going through, and I saw a flyer for a burlesque show,” said Genova, “and I thought this looks pretty interesting, and I wasn’t sure about it, but my mother was the one that pushed me, she was like, ‘Yeah, should do it,’ and I did one show with them and it boomed, it was like full career after that.”

After becoming a regular dancer at a few clubs he spent three months in 2012 on a national tour with a burlesque troupe for a, now international, burlesque festival called “Fierce.” During this time, Genova kept a journal of his experiences, which then transformed into his inspiration for “Emerald Eyes.”

“With this I get to create whatever I want, so I think that helped me expand my mind to other art forms like writing,” said Genova.

# Inclusion on campus

Campus Pride, a non-profit organization, listed Southern for having gender inclusive housing and non-discrimination policies that include gender identity.

By Kaitlyn Regan

Jenna Retort, Sexuality and Gender Equality Center coordinator for programs, outreach, and services, said Southern is working on making a safe campus for the LGBTQ+ community.

Retort said she recently joined the President’s Commission on Campus Climate and Inclusion subcommittee, which is for LGBTQ+ issues. In six weeks, president Joe Bertolino has shown social justice is a big commitment for him, she said.

“I know he’s going to be supportive of making sure that all of our students feel included in the campus community and looking at not just independent identities, but looking more broadly at the intersection of identities,” Retort said.

Campus Pride, a nonprofit organization, rates universities based on their LGBTQ

friendly environment. The online Campus Pride Index lists Southern for having gender inclusive housing and non-discrimination policies that include gender identity.

In terms of actual recognition, Retort said she and Olivia Carney, a graduate intern, are working on a lavender graduation to celebrate students and recognize them as outstanding members in the community.

Retort said they were recently approved for a state work, study grant and are developing a peer education program called the SAGE Ambassadors. This will help spread more programming across campus and develop peer connections, she said.

“I think sometimes it’s challenging for students to talk to administrators: they think we’re just talking heads so it’s more relatable coming from their peer. The tertiary

part would be that they would be able to identify resources at Southern and in the Greater New Haven community for people.”

Elle Higgins, president of the Prism Club, said she appreciates the steps Southern has taken so far to become an LGBTQ friendly university and has personally watched change happen over the years.

“When I started back in like 2013, the SAGE Center was in a practical closet in the basement of Schwartz,” Higgins said. “It was understaffed, the door was always locked. It was nonexistent, people didn’t know it was there.”

In addition to her role in Prism, Higgins said she is also on the president’s subcommittee. There are more gender inclusive housing options this semester and gender inclusive bathrooms are no longer a rumor, she said. Southern is a

university that cares about its students, Higgins said.

“Southern really does just take the steps it needs to support its students the best way it can and it’s not always perfect,” Higgins said.

Prism members want more space and recognition, Higgins said.

Maui Lopez, a member of Prism, said she would love to see safe spaces created. They have the SAGE Center and Prism meetings, she said, but do not necessarily have spaces to go when presented with uncomfortable situations and gender dysphoria.

“There are a lot of us that feel very threatened and very uncomfortable,” Lopez said. “I have many friends that are transgender in the group that have episodic dysphoria of gender and we don’t really have a very inclusive place for us to go.”

Dr. Yi-Chun Tricia Lin, director of the women’s studies department, said four years ago, Southern was aiming to be a campus of inclusion and everyone should be doing intersectional work.

“They probably can look and say okay, now we have the SAGE Center. The SAGE Center takes care of it. Which to me is not the ultimate inclusivity. It’s like okay we have a silo here that can take care of itself. I think it should be all of us,” Lin said.

Lopez said more recognition would bring diversity to their club and allow them to represent themselves in all facets.

“If there’s something very true within the LGBTQ community, it is that we are very loud about who we are,” Lopez said. “We want to say that, it’s just we have to have the comfort to do so and the space to do so.”

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# Students wonder about third party candidates

Kevin Magbaleta, a pre-nursing major, said in an election that has been mostly centered around the republican and democratic candidates, he feels he has to support the lesser of two evils.

By Jeniece Roman

As the presidential election draws near, students still have questions when it comes to the candidates and whom they will vote for.

The Republican and Democratic candidates, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, have dominated media coverage. Little has been said about Libertarian Gary Johnson and Green Party Candidate Jill Stein. This lack of third party knowledge seems to be reflected amongst students at Southern.

“It helps to have not just two options and having different ideals and for more people to look into and support all different ideals,” said Kirsty Moffett, a pre-nursing major. “Also, a lot of people don’t know that there’s more parties besides the two main ones.”

Moffett said she has never heard of either Johnson or Stein, going onto state that there is more of a chance for people to vote either Democrat or Republican. Because of that, there is never a chance for any other party candidate to win.

“Both of the candidates are kind of shady right now,” said Kevin Magbaleta, a pre-nursing major, “but I know that Hillary has an actual background in politics, so she knows what she’s talking about.”

Magbaleta said he is leaning towards Clinton, but has not yet made a final decision. He said does not know anything about Johnson or Stein.

“I don’t really fully support anyone who is running but I feel like she’s one of the lesser evils and I do tend to be more of the democratic side,” said Magbaleta.

Magbaleta said there have discussions on the presidential race in his classes, but most of the conversation centers around the Republican and Democratic candidates. He said if he were to vote for a third party candidate it would be a waste of a vote because they probably will not win the election. Jonathan Rush, a biology major, agreed.

“The third parties pretty much don’t have a chance of winning,” said Rush. “No one else votes for them. It’s almost like it would be a waste to vote for them at this point.”

Rush said he has considered third party options but will most likely vote for either Trump or Clinton because they have been more represented



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in the media. Rush said neither one of the candidates fit his voting requirements and that is why it is so hard to make a decision.

“It kind of comes to like two extremes sometimes,” said Magbaleta. “If there’s only two choices you either got to agree with one person and not the other.”

The “lesser of two evils” is a theme that seems to resonate with young voters through the course of this election. The common impression seems to be that a vote for anyone other than Trump or Clinton is a wasted one.

A Pew Research Center analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data study found that an estimated 69.2

million millennials in 2016 were voting-age U.S. citizens, while 69.7 million were baby boomers. This means that both generations comprise roughly 31 percent of the voting-eligible population.

“When the younger generation actually gets into office, I feel like there’ll be more choices,” said Rush, “that divide will lessen.”

While several Southern students expressed doubt as to the strength of a third party vote, the numbers say otherwise. As the political climate shifts towards an increasingly divided two-party system, the millennial generation could have the power to change it to a more politically moderate landscape: they just do not know it yet.

# Unsung Hero: Jonathan Wharton

By Maya Obei

Jonathan Wharton has been a political science and urban affairs professor at Southern for the last three years. He specializes in state and local government.

After graduating from Howard University in 1996 with a bachelor’s in history, he continued his education at Rutgers University. He finished with his Ph.D. in political science from Howard University in 2008. Wharton, who is a Connecticut native from West Hartford, eventually grew weary of New Jersey after 15 years and found himself back here.

While he has been teaching history and political science over the last 15 years, his expertise does not stop there. In between his studies and teaching at Southern, he has also worked in Congress, state legislation and even did some lobbying for awhile.

Despite it all, his calling led him back to teaching. He seeks to stimulate the minds of young adults so that they become involved in the politics of their town, state and government.

“To be able to see the students engage, discuss and debate, it’s just great,” Wharton said. “Even in my State and Local Government class the other day, they went straight into discussion about Social Contract Theory, the Constitution and the State Constitutions and what it all means and it elicits an entire discussion, which was completely unexpected and terrific: it’s what I live to see.”

Although his love for the classroom and teaching is endless, he sometimes finds himself contemplating what else he would be doing if he was not teaching.

“I think about going back into public policy sometimes,” Wharton said. “I was flirting with the possibility of going back into it about five years ago, maybe do some lobbying again or public research. I want to make an impact, I want to see something resulting from my work.”

Wharton has an extensive knowledge and passion in civil and political work that he wants to use to make a positive impact or to even be able to push other people make an impact as well.



PHOTO | MAYA OBEI

Jonathan Wharton, political science and urban affairs professor, encourages students to engage in politics.

“I really want to find a way to inspire others to do something,” said Wharton, “I want them to be responsive.”

Whether it be in or out of the classroom, Wharton is vibrant with an energy and eagerness that he utilizes to educate and push others to make changes for their communities.

Wharton’s concerns even extend past the civil level and into environmental concerns.

Wharton takes any opportunity he

can to go hiking, sailing, kayaking and biking. He is always watching out for the growing amount of waste that is filling our waters; worrying that the situation needs to be remedied before the damage becomes irreversible.

“It’s amazing when I go out to the Long Island Sound to see how dirty and problematic it can be out there,” he said. “I never quite understand why we overlook our tributaries and our water supplies. I wish people would just stop

littering and start taking care of our environment because in the end it all is going to come back to us in so many different ways.”

Professor Wharton finds fulfillment in many areas of life, like his civil work, teaching and love for nature and the outdoors. He is always ready to share his knowledge and passions with the world in hopes of encouraging change for the better.





PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

The Anime Society has had an on going presence on campus for many years and continues to host meetings and events whic are open to all students.

# The Anime Society encourages all to explore their inner nerd

By Melanie Espinal

The Anime Society has been around longer than most people think, said club president Kerstin Moreau. “I feel like people my age, 21, have grown up around anime,” Moreau said, “like religiously watching Saturday morning cartoons of ‘Yu-Gi-Oh,’ ‘Sailor Moon,’ or ‘Dragon Ball Z.’” These animes came out in the mid-1990s, the years many of the current SCSU undergraduates were born. Then, she said, people grow up and realize there is a lot more out there to learn and watch. Moreau said when she first joined the club she thought it had been relatively new, but while looking through archives she found articles dating back to 2007 -- nine years ago. She also overheard a staff member say they remembered the club being around almost 14 years ago but couldn’t find

anything that went back that far. The club has two meetings weekly, one day dedicated for games and videogames. This can include an “Iron Chef” style competition of costumes made out of cheap on-hand supplies. “It can be weirdly good quality,” she said, “and funny.” The second night is dedicated to watching anime. The most recent anime the club is watching “Genshiken” which came out last summer in Japan. It is about a boy who is a member in an anime club. This is a surreal storyline for the club members, Moreau said, who can see themselves in the character. The club is open to all, as their club page advises, whether a student is a seasoned nerd or newcomer. This is especially challenging for students who are afraid to let their nerd flags fly, said Moreau, because of the stigma in anime-watcher communities. “There are a lot of people who are inter-

ested, but would rather enjoy their nerdy things to themselves,” she said, “and that’s fine too.” Moreau said so in order to encourage retention rates the club has created a system of brownie points. “Every club worries about retention rates,” Moreau said. “The first semester students sign up for everything and then realize clubs are not their thing.” Members, regardless of their graduation date, receive these points when they contribute to the club. This includes bringing game consoles, providing snacks, bringing in supplies, or anything in which all team members can enjoy together. The member with the most points at the end of the month receives a prize. At the end of their contributions newcomers do not only get to participate in the monthly drawings, but at the end of the semester the newcomer with the most points will be entered in for a special contribution prize. While the club is only a month into

meetings, the club’s Fall semester event is just around the corner. This year they are hosting a Maid Cafe event, which will fall on Halloween. The Maid Cafe are events in which serves cosplay, dress in costume, as maids to serve food to patrons. These are modeled after cafe shops in multiple animes which have popped up all over Japan. “We encourage people to come in costumes,” Moreau said, “since some college kids can’t afford going out on Halloween.” The club starts out as a place where people can meet up informally about their interest in Japanese culture and generally nerdiness. “All of us become good friends,” Moreau said. “Usually at the end of the semester the club feels like a bunch of friends hanging out.”

# Meditation Club provides students with a way to unwind and disconnect



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By Adrianna Rochester

Amongst the sea of student organizations that reside at Southern, the Meditation Club is one organization that strives to provide students with the opportunity to practice, discuss and learn about meditation and mindfulness to help make daily life less stressful, Denise Zach said. “Students wanted a place to offer a sense of relief and disconnect from the external world to connect more with their internal self,” Zach, prevention outreach coordinator and advisor of the Meditation Club said. When the club first started a few years ago, Zach said the membership was quite small, but over the years—especially this semester—she has been seeing more students and faculty become members. “I teach workshops on mediation so students can learn how their brain works and how their thoughts can

sometimes get in the way of their success,” Zach said. For example, she said the topics people think about throughout the day have an effect on their overall mental state and health. The more negative thoughts one has, the more stressed out they will become. Zach said the club is an extension of the workshops, but together the two teaches its members the skills needed to manage daily life. “We are never where our feet are,” Zach said. “We’re always on the go and focus less on the now and more on the future when the future hasn’t come yet.” Erica Goldson-Smetanin, Wellness Center intern and president of the Mediation Club said they have meetings every Monday during the community hour and recently added Fridays as an extra day to meet for mediation. “The types of mediation we do varies each week,” Goldson-Smetanin said. The activities consist of silent meditation, outdoor

yoga and meditation, coloring as a way to mediate, Tibetan Buddhist Monk meditation and more, she said. At the end of each sessions, she said, she ends with a “tip of the week” so students and carry their positive vibes with them throughout the rest of their day. “Last week I ended with reminding everyone to live in the now and focus their attention and energy to the things that are in front of them at the moment,” she said. Both Zach and Goldson-Smetanin said the club currently has 20 to 25 active members. However, anyone is welcome to join the club at any moment and they hope to see those numbers rise as the club does more promotion-- both on campus via their Owls Connect and Facebook page—and interaction with the students and faculty on campus.

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# Transfer student takes the stage to demonstrate her passion and talents



Betzabeth Castro is front and center during her performance in “The Mystery of Edwin Drood” at the Bijou theatre in Bridgeport, Conn.

PHOTO COURTESY | BETZABETH CASTRO

By Sarah Holodnak

Betzabeth Castro, a transfer student in her junior year, majoring in theater with a minor in music, was not always adamant about what she wanted to study in school. Castro transferred from Housatonic Community College, where she discovered her passion for the arts. She found inspiration through her professors, who had a desire to do what they loved.

“When I had to choose my major, I couldn’t decide what I wanted to pick because I love everything,” Castro said. “Theatre made sense to me, it has everything I love: drawing, painting, singing, and writing.”

Castro was inspired by her theatre professors at Housatonic Community College, who incorporated theater in their

lives because of their passion for it, not because of the fame or success that could come with it.

“My goal isn’t Broadway, it’s because of my passion and love for what I do. My professors at Housatonic are living their dreams. They teach on the side, but mostly act. They incorporate it in their everyday lives,” said Castro.

Castro is currently in the midst of performing her most challenging role yet in an adaptation of “The Scarlet Letter.” She is playing a seven-year-old named Pearl. Pearl is a complicated character that considers herself an adult.

“My director tells me that I cannot act like a child, but everybody else’s role is to treat me as if I’m a child, which gets very confusing for me,” said Castro. “Because it’s such a challenging role, I find myself

rereading the script over and over again. I’m really trying to connect with Pearl and figure out my take on her personality.”

“It’s one thing to play as a character, it’s another to have to act as a child. This is a role I normally wouldn’t get. It’s a confusing role,” Castro added, “In this business, it’s common to get the same role based off of looks. I wouldn’t have gotten this role at another company, my director saw something in me and gave me a chance.”

Castro’s dream role is to play Nina from “In the Heights.” Castro can relate to her character because of Nina’s backstory. All of Nina’s life, she was the golden child. Once Nina went to college she failed out and disappointed her family. Castro could relate because she often feels like she has a lot of pressure on her to become successful in life.



PHOTO COURTESY | BETZABETH CASTRO

Betzabeth Castro acting in a production in Bridgeport, Conn.

“Nina grew up in New York and is the star child who got good grades and scholarships to go to college, but flunks out her freshman year,” said Castro.

“Nina feels like the biggest disappointment telling her family.”

# Tim Burton’s latest film sets a fast pace that will leave you wanting more



“Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” takes place in a magical mansion.

PHOTO COURTESY | SEAN MACENTEE

By Melanie Espinal

Tim Burton out does himself once again with another box office hit movie. “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children” hit the big screens on Sept. 30, 2016, generating a whopping \$28.5 million on its opening weekend.

This PG-13 movie has a run time of two hours and seven minutes of pure dark humor and gothic action. An adaptation of the 2011 book, written by Ransom Riggs, this film truly will not disappoint. Between the genius of fitting so much detail and action in a short period of time and the flawless cinematography that Burton and his crew created to

bring shape-shifters, tentacle mouthed hollowgasts and flying children to life, this production is sure to capture the hearts of its viewers.

One can experience this movie in 2-D and 3-D, although 3-D is highly recommended as you can truly feel the magic jumping out before your eyes. The film has a rocky time kicking off, given the surplus of information the viewer is being shown, such as flashbacks into Jake Portman’s, portrayed by Asa Butterfield, childhood as an eager child where he listens to his grandfather’s bed time “stories,” and the scenes leading up to his travels to Wales Island. However, as every genius has a plan up

his sleeve, Burton built up the movie with careful precision. As skeletons battle hollowgasts and little boys enter time loops into various time periods, the audience will be scurrying to digest all the action.

Although the story possesses a fast pace, and one may find himself racing to keep up between 1943 and present day, Mr. Burton ensures you will grasp the plot and all its glory as the movie unfolds.

The film juggles grim humor and captivating mystery.

After the death of his grandfather, Abe Portman, portrayed by Terrence Stamp, Jake takes his outlandish war stories of fighting monsters and protecting child orphanage

homes, and sets out on a journey to seek truth.

Tim Burton provides the audience a front row seat through the eyes of Jake, into Miss Peregrine’s, portrayed by Eva Green, timeless, exquisite home where you’ll encounter a family of “Oddballs.” Miss Peregrine and her children, live in harmony through a time loop, where she manipulates time to continuously repeat the same day every 24 hours. These kids never age or see a day past Sept. 3, 1943.

Your imagination will run wild as Burton brings to life villains such as Baron, portrayed by Samuel L. Jackson, who feeds on the eyes of little peculiar.

The viewer’s will meet a girl named Emma, portrayed by Ella Purnell, who flies away like balloons, a grown woman who turns into a bird, and one peculiar named Enoch, portrayed by Finlay MacMillan, who can bring inanimate objects to life.

Burton has an impressive gift of implementing his strange ideas into an immaculate film which borders unsettling creepy and wonderfully interesting. As if that all wasn’t enough, Burton leaves you with enough twists and turns that will catch you completely by surprise. Piece by piece, it all comes together -- a truly complex tale that will leave you surely craving more.





Members of the Crescent Players act on stage during the Sunday production of “The Boy Friend.”

PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

## The Crescent Players debut the musical ‘The Boy Friend’ in Lyman Center

By Melanie Espinal

The Boy Friend’s opening weekend had many students and general admission playgoers filling up sections to come out and support the theater department.

The theater department and the Crescent Players will be presenting the show multiple times through this upcoming Sunday, Oct. 16.

“The Boy Friend,” written by Sandy Wilson, had first hit the theatre scene in 1953. The play, a light-hearted tale, is set during the roaring twenties in the French Riviera.

The play, often coined as a comic pastiche, imitates the culture by being set in a boarding school for “The Perfect Young Ladies,” where the students are not allowed to have boyfriends.

The first scene opens in the school, taught by Madame Dubonnet, played by Taylor Tennenbaum, in a room typical of French interior design in the ‘20s.

The play follows the lovestory of student Polly Browne, played by Brianna Bauch, and the errand boy, Tony Brockhurst, played by Dallas Swaine.

During the musical, the actresses and actors are spewing out fast lines in British and French accents and breaking into song.

They also are keeping up with the fast-beat dances of the ‘20s like the charleston and the show’s own “The Riviera Dance.”

One dance number titled “Safety in Numbers,” is where actress Maire Whelan plays the frivolous Maisie with multiple suitors.

Another self-titled “The Boy Friend,” is a number in which the characters advise boyfriends as utmost necessities.

The dances were directed and choreographed by theater professor Larry Nye, and musically directed by Thomas Buckley.

The dance numbers were surprisingly amazing, said student Maddy Causapin. Causapin, a sophomore pre-nursing major, said she too was a part of theater in high school.

“I’ve never heard about this play though, it’s hilarious,” she said. “I love musicals.”

She said she has attended other SCSU productions before, such as RENT.

“It was really good,” she said, “I cried.” Causapin managed to have her friend, student Kelsey Kyziak, tag along.

“She dragged me here,” she said. “It’s my first play at Southern.”

Kyziak, a junior early childhood education and psychology major, said it is



PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

The Crescent Players showcase their musical skills in this new production.

an experience Southern students should partake in.

Business management senior Giovanni Burq came out to support his frat brother and friend Eric “Church Boy” Clinton, who played Polly Browne’s father Percival.

“I’m not really into musicals,” he said, “and I really liked this one.”

Burq acknowledged that playing in a musical might not be something typical of

students in fraternities.

“His personality is so out there,” he said. “He’s also a talented musician, poet.”

He said if students knew Clinton personally they wouldn’t even question it.

“Everyone should come out and see it,” he said. “As someone who doesn’t like musicals, I’d say this is an exception.”

## Student art of the week: Shelby Simmons



Ceramic artwork created by Shelby Simmons.



PHOTO | SHERLY MONTES

Shelby Simmons, a senior ceramics major.

“I’ve always been interested in clay and I always wanted to try it. I’ve been doing ceramics since my sophomore year in high school.”

Student art of the week is an arts and entertainment project from the Southern News. If you are interested in submitting work in any artistic format please contact editor Sherly Montes through [scsu.southern.news@gmail.com](mailto:scsu.southern.news@gmail.com)





Senior Mitchel White (#20) slids at an attempt to block Merrimack’s fourth goal of the game in the 73rd minute. Merrimack’s Lars Sund fires a shot right past Southern’s goalkeeper, Noah Varonier, for the 4-0 lead.

PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

# Shut down

The men’s soccer team was no where to be found in the 4-0 loss to No. 24 Merrimack, trailing by three goals in the first 19 minutes of play

By Edgar Ayala

It was a cold afternoon for the spectators and for Southern’s men’s soccer team. When the final whistle was blown, rain had started to pour down on Jess Dow Field – putting a much bigger damp on an already detrimental result. Head soccer coach Tom Lang was not pleased with the score or the team’s effort and felt the score-board reflected that. “The first 20 minutes we were flat,” Lang said. “We didn’t compete. We didn’t find a way to get into the game. We made errors and mistakes. And as a result they capitalized, and that’s what good teams do.”

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— Tom Lang  
head soccer coach

No. 24 nationally ranked Merrimack shut down the Owls 4-0 on Saturday, scoring the first three goals in the opening 19 minutes of play. Captain Christian Samaniego said it was not

their best game, and added that Merrimack’s early goal in the eighth minute caused the Warriors to gain momentum and add two more goals to their lead. “We needed to step up in that specific moment in time,” said Samaniego, as he referred to Merrimack scoring the three opening goals in a span of 11 minutes. He added: “We had our heads down when we shouldn’t have. They took advantage of it. They kept building off the goals that they were scoring, and had a lot more energy. For us it was kind of hard to match that energy.” Heading into the game, Southern was coming off a huge 5-0 win against

Saint Anselm last Saturday. And the Owls’ goalkeeper, Noah Varonier, recorded his fourth clean sheet of the season that game. Unfortunately, he was on the receiving end of four goals on Saturday after not conceding one goal against Saint Anselm. However, Varonier was arguably Southern’s best player, as he made six crucial saves against Merrimack that could have made 4-0 score uglier. “We definitely have to move on, but were not going to forget this game,” Varonier said. “We have to use this game as fuel to the fire. We’re pissed off about it, but there’s still a lot of season left to play.” This was Southern’s

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# Football has tough decision to start Catapano or Nittolo



PHOTO | SOUTHERNCTOWLS

Raymond Catapano has performed well at quarterback for the injured starting quarterback.

By Phil Zoppi

Raymond Catapano replaced starting quarterback Robert Nittolo against American International College late in the fourth quarter down 20-14 and did not shy away from that pressure. Instead, Catapano orchestrated a 12-play 65-yard drive that ended with him finding Devante Jenkins over the middle for the game-winning touchdown to beat AIC 21-20. Head football coach Tom Godek and multiple players on the team were impressed and surprised with how calm Catapano was in that tense moment. But Catapano was not surprised at all. “I kind of just tell myself you can never get too high or low,” said Catapano. “You have to just come into the game and just manage the situation at hand and take every play one play at a time.” “I kind of just tell myself you can never get too high or low.” — Raymond Catapano junior football player After the AIC game, Catapano would start again against cross-city rivals University of New Haven for the Elm City Trophy

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# Michael Mallory named preseason All-American for second year in a row



PHOTO | SOUTHERNCTOWLS

The “Sporting News” named Mallory a preseason All-American. He led the team in scoring averaging 23 points per game, and dished out 136 assists as a junior.

By Phil Zoppi

Michael Mallory has had one of the most decorated careers in Southern Connecticut State basketball history, and that continued this past week when he was named a preseason All-American by “The Sporting News.” “It means a lot,” said Mallory. “A lot of hard work got put in and it didn’t go unnoticed, and that’s always special.” Mallory is looking to have a special senior season that he hopes includes two of his biggest goals -- winning the Northeast-10 Conference and getting back to the NCAA Elite Eight.

However, the versatile two-way guard will have to do it without his right hand man from last season, Desmond Williams.

“I’m not trying to take on a bigger role. My role is the same as last year. . .”

— Michael Mallory senior basketball player

“I’m not trying to take on a bigger role,” said Mallory, when referring to playing without Williams. “My role is the same as last year, the only difference is we have a lot of new guys. Austin Carter, other returners, and

I have to make sure we help them get everything so that we can reach our goals.” If the Owls are going to reach their goals this year there’s a good chance Mallory is going to be the reason. Mallory has been one of the most electrifying scorers in program history, as he holds the all-time record for three-point field goals made with 260. It is fair to say that record is not going to be broken anytime soon, as Mallory has a full season to add to his three-point field goal total record. Assistant men’s basketball coach, Michael Papale, has seen first hand what kind of scorer Mallory can be when he finds his groove.

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# Jordan vs. James

By Edgar Ayala

Ever since LeBron James won his third NBA Championship, there have been some comparisons with Michael Jordan on who the better basketball player is. After winning his championship with the Cavaliers, James has been heard on multiple occasions in interviews stating he is chasing “the ghost” of Michael Jordan. How he is chasing Jordan’s greatness. What LeBron is really saying here is that he does not necessarily want to equal the same

amount of rings as Jordan, but he is chasing that same greatness and impact that Jordan had with the Bulls and the NBA. He wants to be recognized as the best player to ever play the game. I do not blame him for that. He certainly has the skill set and IQ as Jordan did, if not better. LeBron is certainly the better overall player in terms of scoring, rebounding, passing and athleticism. But I am here to explain that LeBron will never be Jordan, and will never surpass Jordan’s career. Yes, LeBron has been to seven NBA Finals and six straight finals consecutively,

but he was lost the finals more than he has won it (3–4). While on the other hand, Jordan does not have one blemish on his basketball resume. He has won every single NBA Finals he’s encountered 6–0. There is nothing LeBron can do anymore about his four finals losses. So, he lost being in the same discussion as Jordan when he lost those finals. Jordan did not lose once, nor did he even have to stretch a series out to a game seven. LeBron won two of his three championships in game sevens. There is no denying that LeBron is a great talent, and

a Mount Rushmore player in the history of the NBA. But the most LeBron can come close is being No. 2. He will never equal or surpass Jordan’s career and be No. 1. Even Dwayne Wade, LeBron’s former teammate and best friend in the NBA, said LeBron would never surpass Jordan, saying, “it’s not possible, you can’t pass it.” That being said, I think it’s clear that no one will overtake Jordan’s crown as the best basketball player to ever live.



# Field hockey loses wild 10-4 contest to Merrimack



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The field hockey team lost a high affair scoring game to Merrimack this past Wednesday night. The Owls were down 7-0 at halftime, and Southern would make four quick goals in nine minutes following that.

By Tyler Ferrara

Merrimack College women’s field hockey team came out with their sticks blazing last Wednesday night in Southern’s loss at Jess Dow Field. The Owls gave up a whopping 10 goals in their 10–4 loss to the Warriors. Southern’s head field hockey coach, Kelley Frassinelli, said she had a very simple game plan. “Part of it, is we talked about the redefending and the speed that they have,” said Frassinelli. The Owls got off to a rough start, giving up 22 shots and allowing five goals in the first half alone. Yet, on the other hand, freshman goalkeeper Brianna Craft had a night to remember. She recorded nine saves alone in the first half, and had a career–

high 21 saves by the end of regulation. Since the Merrimack game, Craft is ranked No. 2 in Division II in saves per game with an average of 11.73 per contest. In addition, she has tallied up 129 saves through the first 11 games of the season. Down 5–0, Craft could tell something was going wrong at the end of the first half. “I think after the first half we were just frustrated,” said Craft, the freshman out of Hamden, Conn. “That’s what ignited the fire under us.” At the start the second period, Merrimack’s leading scorer Rylie Hammond, added two more goals to the deficit making the score 7–0. And about 15 minutes into the second half the tides started to turn. Sophomores Kya O’Donnell, Jana Migliaro, Natasha Prukalski

and Emily Stross lit a fire under their sticks, as the quadruplet team netted four goals in a span of nine minutes. Edging Southern closer to their tying Merrimack at 7–4. O’Donnell, who led the Owls with two goals on only three shots on the night, came out stronger in the second half. She said it all started at halftime. “She (Frassinelli) told us that we know that we can score goals,” said O’Donnell, a sophomore from Cheshire. “The minute we push ourselves and start the fire under us that’s when the intensity starts.” After 11 games, O’Donnell is tied with senior Zoe Fanolis for most goals scored for Southern thus far. However, Wednesday was not a quiet night for Fanolis, she contributed by setting up goals for Southern with three assists

on the night – two of them to O’Donnell and the other to Prukalski. Coach Frassinelli noted Fanolis was one of the Owls that kept the team composed. “We have two to three players who worked hard throughout the whole game,” Frassinelli said. “They’re kind of the voice on that field and they’re directing. Vienna Pallisco, Zoe Fanolis and Alicia Morgan work really hard.” With the season more than halfway done, Frassinelli is looking for her seniors to give direction to the underclassman in hopes that the sophomore–populated roster will take on more of a leadership role. Coach Frassinelli is in her 22nd season as head coach of the Owls’ field hockey team. However, this is not the only sport that Frassinelli has served for, she served as the inaugural

head coach of Southern’s lacrosse team, and continued to coach them for 12 seasons. According to Frassinelli, one of the biggest questions has been how the team can improve their offense and score goals. “We haven’t been scoring goals,” said Frassinelli. “And that’s our biggest thing.” The Owls have given up a total of 55 goals and have only scored a total of 13 goals. Six of those goals coming off the sticks of seniors: Fanolis, McGinnis and Pallisco. The Owls are now 3–9 after their 2–1 win over Franklin Pierce on Saturday. This Friday, Frassinelli and the rest of the team will be home for a matchup against Stonehill College at 6 p.m. The Owls will then go on the road to face Mercy and Saint Anselm the following week.



PHOTO | TYLER FERRARA

The field hockey team stands at a 3-9 record after defeating Franklin Pierce 2-1 on Saturday.

# Catapano

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on Oct. 1. Starting over the injured Nittolo, Catapano would again deliver another solid showing in a losing effort to UNH, 38–20. In that game, Catapano threw for a career–high 264 yards, along with a career–high 22 completions, on a career–high 46 attempts. Additionally, he also rushed six times for 40 yards. He rushed for a touchdown and threw two touchdown passes in the UNH game. Not only that, but Catapano’s 46 passing attempts against UNH were the fourth–highest single–game total in program history. Going forward, Catapano said he is not sure if he will continue to start or not as Nittolo continues to nurse a pinky injury. Cornerback Justin Potts supported Catapano getting more playing time after his comeback drive in the AIC game. “I’m a Catapano fan,” said Potts. “I keep telling everyone to put Ray in. He makes plays and is a baller.” However, Catapano’s steam would not wear off, as

he would get another go at quarterback this past Saturday in the Owls’ 35–16 win. Against Pace, he completed 13–of–21 passes for 164 yards and threw a 17–yard touchdown pass to Jenkins. He also rushed 16 times for 59 yards and would rush for a 3–yard touchdown run. Only this time he would share the quarterback role with Nittolo, as he made his return after missing the last two games. Even though Catapano has been playing well in place of Nittolo, he said there is no rift between himself and Nittolo. “We’re cool,” said Catapano. “We’re both competitors, we both love to compete, and we both love to play the game. We’re just going to keep pushing each other to get better.” It will be tough not to use Catapano in certain situations this year at quarterback, as he has demonstrated he is well suited for the role. After Catapano threw the game–winning touchdown to Jenkins against AIC, the tandem would follow in a career night against UNH, and would deliver once more



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Junior Raymond Catapano had a career day in the game against UNH. He threw for 164 yards and a touchdwn, while rushing for another in the Owls’ 35-16 win over Pace.

in a winning effort against Pace. His wide receiver, Jenkins, had nothing but positive things to say about the way Catapano has been playing. “He’s the ultimate leader and an ultimate team player,” said Jenkins. “I got high regards for him. He’s just a great guy, his personality shows on the field.” Quarterback or not, Catapano has said he just wants to contribute to the team in any way possible going forward. Yet, coming into the season Godek told Catapano

he could be playing multiple positions this year, and he has embraced that. “Coach told me at the end of last year that I might be playing receiver this year and I had to learn a completely new position,” Catapano said. “Then coming into the season they told me I might play some quarterback as well so I’m really just doing whatever the coach needs me to do.” Catapano will look to start another game as Southern’s quarterback when the Owls take on LIU Post this Saturday.



# Red October is underway

By Phil Zoppi

The Major League Baseball playoffs are upon us, so it is time to make your World Series predictions.

I have the Texas Rangers getting back to the World Series for the first time since 2010, and finally taking home their first championship as a franchise.

I believe this for a variety of reasons, but the main reason is the front line pitchers that the Rangers are throwing out there

in games one and two of every series. You will not find a better duo of pitchers in the American League than Yu Darvish and Cole Hamels.

Darvish's last start before the playoffs was arguably his best game of the season as he struck out 12 Tampa Bay Rays in six innings while allowing just one earned run.

Hamels has not had the recent success that Darvish is having, but he put up monster numbers this year and is as reliable as they come in the playoffs.

The veteran left-hander posted one of his highest strikeout totals in his entire career as he racked up 200 of them. On top of that, Hamels pitched to a 3.32 ERA, which was good for eighth-best in the AL.

The pitching is stellar, but the Rangers also have some serious bats in the middle of their lineup. The offseason acquisition of Ian Desmond proved to be big, as he hit for a .285 average and clubbed 22 home runs while batting in the meat of the Texas order.

Desmond is not even the best hitter in this lineup though.

Adrian Beltre has now been in the MLB for 18 seasons and he is still hitting like he is in his prime. Beltre secured his fifth season with 100 or more RBI's in a year at the age of 37. People continue to doubt Beltre and he continues to prove them wrong.

This team has the perfect blend of youth and veteran leadership that will ultimately propel them to their first ever World Series title.



## Men's Soccer

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fourth loss of the season, but still have a winning record as they sit at a 5-4-1 record overall and 3-3-1 in the conference. Additionally, Merrimack also gave the Owls their first home loss of the season.

The Warriors' first goal was off a corner kick. Mattia Lanzi found Jaime Cortes Torres inside the box, and he connected with his right foot on his first touch of the ball.

Then in the 17th minute, Merrimack would score off another set piece play from a free kick. Lars Sund crossed the ball from the free kick; Varonier would block it, but would land in at the feet of Josue Ruiz Maya for an easy goal from point blank range.

Two minutes later, Merrimack scored once more in the 19th minute off an error on defense. Southern's Alex Soriano would lose the ball in the final third of the pitch, and Merrimack capitalized on that. Sund recovered the ball, dribbled past a defender and blasted a shot into the bottom left post.

In the second half, Sund would double his scoring total in the 73rd minute. Dribbling down the right sideline, Sund cut in and fired



PHOTO | EDGAR AYALA

Captain Christian Samaniego dribbles th ball down the fied in the Owls' 4-0 loss on Saturday.



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Senior Alain Laurent (#9) attempts to block off a pass from Merrimack this past Saturday at Jess Dow Field.

a right-footed shot that went right past the goalkeeper's post.

"We had the capacity to be a good team, but we were not a good team today," said

Lang.

On top of the loss, Southern's Conner Bradley would dislocate his left shoulder right before the first half ended. He was battling for

possession of the ball in the air with a Merrimack player, then on the flight back down he tweaked the shoulder. He was substituted off the game and sent to the

hospital immediately after the incident.

Next up for the Owls is a home contest against Saint Rose on Oct. 15 at Jess Dow Field.

## Mallory

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Mallory and the Owls will look to win the NE-10 Conference and reach the NCAA Finals.

"He just has an unbelievable knack for scoring," said Papale. "He can score the basketball in so many different ways. Obviously he can shoot, but he knows how to finish his athletic ability to finish around the rim as well. He can score the ball unlike a lot of guys that I've seen. That's what stands out most to me."

Although Papale was not the assistant men's basketball coach at Southern until Mallory entered his junior season, he has helped develop him as a basketball player.

And on the other side, Mallory gives Papale a lot of credit for some of the success that he's found at Southern.

"Coach Papale is a confidence instiller, meaning even if my shot isn't falling or passes aren't getting through, he always pulls me to the side and says keep shooting, that's going to fall. Or he'll show me a different look from his angle," said Mallory.

Last season Mallory was playing with a ton of confidence as he was a First-Team Northeast-10 Conference Selection, and led the team in scoring with 23 points per game.

Mallory is not just a scorer though. Papale has been impressed with how much Mallory has developed as a defender and turned himself into a two-way player instead of being one-dimensional.

"I think he's an unbelievable athlete and he's so long and athletic that he gets a lot of blocks," said Papale. "Something that we work on with him is on the ball defense. When he wants to be locked in on somebody he can. He can be a really good defender. That's definitely a part of his game that has come a long way."

Mallory will look to use that combination of offense and defense his senior year to help cement himself as one the best basketball players to ever come through Southern's ranks.

# Nicole Hauser back in action after missing 2015 season to injury



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Nicole Hauser.



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Hauser has the second-most kills on the team with 101. She has tallied up 60 digs and 109.5 points for the Owls.

By Matt Gad

It has truly been a comeback season for Southern women's volleyball star, Nicole Hauser. She was sidelined all of last year with a back injury, but now she is ready to roll.

"It is really fun getting back into the flow of the team," Hauser said. "We have a lot of new players and there's a new dynamic. We're having a great season so far. The competition has really been great and everything is off on a good note."

Hauser, who is co-captains with teammate Faith Ford, is a junior marketing major at Southern. In preseason training, before sophomore year, she said she suffered a back injury that ruled her out for the entire 2015 campaign.

Hauser said the challenge of getting back into the flow of the team did not end up being so difficult.

"I was prepared to get back into the swing of things. It wasn't too bad," said Hauser, the junior out of Stevens Point, Wis.

Southern's head volleyball coach, Lisa Barbaro, described some of the qualities that she sees in her captain.

"She is a great teammate and leader," said Barbaro. "She is well liked and well respected by her teammates because she is very entertaining and helpful."

One of Hauser's teammates, Leanna Jadus, a sophomore business major, said Hauser is a great captain and someone that is fun to hang out with.

"We get along well on and off the court. She brings good energy on the court and her relationship with the rest of the team and coaching staff is also strong," Jadus said.

Not only that, but Barbaro described Hauser as a great role model.

"She is not extremely vocal on the court, but is a leader by example," said Barbaro. "Her attitude, work ethic and skill reflect highly on her leadership. She is also helpful with the rest of the team."

According to Jadus, team chemistry is an important factor within the team. Despite Hauser not being able to play in any games last year, Jadus still developed a relationship with her during the team's preseason workouts.

Barbaro said Hauser was able to rejoin the team in last year's spring season after a long treatment and rehab period.

"Nicki and her family are multiple sport athletes and have been very successful. I believe this benefited her in her ability to compete through tough matches," Barbaro said.

Hauser echoed Jadus about the chemistry within the team.

"Our teammates, our coaches, everyone involved gets on well. The relationships are strong and everyone works well together," Hauser said.

The lady Owls currently sit a 13-7 overall record. They are 3-1 in conference play, 5-1 at home and 5-3 on the road and 3-3 in neutral sites.

The Owls have been red hot lately, as they are riding on a six game winning streak thus far, having won nine of their past 11 games. Their only home loss was to LIU Post on Sept. 25, dropping 3-2 on sets.

Hauser and the rest of the Owls will have a chance to continue their win streak this Saturday in an away contest to Bentley University.

With more than half way through the season, Hauser looks to seek revenge from her injury and help the Owls reach the Northeast-10 Tournament, which will be hosted by Southern this year in New Haven.

The NE-10 Tournament is scheduled for Nov. 15 through Nov. 19.



**Senior Christian Samaniego (#10) dribbles the ball around a merrimack defender.**



**Freshman Zak Wright (#23) shows his emotions on the field after the Owls' 4-0 loss to Merrimack.**



**Junior Tom Gardiner (#24) chases down a Merrimack player down the right sideline.**



**Freshman James Foster (#11) steals possession of the ball Saturday at Jess Dow Field.**

|                   | CONFERENCE |        |       | OVERALL |        |       |
|-------------------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|
|                   | GP         | RECORD | WIN % | GP      | RECORD | WIN % |
| SAINT ANSELM      | 5          | 5-0    | 1.000 | 15      | 14-1   | 0.933 |
| NEW HAVEN         | 3          | 3-0    | 1.000 | 12      | 7-5    | 0.583 |
| BENTLEY           | 3          | 3-0    | 1.000 | 16      | 5-11   | 0.313 |
| LE MOYNE          | 5          | 4-1    | 0.800 | 17      | 13-4   | 0.765 |
| SO. CONNECTICUT   | 4          | 3-1    | 0.750 | 20      | 13-7   | 0.650 |
| AMERICAN INT'L    | 4          | 2-2    | 0.500 | 19      | 15-4   | 0.789 |
| STONEHILL         | 4          | 2-2    | 0.500 | 15      | 7-8    | 0.467 |
| PACE              | 3          | 1-2    | 0.333 | 17      | 13-4   | 0.765 |
| SAINT ROSE        | 3          | 1-2    | 0.333 | 14      | 6-8    | 0.429 |
| FRANKLIN PIERCE   | 3          | 1-2    | 0.333 | 14      | 5-9    | 0.357 |
| ADELPHI           | 4          | 1-3    | 0.250 | 17      | 9-8    | 0.529 |
| SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE | 4          | 1-3    | 0.250 | 16      | 3-13   | 0.188 |
| MERRIMACK         | 4          | 1-3    | 0.250 | 18      | 2-16   | 0.111 |
| ASSUMPTION        | 6          | 1-5    | 0.167 | 13      | 2-11   | 0.154 |
| SAINT MICHAEL'S   | 3          | 0-3    | 0.000 | 7       | 2-5    | 0.286 |

**Tuesday – WSOC vs Stonehill College 7 p.m. / VB vs Adelphi University 7 p.m.**



A new racial category may be added to the U.S. census

By Adrianna Rochester

The White House proposed adding a new racial category for people from the Middle East and North Africa. Such a change would be considered the biggest realignment of federal racial definitions in decades. If this proposal is passed this new designation would appear in the 2020 census forms.

More and more individuals with their roots in the Middle East found themselves caught between white, black or Asian classifications that do not properly reflect their identities.

Under current laws, people from the Middle East are considered white. The proposal would include anyone from a region of the world stretching from Morocco to Iran, including Syrians, Israeli Jews, Coptic Christians and other religious minorities.

According to the White House, this change is also expected to cause a domino effect for racial implications, anti-discrimination and health research. For example, it could be used for political and policy purposes, such as enforcing

the Voting Rights Act, establishing federal affirmative action plans and evaluation claims of discrimination in employment in the private sector and more.

Racial classifications have been unchanged since 1997 and many think it is time that changes. Adding a new category will allow individuals to accurately identify themselves and will provide more accurate data when using the census to determine access to employment services, health, education and representative services that are all based on the census.

About 3.6 million Arab-Americans live in the U.S., but that does not include other ethnic groups that could put the total Middle Eastern and Northern African population above 10 million, according to the White House. In the 2010 census, many Middle Eastern citizens skipped the question regarding racial identification, which is an action many have taken as a form of silent protest.

In light of the recent presidential campaign many people, such as Muslim Americans are worried

about how this data will be used—especially due to proposals by Republican candidate Donald Trump for increased surveillance and “moratorium on Muslim immigrants.” Individuals who are against the census worry that this change will aid the government’s ability to know where these communities are in very specific ways.

However, proposing a change such as this one is a stride forward because in past censuses many citizens did not have the option to accurately represent themselves on the document, so a change like this is a proposal for proper expression of Middle Eastern identity.

The idea for the change, however, just happened to come during a time of anxiety as the nation waits to see who America’s next leader will be. Comments for the proposal are due in 30 days, which will make it possible for the Obama Administration to enact the change in the last three months of his presidency.

Have an opinion about the 2016 presidential election?

Share it with the Southern News!

Pick a candidate, then write a short letter stating why that is your choice and it may be featured in the November 2 issue.

Submissions must be sent to SCSU.Southern.News@gmail.com before October 28.

Please include your name, best form of contact, and your student ID number.

Letters must not include any profanities or obscenities and must be 50 to 75 words in length.

Please contact the Southern News with any questions.

Student’s take on police brutality

By Adrianna Rochester

Multiple events where an individual have lost their life at the hands of police officers have been an ongoing problem that continues to add more names to obituaries and pictures on memorial t-shirts, while the police, who are responsible for taking someone’s life in the first place, receive no indictments or convictions.

There is no standard of what is an acceptable or unacceptable use of force in police slayings. It comes down to the officer’s judgement. Sadly, most of the time that judgment call leads to the death of the person the police are pursuing. Many would agree that the time has come for a hard and fast standard on when it is appropriate for cops to kill.

Current issues of police brutality in the U.S. mimic events that occurred in the 1992 Rodney King beating case, in which four LAPD police officers violently and brutally beat King. During the trial, the defense painted King as the aggressor and claimed that level of force was justified. This is a pattern that has not



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changed in many cases of police brutality since 1992.

When justifying their actions, the first line of defense is that the officer felt their life or the lives of others were in danger while confronting the civilian. Police officers then use deadly force for self defense.

While this may be true in some cases, it is not true in most cases. During the rare times these officers are brought to trial, the judges and juries almost always believe that the level of force that was used was necessary to save their own life and dismiss the charges.

Although the court system is supposed to be the means for justice, the courts have not

been much help and many people have lost faith in the system.

It is no secret that a police officer cannot simply kill a suspect because he or she are fleeing.

A 1985 Supreme Court ruling stated that there has to be a proven immediate threat to the officer or others for deadly force to be justified.

However, it is still a judgement call by the officer over whether or not the flight will result in more crimes or not. Unfortunately, like many laws and court rulings, it is left for interpretation, which does not make the matter any easier

because the officer can easily make the case that the suspect had committed a crime or crimes, which automatically makes them a threat or risk to the officer and others.

The recent police killings that have ignited massive protests are examples of how judgement calls that have been made have nothing to do with the actual imminent threat standard or test for the use of deadly force.

Claims of a fleeing suspect or the presence of a weapon were made or they feared for their life are always made by the officers. Whether there was true imminent threat mattered

little, it was the officer’s word that counted the most and since their life was taken, the suspect’s right to a fair trial was taken from them.

These instances of police brutality have ignited great levels of anger and frustration in American citizens, especially those in the black community.

It is clear now more than ever that the fight for civil rights never ended, but the responsibility to seek social justice was merely passed on to a new generation. The generation that now carries that torch has to be the ones to demand an end to police brutality.

The Southern News Presents:

🎃Halloween Writing Contest🎃

Submit your most chilling, spine tingling Halloween horror stories to the Southern News and two winners will be featured in the October 26 issue.

Stories must be 500 to 650 words.

Must not include profanities or obscenities.

Must be submitted to SCSU.Southern.News@gmail.com before October 19.

Subject line: Halloween Writing Contest

Please be sure to include your name, year, major, and best form of contact.

Good luck and happy haunting, Owls.



# Boyfriend Debut



Matt Iannantuoni performing Sunday Oct. 9.



"Boyfriend" cast singing and dancing.



Sarah Bugryn (left) and Dallas Swain (right) performing Sunday Oct. 9.

**By Palmer Piana**

The theatre department debuted their first play of the year, "Boyfriend" on Friday night Oct. 7. The musical is free to SCSU students and 10 dollars to the general public. The night was filled with comedy, song, dance and exciting performances across the board. The show was performed three times this past weekend and will be available for viewing again Oct. 13, 14 and 15 at 8:00 p.m. and Oct. 15 and 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lyman center.



Cast of "Boyfriend" performing a stunt during play.



Kiernan Norman performing Sunday Oct. 9.