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Criminal Justice Student Awarded National Recognition

BY EVERETT BISHOP
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Getting a paper published in a national magazine is no easy feat. With competition from fifty other states, having your work acknowledged on such a large scale isn't something every college student can say they have achieved. But for one student, it was.

Alyssa Stolecki, a junior criminal justice major with a concentration in investigative services and a minor in global studies – international relations, had a piece published in the American Criminal Justice Association's 2018 National Journal. The piece, "The War on Drugs and a Nation of Incarceration," examines the War on Drugs from its start in the 1970s

to its effects on the nation today, complete with statistical data and interviews.

"I wrote this paper during the fall 2017 semester in my race, class & gender issues in criminal justice course," said Stolecki. "This was a special topics course taught by Tracy Tamborra – one of the most incredible professors I've ever had the pleasure from learning from."

Stolecki, as a part of the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA), decided to take a chance prior to the ACJA national conference and submitted her paper. Stolecki said that she didn't even realize that her work could potentially be published.

"At the 2018 national conference in Ohio, the winners of the national student paper competition were announced. When the title of my paper was announced

as the first place winner, I was shocked" said Stolecki. "As if the trophy and the scholarship weren't enough of a prize, it turned out that I would also be published in the national organization's professional journal."

In the student paper competition, a total of 37 submissions were received by the ACJA. Out of those 37, nine winners were selected. These winners were then separated into groups of three and put into a lower division, upper division, and graduate division. Stolecki's paper took home first place in the lower division. Stolecki also took the lead in the lower division's national scholarship competition, taking home \$400 to help support her education.

But as far as getting published, Stolecki believes that this success has been invaluable.

"I believe that having my work published will help me in

getting where I want to be," said Stolecki. "For me, being published means that I have found my place in the criminal justice field and that I'm beginning to

establish myself. It means that I am capable of communicating and thinking critically, two skills that are absolutely essential in this field of work."



Stolecki poses with her awards. Photos Courtesy of Alyssa Stolecki

Government Reopens on Shaky Ground

BY KARINA KRUL
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On Friday Jan. 25, President Donald Trump reached an agreement to reopen the government for three weeks, while negotiations over the border wall continue. This temporary agreement ended the longest government shutdown in history, coming in at 35 days, and allowed the House and Senate to pass a temporary spending bill, with no money provided for the wall.

The bill restored normal gov-

ernment operations and allowed payment to come through for the 800,000 federal workers who were either not working, or working without pay. However, this bill only sustains government operations until Feb. 15, at which point Trump will be able to declare a national emergency or shutdown the government again in an attempt to secure money for his border wall.

"We really have no choice but to build a powerful wall or steel barrier," said Trump. "If we don't get a fair deal from Congress, the government will either shut down on Feb. 15, or I will use the powers afforded to me under the laws and Consti-

tution of the United States to address this emergency."

With the threat of another shutdown, this temporary reprieve may not reassure federal workers or the millions of Americans that rely on government services, such as food stamps or housing aid. According to the New York Times, many federal workers missed mortgage payments, fell into credit card debt, and plummeted their credit scores, consequences that will not fade away with the government up and running. Additionally, many national parks have been destroyed beyond repair while park rangers could not work.

The shutdown continues to impact college students in a unique way. According to a USA Today article, many students were unable to complete their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) while the government was shutdown, because they needed information from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Select federal aid was also delayed because of the shutdown, and many universities responded by delaying tuition deadlines for their students.

Although the government has been re-opened, the uncertainty surrounding the length it will remain open is keeping FAFSA

applications and federal aid at a standstill. According to Edvisors, a platform that compares student loans, often times students who submit their FAFSA earlier receive more money than those who submit it later. The shutdown could continue to delay FAFSA applications, with the IRS currently only operating for the next three weeks.



A\$AP Rocky Brings Injured Generation Tour to CT

BY ANNA DOWNS
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A\$AP Rocky brings a new side of himself out at the Mohegan Sun stage through his solo Injured Generation Tour. Rocky performed a set list of music from all eras of his discography on the Jan. 18 show.

He opened the show with the song “A\$AP Forever,” a single off his latest album “TESTING.” Rocky hit the stage with an industrial-type mask, paired with the hazard logo aesthetic, which has become a symbol of himself, this album, and tour.

After a few songs, he removed the mask and asked the crowd if anyone had a babushka he could borrow. A babushka is a head wrap mostly worn by women, but Rocky started the trend for himself when he used the wrap to cover a cut on his face. It

has become his signature look. With bandannas and babushkas held high, Rocky grabbed one from the crowd and put it on his head. Once it was tied up, he announced he was going to play an unreleased song titled “Babushka.” The song created a rave-type atmosphere with a lot of bass and tones.

The stage design for the tour involved three suspended German cars, as well as pyrotechnics and confetti. The unique stage dynamic kept the crowd at bay for what to expect next. The whole theme of the show was embarking on an experience.

Commands were made throughout the show. For example, Rocky’s dancers opened the show holding up signs telling the audience to frown. Throughout the performance, the audience would sometimes hear an ominous electronic voice reciting demands. One of the demands called for Rocky to stop what he was doing and do

ten pushups, Rocky complied, and the crowd was impressed.

Rocky wanted to create a high energy environment to close the show with some of his most well-known songs. The screens on the stage lit up the words “MOSH PIT” and he began to chant the words out. People who were in seats began to feel left out and tried to dash past security into the general admission area of the arena. Rocky noticed people were being escorted out for doing so and called out to security asking for no one else to be kicked out of the show.

With that being said, section by section patrons began rushing down the aisles in swarms to the arena floor as “Wild For the Night” began to play. A huge crowd formed a mosh pit, resulting in major chaos for the security staff.

Rocky ended the show with the song “Long Live A\$AP,” let it be known that Rocky can command a crowd.

Songs Turning Ten

BY NICOLE MANALL
STAFF WRITER

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It’s the new year! Time to take a look back at all of the songs we jammed to in middle school and think, “Wow, I’m really that old.”

I Gotta Feeling - The Black Eyed Peas

This song soon became one of the biggest of 2009 and is still played today.

Fireflies - Owl City

“Fireflies” was one of the songs that stood out from others, thanks to its unique arrangement.

The Climb - Miley Cyrus

This song is still heard today on countless teary-eyed graduation.

One Time - Justin Bieber

This is the song that started the infamous “Bieber Fever”.

Knock You Down - Keri Hilson feat. Kanye West & Ne-Yo

Who knew that Ne-Yo, Hilson, and West would be the collaboration we all needed.

Tik Tok - Kesha

The party girl with a former dollar sign in her name burst into our lives with this instant hit.

Bad Romance - Lady Gaga

A two-time Grammy award winner, “Bad Romance” can be played for decades to come.

Day ‘N’ Nite - Kid Cudi

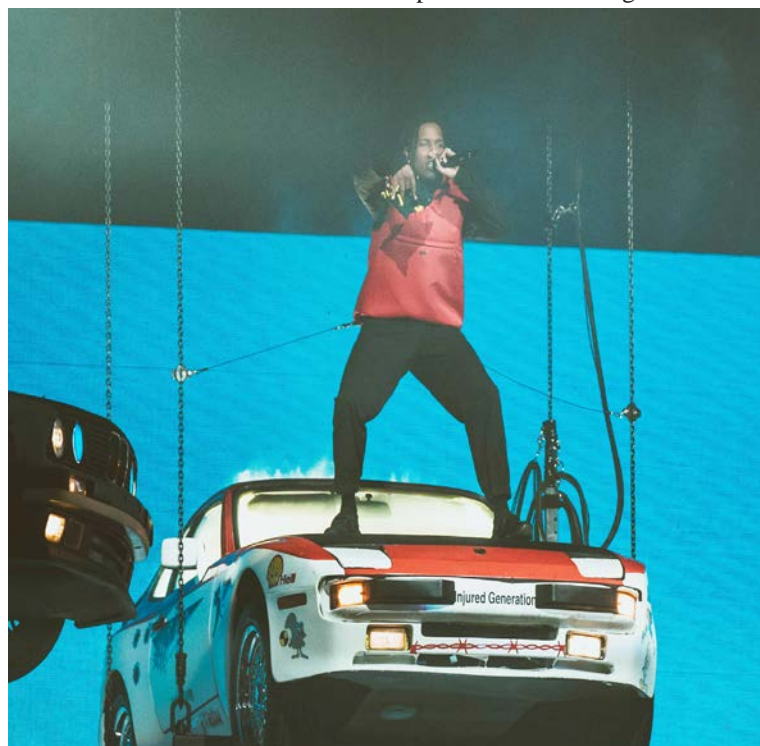
Cudi’s first single, which gained him a lot of commercial success.

Evacuate the Dancefloor - Cascada

“Evacuate the Dancefloor” song was the anthem at all the middle school dances. If it’s ever played on the radio today, the nostalgia really hits home.

My Life Would Suck Without You - Kelly Clarkson

This song was quite a departure from Clarkson’s style that had teenagers belting out in the safety of their rooms.



Above: Rocky sang the first songs in a mask. Left: Rocky performed from suspended cars.

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Patriots to Face Rams in Super Bowl LIII

BY KENNY SORRENTINO
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Super Bowl LIII is set. The New England Patriots (11-5) will face off against the Los Angeles Rams (13-3) inside Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

For the Patriots, coming back to the Superbowl for the third year in a row felt unexpected. Many fans were disappointed by 11 regular season wins, and national media personalities believed the New England dynasty had ended. Well, they're still here. After going 3-5 on the road in the regular season, the Patriots hosted the Chargers in the Divisional playoff round and blasted them, 41-28. The score at the half was 35-7, Los Angeles was held to 19 rushing yards, and Tom Brady threw for more yards than the Chargers had in the entire game. The

following week, New England traveled to Kansas City to take on the Chiefs.

In what many consider the game of the season at this point, the Patriots dominated statistics. With 36 first downs, 176 rushing yards, 348 passing yards, and time of possession nearly 45 minutes, New England won in overtime 37-31. The issue is right there – the game went to overtime. Kansas City was able to show off their explosive offense and push Brady's bunch to the edge of elimination. The victory gave the Patriots momentum, and helped add to their playoff underdog mentality.

The Rams are back in the Super Bowl for the first time since Super Bowl XXXVI, 17 years ago. Led by Head Coach Sean McVay and quarterback Jared Goff, Los Angeles comes into the game with some momentum themselves. After beating the Dallas Cowboys 30-22, L.A. went into the Superdome in

New Orleans and stole the NFC Championship game from the Saints.

With less than two minutes in the game, quarterback Drew Brees threw the ball into the turf on first down. Running back Alvin Kamara rushed for no gain on second down, and an incomplete pass on third down, controversially not called a pass interference or a helmet-to-helmet hit. The Saints settled for a field goal and a 23-20 lead, which disappeared after a Rams field goal tied the game. In overtime, Brees was intercepted, leading to an L.A. field goal and victory.

In comparing the quarterbacks, Brady had 65.79 percent of his passes completed for 4,355 yards and 29 touchdowns. In the same categories, Goff had 64.88 percent for 4,688 yards and 32 touchdowns. An advanced statistic, adjusted yards per passing attempt, has Brady at 7.8 this season to Goff's 8.5.

Jared Goff has been a better quarterback this season.

Along with having the superior quarterback, the Rams best the Patriots in many other team rankings. The Rams scored 527 points (2nd best) this season to New England's 436 (4th), but the Patriots have allowed only 325 points (7th) while Los Angeles has allowed 384 (20th).

The Rams are better at both passing and rushing, averaging 281 and 139 yards per game, respectfully, combining to be

professional football's second best offense. The best is Kansas City's, an offense that was embarrassed for an entire half of a championship game before showing signs of life by this New England team. The Patriots defense, seventh in the NFL overall, has pushed high-functioning offenses to their limits.

Third in the league in forcing interceptions and second in rushing touchdowns allowed, the Patriots are a formidable opponent to the Rams.



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Opinion: Female Athletes Deserve Better

BY ETHAN CARDONA
STAFF WRITER

The differences between male and female athletics are both clear and obvious, and the women are at a major disadvantage. Whether its salary, pace of play, or the media attention the two get, the men's side always dominates. But the underlying issue is the one that has plagued women for years: sexism.

As weird as it may seem for a man to describe the sexism



women face in sports, the issue is apparent, and has been since the dawn of professional sports.

Looking back to the civil rights movement, athletes like

Graphic Illustration Courtesy of Creative Commons Jackie Robinson and Earl Lloyd paved the way for African Americans in athletics. It was a hard-fought battle and one

that has not entirely been won, but equality in the women's game has been much harder to achieve.

It is one thing to incorporate African American men into pre-existing leagues. But it is an entirely different journey for women to create, as the 1992 film suggests, "A League of Their Own."

We have seen women's sports grow, particularly in American soccer. The United States Women's National Team has been an inspiration to young girls with aspirations of living out their

dreams of being professional athletes. It is inspiring, especially considering the growth of the men's game in the United States, but even then, the men far overpower the women.

Major League Soccer (MLS), the highest level of professional men's soccer in the U.S., is seen on numerous stations across the country, many on the same networks as the NBA and MLB. Games are also regularly featured on ESPN and Fox Sports.

The National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), is almost

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SPORTS

Men's Basketball Continues Five-Game Winning Streak

BY CHRIS DIGERONIMO
SPORTS EDITOR

The Chargers are in the midst of a five-game winning streak after defeating Stonehill on Saturday 98-87 in overtime. This is their second five game winning streak of the season, and their third streak where they have won three or more consecutive games.

The Chargers currently sit in first place in the Southwest Division and don't have any plans of relinquishing the top spot. New Haven has had a lot of success this season, and it's attributed to their strong play on both the offensive and defensive ends.

Junior guard Elijah Bailey has been leading the charge this season as the team's leading scorer, dropping 28 points in the victory over Stonehill. Over the team's five-game winning streak, Bailey is averaging 24 points per game, five points up from his season average of 19.4, which ranks him eighth in the NE-10 Conference. The scoring has not stopped after it touches Bailey's hands, as the hot hand seems to be contagious on the bench. Sophomore Derrick Rowland contributed 17 points and has been a big factor over the last five games, averaging 14 points per game, three points up from his season average of 11.

Head coach Ted Hotaling's three-guard starting five has also included freshman Quashawn

Lane, who has been the floor general and a spark of instant offense since returning from an injury that occurred earlier in the season. The Chargers are currently 9-3 since his return.

Lane contributed 14 points and came up with three key steals in the win on Saturday. The offense has also benefited from the likes of juniors Roy Kane Jr. and classmate Kelsey Felizor. Kane and Felizor have not only been dominant over the winning streak, but they have played pivotal roles throughout the season. Over the last five games, Felizor is averaging a double-double with 13 points per game to go along with 10 rebounds. Felizor has been an efficient scorer this season as he is shooting 60.8 percent from the field which ranks him fourth in the NE-10 Conference.

Kane, on the other hand, has been putting up the same production as he is averaging 13 points and five rebounds during the same stretch. The most dangerous part about this Charger's offense is that every member of the starting five has the ability

to shoot both the mid-range and the three-point shot, which has created matchup nightmares for opponents this season. When the Chargers are clicking on all cylinders, they have shown to be very hard to stop. Against Stonehill the Chargers shot 50.7 percent from the floor and hit four huge three pointers to help send the game to overtime.

The Charger's offense has been highly efficient, but the defense has been taken to a new level. This season, the Charger's defense is giving up 63.8 points per game and allowing opponents to shoot only 40 percent from the field and a measly 30.3 percent from the three-point line. All of these statistics rank first in the NE-10 Conference and have helped the Chargers become one of the top-ranked defenses in the conference.

New Haven will put its five-game winning streak on the line when they travel to Franklin Pierce on Jan. 30. The Chargers will return home to Charger Gymnasium on Jan. 2 to face Southern New Hampshire.



Female Athletes

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never covered across major networks and often is only featured on Lifetime TV, a channel not known for sports at all, outside of the league.

The issue is prominent at the professional level, and it gets worse and worse as you go down the totem pole.

College athletics see a major difference in the turnout for men's vs women's games. Looking at basketball at Charger Gymnasium, the bleachers are more packed for Saturday 3:30 p.m. tipoff for the men, than the 1:30 p.m. tip for the women. The games lineup back-to-back and fans are still more likely to

go to one than both. This is a problem that needs to be fixed.

We need to break the stigma. Phrases like "you throw like a girl" need to be removed. The girls recruited to play college softball can throw a lot better than most of us. The girls playing soccer have footwork you would not believe. It is time to give credit where credit is due. America was built on giving people the opportunity to achieve their dreams, as long as they've worked for it, and these female athletes work just as hard as their male counterparts. It's time to show them the respect they deserve.



Above: Redshirt sophomore Derrick Rowland shoots ball against Bentley on Jan. 19. Left: Junior Elijah Bailey drives basketball down the court against Bentley on Jan. 19. Photos Courtesy of Charger Athletics

OPINIONS

Holding IDs Won't Work

BY ETHAN CARDONA
STAFF WRITER

The Marketplace in Bartels Hall will once again be collecting ID cards from students wishing to take a to-go box when they swipe in. Student's IDs are held at the register until they retrieve them on their way out of the dining hall. This policy is the same one that was implemented by Sodexo in the spring of 2018. It was then lifted in the fall 2018 semester, before being brought back for the spring 2019 term.

"This policy was instituted to help ensure a level of control and monitoring when offering a takeout option in an all-you-can-eat environment," said Michael Ward, district manager for university dining/Sodexo.

The intent of the policy is to prevent students from dining and then taking a to-go box of food, essentially getting two swipes for the price of one. The idea on paper seems to solve the problem,

but in reality, it only creates a new one.

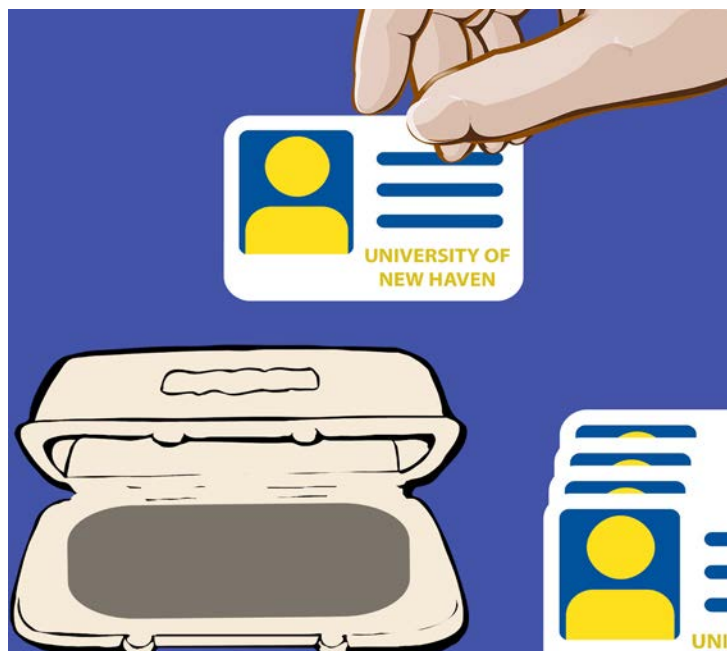
Taking student's IDs doesn't stop them from dining in before going up to a station a second time and taking that box to-go. They are receiving a box, but they aren't obligated to bring that box with them up to the station they choose to eat at. It does, however, put students at a major disadvantage.

The lines into The Marketplace during peak hours are already

enormous, and foot traffic is a major problem. Navigating around backpacks on the floor and other students rushing to get food between classes was hard enough. But now there is a line to get out of The Marketplace, with students waiting to retrieve their IDs.

Students who have night classes with a short break between will often come in for a quick meal and take it with them, but that is a lot harder to do with the new

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STUDENT TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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I made it to class on time today, however... While showering this morning I slipped and fell, toppled over the soap rack and that shattered a glass table in my bathroom nbd #ThursdayMotivation

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CHARGER COMICS

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Government Shutdown Impacts University Alumni

BY KARINA KRUL
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The longest government shutdown in history lasted 35 days and left 800,000 people temporarily out of work. Although the shutdown is in a temporary reprieve, it has impacted the lives of many individuals, including alumni. Samantha Higgins graduated in 2016 with degrees in criminal justice victim service administration and psychology with a community clinical concentration. She works as a high-risk domestic violence and shelter advocate in Massachusetts. “Personally, I feel my role, and the role of my colleagues, is vital to helping victim’s safely leave unsafe relationships,” said Higgins. “Without assistance

and guidance to help victims know the resources available to them and to support them through court, housing search, and more many victims might not be able to find the help themselves after such an abusive and isolating relationship.” Although Higgins’ organization is a partially-funded organization and remains open, her position is funded by a grant, and can be threatened if the shutdown continues. The grant for her position, and many of her co-workers, has not been renewed and will not be renewed until the government is re-opened.

For Higgins, the government shutdown offers a dim future for her career focused on advocacy for domestic violence. According to Higgins, domestic violence agencies around the country have had to limit resources, lay off workers,

and even close their doors because of the shutdown. She also expressed concern that the Violence Against Women Act, which provides funding and resources to many domestic violence agencies, has expired and cannot be renewed while the government is shut down. “The shutdown is directly impacting a victim’s ability to leave an abusive relationship,” said Higgins.

Higgins said she fears that more victims will remain with their abusers because of the lack of resources. She said the shelter she works at is full, and when she calls other shelters in the state, most of them are as well. “To think that in a field where there already were not enough services there are less and less by the day due to the shut-down is directly impacting the safety of our citizens who are impacted by domestic violence,” said

Higgins.

Matthew Neumeyer graduated in 2018 with degrees in biology and forensic science; he works as a laboratory technician working for Northstar Technology Corp., a government contracting agency. He is currently working for the Food and Drug Administration in New York.

Neumeyer says he is not allowed to work during a shutdown and because he is a contractor, he will not be reimbursed for the lost hours. According to New York laws, he is also unable to apply for unemployment during the shutdown. He has already begun looking for other jobs. He said he cannot go on without pay

much longer.

“I want the shutdown to end,” said Neumeyer. “I don’t want to have to leave my FDA contract job and look for another job. However, if this shutdown goes on for weeks or months, I don’t really have much of a choice.” Neumeyer said he believes the shutdown will not impact him in the long-term. However, he says he is worried about losing the lab skills he learned at school if he cannot find another job. “This is about more than a wall,” said Higgins. “This is about a president who orders people, who aren’t financially stable like he is, to work without pay, for an undisclosed amount of time until he gets his way.”



Students Rollback at Welcome Event *ID Policy*

BY ILANA MORRIS
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On Tuesday Jan. 22, the Office of Residential Life, Center for Student Engagement, Leadership, and Orientation, ChargerREC, Graduate Student Services, Undergraduate Student Government Association, and Student Committee of Programming Events (SCOPE) hosted a ‘70s Rollback night in the Beckerman Recreation Center.

The music, decorations, and arena were designed to look like a roller rink. Skates were supplied to students, who were

then allowed to skate around the designated area until a loud buzzer went off, indicating that their time was up. The line for roller blading stretched from one end of the gymnasium to the other, as students from a variety of skill levels participated in the event.

“The 70s Rollback event was super fun,” said freshman business management major, Meredith Zamperini. “I would for sure go to another campus event like this one.”

Students danced along to the hits played by the DJ. There was also a lounge area in the center of the gymnasium filled with bean-bag chairs for students who did not want to skate to

relax and talk with friends. Disco fries and a chocolate fondue fountain, with a multitude of snacks, were provided, and alongside the treats was a selection of soft beverages and water.

“The DJ was rad and I loved the chocolate fountain and the roller skating,” said senior Alicia DeLuna, a forensics and chemistry double major.

Aside from rollerblading, the event included multiple stations around the gym with different activities. One of the more popular stations was the build your own pet rock station, where rocks, googly eyes, paint, and glitter were provided for students to create their own pet

rocks. Alongside the pet rock station was the 70s board games area, where groups of friends huddled around tables playing popular 70s games like LIFE.

“It was a great way for friends to reconnect after being apart for so long,” said sophomore Kimberlee Plude, a fire science major.



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implementation.

The idea has created more problems than it has solved. While it may slightly encourage students to want to eat in the dining hall, the main reason they don’t stay is that the hall is so full during peak lunch and dinner times that it is often much easier to take food back to students dorms than to sit and eat in The Marketplace.

“We will continue to review alternative solutions to this policy that best serve our students,” said Ward. “We welcome your ideas, which can be provided by completing the feedback form on our website.”