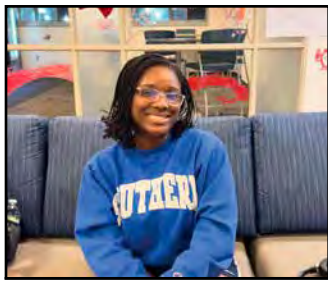




Photos: 'Owl Jam' carnival celebration
Page 3



Owls Decide: Kendrick or Drake
Page 5



Baseball loses to UNH Chargers
Page 6

SOUTHERN NEWS

WWW.THESOUTHERNNEWS.ORG

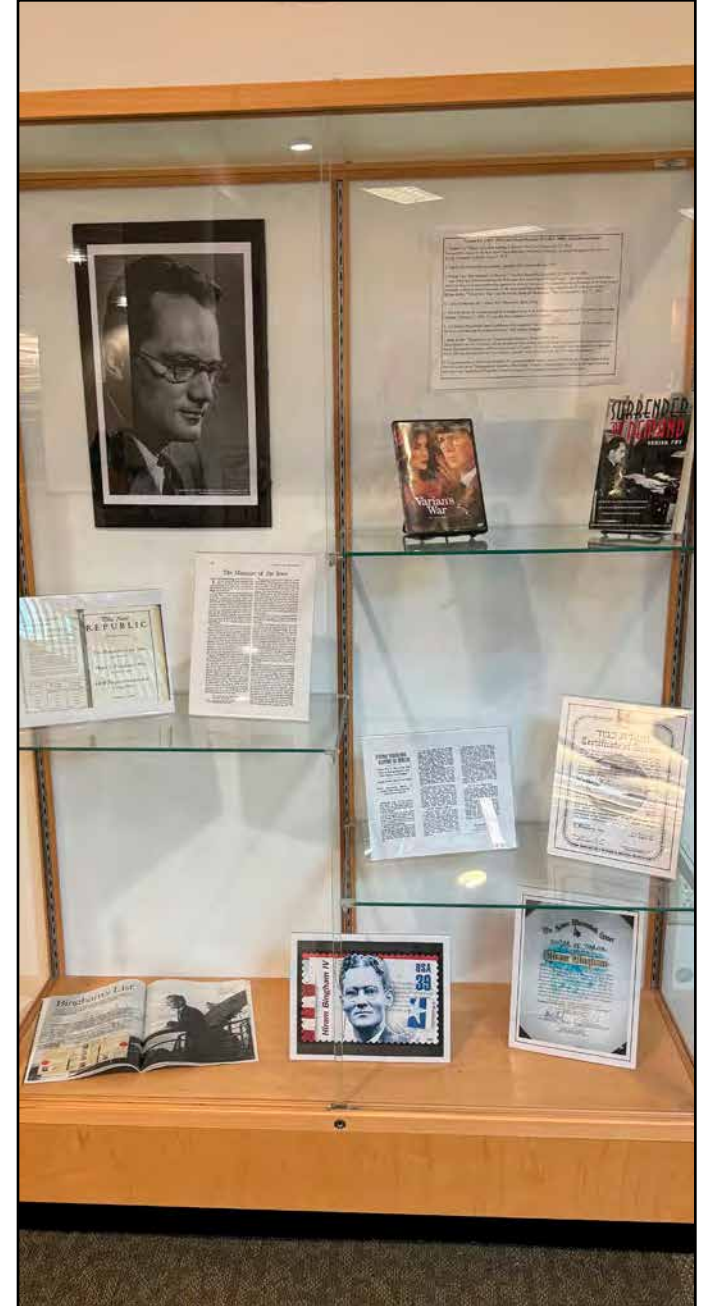
APRIL 24, 2024

VOL. 63 — ISSUE 12

Victims of the Holocaust honored in Buley



Vanessa Flores speaking at the candlelight reading honoring Holocaust victims.



Display honoring authors Varian Fry and Hiram Bingham IV in Buley Library.

By Brianna Wallen
New Editor

April is identified as Genocide Awareness Month.

Students, staff and visitors can commemorate by visiting the Hilton C. Buley Library to see the Holocaust exhibition. Curated by Miriam Glenn and Chairperson of philosophy David Pettigrew, the exhibition displays books, films, mementos and photographs from private collections.

This year's Holocaust exhibit also features a unique exhibit on Connecticut natives Varian Fry and Hiram Bingham IV, who put their lives in danger in 1940 and 1941 to save Jewish refugees in Marseille. The exhibition is available from April 2 to April 30.

David Pettigrew shared an exclusive on the behind the scenes work that went into the exhibition.

Pettigrew said that the exhibition was established in Buley Library in

2017 to raise awareness about the Holocaust, and in 2018 the "Holocaust Remembrance Program" was held every Friday afternoon in April.

"Each year, the exhibition and the remembrance program provide new information for our university community about the Holocaust," Pettigrew said. "The theme of the Holocaust Exhibition and the annual Holocaust Remembrance Program in recent years has focused on the rescuers and those

who were rescued."

Pettigrew said he was able to gather materials in the exhibition through extensive research.

One of the books in the exhibit is "Surrender on Demand," written in 1944 by Fry, the first American to be named Righteous Among the Nations. Apart from the 1935 New York Times article and the book, there's a copy of an article titled "The Massacre of the Jews" that Fry wrote for the New Republic in December 1942.

PHOTO | DAVID PETTIGREW

Brazil brought to the university

By Brandon Cortés
News Writer

The Adanti Student Center buzzed with excitement as students embarked on a thrilling journey to Brazil, a land renowned for its infectious energy, diverse culture and stunning landscapes.

Hosted by Commuter Services, Room 217 was transformed into a captivating homage to Brazilian culture, inviting attendees to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and flavors of this dynamic nation.

The event, which drew students from all walks of life, showcased the rich tapestry of Brazilian culture through an array of engaging activities and discussions.

From the rhythmic beats of samba to the tantalizing aromas of Brazilian cuisine, attendees were treated to a sensory feast that transported them to the vibrant streets of Rio de Janeiro and beyond.

"We have a lot of people from Brazil on campus, so doing an event like this makes us show that we care about their culture and make them feel at home" biology major and organizer Craig Huydic, a sophomore, said.

Throughout the event, attendees had the opportunity to engage in lively discussions about Brazilian culture, history and society.

From the legacy of Carnival to the impact of Afro-Brazilian religion, conversations



Students enjoy Brazil's food and culture.

PHOTO | KAHIONA SENIOR

flowed freely, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the complexities of Brazilian identity.

Of course, no exploration of Brazilian culture would be complete without a taste of its world-renowned cuisine.

Tables adorned with delicacies such as different typical sweets of the country and one of the most famous starting dishes: Pao de Queijo tempted attendees to indulge in the rich flavors and spices that define Brazilian gastronomy. As students savored each bite, they savored not only the food but also the cultural heritage embedded within each dish.

As the evening came to a close, the spirit of Brazil lingered in the air, leaving attendees with a newfound appreciation for the country and its people. For many, the event served as a reminder of the power of cultural exchange to foster empathy, understanding and connection in an increasingly diverse world.

Buoyed by the success of the Brazil-themed event, Commuter Services announced plans to host similar cultural explorations in the coming weeks and months.

From the vibrant streets of India to the tranquil landscapes of Japan, students can look forward to a diverse

array of experiences that celebrate the rich tapestry of our global community.

"Today was more than just an event—it was a journey.

A journey to Brazil and beyond, where we discovered new cultures, made new friends and gained a deeper appreciation for the world we live in. I can't wait to see where our next adventure takes us," nursing major Maryanna De Almeida, freshman, said.

As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, initiatives like these serve as a testament to the power of diversity, inclusion and cultural exchange in shaping a brighter and more interconnected future.

Upcoming events:

Cultural Festival

The Multicultural Center is hosting their annual culture festival on Wednesday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be performances, crafts, cuisines and information tables for students to enjoy.

Take Back the Night

VPAS, Counseling Services and the Women & Families Center will be hosting the 26th annual SCSU "Take Back the Night" rally in support of survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and other forms of harassment. The walk will take place on Thursday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. and go from Buley Library to the Residence Quad. Then, survivors will be given the opportunity to share their stories.

Distinguished Lecture: A Conversation with Gloria Estefan

Seven-time Grammy Award-winner Gloria Estefan will be speaking at the Lyman Center on Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m. The discussion will address her journey from being a Cuban immigrant to international star.

A Festival of One Act Plays

The university theatre department is collaborating with Crescent Players to host one act plays directed by students. There will be shows on Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, April 27 at 2 p.m. in the Kendall Drama Lab.

Senior Honors Convocation

The ceremony for seniors winning special honors will be in the Lyman Center on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Limited tickets are given to those invited.

DiasporaCon

Partnered with the English Department, AfroDiaspora will focus on the adaptations of graphic novels to movies on the big screen. The convention will be in the Adanti Student Center on Saturday, May 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are required.

Class of 2027 hosts 'Freshman Night'

Jack Abbot
General Reporter

On Thursday, April 18, the Class of 2027 hosted a volleyball tournament to celebrate "Freshman Night."

It was an end of the year celebration for the freshmen. There were field games and food. However, the main event was the volleyball tournament.

Four teams competed in this event: We Will Be Champions, Quad Squad, The Chosen Ones and What's Up Brother.

"We just wanted to

have one final event for the end of the year because soon it's going to start getting busy with classes wrapping up and finals," nursing major and President of the 2027 Class Council Hailey DeNucci, a freshman, said. "We just wanted to do one last thing to have freshmen come out and hang out."

The event began with warmups and food for attendees and competitors. Competitors expressed many different emotions.

"I'm really looking forward to winning,"

nursing major and member of The Chosen Ones Armando Mejias, a freshman, said.

The Chosen Ones consisted of members from the men's club volleyball team, and they were eager to prove themselves at this event. However, many others expressed their own personal goals. English education major Zachary Chittenden, a sophomore, said that he only wanted "a couple of spikes."

Chittenden was a player for team We Will Be Champions, and

his team would go up against Quad Squad for the first round. Quad Squad would take the win and We Will Be Champions moved to the loser's bracket.

The next round was fought between The Chosen Ones and What's Up Brother. The Chosen Ones would move to the next round. After their first victory, The Chosen Ones continued to have confidence in their chances of winning.

"I think they're pretty good," biology major Arthur Baldon, a freshman, said.

In the next round, The Chosen Ones would beat out Quad Squad, moving to the final round.

However, before the final round took place, the losing teams would compete against each other to see who would be allowed to rejoin.

"We lost 20 to, I believe, 14," Chittenden said. "We're coming back. We're going to come back in the loser's bracket."

Quad Squad would be the team to beat the rest of the loser's bracket, moving on to the final round.

After a tough game, The Chosen Ones would be the winner of the tournament, receiving a \$50 Amazon Gift card for each member as their prize.

"They said we're only a club team," Mejias said. "That's OK. I mean, we still beat them though, right? Should've stuck to track."

Outside of the tournament, students of all years enjoyed spike ball, corn hole and other games. Many students expressed appreciation for their Class Council for organizing the event.



Men's club volleyball team at the Residence Life Quad on April 18.

PHOTO | JACK ABBOT



Freshman get active playing volleyball.

Owls express green activism on Earth Day

Brandon Cortés
News Writer

As Earth Day approaches next Monday, it becomes a hub of discussions, events and reflections on environmental consciousness. From passionate activism to indifferent shrugs, the perspectives of college students on Earth Day reflect a spectrum of attitudes towards sustainability and our planet's well-being.

For some students, Earth Day serves as a poignant reminder of the urgent need for environmental action.

Some of them view it as a rallying cry for activism and advocacy since it is a crucial moment to raise awareness about pressing issues like climate change and biodiversity loss. For these students, Earth Day is not just a day of celebration but also a call to action to protect our planet's fragile ecosystems.

Students across disciplines find inspiration in Earth Day's message of sustainability and conservation. Biology major Santi Auronsack-Colon, a junior, sees it as an opportunity to innovate solutions to environmental challenges.

"Earth Day sparks creativity and problem-solving," Auronsack-Colon said. "It's a reminder that we have the power to engineer a more sustainable future."

However, not all college students are equally engaged with Earth Day's message. While many embrace the occasion as an opportunity to advocate for sustainability and environmental awareness, others may find themselves more preoccupied with their academic and professional pursuits.

This discrepancy in engagement can often be attributed to the diverse priorities and interests that students hold.

For some, like those pursuing degrees in fields such as business or economics, the immediate focus may lie in securing internships, networking opportunities, or preparing for post-graduation career paths.

In such cases,

environmental concerns might not always take precedence amidst the demands of coursework, internships and extracurricular commitments.

The pressure to excel academically and professionally can sometimes overshadow broader societal and environmental issues.

Moreover, students facing financial constraints or balancing part-time jobs alongside their studies may find it challenging to allocate time and resources towards environmental activism or awareness initiatives.

For these individuals, the daily struggle to make ends meet can consume much of their attention, leaving little room for broader societal concerns.

Additionally, cultural or personal backgrounds may influence students' levels of engagement with environmental issues.

Those from communities where environmental activism is not a prominent or familiar concept may not feel as compelled to participate in Earth Day initiatives.

Similarly, students who have not been exposed to environmental education or advocacy efforts may lack the awareness or understanding of the significance of Earth Day.

Yet, even for those who may not prioritize environmental activism, Earth Day fosters a sense of collective responsibility and awareness. Sociology major Chris Kowalski, a junior, reflects on the ethical dimensions of environmental stewardship.

"Earth Day prompts us to consider our moral obligations to future generations and the planet," Kowalski said. "It's a reminder that our actions today have profound consequences for the world we'll inherit tomorrow."

Moreover, Earth Day serves as a platform for community engagement and education. From tree-planting initiatives to sustainability workshops, students come together to learn, share ideas and take concrete actions to protect the environment.

Freshmen register for Fall classes

Brianna Wallen
News Editor

As the second semester winds down, Owls are preparing to take flight. Over the past few weeks, students have been meeting with their assigned academic advisor or INQ instructor to receive their registration PIN.

After surfing through degree evaluation and choosing schedules on registration and schedule planner, the time has finally come for students to choose their Fall 2024 classes.

Registration opened on April 1 at 8 a.m. for graduates and seniors accepted to a graduate program and trickled down to graduate and undergraduate non-degree students on April 22 at 8 a.m.

Most recently, the registration time for freshmen opened on April 15.

Based on their accumulated credits, students with 20 or more credits were able to register at 8 a.m., 10 or more credits at 10 a.m., and lastly students with

zero credits registered at noon.

Since freshmen are at the bottom half when it comes to registering for classes, they receive the short end of the stick. Consequently, the experience for many was a neck-and-neck battle to claim their spot in a class. Classes were scarce, and many freshmen failed to secure a spot.

One of these unsuccessful fighters was health studies major Faith Halloran, a freshman.

Halloran, who chose at 10 a.m., said that by the time she was able to register, one of her classes was filled.

"Now, I'm currently signed up for only four classes because I didn't want to take a class with a three-hour lab," Halloran said.

This tragic tale has been a common experience in the class of 2027. Sociology major Khristyana Lopez, a freshman, said that she has heard the horror story of picking classes a number of times.

"My friend was telling me that he didn't get any of his classes," Lopez said.

On the flip side, some freshmen got the luck of the draw and managed to secure their ideal schedule. This was the case for nursing major Nyasia Pitts, a freshman.

Despite choosing at 5 p.m. when she was off work hours, Pitts said that the process was smooth sailing.

"It was pretty easy. I got all the classes that I wanted," Pitts said.

Along with competing for classes, another mishap of the system failing was added into the mixture.

Despite the freshman class being split into categories, there was still a high number of students trying to choose classes simultaneously.

For this reason, a recipe for disaster was created, as students worried if they were able to choose their classes. Elementary education major Emily Barretta, a freshman, said when she chose at 10 a.m., Banner Student crashed.

"The system went down, so I got nervous," Barretta said.

Despite this bump in the road, Barretta was

able to select her ideal schedule.

"I have 5 classes all back-to-back and one class at night on a different day," Barretta said.

Since Barretta is a commuter, she said that commuters should have their own separate category on the registration list.

"I think commuters should pick a little bit sooner because we have a drive, and it's not fun to sit in the library and do something for a big gap between classes," Barretta said.

Other students have critiques to improve the system as well.

"I feel like freshmen should do it a little bit sooner than when we did," Lopez said.

Halloran also expressed that another way to improve the process is to have active classes on schedule planner for students to choose from.

"I feel like with the degree evaluation, sometimes the classes listed on there don't match up with the classes on schedule planner," Halloran said.



The First Year Experience Office located in Engleman Hall Room C105, which offers freshmen support.

PHOTO | BRIANNA WALLEN

'Owl Jam' carnival with rides, games, prizes!

By Kahiona Senior
Photo Editor

In Lot 3 across from Farnham Hall, the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development and the Programs Council held their annual 'Owl Jam' carnival. This event had carnival rides and games, five food trucks, music and inflatables. Students got tickets to redeem at the food trucks to get a meal and to get dessert. This was a nice event to have before finals. Students got to unwind and enjoy a beautiful day outside, having fun.

Photos: Kahiona Senior



There were inflatable challenges for students to play. Games like Whac-A-Mole and water gun race were offered to students, and winners received small prizes.



Students went on the swings and played games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Students having fun and getting dizzy on a fast ride.

Delta Phi Epsilon sorority fashion show



Students in the final moments of the fashion show in their last outfits for the night.

Delta Phi Epsilon put on a body positivity fashion show in the Adanti Student Center Theater on Tuesday. This event spread awareness about Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders. The fashion show welcomed anyone to walk and the money spent on concessions went towards ANAD. Participating students wore three different outfits for the fashion show and showed off their style.

Photos: Kahiona Senior



Recreation therapy major Colleen McGuinness, a senior, representing Delta Phi Epsilon.



Psychology major Theophania Espinal, a senior, dressed in a tank top and cargo pants.



Delta Phi Epsilon members in a group, celebrating their sisters in the fashion show.

TKE draws student caricatures for Conclave

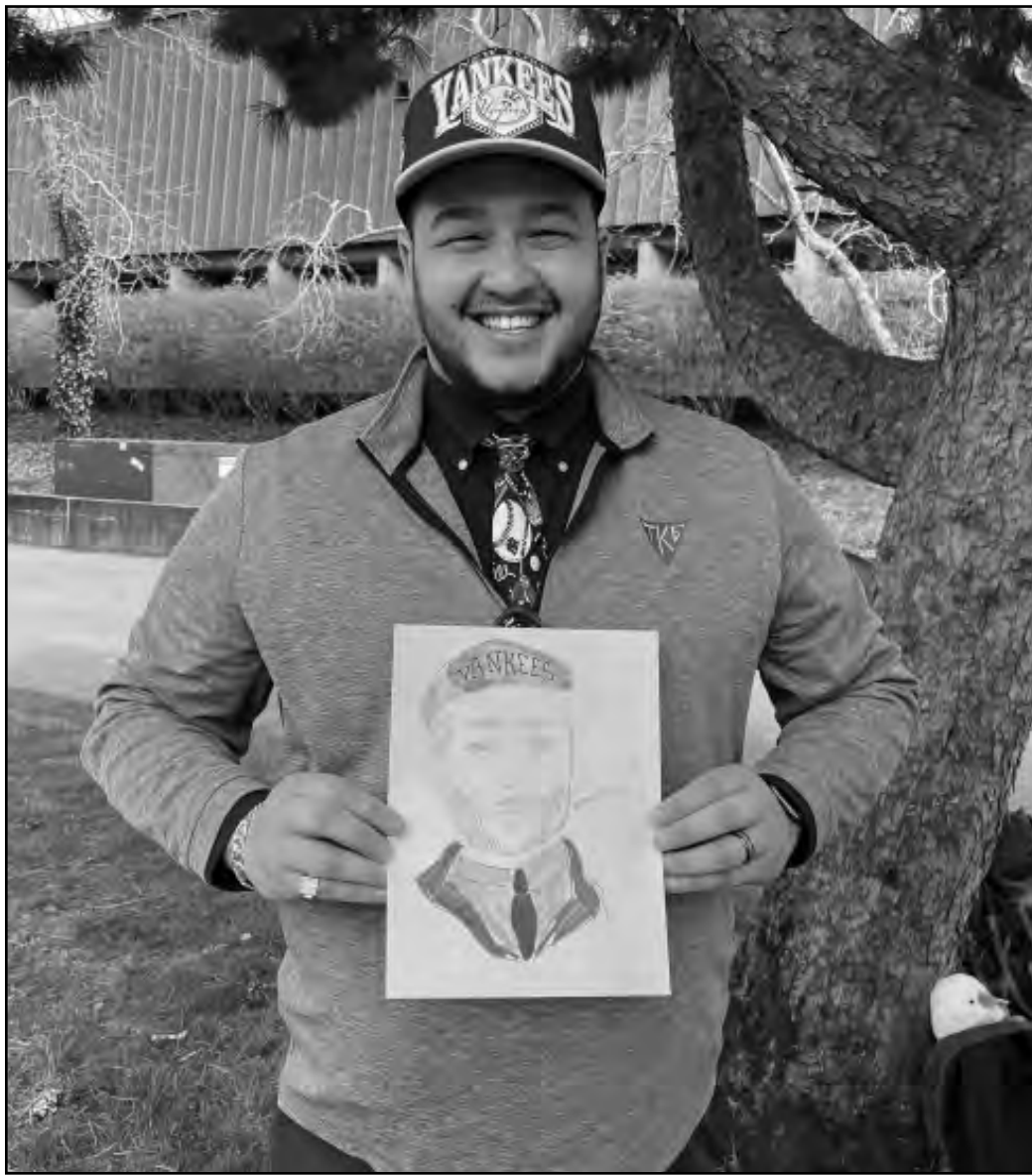


PHOTO | LEXI WHITE

Business administration major Sebastian Pesquera, a junior, with a caricature done of himself.

By Lexi White
General Reporter

Students were lining up to see what they would look like as cartoon characters for a great cause! During the “Owl Jam” carnival, the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, TKE, teamed up with the art department to create caricatures for students.

TKE is an international fraternity that spans not just the United States but Canada as well. On campus, TKE has 15 members, each standing for helping men become better for themselves and for their communities.

Each caricature drawing was \$5, and all the proceeds went to Conclave, which is the meeting ground of all the Greek life chapters.

Conclave helps chapter members connect with each other, find job opportunities and overall help students to better their lives.

TKE’s Vice President, business administration major Sebastian Pesquera, a junior, was very excited to be showing the community what his fraternity is all about.

“There are a lot of stigmas against fraternities, but doing events like this shows that you

cannot just believe what you hear on the internet about other chapters at other schools,” Pesquera said. “At the end of the day, we are just a group of guys trying to better ourselves by doing good for the community.”

Political science major Stefano Guera, a senior, was another member of the fraternity helping to host the caricature event. He said that TKE planned their event at the same time as the “Owl Jam” on purpose.

“We like to plan our events very far ahead, and we knew that the carnival was happening,” Guera said. “We wanted to place ourselves strategically so that we can get more people to want to see what they look like in cartoon form.”

TKE could not have picked a better time and place to have their caricature event set up. They had over 30 people get drawings done.

“People are very happy with the drawings they are getting, and the art students are doing a phenomenal job drawing them,” Guera said.

One of the students who got a caricature was business administration major Sawyer McEwen, a senior. He was very

happy to be supporting the TKE brothers in raising money for Conclave.

“I am really excited to see my character drawn,” McEwen said. “Having the carnival is great for tabling events so clubs and organizations can get more known on campus.”

Those who supported TKE’s cause did not only receive the enjoyment of seeing how they look in cartoon form. They also got to see what a fraternity with integrity consists of.

“The people who take the time to get a drawing done get to see how fraternities operate in the community,” Guera said. “We like to stay as involved as possible and give men in the community a chance to join our fraternity and see all the benefits from being a part of it.”

Even though the mission of TKE’s caricature event was to raise money for Conclave, the brothers wanted to take the opportunity to gain more members.

Guera said, “Anyone who is interested in joining a fraternity should come talk to TKE because we are always looking for more recruits.”

This week in history: April 24-30

April 24:

1942- Barbra Streisand was born in Brooklyn, New York, making her 81 years old.

2004- Estée Lauder, founder of Estée Lauder Cosmetics, passed away at 97 years old.

2023- Fox News host Tucker Carlson is fired from the company after legal issues.

April 25:

1917- Jazz, pop and blues singer Ella Fitzgerald was born in Newport News, Virginia.

1940- Actor Al Pacino was born in New York, New York, making him 83 years old.

2022- Twitter announced their deal with Elon Musk to sell the social media platform for \$44 billion.

April 26:

1865- Assassin of President Abraham Lincoln John

Wilkes Booth was shot and killed by Union soldier Boston Corbett.

1989- Boxing legend Mike Tyson was given a speeding ticket for drag racing his Lamborghini in Albany, New York.

1989- Iconic comedian Lucille Ball passed away at 77 years old.

1993- Conan O’Brian was announced as the new “Late Night” host after his predecessor David Letterman retired.

April 27:

2014- “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver” premiered on HBO.

2023- James Corden makes his last appearance as host of “The Late Late Show.”

April 28:

1881- Famous criminal Billy the Kid escapes prison in Lincoln, New Mexico.

1967- Boxer Muhammad

Ali stripped of boxing title after refusing induction into the army.

2018- November 17 is named as Danny DeVito Day in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

April 29:

1967- Singer Aretha Franklin released her iconic single “Respect.”

1992- The LAPD officers responsible for the death of Rodney King were acquitted, sparking riots in the city.

2018- “The Simpsons” became the show with the most number of episodes of any TV series.

April 30:

2004- Comedy “Mean Girls” is released in theaters.

2018- “Avengers: Infinity War” earns \$630 million on its opening worldwide, setting a new record.

Information provided by OnThisDay.com

Farnham Hall celebrates with bracelet making event

By Jack Abbot
General Reporter

Residence Life at Farnham Hall hosted a craft night to encourage people to meet and interact with their neighbors.

“We found that if we did charm bracelets, it would bond students together,” business management major and Resident Advisor Trishell Stewart, a sophomore, said.

Farnham residents gathered in the lobby for a craft night where they would all be able to make charm bracelets and eat desserts together.

As the semester is reaching its end, many Resident Advisors expressed that they wanted to provide an event that was fun and engaging for those living in Farnham.

“We’re making charm bracelets as a social program” public health major and Resident Advisor, Brenda Portella,

a junior, said.

The event had a good turnout and students who attended expressed that they were satisfied with the event.

“I love charm bracelets, and me and my future suitemates wanted to make some together,” communication major Michelle Thomas, a freshman, said. “It’s awesome because I haven’t talked to some of these girls in the building for a while, so it’s really fun just catching up with everyone and talking to my RAs.”

Many students also expressed that this event was a great way to meet new people living on campus.

“I also thought that this would be a good opportunity to meet some of the girls in my building because I am a little bit more quiet and sheltered,” nursing major Madison Calvo, a freshman, said. “I’m talking to people who I see around every day, and honestly I

haven’t really talked to.”

The Office of Residence life helps to provide activities for students living on campus. In the past, the Resident Advisors of Farnham Hall have hosted a number of other events.

Some, such as their “Polaroid Palooza,” involve crafts like this event. Some events also involve games, education, or wellbeing.

“Our overall job is to bring residents together and make them feel more comfortable in the atmosphere,” Stewart said.

Students also expressed gratitude and appreciation for their resident advisors and the university.

“I think Southern is great, and I really appreciate all of the community events that they put on because it really does help somebody like me, especially more sheltered and introverted, to get out there and meet people,” Calvo said.

SOUTHERN NEWS

Advisers: Cindy Simoneau
Frank Harris III

Contact information:
Email: scsu.southernct.news@gmail.com
Newsroom Phone: 203-392-6928
Fax: 203-392-6927

Mailing Address:
Southern Connecticut State University
Adanti Student Center Room 222
501 Crescent Street
New Haven, CT 06515

Issues printed by: Valley Publishing, Derby, CT
Follow us on Twitter: @Southern_News
Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/thesouthernnews
Visit us online: TheSouthernNews.org
Print edition online: OurSchoolNewspaper.com/Southern

Ali Fernand
Jay’Mi Vazquez

Section Editors
Brianna Wallen
Solé Scott
Dillon Flanigan
Kahiona Senior
Kaylee Blake

Staff Reporters
Brandon Cortés
Vacancy
Lexi White
Jack Abbot
Vacancy

Copy Desk
Hannah Graham

Business/Ad Manager Vacancy

Editor-in-Chief
Managing Editor

News Editor
Features Editor
Sports Editor
Photo Editor
Photographer

News Writer
Sports Writer
General Assignment

Southern News welcomes any and all comments and suggestions. If we make a mistake, please contact us and we will publish a correction or clarification in the next issue.

We are the student newspaper of Southern Connecticut State University, and we welcome the writing of all Southern students and faculty.

To submit a piece, email it to scsu.southern.news@gmail.com, or stop by the Southern News office on the second floor of the Student Center, Room 225. Electronic submissions are preferred.

Visit www.TheSouthernNews.org for more.

Taylor Swift’s album swiftly made its way into the trash bin

By Solé Scott
Features Editor

On April 19 at midnight, Swift released her 11th studio album titled “The Tortured Poets Department.”

The album is the same regurgitated random nonsense, calling out her exes like an annoying high school girl.

The album consists of 17 songs. However, Swift released an additional 14 songs at 2 a.m., bringing the total tracks to 31.

There were a few lyrics that made my face scrunch in pure confusion.

For example, in “I Hate it Here” she sang, “We would pick a decade/We wished we could live in instead of this/ I’d say the 1830’s but without all the racists.”

Going back to that time

period without racists is like a history book that is empty. As a white woman, saying she would rather live in the 1830’s is questionable and simply cannot be justified.

Now, just because I loathe the album does not mean that others do.

In fact, the album broke the Spotify record for the most streams in one day, which was 300 million. On Amazon Music, the album broke the record for most streamed album ever in a single day.

I must give credit where credit is due, and that is that Swift has consistently dropped albums since 2019.

Her released vinyls have definitely increased the interest in vinyl collecting, which saw one in every 15 vinyls sold in the U.S. last year

were Swift’s. She sold an unprecedented 3.5 million vinyls.

Now, Swift releases multiple vinyls for one album in different colors and includes different pictures and packaging. This is a wasteful and unnecessary tactic and is one of the reasons why she sells so many vinyls.

Swift is a bonafide superstar and has cemented her legacy; however, we cannot all look past her mediocre talent and creativity, as all of her albums are mostly about heartbreak from past lovers.

Her singing voice is mediocre at best. This is fine for some, yet she also is not a performer. People pay thousands of dollars to see her perform stiffly in concert and hit flat notes.

Spring ‘Owl Jam’ has made its way back

By Lexi White
General Reporter

Students were flying over to the 2024 “Owl Jam!” To celebrate students and all the hard work they have done this semester, the Programs Council, ProCon, put together a fun-filled carnival with games, food and dancing.

ProCon is an organization on campus that is committed to hosting entertaining events for students to enjoy throughout every semester. One member of ProCon who was helping to host the “Owl Jam” was sports management major Luis Reyes, a sophomore.

Reyes said, “We wanted to put together a carnival, so students can come out, enjoy themselves and take a mental break before finals week.”

Even though the “Owl Jam” started at 11 a.m. on April 15, it took ProCon two hours to set up and three weeks to plan and

organize.

During the carnival, students were able to get chicken tenders, burgers, fried dough, ice cream, tacos and fried Oreos from one of the many food trucks that attended.

Students also got the opportunity to play carnival games such as Whac-A-Mole and water gun race, where they could earn prizes if they won. In addition, ProCon also provided a tie-dyeing station so students could reveal their creative sides.

Although, the fun did not stop there! There were also bouncy houses and rides for students to enjoy.

“This kind of event helps students to socialize, meet new people and enjoy their time here,” Reyes said.

One of the Owls who flew over to the carnival was social work major Alexandria Louis-Charles, a freshman.

“It is a beautiful day, and everyone is just having a good time, which

is really nice,” Louis-Charles said. “Another student who enjoyed the nice weather at the “Owl Jam” was psychology major Mark Jones Jr., a junior.

“This event benefits students’ mental health because college is so stressful,” Jones said. “So, this carnival gives us time to eat, relax and enjoy time with one another.”

Computer science major Phillip Phiri, a senior, was another student who attended the “Owl Jam.”

“This helps students get more engaged with everyone else on campus instead of being in a dorm all day,” Phiri said.

Nursing major Aidan Knappe, a junior, was another student enjoying the carnival and everything it had to offer.

“I came to the event to unwind from all the stress of work and school,” Knappe said. “It is really nice to get out and have a little bit of fun.”



Students enjoying a ride at “Owl Jam” on April 15.

PHOTO | KAHIONA SENIOR



Students looking around and waiting for games in Lot 3 where the event was taking place.

Owls Decide: Drake or Kendrick Lamar?

By Solé Scott
Features Editor



“Kendrick- I feel like Kendrick is more lyrical than Drake is, and he is overall a better artist.”

— Business major Trishell Stewart, a sophomore



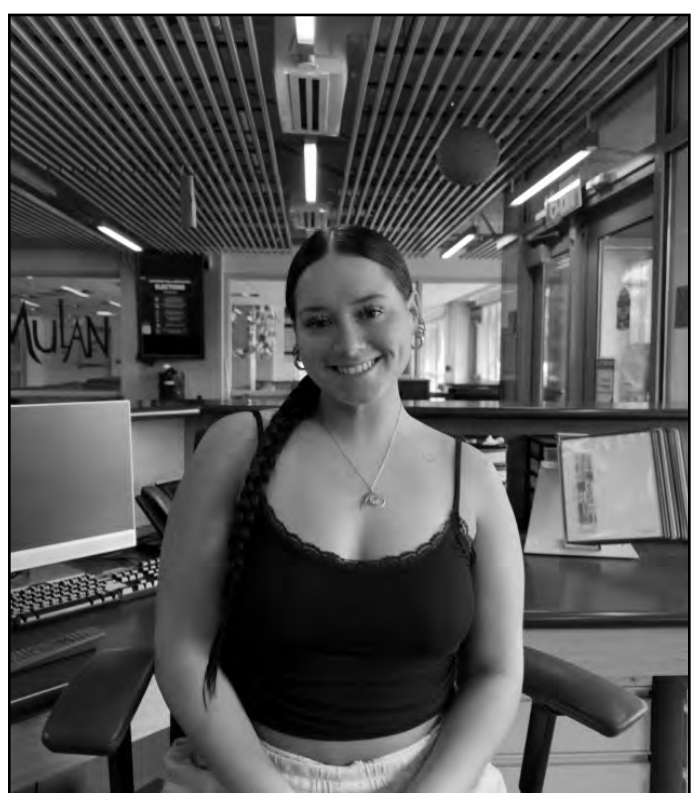
“Kendrick because he is a lyricist, and he is just better.”

— Psychology major Myesha Mapp, a junior



“I say Kendrick because I like him lyrically better.”

— History major Kamil Przygodzki, a freshman



“Gonna have to go with Drake because Drake is just all time better.”

— Accounting major Britney Szarmach, a junior



“I think they are all great rappers; I would choose neither.”

— Psychology major Leticia Asante, a freshman



“Drake because he sounds better.”

— Computer science major Brian Williams, a freshman

Softball splits doubleheader on senior day

By Dillon Flanigan
Sports Editor

The softball team split two games against the Pace University Setters of Pleasantville, New York in a doubleheader. In the first game, the Owls took the loss 3-1 in 10 innings, and the second game won 9-1 in six short innings on Sunday, April 21.

Pitcher Jess Perucki and outfielder Faith Barbieri, graduates, were all honored in a pregame ceremony along with outfielders Rachael Miller, Natalie Scotto, Emily Lange and second baseman Katrina Roy, seniors.

In the first game, it was a pitchers duel. The first nine of the 10 innings, the Owls outhit the Setters five to four, but a 0-0 tie forced extras.

The Setters starter Gisselle Garcia tossed nine and two-thirds innings, earning the win and improving to a 16-3 record.

Perucki was resilient again but unlucky, falling to a 7-7 decision record. She gave up seven hits and walked one while striking out five in ten innings.

"I thought Jess was sensational. What a



Pitcher Ashley Lewis, a sophomore, starts in Game 2.

PHOTO | DILLON FLANIGAN

pitching performance. She was dominant," Head Coach Jillian Rispoli said. "We got a little unlucky there at the end, but nine scoreless innings and then having to lose it on the tiebreaker was tough, but she was absolutely lights out."

After pitching into the seventh inning the day prior and completing ten more Sunday, Perucki currently leads her team in innings pitched with 100 and two-thirds. She leads the pitching staff with a 0.77 earned run average and 13 complete

games.

As Perucki started the first game, Ashley Lewis, a sophomore, who also pitched seven innings on Saturday, started game two.

"We all did well. We were aggressive on defense," Lewis said. "I

trusted them. I knew they had my back. So, just focusing on keeping the ball low, letting them do the work."

The second game was one-sided, as the Owls scored early and often. Lewis was tagged for four hits, walking one and striking out six in six innings.

"Ashley Lewis was sensational as well," Rispoli said. "She was absolutely lights out, also doing all the things she needs to do to be successful, playing around the depth of her pitches, getting great break. It was just a great all-around game."

After Pace took a 1-0 lead in the first, Perucki and the Owls answered in the bottom half with a two-run single, driving home Lange and left fielder Karley Austin, a freshman, advancing third baseman Gabriella Festa, a junior, to third.

The Owls carried the lead the entire game and tacked on in the third inning on Perucki's solo homerun to left-center field.

"I was just hoping for a base hit. Hit the ball hard somewhere. There, a pitcher threw me two

change ups in a row, and I got a little frazzled," Perucki said. "I just kind of saw a pitch I liked, and I was gonna just drive it hard somewhere, and it went over."

Two innings later, her next at bat, she was hit by a pitch, thus loading the bases and threatening to score again. As outfielder Nicole Spinelli, a freshman, pinch ran for Perucki, Miller cleared the bases with a grand slam, extending the Owls' lead to 7-1.

"It was a really special moment," Miller said. "I wasn't like thinking about it. When I was in the moment, I was more focused on hitting the ball in the middle. But it was, it was exciting."

In the sixth, Festa would line a double into the left-center gap, scoring Lange and Austin and securing the split for the Owls.

"It was an offensive onslaught, which was fun to watch and exciting, especially since we were limited to one run in that first game," Rispoli said. "It was a relief to hit like that. That takes a lot of the pressure off the defense and a lot of pressure off the pitching."

Baseball loses in extras; UNH takes season series

By Avery Martin
Contributor

The Owls suffered a disappointing 4-3 loss in 10 innings on April 17 against Elm City rivals University of New Haven Chargers.

It was a hard-fought, close game, with the score tied 3-3 heading into extra innings.

Righthanded pitcher Jagger Duquette, a graduate, was the Owls' starter and allowed three runs during the six innings he was on the mound.

Head Coach Tim Shea said that while the result was disappointing, Duquette's performance in such a difficult and close game should not be overlooked.

"It's disappointing. Today's game was a tough match. I thought we played well; I thought Jagger pitched well," Shea said.

Catcher Billy Sullivan,



Catcher Billy Sullivan, a junior, at bat.

PHOTO | KAHIONA SENIOR

a junior, led the team in hitting. The backstop's RBI single in the bottom of the first brought second baseman Chad Fedeli, a junior, home to score the

Owls' first run.

Later in the inning, an RBI single by center fielder Izaiah Walker, a junior, allowed Sullivan to score the Owls' second run. The

score remained locked at 2-0 until the top of the fourth inning when New Haven scored two on a two-run home run.

In the bottom of the

sixth, Sullivan hit another single run RBI to bring Fedeli in to score. A single RBI by the Chargers tied the score before a pitching change.

In the top of the seventh, pitcher Spencer Fox, a junior, came in to relieve Duquette.

"He was really good. He cruised early on; his pitch count was low," Shea said. "He gave us some length. And we always look for our starters to try to get us to the sixth or seventh inning so that our bullpen doesn't get stretched too much, and he gave us that."

Fox would throw two and two-thirds scoreless innings. Fox's outing was a bright spot in the difficult game. It was his fifth scoreless performance of the 2024 season.

Fox, who described the game as "a battle", would keep the score at 3-3 until being replaced by pitcher Braeden Sparaco,

a freshman, in the top of the 10th.

"He came in and did a good job. He fell behind a couple of guys, but he battled through it and got some key strikeouts," Shea said. "Spencer did a great job for us, held it where it needed to be and gave us a chance to win the game."

New Haven scored shortly after on a solo home run to bring the score to 4-3. The Owls could not score, and the game ended in a tough loss.

"It's a really tough pill to swallow. We gotta come back this weekend and be better," Sullivan said.

The Owls' record now stands at 20-16, and 8-9 in conference. They take the field next at home on April 20 against Bentley University and April 21 against Assumption University. The team is next on the road at American International College on April 27 and 28.



Second baseman Chad Fedeli, a junior, crosses home plate.



First baseman Jack Drewry, a junior, is thrown out at the plate.



Pitcher Braeden Sparaco, a freshman, pitches in the 10th inning.

NE10 names fall 2023 student-athlete academic honorees

By Dillon Flanigan
Sports Editor

In a collegiate athletic career spanning many years of blood, sweat and tears for 275 student athletes, one box was checked this past semester.

"One of the focus that I have here at Southern is student success," Interim President Dwayne Smith said.

The NE10 Academic Honor Roll acknowledges the commitment of NE10 student athletes to excel in the classroom with three

designations. Academic Excellence is the highest, earning a 4.0 GPA.

Academic Distinction is applied with a GPA between a 3.50 and 3.99, while Academic Honors is earned with a 3.00 to a 3.49 GPA.

Of the Owls' 275 honorees, 38 earned Academic Excellence. 152 had Academic Distinction, and 85 earned Academic Honors.

"As we went into the fall semester, I found that the majority of the athletes are doing well academically when you

look at GPAs," Smith said. "That's the one aspect that I recognize as a strength of the athletic program; that the scholar athletes perform well on the field but also in the classroom."

A breakdown of the 38 in Academic Excellence by sport includes eight from women's soccer and seven from women's track and field. Then, men's cross-country and track and field each with six, as football had five awardees.

Being named to the honor is an important bar to reach for some, but the

odds are not as favorable as the NE10 Academic All-Conference team.

In addition to the 275 honorees, the NE10 announced 10 scholar-athletes have been placed on the NE10 Academic All-Conference team.

To be eligible for the All-Conference team, an athlete must obtain a minimum 3.30 GPA and must have an impact in competition.

For more on this story, visit thesouthernnews.org

Owls Recap: April 15-21

Baseball - Record: 21-19

April 15 - @ Saint Michael's College - G1 W 6-3 / G2 W 15-4 F/7
April 20 - vs Bentley University - G1 L 3-2 / G2 W 2-1 F/7
April 21 - vs Assumption University - G1 L 3-0 / G2 L 4-2 F/7

Softball - Record: 11-17

April 16 - @ Adelphi University - G1 L 1-0 F/7 / G2 L 5-0 F/7
April 20 - @ Queens College - G1 L 2-1 F/7 / G2 W 2-0 F/7

Lacrosse - Record: 8-7

April 16 - @ Pace University - L 19-8
April 20 - @ Assumption University - L 12-7

Men & Women's Track & Field:

According to the Owls website, the team hosted the Jack Maloney Invitational on Saturday, April 20. However, no information has been released.

All information has been provided by SCSUOwls.com