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SCSU considers Long Wharf renovation



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Former Gateway Community College building at 60 Sargent Drive now owned by Southern Connecticut State University is being considered for a variety of purposes.



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An abandoned guard post still stands near the location.



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The location previously held a day care center with a pick up and drop-off zone.

President Joe Bertolino eyes future for prime real estate near I-95

By Alex Palmieri

The Long Wharf property may be renovated by Southern within the coming months, said President Joe Bertolino.

"The challenge," said Bertolino, "is the building is not habitable. The building itself needs to be torn down. It is though, a prime location and it is quite valuable."

Bertolino said Southern has been exploring a number of possibilities with the property of Long Wharf. He said Southern would not do anything. Instead, it would partner with a developer and the city of New Haven and create something that would become a Southern location. He added it would be a great opportunity of New Haven and Southern.

"The other option for us to consider," said Bertolino, "is if we leverage that property or swap that property for something else that is closer to the university."

At the moment, Bertolino said there are a lot of different ideas that the university is exploring. Although there are talks about renovating the property, there are no formal proposals yet. But he did say there are different ideas float around with different developers, the city and the state legislature in attempt to accomplish something.

"It's a lengthy complex process," said Bertolino. "For me the

question is: Does that location make sense for Southern?"

The Long Wharf property once belonged to Gateway Community College. But, Southern is now providing security for the area and maintaining the property. Bertolino said although it is far from the campus, it can be likely that Southern does something with it.

"The city itself needs to generate tax revenue," said Bertolino. "So it really is prime real estate off of the highway."

Bertolino said with Southern having that space, it positions the university well to negotiate a plan and to think how the property can possibly help the city. He added there needs to be a plan to see what Southern wants to benefit the university along with the students.

"We don't own it but it is our property," said Bertolino. "It's Southern's to do what it wants to do with it."

Although it is a lengthy process, Bertolino did say he would like some sort of formal agreement very soon. By the end of the summer, he said there may be a negotiation that can make its way through for the university.

"I would like to have some agreement in place preferably by the end of the summer," said Bertolino. "This way we will know what the plan is going to be. We've had it for a little while and I think it's time to do something with it."

State budget cuts result in hiring freeze for universities

By Alex Palmieri

The hiring freeze that is taking place for the 17 state schools and universities is due to the large budget deficit from last year's spending, Jonathan Wharton said.

"To address this issue," said Wharton, political science professor, "they thought to put a hiring freeze."

The temporary hiring freeze that is being held is because Connecticut is short \$25 million, which is equivalent to 4 percent of the budget. Wharton said this is not the first time that it has happened, there was a hiring freeze just last year as well.

"This is really nothing new," said Wharton. "What's different this time around is it's under the current president of the Board of Regents, Ojakian."

This is interesting to Wharton because Ojakian used to work with the chief of staff. Wharton said with his previous experience, he wonders if Ojakian will have some sort of plan to figure out how to resolve the problems the schools are facing.

"The mere fact that they mentioned the \$25 million, 4 percent cuts," said Wharton, "everything supposedly was on the table and was talked about by even the college president here, among other people. So no, I am not surprised at all."

Robert Romano, a junior collaborative education major, said he lost his job due to the budget cut. He was previously employed as a crisis intervention aid at an elementary school. He said there was previously a new superintendent in the district and the budget cuts were geared towards cutting special education funding positions.

"I was the step in between teachers and administrators in terms of student well-being," said Romano. "It opened up a great opportunity though. Fortunately I'm fortunate enough to go to a college."

"Not everyone has that ability. It really opened up the door for me to finish my degree and become a teacher."

Wharton said the universities, in his opinion, should be fully staffed when it comes to faculty and administrators. Though he is not sure exactly what the impact will be because of the hiring freeze, he acknowledged that in the past, most of the universities want to hire a full-time faculty.

"This is a blessing," said Wharton. "This is very, very rare in academia especially in the past 15 years."

Wharton said one of the benefits of hiring full time faculty is to offer more sections and more classes.

"I know that is very helpful," said Wharton. "This is significant so it can be helpful for future research projects for publications and that kind of thing. And that's what you want in a classroom."

Wharton said with the hiring freeze, he wonders what will happen to the temporary hires across the schools.

"The one thing to really keep in mind above all else," said Wharton, "is a lot of faculty, in most universities, they have older professors. If you have all these boomers retiring, what's going to happen? Not at just Southern but across the universities. Now you're left with this wide opening. It's kind of a scary thought. It's a concern."

VPAS addresses rape culture in black history month event

By Courtney Luciana

With Black History Month coming to a close the Violence Prevention, Victim Advocacy and Support Center conducted a screening of “No! The Rape Documentary” directed by Aishah Shahidah Simmons, a black, feminist, lesbian, award-winning filmmaker.

The educational film exhibited the harsh realities of heterosexual rape and assault that women were exposed to during the civil rights movement.

African-American communities were fighting for a notion of power but a mix of that became overshadowed by male dominance, said Christina Weeks, a senior English major.

“Black women had to fight off assaults from members of their own community while battling to end discrimination,” said Weeks. “But it’s no secret today that rape culture has continued to be embedded in American culture.”

Catherine Christy, director of VPAS, said group advocates and supporters of VPAS constructed a biography exhibit of women who made an impact toward the anti-sexual movement throughout black history.

“We wanted to show a piece from the documentary but also the faces of these courageous women who rose together in a time where they were manipulated to keep shut,” said Christy. “They fought off state terrorism while also demanding respect for their own selves.”

Based on a study by a Pew Research Center the majority of blacks think a tremendous amount of work still needs to take place in order to achieve racial equality among the United States today. The 2013 study said that even though Black History Month has occurred every February since 1976 to celebrate achievements of African Americans, 79 percent of blacks have still agreed that more action needs to transpire to make America equal. Only 44 percent of whites agreed with the blacks’ stance.

Additionally, according to a 2015 Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation study, 20 percent of young women who attended college during the past four years say they were sexually assaulted.

With rape culture being woven into American culture statistics have affected both men and women as stigmas have played a role in hurting everyone, said Melissa Kissi, sexual assault and violence prevention specialist for VPAS. She said that while discussion was produced after a segment of the documentary was presented that these topics are still concealed to a degree while circulating among communities.

“It can be easy to get down into a sad, heavy, negative place,” said Kissi. “These topics are not easy for everyone to talk about but every forum that we host we always want our audience to walk away with questioning themselves on what action needs to be taken in order to resolve these occurring issues.”

Throughout the post film discussion led by Kissi and her fellow educator Lytasha Marie Blackwell said that students and staff underlined that racism and sexual assault are clearly not issues of the past.

“General insight on these issues should be a set standard among society and with that reflection is so crucial,” said Blackwell. “Because our communities, organizations, and individuals in general need to continue raising awareness and empowering one another. Don’t keep shut.”

Followed by the discussion students studied the platform of “Shero” biographies throughout the gallery.

“We welcome women. We welcome men,” said Kissi. “VPAS is here to create a safe space and resources to fight for civil rights and against wrongs. We want the message to be clear: Don’t keep shut.”



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Faculty and students participated in discussion and refreshments at the event



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A student looks at an informational poster on Anita Hill

December commencement ceremony discontinued for undergraduates

By Alex Palmieri

The university could not accommodate all of the ticket request for the students that were graduating this past December, Patrick Dilger said, which is why there will be no December graduation going forward.

“It was basically coming down to two tickets per student,” said Dilger, director of integrated communications and marketing. “In this day and age, students have larger families.”

Dilger said the Lyman Center can fit 1,200-1,400 people depending on the sight lines. He added commencement is supposed to be a memorable occasion, but things were just not working out.

“Lyman is a great facility,” said Dilger. “But this was too big for Lyman.”

With the Lyman Center being too small for the commencement, Dilger said there was no other facility on Southern’s campus to accommodate December Graduation.

The only other arena that has the capacity to hold all of the students and their families is the Webster Bank arena in Bridgeport. Oakdale Theatre was another consideration but Dilger said was a bit too small. Although Southern will not have a graduation for the December graduates in the future, Dilger said he is always looking out for the students at Southern.

“We just want to make it the best it could be for our students,” said Dilger.

Dilger said there were a few students that were upset with no December commencement and people that were looking forward to it as well. But, he said that Southern did not get that many complaints.

“It’s not unusual to just have the one,” said Dilger. “So hopefully this will workout for everyone.”



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December commencement ceremonies were previously held at the John Lyman Center for Performing Arts

Latino vs. Hispanic: students discuss ethnic identity

By Josh LaBella

Just because someone speaks Spanish, does not mean they are Spanish.

That was the lesson Destiny Florez was trying to teach when she hosted a Hispanic vs. Latino event in the Adanti Student Center last Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Florez, a senior painting major, said she wanted to educate people on the different terms used for people who are frequently generalized into one group.

"We want to bring awareness to people," said Florez. "I want to teach them the difference between Hispanic, Latino and Spanish."

The event was hosted by Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, a Latina based but not Latina exclusive, sorority. Florez, the vice president of the sorority, led the event and gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the criteria for each category and providing examples.

Florez had a slide with different celebrities on it and she had the group read about where they were from and what languages they speak to decide what category they fall under.

Brenda Yanez, a special education teacher and Southern alumni, said she constantly has to clarify for people that she is Latina, not Spanish.

"I have to explain to people," said Yanez, "no I'm not Spanish, I speak Spanish."

The people attending the event had posters where they wrote what being Spanish, Latina, or Hispanic meant to them.

Yanez wrote on her poster, "Being a Latina means to me opening a present on Christmas Eve."

Florez said that being a Latina means you are from Latin America. She said she knows many Brazilian girls that do not consider themselves Latina because they do not speak Spanish.

"You can be a Latina and be from Brazil," said Florez. "All Brazilians are Latinos even though they speak Portuguese."

According to Florez, Hispanic people are people

who speak Spanish. Spanish people are all Hispanic, but not all Hispanic people are Spanish. On her PowerPoint she showed a Venn diagram of Latino countries and Hispanic countries. Then she showed a BuzzFeedYellow video where people talked about what terms they identify with and what terms offend them.

Yanez said people are too quick to assume that because someone is from Latin America they are Mexican. According to her, President Trump is not setting a good example.

"Our President labels everyone from South America as Mexican," said Yanez. "That is not the case and it is really offensive."

Yanez comes from a family of immigrants and she said that it really frustrates her when people do not use the correct term because it is a simple thing to pay attention to.

Cyrus Thompson, a junior political science major, went to the meeting and he said he was happy to learn the difference.

"I never knew there was a difference between Spanish, Hispanic and Latino," said Thompson. "Now that I am educated on the topic and I can stop myself from accidentally being ignorant."

Julia Wambao, a senior liberal studies major, said she has lived in other countries and she only encounters this problem in the U.S.



Destiny Florez was the speaker at the event.

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"I feel like this is a North American thing," said Wombao. "I never had to clarify what I was when I lived in other places."

Florez said there is an easy way to figure out whether to call someone Latino, Hispanic or Spanish.

"The funny thing about it is that it's really simple," said Florez. "If you have any confusion, just ask them."

Campus police remind students of safety precautions

By Alex Palmeri

The emails students receive about Southern's safety on campus is a reminder to all students that the police department is here to protect them, Chief Joseph Dooley said.

"It's a refresher for people to understand the overall system that we have," said Dooley. "We have security cameras on campus, access control, burglary alarms. It's a robust system."

Dooley said he knows if students are in danger, students will go to the police department and contact them for help. But the emails and all of the safety tips that are sent through the Southern email just serves as a reminder that they are there for the students.

"Between the security cameras, the Southern alert and the mass notifications," said Dooley, "it's good for safety."

With the emails being sent based off the system that is being run at Southern is something Dooley said serves as a constant reminder to all students. He added this is good for the Southern community.

"Here's what we have in place," said Dooley. "Call us if you see something, then say something."

Dooley said in the email that was sent, there are concepts of evacuate, hide out or take action. There is also a video that follows up following the guidelines as well. Dooley added it is good for these things to be taken seriously.

"That's something we did with our students and our officers," said Dooley.

It is also encouraged by Dooley to sign up for the Southern Alert system. If a student is signed up for Southern Alert, they will automatically receive an email regarding any sort of crime on campus or inclement weather closing.

Patrick Dilger, director of integrated communications and marketing, said it is always important for student to know and understand what is happening on campus. He said every semester, emails will get sent out about these kinds of things to raise awareness to students and faculty.

"This is so people know what kind of systems people have in place," said Dilger.

Dilger mentioned a gas leak that happened on campus a few years back. He said students and faculty need to know about serious events such as that. Because of scenarios like this, Dilger said there are many different ways of getting the word out to everybody so the students, faculty and staff are all safe on campus.

"That's why the Chief wanted to know that it's important," said Dilger. "He also has a video online about hostile work place. These are not fun things to think about but they are important things to know what to do in time of emergency."

Danielle Hunter, a junior public health major, said it is beneficial for the emails to go to the students and faculty to let everyone know what is happening.

"I think I feel safer because I know," said Hunter. "Not knowing then hearing about it later, or sometimes my mom will hear some things that happen in downtown New Haven. If I were to hear something that happens through my mom vs. an official of the school, I wouldn't feel as safe."

Dilger said the notifications are significant for students and faculty. Sometimes he said people need to know about situations and act quickly.

"You never know when things can happen," said Dilger. "Even in weather situations. People need to move quickly. People need to know. We have many different ways of getting the word out. That's why the Chief wanted people to know that it's important."

University will add new bachelor of science degrees

By Lynandro Simmons

Southern has recently approved new programs to prepare students for opportunities in exciting and rapidly growing fields. The university is adding a new bachelor of science degree program in biotechnology and in environmental systems and sustainability studies, which will both start this fall.

"I'm excited. I applied to switch into the new Biotech-program," said Thomas Hoang.

Hoang, a biology major, said the classes offered within the program are important, things that he wants to learn about, and will be used in his job in the future. In comparison to the biotechnology major, the Biology major was more general, he said.

"The classes under the regular bio-major are well rounded," said Hoang. "Which is good, but I want to take classes that are more applicable to my future."

Hoang said he planned to do research in the molecular biochemistry field and the biotech major provided classes that could give him more useful information. This could also narrow his field down, allowing him to take classes that are both useful for his future and apply to his degree.

"As a biology major I had to take classes that I liked, but they weren't things I felt I would be using in the future," he said. "In this new degree I will get to take classes I enjoy and it will be good for my future."

Bryan Pasqualucci, a senior biology major, said the new biotechnology program being more specific was good.

"Being just a biology major is kind of weird. You're expecting to use a lot of different sciences," said Pasqua-

lucci.

In the biotech major Pasqualucci said students could expect a blending of the different forms of science, which could make them stronger candidates for jobs than just having a general biology major. He said that students could expect some computer science elements in the major as well learning about Bioinformatics.

Nicholas Edgington, a biology professor at Southern and coordinator of the new program, said the initiative started with an agreement between the city of New Haven and Southern.

"They created a memorandum of understanding to create a pipeline for biotechnology jobs," said Edgington.

New Haven has a little thriving biotechnology community of biotech companies, he said. It can be frustrating for them to find potential employees from out of state. So it would be beneficial for the city to have a pipeline of well-trained students to take these new jobs. Within the new major students will end up getting a minor in chemistry.

"We're introducing a new class next semester called Bioinformatics," he said. "They'll get coding skills which are high in demand."

Due to many of the courses being shared between biology and biotechnology it should be relatively easy for students to make the transfer, said Edgington. One



The Academic Science and Laboratory Building.

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interesting aspect of the program is that internship opportunities will be provided for the B.S. in Biotech majors. The internships will provide students with the opportunity to get their foot in the door.

"These are high-paying technical jobs," said Edgington. "There's no guarantees, but we expect in some cases these internship will turn into job offers."



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A sign hanging during the inauguration in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20, 2017.

Protesters up in arms and uneducated

By Jeniece Roman

Once upon a time, the youth of America was in a deep slumber.

Ambivalent, disinterested, lukewarm and generally uninformed to what was going on in the world or even within the city or state. This disease permeating youth culture was called apathy and has plagued the American youth for years.

Almost completely unaware of events happening outside of the bubble of social media. Circles, celebrity gossip and personal drama, this group is inaudible and unconscious when it came to current events.

Then a man came along with a loud voice, an orange face and popped that bubble.

Donald J. Trump became the embodiment of the divide in the United States that has been slowly growing just below the surface of U.S. collective consciousness.

Many have expressed their dislike of the president and disowned him as their president with trending hashtags like #NotmyPresident. Suddenly, issues that have been fought for by the few have now permeated the sphere of the once politically stagnant.

Although Trump is somewhat of an incendiary personification of the darker parts of this country, his presence on the world's stage might not be completely bad. It forces the once apathetic generation of voters to voice concerns to the politicians that govern them.

Suddenly, a culture has formed around protesting. If someone is upset about leaders in their government, protest. If someone wants to do something to progress a cause, protest. If Wendy's messed up your order at the drive thru, protest.

While this sudden awakening can lead to a nation that holds its leaders accountable, it does not insure that these "soldiers of truth" are informed. In a way, the Trump administration has smashed the piñata of apathy to reveal an array of uneducated wind up toys. People that are wound up, filled with others ideas, and then sent in the direction their respective political parties want them to go.

This is not to say that all protesters are uneducated. In fact, many have taken it upon themselves to research the issues they support and think of efficient ways to act on them. However, the informed have been joined by the ignorant; many of whom do not realize that they are just pawns.

These become angry marching soldiers that people in power use to make a point. When protest turn to riots and people cannot seem to articulate exactly what they are fighting for, it discredits the cause.

As Benjamin Franklin once said, "A mob's a monster; heads enough but no brains." Of course, protest turning into riots is not new. It has occurred throughout history, but with the overload of issues in the public forum and the urgency to resolve them, this phenomenon has since multiplied.

It is sad to think that informed, passionate people who desperately want to be heard are being drowned out by uninformed people making noise. If you do not know what you are talking about please stop talking.



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Donald Trump announcing he signed a loyalty pledge in the lobby of Trump Tower on Sept. 3, 2015.

A student's take on alternative facts

While alternative facts have turned into a joke, the humor takes away from a more daunting issue: the president's mission to discredit the media.

By Lynandro Simmons

In recent weeks the term "alternative facts" has become a somewhat popular phrase in the media. From Jimmy Fallon on his late night show to Shannon Sharpe on his sports show with Skip Bayless, people have jokingly used the phrase "alternative facts" in conversation when presenting a clear lie. The phrase was originally used by Kellyanne Conway during a press interview to defend Sean Spicer's comments about Trump's inauguration numbers. Since the controversial statement, more "alternative facts" have been used by the Trump administration.

Although there have been light-hearted jokes made in mainstream media about the original statement, there still lingers a more serious issue. The statement was made during the time Trump had begun his clash with the press. Since then Trump has repeatedly slandered many respected media corporations - The New York Times and CNN to name a few - and has been selective about what organizations he lets in the White House.

Trump's continued use of untrue

statements in conjunction with his mission to discredit the media is a dangerous combination. While an argument can be made about how biased some media organizations are approaching this presidency, it is still important to have a free press. If Trump's statements that are known to be false continue to go unchecked it could distort what is really the truth.

To make matters worse, choosing media that only cosigns what a president is saying is equally dangerous. The press is not friends of the president nor his enemy. It is the duty of the press to deliver the truth to the citizens as objectively as possible. If that means criticizing a travel ban or disputing the size of an inauguration crowd, so be it.

To see how Trump's untrue statements are unending you can look at the New York Times fact check of the 2016 election. People may view the media's bashing of Trump's shoddy facts as unnecessary or bullying, but it is important someone does it. Trump is not your lying uncle that over-exaggerates about his life at the family reunion. No, Trump is the president of America and one of the most powerful men on the planet

now. Allowing his statements to go unchecked can be dangerous for all Americans.

One of the larger issues at play during this era of "alternative facts" is the internet. Unfortunately the internet allows people to choose what they want to believe. To make matters worse the rise of the internet has blurred the lines of what is considered real journalism from people just writing anything. However, respected media organizations - such as the New York Times - are around to provide information as objectively as possible. Allowing Trump to obfuscate the truth while attacking the media will push people into bubbles. People could also begin to base their lives around these untrue statements which could lead to fear-mongering, a rise in discrimination, or make this country even more divided. Right now alternative facts are not needed in America, the truth is.

Alternative facts are not facts or even anything relatively close. An alternative fact is a lie, plain and simple. There is not an alternate reality America can escape to yet, and until then there will be only one type of fact - the truth.

The harsh reality of standardized tests

By Drew Michael McWeeney

Having read volumes of literature on the current state of testing in schools, I am comfortable with the practices that U.S. school districts are implementing due to Washington's thesis that is as follows: Standardized tests show that scores can rise and are rising and therefore we need more standardized tests so the scores keep rising.

However, no amount of knowledge on those readings, experiences

observing classrooms, or college classes softens the daunting reality of why testing is wrong for students.

To fully appreciate and understand this testing situation that has most people up in arms, we must first come to grips with figuring out why testing is such a plight and drains culture.

In 2009, in an act of clever speech craft and poor diplomacy, the Barack Obama administration privileged the states with the "Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium" membership that would aim to penalize

teachers because 45 percent of a teacher's evaluation would be based on student test scores from the SBAC tests.

That did nothing to assuage the fact that testing is a plight because it is unfair to teachers. Since we teachers cannot get anything but a rating of ineffective if the students do not show "growth," those test scores count for a 100 percent and not the already-too-high 50 percent.

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Ask Adelle: Answering students' questions

By Adelle Zocher

Hello readers! Wow, how did February fly by so fast? We have certainly been busy here in the Wellness Center, helping you to have the happiest and healthiest Frisky February possible. Within our many programs, we offer the opportunity to not only provide important health information, but to answer as many of your questions as we can. Two of our sex-positive events this February were Sex Talk and Coffee and Sex in the Dark both aimed at answering the questions that you might ordinarily feel uncomfortable verbalizing. Sex can be taboo to talk about, but with open communication and honest dialogue, your sexual experience will be safer and more enjoyable. Majoring in public health, we learn that promotion, prevention and education are just as important as the clinical aspect of health care—taking action and accountability for our health (like regularly getting tested for STDs) will lessen the need for health interventions (like having to be treated for STDs).

Between Sex in the Dark and Sex talk with Coffee, here are some great questions from your fellow Owls—maybe you have been wondering about some of the same things.

Do you have to pee after sex?

During intercourse, bacteria gets closer to the urethra and may make it its way up to the bladder, which can result in a urinary tract infection. Peeing after sex can help prevent the spread of the bacteria, lessening the likelihood of developing a UTI.

Does weight loss affect penis size?

Good news, penis size is not affected by weight loss. When you lose weight, you are decreasing the amount of fat in the area around the penis, which actually makes it appear larger.

What if my partner consented in the beginning but changed their mind in the middle?

Consent is absolutely critical in any manner of



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Adelle Zocher, an undergraduate intern for the Wellness Center.

sexual activity. If a partner decides that they are uncomfortable at any point, consent no longer exists, and it is unacceptable for the other partner to pressure or coerce them into continuing—“No” is not consent, and silence is not consent. If your partner does not wish to continue, you must respect their wishes, but you might sensitively ask questions like “If you aren’t comfortable with that, is there something else you would like to do?” Supportive statements such as “I appreciate your honesty” help to build trust and intimacy. Remember, healthy sexual relationships are built on communication.

Are there bad types of lube?

Lubricant can enhance your sexual experience by reducing friction and making both partners more comfortable. That being said, all lubricants are not created equal. You should avoid those containing petroleum, parabens, glycerin, propylene glycol, phenoxyethanol and chlorhexidine. These chemicals

can cause irritation and disrupt the normal balance the body. Warming lubricants may work for some people, but are frequently reported to cause unpleasant reactions such as swelling and rashes. I recommend checking out amazon.com’s sexual wellness department, you can explore some of the many options and check out reviews to see what might work best for you. Water based lubricants are widely accepted to be the gold standard for comfort and are the least likely to cause unpleasant reactions. We have water based lubricant available for free through Condom Owl, and here in the Wellness Center.

Does everyone know if they have herpes?

A great question and yet another reason to get yourself tested. A person can most definitely have herpes and not know it. A herpes infection may be entirely asymptomatic, or symptoms may be mild enough to be ignored. The virus can be released through the skin, so you can still contract herpes from a partner who has no visible symptoms. This is true of many STDs such as HPV, gonorrhea and chlamydia. Getting tested regularly and using protection will reduce your risk of contracting the herpes virus and other STDs. Our next GYT event is march 22nd from 12-12 in Granoff, and always by appointment.

Our society is very hypocritical about sex—it is extremely prevalent in the media, shows like ‘Game of Thrones’ and movies such as ‘Fifty Shades of Grey’ contain an abundance of graphic, glamorized sex. Still, discussing real life sexual situations is often discouraged, and it can leave people confused and uncomfortable. The Wellness Center is here to help you make decisions that enhance your health and well-being. If you choose to have sex, we want to help you have the safest experience possible. Asking questions and being open to dialogue benefits the health of you and your partner. Stay tuned for the next ‘Ask Adelle’—how to make the best choices in risky situations to help you to have the safest, healthiest spring break!

Donald Trump and his desire for selective reporting

By Melissa Nunez

As members of the press were barred from entering a White House Briefing last Friday, it is safe to assume the American news media is a major enemy of President Donald Trump. An enemy the public cannot afford.

Press correspondents from the New York Times, CNN, Politico and more were blocked from entering the briefing, while various reporters from other organizations were not only allowed in, but handselected. Hours later Trump criticized news organizations on his Twitter as a menace to the country who knowingly put out “fake news.”

The press and the government have a unique relationship: What the government does is amplified to the public through the press, good or bad. It is not a relationship that has always been respected by the

establishment, especially if what the press amplifies rubs the public the wrong way, but it is a necessary relationship nonetheless.

Donald Trump cannot just choose what kind of reporting he receives, for he depriving the public of open and free coverage. This is why the press has been labeled as the Fourth Estate or an honorary branch of government that keeps the others in check, acting as a “watchdog.” To be effective they have to be allowed to exist freely, without prohibition.

Trump also condemned the usage of anonymous sources soon after members from the White House team requested anonymity when briefing reporters.

According to a Society of Professional Journalists Ethics Committee position paper on anonymous sources, reporters concealing the identity of sources has been a common occurrence throughout

journalism’s history, notably with “Deep Throat,” who assisted the Washington Post break the Watergate scandal.

While the SPJ says ethical news organizations should avoid anonymous sources whenever possible in order to build trust with their audience, anonymous sources are occasionally necessary to break a substantial story.

“Anonymous sources are sometimes the only key to unlocking that big story,” said the SPJ in the Ethics Committee Position Paper, “throwing back the curtain on corruption, fulfilling the journalistic missions of watchdog on the government and informant to the citizens.”

If a news organization utilizes an anonymous source, it is primarily due to the source’s unique position—possessing vital information yet having an extenuating circumstance that prevents them from revealing their identity, such as danger to themselves, their family, or their

livelihood.

Also, if a news organization has decided the source has deemed itself sufficient enough to grant anonymity, then they will reveal as much about the source’s background so that their audience could identify its authority to speak on the matter, yet the need to remain anonymous.

In the initial stages of Trump’s presidency, he is upsetting a relationship that all levels of government and the people need to stay informed. While he may not agree with how news organizations portray him or the ways in which they attain their information, it is necessary and he should recognize that.

Whether or not the public supports the new president or they are critical of him, the press is everyone’s ally and in a world where a free press is threatened, it is a threat to us all.

Tests

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That did nothing to assuage the fact that testing is a plight because it is unfair to teachers. Since we teachers cannot get anything but a rating of ineffective if the students do not show “growth,” those test scores count for a 100 percent and not the already too high 50 percent.

Students can not use their technology for months on end because they are needed for testing. Our support staffs that service the neediest children cannot do their job because they have to proctor tests. Students are shamed as aggregate scores are displayed prominently in the halls and the classroom after taking tests. I believe because of that, it is a reminder to students and their failure since test scores bring down student self-esteem. Testing is a plight because it is also unfair to our precious students.

This understanding of the testing mindset is essential for an appreciation of “the public school teaching experience.” Save your breath; you will not engage anyone in a discourse about anything other than facts as they know it.

Evidence of fear is present because standardized testing causes an even worse situation in our urban schools that serve people of color because we get to the realization that test scores are now being used to justify the shutting down of neighborhood schools. That is the bedrock in our communities of color. Thus, it has manufactured a massive crisis based on these test scores, and then we use these scores to prove we need to shut down schools.

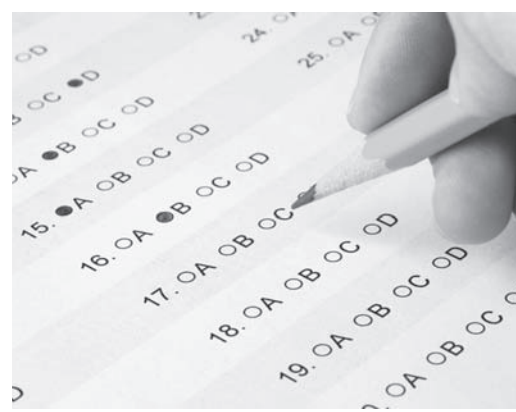
I could have openly questioned the wisdom of using such scores to justify evaluating schools, but I wisely remembered to save my breath since I am not

officially in the profession yet, unfortunately.

However, testing paranoia most tellingly and personally revealed itself as a result of quite a tragedy: the outrageous cost of the tests. Think about this for a second: How many after school programs and wrap-around services could be in place if the money went to the schools and not to textbook companies? Standardized tests do in fact help people of color – those motivated by green.

George Orwell said it best when he wrote, “The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their own history.” That is, in fact, of one thing you might be certain: Over 30 years of history—I am referring to research—supports the argument that testing, in general, decreases a teacher’s ability to meet the needs of each student. Yes, holding teachers and schools accountable is crucial. However, we need a system that is accurate and fair.

We have had enough talk. We need solutions now. A new wave is building – one that must only include the voices of teachers, not Washington, of how students can learn best.



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Chronic college procrastinators

By Melissa Nunez

The semester is picking up, which means a majority of students are doing everything in their power to put off their work. The two tab tango is all too familiar: opening the research for a midterm in one, then immediately logging into Facebook in the other. It is only for a few minutes, so you can check the news feed. The research is on the other tab and will be there when you are ready to focus.

According to a 2007 study from Piers Steel, a University of Calgary psychologist, between 80 and 95 percent of college students procrastinate. Regardless of whether a student is hesitant to start an assignment or they were just putting it off, these rationalizations can hurt depending on how close they are to their deadline.

According to the American Psychology Association, apathy is one cause of procrastination. Excuses like not being in the mood or just being indifferent to doing the assignment altogether can prevent a student from completely focusing.

One way to overcome apathy towards an assignment is to totally immerse yourself in it. Unless it is a topic you are excited to learn about, being in the mood to write a term paper is not something that is just going to come about. So open your laptop and just start Googling, even if you find yourself on the wrong track, you would rather find your footing now rather than having to play catch up on the assignment later. Also, after an hour or two into the books, you would have probably overcome the urge to look at Instagram and will most likely find yourself in work mood.

Fixed habits are another cause to procrastination, according to the American Psychology Association. Fixed habits like



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when students rationalize that they have completed assignments quickly before, so they can do so again or when students rationalize they work better when they are down to the wire. Overcoming a bad habit can be difficult, but when it comes to ensuring academic success, it is worth the effort.

When working to complete an assignment within a few hours, the pressure can be overwhelming. By giving yourself a few days, you have more time to critically analyze the material. Whether you are studying for an exam or writing an essay, if you start an assignment and find it confusing, you can afford to shut your laptop and think on it for a few days or ask questions, thus making it worth the extra time.

Small steps are critical in order to break the habit. By mapping out your exams and essays based on your syllabus for the month, this will allow you to capably plan ahead and give you more peace of mind. Instead of freaking out about what is due tomorrow, you completed the assignment last week.

You can also set reminders in your phone to remind you to begin an assignment. You know the assignment is due next week, yet you lack the motivation to begin it. By setting an alarm on your phone or noting it in your agenda, you have a reminder motivating you to begin.

Marvel releases new 'Avengers: Infinity War' part one trailer

By Lynandro Simmons

Marvel has finally released their first trailer for "Avengers: Infinity Wars." Since the premiere of "Iron Man" in 2008, Marvel has meticulously crafted their own cinematic universe. From "Iron Man" up to "Captain America: Civil War," Marvel has slowly been leading to this shining moment. With "Infinity Wars" Marvel could be concluding a massive three-phase project that revolved around a massive collection of their heroes.

Over the course of the films that have been presented so far fans have watched Marvel craft an intricate universe that has interlocked a plethora of heroes in a complex web. When the first "Avengers" film was premiered it showed the potential Marvel saw in creating a series of connected super hero films. From Captain America's connection to Tony Stark, to the unlikely brotherhood that is slowly forming between Thor and the Hulk, Marvel has done a great job of giving each hero their own time while creating real connections between them. By the time "Avengers: Infinity Wars" occurs it will

not just be a thrown together team of heroes, but a group of true friends struggling to save Earth.

When the Avengers were last seen in "Captain America: Civil War" things were not looking too good. Tony Stark and Steve Rogers had fought nearly to the death, Rogers' team was imprisoned and Bucky Barnes was seeking asylum within the newly introduced nation Wakanda. The team was splintered, but a looming threat will force Earth's greatest heroes to put their differences aside and reunite.

The short trailer released by Marvel gives fans a little snippet of what they can expect and opens with a brief explanation of the infinity stones. The infinity stones have been featured in preceding Marvel movies and they are at the center of "Avengers: Infinity Wars." The trailer also shows Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man), Tom Holland (Spider Man), and Chris Pratt (Star Lord) on the same stage together. This scene should get fans excited for how Marvel will bring together the cinematic universe's large ensemble of characters all into one film.

The short trailer also shows Bruce Banner holding Loki's staff. Spider Man also appears in the trailer,

confirming his role in the film. In the end of the trailer the audience sees Thanos. In the trailer Thanos is seen with the infinity gauntlet, which has five infinity stones placed in it. Not much information has been released on Thanos, but he will certainly be the greatest villain the Avengers have faced yet. The fact that "Infinity Wars" is a two-part film can attest to the magnitude of the threat Thanos will pose.

Outside of a few clips the trailer does not show much of what will actually occur in the movie and is true to Marvel's trailer standards that less is more. More or less the trailer will have fans salivating at what will be the biggest Marvel movie yet. By the time the two-part Avengers films conclude, Marvel will have amassed nearly 20 films in their massive cinematic universe. For now, Marvel fans should be excited for the upcoming films "Spider-Man: Homecoming," "Thor: Ragnarok" and "The Black Panther." These three films will lead into "Avengers: Infinity Wars" and will provide the important setup for what will probably become one of the most historic movies in the superhero genre.



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Photo of artist Future performing at the Summer Sixteen tour.

Future drops his new self-titled album without any warning

By Lynandro Simmons

Atlanta rapper Future is certainly one of the most prolific artists of the current generation. His work ethic is unparalleled and since 2011 he has dropped at least two projects every year.

Without any warnings Future dropped his self-titled album "FUTURE." His new self-titled album is the first in a pair of projects released only seven days apart. The project is an ambitious exhibition of Future replicating what has been his claim to fame - his disrespectful lyrics.

From the opening track "Rent Money" Future immediately sets the tone for what type of album his fans are in for. With hard hitting trap beats provided by a diverse group of producers, Future has crafted an album full of bangers. Pounding 808s, raps about drugs, women and money are all throughout the album. The one issue that could be found in the project is though there are a

variety of producers, there are not a variety of sounds. This album will probably not attract new fans if they are expecting Future to take a creative leap. However, to fans who love the trap artist for tapes like "Dirty Sprite 2," or "Monster" they will be more than satisfied.

The album is not meant to teach fans anything new about Future or showcase things he has not done already. However, fans probably are not coming into a Future album expecting to necessarily learn about this superstar's life. Despite the repetitive subject matter throughout most of the album Future provides a record like "When I was Broke," which is reminiscent of the subject matter in his hit song "Turn on the Lights." This record provides a moment for the rap star to reflect on his path to superstardom and the journey that made him.

Perhaps the most revealing moment of the album is saved for the end. On the final song, "Feds Did a Sweep," Future provides listeners with the downfalls of being in

the street life. Future raps about how friends he grew up with are imprisoned as he has to adapt to a life of fame alone. The track stand almost completely opposite of "Mask Off" earlier on the album. Future goes from braggadocios early in the album to warning listeners of the lows on the final track. Seventeen tracks can be considered a lot in this era of microwave music. However, it is a testament to Future's belief in mass production. For better or for worse the album "FUTURE" is a decent mix of Future's past styles placed with a more up to date sonic palette.

Trap music is Future's forte. Expecting him to make a sudden shift at the pinnacle of his career would not make a lot of sense and would be trying to fix something that is not broken. If you like Future and have been a fan of Future, this is the album for you.

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Violent video games could be responsible for desensitization

By Thomas G. Pelton

John Gorman, 21, is a communications major and senior at SCSU. As an avid gamer, he has played his fair share of violent video games.

Gorman has been playing video games since he was in the fifth grade. His parents allowed him to play games such as Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty and Bioshock, which are all M-rated games, or games that should be played by people 17 and older.

"Whether or not it was bad parenting," said Gorman, "they've always been part of my life."

Gorman said that he would not be the same person had he not played violent video games, but also said that might not be a bad thing.

"It's certainly changed the way I look at the world, but I don't feel like I'm any more violent than I would be if I didn't play video games," said Gorman. "I think I've just become more numb to violence."

A study by the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology found that 20 minutes of playing a violent video game every day can cause players to become desensitized to real violence. It also said that by age 18, American children will have seen 16,000 murders, and 200,000 acts of violence depicted in violent video games,

movies and television.

Ashlee Paradis, 21, is a senior biology major at SCSU. Her interaction with video games has been minimal.

"I don't enjoy playing violent games," said Paradis. "My brothers enjoy them, but I've never had an interest."

She sees them as unnecessary, and potentially dangerous to the people who play them.

"There's an overabundance of violent video games nowadays," said Paradis. "I think there is a definite connection between people playing video games and violence."

She said how the gunman who killed nine people in Munich last year was a fan of first-person shooter video games.

A 2014 study by the American Medical Association found that 60 percent of middle school boys and 40 percent of middle school girls who played at least one mature-rated game hit or attacked someone, compared to 39 percent of boys and 14 percent of girls who did not play mature-rated games.

A report by the U.S. Secret Service and U.S. Department of Education examined 37 incidents of targeted school violence between 1974 and 2000. Of the 41 attackers, only 12 percent showed interest in violent video games, in contrast to 37 percent who exhibited interest in their own violent writings.

Michael Nizhnikov psychology professor at SCSU said there has been evidence for both sides of the argument, but leans towards the argument that violent video games and violence are correlated.

"We are a product of our behavior and our environment," he said, "so if your environment includes violent video games, your immune system will respond accordingly."

Nizhnikov mentioned a survey by Indiana University in which they used functional MRI's to scan the brain of those who had been playing violent video games over a long stretch of time. The MRI's revealed two things: an increase in violent behavior and desensitization to violence.

He said there have been other studies that have shown no negative effects of people playing violent video games, so he cannot definitively say the answer is clear.

"Everything has an effect on the brain," he said, "playing Candyland has an effect on the brain. So while we can definitively say video games change our neural functions, saying they evoke violent behavior is a much more challenging topic."

John Wick: Chapter 2: The Criminal Underworld is Heating Up



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Photo of John Wick, played by Keanu Reeves.

By Josh LaBella

If you appreciated the gory neo-noir style of the first "John Wick," then "John Wick: Chapter 2" is the movie for you.

"John Wick: Chapter 2" takes place just four days after the events of the first movie in New York City. Wick, played by Keanu Reeves, is the most famous assassin in the criminal underworld. His nickname: The Boogeyman. He is said to have once killed three men with a pencil. Wherever he goes, people know who he is and how dangerous he can be. Reeves does a phenomenal job of portraying a man that at any given time could kill everyone around him.

The film, directed by Chad Stahelski and written by Derek Kolstad, does not skip a beat from where the first film in the series left off. Wick is again forced out of retirement by unforeseen circumstances. He needs to take one final contract, given to by the powerful and ambitious Italian gangster Santino D'Antonio, played by Riccardo

Scamarcio. He wants Wick to kill his sister, Gianna, an Italian crime lord living in Rome, so he can take her seat at the "High Table," a governing body of criminal overlords. Wick accepts the deal with the hopes he can finally put his old life behind him.

The underworld in this movie has an extensive amount of coordination. Often the criminals hide in plain sight. There is even a fancy upscale hotel where hitmen and women can stay and relax before going to work, which are considered violence free zones. There are secret shops to buy weapons, cars and bulletproof high fashion menswear. Wick pays for everything with his hefty collection of Gold coins, the apparent currency of the unlawful. Everywhere he travels to prepare for his mission he is greeted by people who say, "Welcome back Mr. Wick. Working again?"

The movie is reminiscent of many dark action films. It is also very fast paced. The only time when Wick is not shooting, punching, kicking, or stabbing is when he is preparing to do one or more of those things.

In Rome, Wick goes on his mission and of course sees it to the end. The resulting action scene is him being chased

through ancient catacombs and it is riveting. Wick takes on what seems to be a vast army of criminals without every getting incapacitated. He uses guns, knives, and his body to kill everyone in his path. The action is choreographed in a way that keeps you in adrenaline fueled excitement the entire time.

The main bodyguard of his deceased target is named Cassian, played by R&B singer Common. Common does a fantastic job portraying a dedicated soldier and highly trained assassin. He is almost too much for Wick, but cannot best him in hand-to-hand combat and the famous assassin eludes him.

Back in New York, Wick discovers that Santino has put a 7 million dollar contract on his head. This is when he finds out that being the most easily recognizable assassin in the underworld is not as beneficial when he is the one being hunted. Wick takes the fight straight to the source and shoots Santino in the head in one of the kill-free hotels. This breaks one of the most sacred rules of the creed and he is declared "excommunicado." At this point he takes his dog and starts running. Setting up the perfect scene for "John Wick: Chapter 3."

Students voice their opinions on disrespect for black culture

By Gerald Isaac

Maxine Jean, 24, a communications major at SCSU agrees with rapper Drake's sentiments towards the Grammys being racially biased.

"It's been forever since a black artist has won album of the year," said Jean. "Yet, they seem to always have the best performances at the Grammys and the most talked about albums of the year."

Drake, in a recently released OVO Sound interview with United Kingdom DJ Semtex, condemned the Grammys for rewarding him with two rap Grammys for his pop song Hotline Bling.

"I don't even want them 'cause it just feels weird for some reason," said Drake. "I feel almost like alienated or you're trying to purposely alienate me by making me win rap or just pacify me by handing me something, putting me in that category 'cause it's the only place you can figure out where to put me."

Jean says that this is a bigger issue than just snubbing black artists.

"They appropriate our culture and it bothers me," said

Jean. "All of the white artists sing music in black genres and suddenly they are in some category called pop, which I feel is just another way to say white in today's society."

According to Webster's Dictionary, to appropriate means to take or make use of without authority or right.

Jackson Willis, 64, a retired Bridgeport parole officer has seen appropriation that has benefited white people.

"These young black boys and girls will do what the music says and sell drugs and the system tries to create them as monsters when they listen to it or rap about it themselves," said Willis. "But I have seen white kids listen to the same stuff do the same stuff and get a slap on the wrist, they take with no consequence."

Appropriating of black culture goes far beyond music. Certain hairstyles such as box braids, dreadlocks, and waves become something to talk about when a white person starts following the trend. For example, Kylie Jenner wore dreads and media outlets such as Vogue publicly praised her for it. African American Actress Zendaya wore the same style of dreads and fashion critic Giuliana Rancic publicly shamed her for it.

"I feel like she smells like patchouli oil or maybe weed," she said on E! Fashion Police, after a picture of Zendaya

was shown wearing dreads.

Bernice Jean-Louis, a nursing major at SCSU is frustrated with the lack of respect shown to black culture.

"I feel like people put black women and men down a lot but yet they do a lot things to look like us or be like us," Jean-Louis said. "It's as if they want to rip the culture from us and make it their own."

At the Grammys there has been a two decade long wait for a black artist to win the highest honor of Album of the Year. Jean-Louis said Blacks should stop waiting.

"Why even want it when after it took them so long to give it to us?" she said.

Jackson Willis wants blacks to take part in a powerful rebellion: a boycott.

"How about they take the Grammys and we eliminate black music from it completely," said Willis. "I feel without our music that show wouldn't survive."

Willis also wants blacks to see the power in their culture.

"All this seems to be from the lack of education on black culture in elementary school when it's critical time to install that in a child," says Willis. "If we know the power in our culture we won't need acceptance from others."

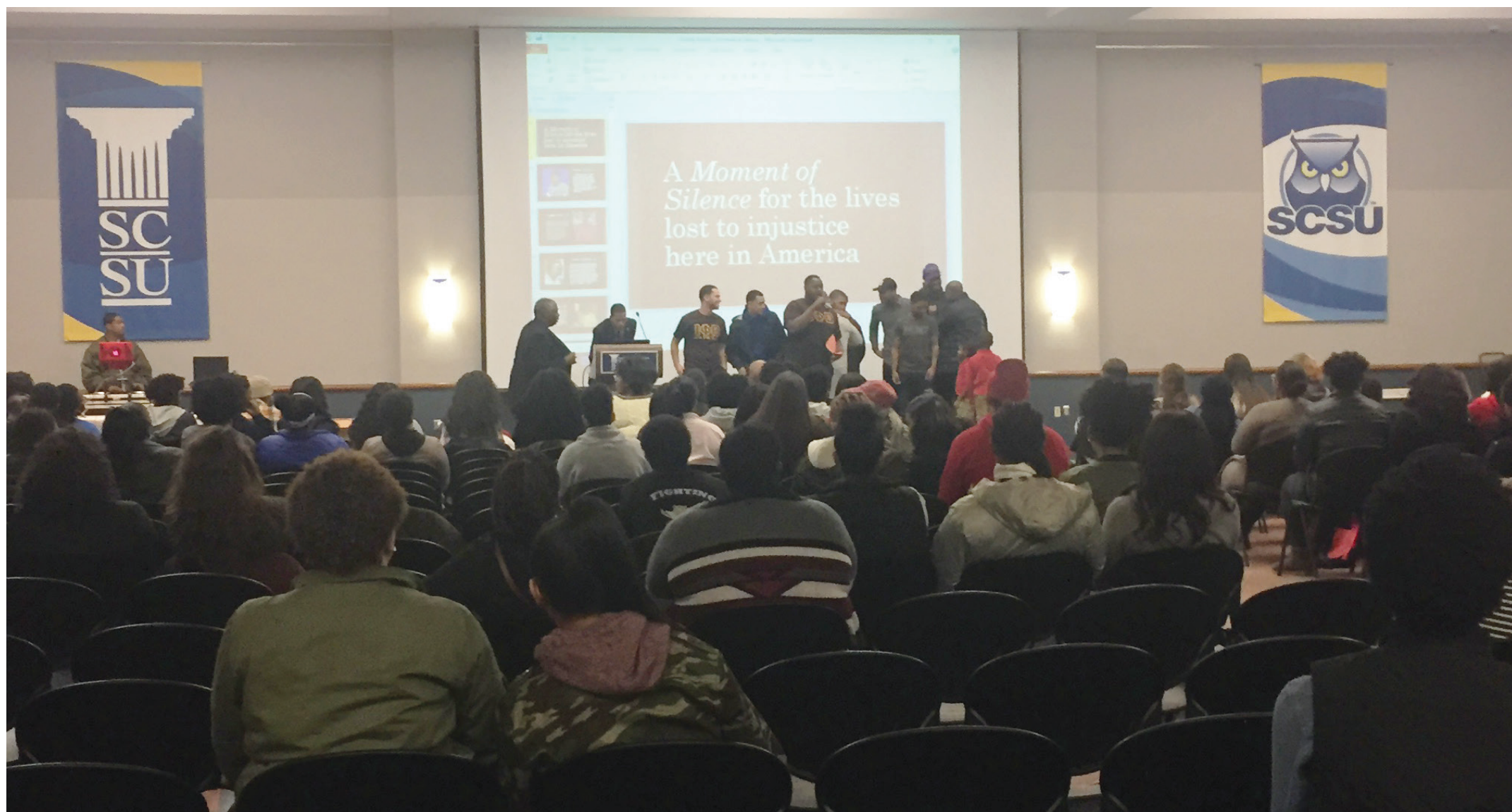


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Students at the podium during the Hidden Kolors events held in the Adanti Student Center ballroom.

Hidden Kolors event in Lyman honors African American life

By Josh LaBella

Dozens of Southern students and people from around Connecticut joined together in the Adanti Student Center to celebrate African American culture.

The event, called Hidden Kolors, was hosted by the Multicultural Center and the "Divine 9" fraternities and sororities on campus.

Kyra Robinson, a sophomore political science major, worked the front table and helped people sign in. She said they were putting on a display of African American Greek life, fashion and dancing.

"Tonight is a showcase of our nine fraternities and sororities," said Robinson. "There is going to be singing, dancing, fashion and African American artifacts on display."

The "Divine 9" are nine historically Black Greek letter organizations that make up the National Pan-Hellenic Council. The primary purpose and focus of member organizations remains camaraderie and academic excellence for its members and service to local communities.

Early on in the showcase, Pauldine Joseph and Berdine Joseph sang a beautiful rendition of "Glory" by John Legend. They finished to a loud round of applause from audience members.

Aaron Washington, assistant dean of Student Affairs, was the keynote speaker. He talked about the importance of Greek

life groups in promoting the civil rights of African Americans. He also said it is immensely important for people to commit to these groups for life.

"Remember this is an organization you join for life," said Washington, "not just college."

Ade Paul, a University of Bridgeport health sciences major, said he was excited the event was taking place during Black History Month.

"I am here to support the cause," said Paul. "It is always good when there is an event that showcases black history"

Jazzminda Acevedo, a junior marketing major, said she likes events when the Greek life groups collaborate together.

"I like to see all types of Greek life celebrate their roots," said Acevedo. "This is a celebration of holding true to African heritage."

The event also had a student fashion show displaying African and African American clothing. Out in front of the room there were dozens of artifacts from African spears to early rolling pins.

In his speech, Washington told students to be proud of their heritage. He talked about the importance of young African American students supporting each other.

"This is Black History Month," said Washington. "One of the things you should learn as you matriculate out of Southern is that when you hear Black History Month you stick your chest out and be proud."

Afterwards, Washington said this

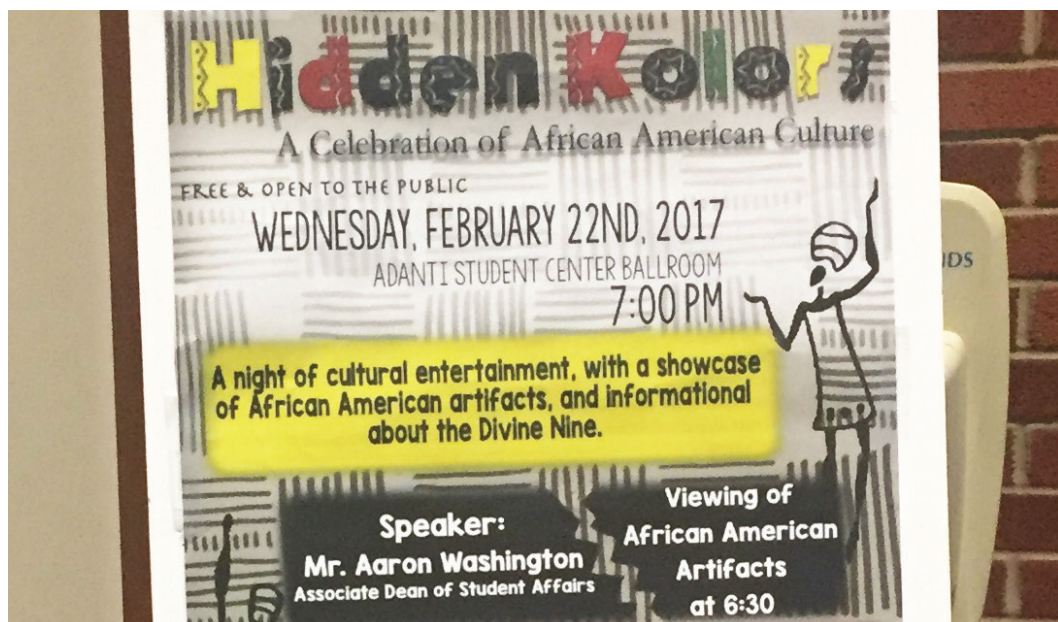


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Poster of the Hidden Kolors event in Lyman.

event was very important that Greek life events like these take place on campus and elsewhere.

"It's a part of African American culture," said Washington. "It has been that way for the past 100 years."

In the middle of the event they held a moment of silence for black lives lost to injustice in America. A slide show showed the faces of Eric Garner, Michael Brown and many others.

Myles Page, a senior communications

major, created the event three years ago and said it has only gotten better with time. He said the event was his way of unifying the different groups.

"When I first came here, all the black Greek life groups had different events and they were always trying to outdo each other," said Page. "I felt we needed to be more unified and that is why I came up with this event."

Student art of the week: Sergio Escobar



"Art means freedom to express your thoughts and your passions."



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Photo of Sergio Escobar, junior graphics design major.



The Southern women's swimming team won the Northeast-10 last week at Hutchinson Natatorium.

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Mallory dominates on senior night in blowout win



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Sophomore Joey Wallace chipped in 11 points in Southern's 96-63 win.

By Matt Gad

It was a big night for Southern men's basketball last Tuesday. The Owls were able to follow up the pregame senior night festivities with a blowout victory over Pace, 96-63.

"It feels good to get back on the winning track," senior captain Michael Mallory said. "Hopefully it will refocus us and help us understand what we need to do to get into the NCAA tournament."

Last year, the Owls' postseason stay did not go well. In the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament, they fell to Southern New Hampshire in the quarterfinals, 107-104. In the Division II NCAA tournament, Southern narrowly lost to St. Thomas Aquinas as well, 92-90.

Trying to right the ship this year, Burrell simply described this as a "huge win." He also praised the team's defense, again only letting up 63 points to a struggling 7-21 Pace team.

Said Burrell: "We played good defense, we rebounded well, and we shot the ball well, and those are three aspects of the game. You do that and you can win a lot of games."

This year, the Owls have gone 17-12, a .586 winning percentage, with a dominant 8-4 mark at home. However, they have struggled on the road, going 8-8 in the

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Owls claim 11th title

The women's swimming team won the NE-10 by 10 points over Assumption.

By Matt Gad

Last weekend, Southern's women's swimming and diving team won the Northeast-10 Championship, their 11th in program history.

"Having the privilege to be part of a championship team as a freshman is truly incredible," Avery Fornaciari said. "It still doesn't even feel real."

Southern won the four day event by just 10 points over Assumption College. Top performances included a first place finish in the 100 meter freestyle by Katie Crochet and a 400 meter freestyle relay win by Jennifer Belanger and Sydney Fromkin.

Additionally, Lilly Martin swam to a fourth place finish in the 200 meter breaststroke. In the 200 fly, Aubrey Bailey and Fornaciari placed fifth with a time of 2:11.71.

Coach Tim Quill said it was draining though it was the result that they were

"We thought we had lost."

— Tim Quill, swimming head coach

looking for, "there were a lot of twists and turns in getting there," said Quill.

"We were definitely in a pretty big battle with

Assumption. They were the favorites to win the meet and we performed well the first day and in Saturday's prelims but I think we gave them a little room to breathe Saturday night."

The official standings for the meet went as follows: in first, Southern, with 861 points, followed by Assumption College at 851 points, Bentley University at 602 points, The College of Saint Rose with 476 points, Pace University with 388 points and Le Moyne College with 341 points.

"We thought we had lost," said Quill. "There was a little computer glitch in the scoring of the meet and we thought that we had lost by five points. However,

two and a half hours later we had found out we had actually won by 10."

In addition to the women's win, the men's squad placed as runner-ups on their side, right behind Bentley. Four years ago, the men and women both won the NE-10 title, Quill said. He was not necessarily predicting the men's win, but that it definitely was not a surprise either.

"I continue to try relive the whole weekend over and over in my head," Fornaciari said. "It was so amazing being able to compete and watch all my teammates excel. It was one of the greatest moments in my life, no doubt." Fornaciari said that she



Seniors Taylor McLaughlin and Maria Weselyj being honored prior to the game.

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Owls disappoint on senior night

By Phil Zoppi

Senior night for the women's basketball team started off on a positive note with seniors Taylor McLaughlin and Maria Weselyj being honored, but ended in disappointment as the Owls fell to Pace University 63-57.

The game was tied late in the fourth quarter until Pace pulled away in the last few minutes with some big three-point shots. Head coach Kate Lynch was visibly upset on the sideline and did not like how her team played last Tuesday night.

"We can't walk out onto

the floor and just expect to hit shots," said Lynch. "We didn't come out ready to play in the first half at all and that's going to get you a loss."

McLaughlin and Weselyj accounted for 75 percent of Southern's 57 points as no one else on the offense could really find a groove. Southern shot just 27 percent from the field. McLaughlin was feeling good going into the night but was upset with the way her senior night ended.

"It was exciting," said McLaughlin. "It's kind of a celebration of everything I've been through since I've been a freshmen, to coaching changes and all the teammates

I had. I went into it feeling positive and pumped."

The night started slow for McLaughlin as she missed her first five shots from the field. The senior forward would catch fire eventually as she finished with 27 points.

Weselyj, the only other senior on the team, also performed well in what was one of her last games for the Owls. Weselyj shot 40 percent from three on the night and finished with 16 points. After the game Weselyj and others on the team were upset with the way the game finished.

Southern put up 30 more shots than Pace did and still found a way to lose the game.

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Lakers turn to Magic

By Matt Gad

It is crazy in La La Land right now. And no, we are not talking about the Clippers (obviously). Last Monday, Jeanie Buss, who handles the business side of things for the Los Angeles Lakers, threw down the gauntlet. She fired her brother, Jim Buss, and general manager Mitch Kupchak. She also named Magic Johnson, who was recently named an advisor, as the president of basketball operations. I kind of had a feeling Magic

would be allowed to run the show all along. I really did. Two weeks ago on First Take he all but said his dream would be to run the team. And now, well, he has gotten his chance.

It is no secret that the Lakers have been in disarray for the last few seasons. Gone are the days of repeated Lakers-Celtics NBA Finals matchups. Gone are the days of Kobe scoring 81. And gone are so many memories, so many times you could brag and say they were the best team in Los Angeles.

We will have to see if Magic

saves them. Right now, the Lakers best bet is to tank, and maybe acquire another first round pick, as well. Hey, Lonzo Ball's dad says he is going to be better than Steph Curry! And his little brother just dropped 92 points in a high school game in Chino Hills so you could also finally "get Melo." Sorry, that was bad. Really bad.

But the point is: Magic is in charge. What will happen? After Boogie was traded All Star Weekend, nothing is impossible anymore. Nothing, nothing, at all. But Phil Jackson's chances of

returning to Los Angeles as an executive are done his former lover, Jeanie, has decided to get a little "magic" back in her life. But no, the relationship between her and the Dodgers owner is strictly professional, strictly about returning the Lakers to the top.

Sorry, Phil. You are going to have to deal with the mess you and James Dolan have already built.



Southern men's track wins 12th title



The men's indoor track team posing for a picture after winning their 12th title in school history.

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By Michael Apotria

After just falling short the previous season in the conference championships, Junior Luke Velez said it is a great feeling for the Owl's to be able to call themselves the NE-10 indoor track conference champions once again.

"We won outdoors my freshman year and last season we came in second twice," said Velez. "The last conference championship I competed in (freshman year) we won, so it was definitely a nice feeling coming back and win another conference championship."

Velez and senior Tikuan Johnson were two assets the

Owl's missed during last season's conference championship due to injuries. Velez said having guys like Johnson healthy heading into the race gave the Owl's a boost of confidence.

"As much of an individual sport that track is, the only way to be successful is to come together as a team."

— Luke Velez,
junior swimmer

"Last season we had a lot of guys red-shirted," said Velez. "We

knew coming into this year we were going to get different results with a healthier team."

And different results are exactly what the Owl's had in this year's Championship.

The Owl's finished the day with a total of 147 points, while American International came in second place with 137 and Merrimack followed in third with 100.5 points.

SCSU had two first place finishes at the event. Turner Kelly in the shot put and Johnson's first place and new school record in the 200m with a time of 21.49 seconds.

Velez said that the 200m was one of the most important events for the Owl's and without Johnson the results may not have

been the same.

"The 200 was a huge event for us," said Velez. "I was able to put up a couple more points for us by getting third but it was Tikuan that stepped up big getting a huge personal record."

The 200m was not the only event that Velez scored points in. He also finished second in the 60m and third in the 400m.

But Velez said victory never comes at the hands of one person or player. It was the team's mentality and perseverance as a whole that drove them to success.

"As much of an individual sport that track is, the only way to be successful is to come together as a team," said Velez. "Everyone needs to compete and train hard. That's the only

way you will win a conference championship. That's the mentality we had all season and it will keep being our mentality moving forward. We can't get to comfortable."

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regular season. Sunday, they also lost on the road, falling to St. Anselm 87-74 in the NE-10 quarterfinals.

In that game, Mallory led with 24 points, but did not hit a 3-pointer until the second half. Jerry Luckett, Jr, who is sure to be an even bigger presence in the paint in next year's campaign, chipped in with 16 points, going 7-13 from the field in 23 minutes of action.

With the game in Manchester, New Hampshire, the Southern News was unable to cover it. Through an online press release, it was noted that "the Owls remain on the bubble for an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament field, and will have to wait until the selection show March 5."

Despite outscoring St. Anselm 50-48 after halftime, Southern was unable to finish the deal. After hitting the game's first bucket, the Owls could not draw closer than a 13 point deficit.

But last week it was a different story. Southern was much more composed, taking advantage of a sub-par Pace University team. Burrell's squad outscored the Pace Setters 51-21 in the first half, and 45-42 in the third and fourth quarters.

"We got better, but we kept losing,"



Senior Dominic Migliaro shooting a free throw in the win over Pace.

PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

we competed harder, we had better practices and hopefully we're out of [the rough patch]."

Again, it was just fitting that the Owls would deliver themselves such a feel-good win on senior night. The six

seniors that were honored before the game included Mallory, Austin Carter, Kayjuan Bynum, Michael Bozzuto, Dominic Migliaro and Jonathan Paul.

"We are always trying to improve," Mallory said. "We

know what we messed up last year so we're just gonna watch film, have hard practices and try come out there with a dub (win)."

No more Boogie in Sacramento

By Phil Zoppi

Sacramento Kings General Manager Vlade Divac should be fired for the way he handled the DeMarcus Cousins situation.

Cousins was shipped off to the New Orleans Pelicans for Tyreke Evans, Buddy Hield, Langston Galloway, a 2017 first-round pick and a 2017 second-rounder. That is a pretty pathetic return for the best center in the NBA if you

ask me.

To make matters worse, Divac said in a press conference last week that he had a better deal for Cousins two days before he dealt him to the Pelicans. Why did Divac not just take that deal? No one knows.

According to ESPN and multiple other media outlets Kings owner, Vivek Ranadive, signed off on this deal because he thinks that Hield is the next Steph Curry. Hield, who is averaging 8.6 points per

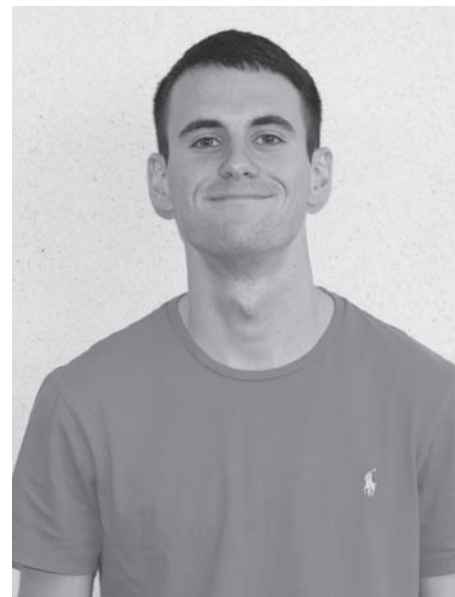
game and just 1.4 assists, is the next Curry? I do not think so. The way the Kings handled this trade shows you just how dysfunctional they really are.

Cousins was the only positive thing that the Kings had going for them and they traded him away for a bunch of garbage and draft picks. Those draft picks will most likely not work out considering the way the Kings have drafted the past few years either.

Many people have speculated that Cousins wanted out

of Sacramento since the time he got there but that wasn't the case at all. One of Cousins' friends posted a video on Twitter showing a speech that Cousins was giving about how he is going to miss Sacramento. Cousins got quite emotional in the video.

You just lost a generational talent for nothing, good job Kings.



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of the greatest moments in my life, no doubt."

Fornaciari said coming to Southern she was "super excited" to compete, and she said that right away the goal to win the conference meet was in place. She was one of eight freshmen on the team, including Megan Garner, Erin Leirey, Hannah Morse, Kiersten Snyder, Alizabeth Sullivan, Marisa Tutone and Emily Waehler.

"Coach Tim and Coach CJ are incredible, always pushing us to our limits. They have always been there to listen to our goals and to help to plan and execute them," she said. "We really couldn't have won NE-10s without their constant motivation and belief in us."



Aubrey Bailey swimming the 100 butterfly on Saturday of the Northeast-10 Championships.

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Seniors McLaughlin and Weselyj pose for a picture before the Pace game.

Pace shot 47 percent from the field on just 40 shots while Southern shot 27 percent from the field on 70 shots. Lynch attributed ball movement as one of the main reasons why the offense never really got going.

Even though the offense was bad Lynch was pleased with the way her two seniors played on Tuesday night.

"I thought Taylor played great defense, she guarded a 6'5" player all game and didn't allow her to get a shot up," said Lynch. "Maria played well offensively. Those two scored but no one else scored and we can't afford that."

Without any other real threat on offense Pace was able to zone in on McLaughlin and Weselyj as the game went on. Southern's third leading scorer was redshirt freshman Murphy Murad who scored 9 points but shot just 3-11 from the floor. Murad harped on moving the ball to her teammates throughout the game but the offense was never able to find a rhythm. Southern's two other starters Kiana Steinauer and Paige Decker both did not score on the night as they went 0-6 from the floor.

The women's basketball program is going to need players like Steinauer, Decker and Murad to step up.

With both McLaughlin and Weselyj set to graduate after the year Southern must find reliable scorers heading into the 2017-2018 season.

School Spirit



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Southern fans at the Midnight Madness event in 2014.

By Sidney Jones

As a student athlete, Jarred Moorer thinks that the school spirit can be improved on Southern's campus when being compared.

"I think the school spirit could be a little bit more better, compared to the other schools and looking at bigger schools," said Moorer.

Moorer, a sophomore marketing major and member of the Southern football team, said that there is a lack of interest in sports at Southern, which affects the school spirit.

"I don't think that students are that into athletics here," said Moorer. "I think they can do a better job with that."

Arianna Shahrabi, a sophomore nursing major, said that her high school had a lot more spirit than at Southern.

"I feel that it (school spirit) here could be better," Shahrabi said. "I went to a high school that was very pro school spirit, but here at Southern we promote it but not follow through with it."

The SCSU Blue Crew is the official spirit commission group of the

Student Government Association. According to their OwlConnect page, the goal of the group is to "increase school spirit and find new & creative ways to celebrate SCSU."

Lakiya Choy, sophomore and also member of the Blue Crew, sees the school spirit by the students increasing.

"Personally I think that it's growing, I don't think that it's big as other schools per say," said Choy. "But I can say that athletes do support other athletes which is really, really lit."

Choy also said that part of the Blue Crew's main goal is to make students aware of events that pertains to athletics and the Southern community.

Moorer said that when it comes to games, he wants students to attend all of them and not just the special promoted.

"I just wish that people just come to the regular events as well as regular games, not just the home-comings or the senior nights," Moorer said. "I wished that it could be that packed environment throughout the whole season, no matter what sport it is."

Moorer and Shahrabi both said that there would be an increase in spirit if students were provided with items like food and shirts, hand-clappers and pom-poms, towels and more (SP5).

Shahrabi even created a unique idea to improve school spirit campuswide.

"I feel like we should have school spirit days where we can dress up in different Southern attire, as well as at the games hand out prizes for most school spirit and stuff like that," Shahrabi said.

Moorer also said that an increase of promotion can increase the spirit.

"Promotion is key, marketing is key," Moorer said. "And also you tell people you get a free t-shirt or free Chik-fil-A as we just had this past senior night. So I think you would have to give to get, I'd say like that."

For those students who feel that there isn't enough spirit on campus, Choy said that going and talking to the Blue Crew will help a lot.

"I feel like they should make their voices heard. For us we hold meetings, and we don't hold anybody accountable for going to every single meeting," Choy said.

SCSU Men's Basketball vs. Pace University



Isaiah McLeod (#1) throws down a dunk against Pace.

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Michael Mallory (#3) scored 23 points on his senior night.

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Senior Austin Carter (#11) and Isaiah McLeod high five.

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Sophomore Isaiah McLeod (#1) surveys the court against Pace.

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Northeast-10 Standings

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
NORTHEAST DIVISION						
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE *	21	15-6	0.714	27	20-7	0.741
SAINT ANSELM	21	13-8	0.619	26	18-8	0.692
MERRIMACK	21	12-9	0.571	29	18-11	0.621
FRANKLIN PIERCE	21	12-9	0.571	28	15-13	0.536
BENTLEY	21	11-10	0.524	27	14-13	0.519
STONEHILL	21	10-11	0.476	27	15-12	0.556
ASSUMPTION	21	5-16	0.238	28	7-21	0.250
SAINT MICHAEL'S	21	4-17	0.190	26	5-21	0.192
SOUTHWEST DIVISION						
LE MOYNE *	20	16-4	0.800	27	22-5	0.815
SAINT ROSE	20	15-5	0.750	30	24-6	0.800
SO. CONNECTICUT	20	13-7	0.650	29	17-12	0.586
ADELPHI	20	10-10	0.500	30	18-12	0.600
NEW HAVEN	20	9-11	0.450	29	15-14	0.517
AMERICAN INT'L	20	5-15	0.250	28	11-17	0.393
PACE	20	4-16	0.200	28	7-21	0.250

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
NORTHEAST DIVISION						
BENTLEY *	21	20-1	0.952	29	25-4	0.862
ASSUMPTION	21	14-7	0.667	27	19-8	0.704
SAINT ANSELM	21	13-8	0.619	28	19-9	0.679
STONEHILL	21	11-10	0.524	26	12-14	0.462
MERRIMACK	21	10-11	0.476	28	13-15	0.464
SAINT MICHAEL'S	21	10-11	0.476	26	12-14	0.462
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	21	6-15	0.286	28	11-17	0.393
FRANKLIN PIERCE	21	1-20	0.048	26	3-23	0.115
SOUTHWEST DIVISION						
ADELPHI *	20	18-2	0.900	28	24-4	0.857
AMERICAN INT'L	20	14-6	0.700	29	19-10	0.655
LE MOYNE	20	10-10	0.500	27	15-12	0.556
PACE	20	8-12	0.400	29	14-15	0.483
SAINT ROSE	20	7-13	0.350	26	12-14	0.462
SO. CONNECTICUT	20	7-13	0.350	29	12-17	0.414
NEW HAVEN	20	5-15	0.250	26	7-19	0.269

Southern's intern chronicles

By Natalie Accardi

It was a chilly day in fall 2016 when Justin Farmer said he was met with a face full of papers after knocking on the door of a family having Sunday dinner, which was thrown by an ardent President Donald J. Trump supporter who told Farmer to get off his lawn.

"I told him, 'I'm already here at your door as a young person,'" said Farmer, in a phone interview, "and I'm here to tell you how I feel about democracy."

According to Farmer, a sophomore biology and political science major, he asked the man who threw papers at him for a cup of hot water to battle the harsh weather and instead the man gave him a pair of gloves.

"It made me see beyond the person, beyond the causes we were fighting for. When we're voting we're not just voting for ourselves or for our family or friends, but we're also voting to preserve the way we think about life," said Farmer.

Farmer interned at the House and Senate campaign office in Milford and he said some of his duties included canvassing, taking notes at events and answering phones. He ended up getting a ride back to the office from another man who was a Trump supporter after he was stranded in the middle of Milford with no phone for four hours.

"I thought I was going to end up in an episode of 'Criminal Minds,'" said Farmer, who discussed politics with the man in his beat up green pickup truck, "but it worked out for the best."

Farmer said the most difficult part of his internship was getting a sense of the town's issues because if he was walking through a historical part of Milford and he did not mention to people the history of that particular street, they would perceive him as disrespectful and would not talk to him.

According to Farmer, he learned community extends beyond location because different groups like environmental groups or churchgoers helped candidates. He said he developed immense respect for those who run for office and the political process.

On Thursdays, Connor Smith, a senior cultural anthropology major, said he commutes over an hour to Amherst, Mass. for his internship at the Peace Development Fund. He spends six to eight hours on both Thursday and Friday



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Connor Smith, a senior cultural anthropology major.

reading grants.

Smith said he helps narrow down which grassroots organizations will receive funding and it is challenging to choose what organizations deserve it the most because only 15 to 20 of the over 100 grants they receive will get funding.

Smith said PDF offers a rapid relief fund, which is under \$1,000 but the organization will receive it within two weeks. He said rapid relief funds are typically for a "call to action" and they recently provided it for organizations connected to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, who are impacted by the Dakota Access Pipeline.

"It's really fulfilling to not only be able to help people," said Smith, "but you get to learn about all the contemporary issues that are going on or are about to happen."



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Steve Green, a senior political science and psychology major.

Steve Green, a senior political science major and psychology minor, said he learned from his internship the importance of local government. Green is interning for Rep. Roland Lemar of New Haven and East Haven.

"Originally, I wasn't interested in the local level, but now I'm finding that it's more interesting, one, and two, there's a lot more that goes into than I initially knew," said Green, in a phone interview. "It's a lot of thinking on your feet and connecting policies."

Green said he is responsible for constituent management services, which includes taking the calls of concerned citizens, recording it, and then giving Lemar, a Democrat, a brief analysis of what the person is worried about. According to Green, the most challenging part of his internship is tracking bills because it may include amending them, changing the language to avoid discrepancies, which can become complicated. He said tracking bills requires him to do a hefty amount of reading and homework beforehand and he recently tracked House Bill 5314, which would allow people who are 21 years of age and older to purchase and grow marijuana.

According to Brigham Young University, about 30 percent of graduating seniors have job offers before graduation and when graduating seniors complete an internship, it increases to 58 percent.

During a day of canvassing Corey Evans, a senior political science major, said a woman who came to the door with her child in tow, screamed at him to leave. According to Evans, when he began to walk away she ran after him and asked who he was campaigning for and she then promised him her vote because he was not annoying

like the other people knocking at her door. Evans said he interned for New Haven Mayor, Toni Harp, a Democrat, in the summer of 2015 and he interned for the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce in fall 2016.

Evans said it was challenging to connect with the local communities for both internships and they both required expertise, but he learned about how government works.

"A lot of people think politics are what's happening in the White House, but it's your street being paved. It's the plow coming through at the right time," said Evans. "It can be as simple as that and as personal as that."

While interning at the Office of Adult Probation in Bridgeport during fall 2016, Tyrese Ford, a senior psychology major, said he met a woman addicted to heroin who violated her probation, went back to jail, and then became reformed. He said he met a man who insisted repeatedly over the phone for an hour that he never used drugs as Ford held a toxicology report which showed he had drugs in his system. According to Ford, it was difficult to differentiate between who was lying and who was telling the truth.

Ford currently interns for State Rep. Douglas McCrory of Hartford, a Democrat, and he said his responsibilities include taking notes at committee meetings, tracking bills, and taking the calls of concerned citizens. He said it was challenging to keep track of everything because "bills never die," meaning that they can easily be revived after being dormant for several years.

According to Ford, he learned from both of his internships that people come from different backgrounds, which is why they think a certain way. He said he recently talked to a Republican about higher education and they discovered before knowing each other's party affiliation, that they shared similar views.

Ford said books cannot give people the same experience and understanding as an internship.

"Learning from books is good, but direct experience is way better. So I encourage all of my fellow students, if this quote does make it into this article," said Ford, "I encourage you all to intern, intern, intern."

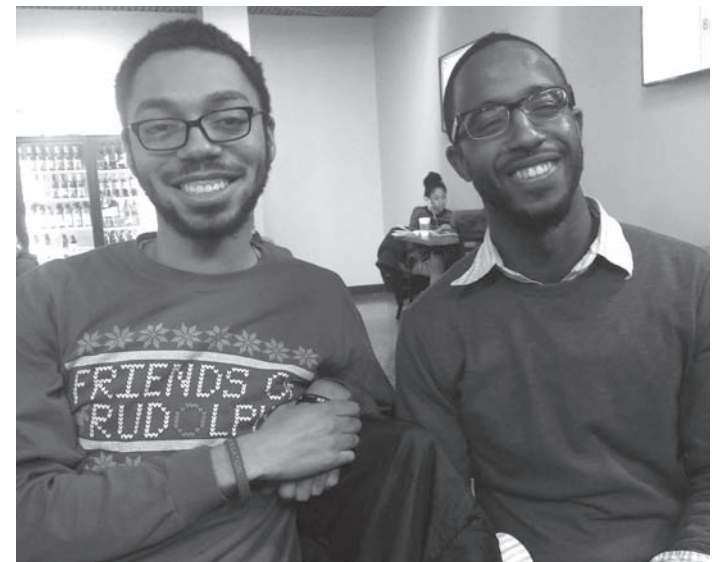


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Corey Evans, a senior political science major, and Tyrese Ford, a senior psychology major.

Southern police serving and protecting the campus

By Josh LaBella

Officer Phillip McKnight loved being a police officer so much that after retiring he decided to start over again.

"I love this job so much I decided to start a second career out of it," said McKnight.

McKnight, a 23-year veteran of the New Haven Police Department, has been working at Southern Connecticut State University since late 2014. He said there is a stark difference between working at the police departments.

"New Haven is much more busy, much more hectic," said McKnight. "Working here on campus is more relaxed, laid-back, and less stressful."

McKnight said duties on campus are much more predictable than they are working in the city. He works the evening shift: 3 to 11 p.m. He said most of his job is at Southern is about interacting with people and helping them out.

"It is a lot more public relations here," said McKnight. "This shift gets a little bit of everything."

McKnight said there is one main reason he likes his job at Southern - the people. He said there is a wide variety of problems that police are expected to solve but he likes the challenge.

"The main part of our job is to resolve issues," said McKnight. "The range and scope of what we have to deal with is so broad."

McKnight said the relationship between the police and the public is worse than it has been in his entire career. He said the media, in part, was at fault for producing anti-police propaganda.

According to Gallup Polls, only 53 percent of Americans have "a good deal of confidence" in the police.

Justin Farmer, a junior biology major, said he has a predisposition to dislike police. He said policing needs to be reformed and that it is racially biased to make money.

"Police brutality is at an all-time high," said Farmer. "We see half the black male population incarcerated. We need to fix the system by using more community policing."

Jimmy D'elia, a junior sports marketing major, said he thinks the relationship between the police and the public varies depending on where one is from.

"People at Southern have a better perception of police," said Delia. "We work with them all the time. Other people, who only deal with police when something bad is happening, might have a more negative view of police."

McKnight said when looking at cases of police brutality it is important to understand that there are tens

of thousands of police officers across America that do a good job every day.

"It is unfortunate a bad few ruin it for the rest of us," said McKnight. "I feel if an officer does something wrong then he individually should be held accountable, not the whole department."

Jeremy Douglass, a junior biology major, said he is not sure what to think about police public relations. He said he does not ever have to deal with the police and this might affect his view on them.

"I don't have any personal experience with cops," said Douglass. "All I see is what the news shows, which is usually bad, but I think maybe that's

not the whole story."

McKnight said the public needs to be better educated regarding the responsibility, rules and regulations of law enforcement.

"If an officer is giving you a command," said McKnight, "understand that it is a lawful order, and listen."

McKnight said police officers are just trying to do their job and keep people safe. They do not want to start any trouble.

"We want to resolve the issue with the least amount of problems possible," said McKnight, "especially on campus."



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Theatre Department takes on Shakespeare



Brianna Bauch as Beatrice, Steven Belli as Leonato and Tiesha Flemming as Antonia.

By Palmer Piana

The Theatre Department put on the Shakespeare play "Much Ado About Nothing" this past weekend in the Lyman Center.

The play was directed by Rebecca Goodheart and recreated one of Shakespeare's most famous comedies.

There were three showings over the weekend and they have four more scheduled. They are from Thursday to Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Lyman Center.

Admission is free for SCSU students and \$5 for staff and faculty.



Aiden Folley as Conrade, John Murphy as Claudio and Shawn Allen as Benedick in "Much Ado About Nothing."



Steve Belli and Brianna Bauch singing together on stage.



Shawn Allen consoling John Murphy.



Steve Belli and Brianna Bauch dancing at a masked party.



Aiden Folley as Conrade and Matt Iannantuoni as Borrachio.