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Student found dead in parking garage

22-year-old transfer student Sean Gallo from Brookefield found dead in West Campus Parking Garage

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

On the morning of Sunday, Oct. 20, 22-year-old history major Sean Gallo, a junior was found unresponsive in his car. According to a campus-wide statement

from Patrick Dilger, director of Integrated Communications & Marketing, the vehicle was found in the West Campus Parking Garage around 11 a.m.

Students were informed by the SouthernAlert Emergency Alert System around noon on Sunday

that the garage was closed to the public. No vehicles were allowed in or out until approximately 3:20 p.m.

Gallo was in his first semester at Southern after transferring from Naugatuck Valley Community College.

“Our deepest sympathies are extended to Sean’s

family and friends on this untimely loss,” said President Joe Bertolino.

Chief of University Police, Joseph Dooley said the medical examiner performed a toxicology report, but the results would not be available for about four to six weeks on average.

“The actual cause of death, it’s weeks out to be determined,” said Dooley.

According to Dooley there was a video shared with the police, the contents of which are not being disclosed at this time.

“We’ve spoken to several students, that may or may not have had knowledge,”

said Dooley, “any that came to our attention.”

The exact cause of death has yet to be determined, but University Police said there was no evidence of foul play and the investigation still continues to trace back the exact cause of Gallo’s untimely death.



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History major Sean Gallo, junior during a vacation to Stonehenge in England.



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West Campus Parking Garage where Gallo was found on Sunday morning.

Homecoming kicked off with an abundance of spirit



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Environmental systems and sustainability major Shawn Odei-Ntiri, junior dressed as Sharpay from Disney original High School Musical to present Hickerson Hall.

By Jacob Waring
Online Editor

The 2019 Homecoming had food trucks jammed packed with lines and students and alumni exuberantly supporting the football team.

Homecoming was not confined to one Saturday, but was a week-long affair according to Eric LaCharity, the associate director of Student Involvement and Leadership Development.

“We had bingo, we had 106 and park sponsored by a couple of our student organizations. We had trivia, which ended up not happening because of the power outage,” LaCharity said. “We tried to make it a week-long [event].”

The homecoming rally

occurred the Thursday before homecoming, during which was where the various SCSU dance teams and showed off their dance skills.

Students participated in games such as the half-court shot and half-court football toss to where if they succeed they could win prizes such as a game system like PlayStation 4.

According to business administration major John Perry, a senior, said they collaborated with the Blue Crew in making the rally possible. He also said that the pep rally is ripe with Southern’s own charms.

“Southern has our own little charming spirit. We’re not the biggest state college,” said Perry. “We all have our own flavor and our own style.”

English major Madison

Alexis, a sophomore participated in the half-court football toss.

Students would sign up to participate in the various activities and be randomly selected and Alexis was one of them.

“I really did not think they were going to choose me. It was just for ha-has,” she said. “Then they chose me and then I embarrassed myself.”

She was one of the many students who enjoyed the rally and said those involved really did put the pep in the rally itself.

“I think the dance teams were amazing.” She said “They did a really good job on the activities. They’re kind of getting the crowd moving.”

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Schwartz residents face the colder months without proper heating

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

This past week Residence Life announced Schwartz Hall will be making HVAC unit repairs inside the building and will have to turn off heat to the whole building.

The repairs will fix 60 out of the 237 valves in the building. To fix all 60, they need to drain the main HVAC system, so no rooms in the building will have heat until Nov. 8, at the latest.

Robert Sheeley, associative vice president for Capital Budgeting and Facilities Operations,

said the HVAC issue only directly affects 30 rooms. He also said this issue is contained to Schwartz Hall due to the age of the building, and should not be an issue in any other dormitory.

Robert Demezzo, director of Residence Life, said there were a lot of rooms in Schwartz Hall last year that were getting too hot. The only time for the work to be done is when the entire system is not in use. Therefore, the best time of the year to do the work is either in October or April.

“If they don’t fix it then, there were many rooms here that were

oppressively hot and had upper 80s temperatures. People were forced to keep their windows open even though it was below freezing, so we are trying to avoid that issue by fixing it,” said Demezzo.

In Connecticut, it typically gets colder during the nights, and residents have seen snow storms as early as November.

There is some fear from students about the rooms getting too cold during this time. However, Demezzo said he is working on getting a type of space heater unit to go into the rooms while work is being done.

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PHOTO | ESSENCE BOYD

Schwartz Hall residents will be without a proper heating system until Nov. 8.

New officers join the campus in hopes of improving safety

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Southern has recently hired new officers to patrol and protect the university.

The university's new officers include Odino Rasile and Peter McKoy.

Chief of University Police Joseph Dooley said the officers must go through polygraph exams, psychological exams, written tests, interviews and background checks.

"Even though they have been a police officer with another agency, there is a battery of tests they have to go through," said Dooley. "So, it's not like we are, just because they are police officers, saying, 'Okay, you are a candidate.' We go through a whole process that we are required to do by the police standard and council, but it is also a good way [to know] you are hiring people who are competent to do the job."

Even though these new officers have

filled previously vacant positions, they still need more, because three of the officers have either become sergeants or left to take a position in another area.

Rasile, who retired from the New Haven Police Department last November, said, it will have been one year since he started working for the university.

"My experience pays a lot with diffusing situations and dealing with the kids," said Rasile. "No bad experience with the kids, everyone has treated me good from students right up to the chief [of police] and the president. It's a friendly atmosphere; I like it."

Rasile said he has worked as a patrol, motorcycle and diving officer for the NHPD. As a diver, Rasile said he had to dive underwater to find certain objects or even bodies to aid an investigation.

McKoy, who previously served as a sergeant with the NHPD



PHOTO | SOFIA ROSITANI

Two of the university's newest police officers Odino Rasile (left) and Peter McKoy outside of police station.

before coming to the university, has been at the university for two-and-a-half months.

"It's a welcome change to what we were doing. The clientele is nice to work with -- not that the

clientele wasn't nice to work with in New Haven," McKoy said. "It's just different, a different way of working here."

As a former sergeant, McKoy led the shifts, did reports, and served

as the person to guide the officers in the right direction.

As part of his job, McKoy worked in the Personal Affairs department of the NHPD, which tasked

him with supporting officers' mental health, as well as keeping an eye on the officers in the department in order to help them with any personal issues they may have encountered.

Rise in food insecurity amongst college students raises concern



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Students waiting to be swipped into Connecticut Hall by Chartwells worker.

By Jackson LaMar
Contributor

With food insecurity steadily rising among college students across the nation, Dean of Student Affairs Jules Tetreault said he wants to close the hunger gap by establishing a new source of food for students.

According to a

university health survey, about 30 percent of Southern's population are food insecure.

"We are working on opening, first and foremost a physical food pantry on campus, that will be open five days a week," said Tetreault.

This, Tetreault said, will replace the mobile

food pantry currently being held every third Wednesday of the month. In addition to the pantry, an opportunity center is also set to open.

"[The opportunity center] will also provide us the ability to connect students to external agencies to help support as well," Tetreault said.

The issue of food insecurity among college students has also managed to find its way to the federal level and is starting to appear in bills more often.

"This past December was the first time food insecurity on university campuses found its way to a federal GA report," Tetreault said. "They do a number of reporting that comes out of the government, and this past December was the first report that highlighted food insecurity."

This past summer Sen. Chris Murphy, Connecticut congresswoman and class of 2005 Southern alumna Jahana Hayes, introduced a new bill called the Closing the College Hunger Act. This bill would empower low-income college students with the tools they need to make sure they are able to eat enough.

During Southern's 125th anniversary Gala, at the end of the event around \$135,000 was

collected, and all of the proceeds went towards the Southern food insecurity fund as well as the establishment of the on-campus student food pantry and social services center.

"It was a successful event. It was an event to help support our students' basic needs broadly, and food is just one," Tetreault said. "We know that earning a college degree is indeed the path to break the cycle of poverty, and we need to create every opportunity to support our students."

Tetreault also mentioned the effects food insecurity will have on grades. If students, have nothing to eat, he said, there is only one outcome: poor grades.

Students who are effected and unaffected by food insecurity can resonate the issue with not having enough to eat while going to college. Special education major Rossano Digiacoimo, a sophomore, said he does not experience food insecurity, but having

the food pantry would improve the situation for others.

"If [students] need to get food but they don't have [meal] swipes, then it will benefit them," Digiacoimo said. "I don't know if I would use it personally, but, yeah, it would definitely benefit some people."

Chemistry major Aaron Kaszas, a freshman, said Southern should do other things in addition to what they already have to help students with food insecurity.

"Southern should do something about that," Kaszas said. "Make it cheaper, or give them a certain number of swipes per week."

According to a study by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, about 48 percent of student respondents faced food insecurity, and 22 percent said they faced "low levels of food security," which puts Southern below the average at around 30 percent of students facing food insecurity.

SGA welcomes new club and discusses plans to increase enrollment rate

By Essence Boyd
News Editor

Southern alum, former Student Government Association president and current environmentalist lawyer, was treated as a guest of honor during SGA's weekly meeting.

"Mr. Porto graduated from Southern for his undergrad and went on to become a very successful lawyer working in D.C.," said SGA Vice President Brooke Mercaldi. "[He is] very influential in environmental law, he's a great author and, actually, while he was a student at Southern, he was president of student government."

While Porto represented a piece of Southern's past, management information systems major Chris Georgoulis, a junior, appealed to be part of Southern's future through the initiation of making Business Information Systems

Club an official campus organization.

"We can verify that they have completed all of the steps necessary to become a recognized student [organization] on our campus," said Office of Student Involvement Assistant Director Daphney Alston. "They have more than 10 full-time undergraduate students interested in their organization, professor Mark Pisano will be their advisor."

SGA approved the notion to make BIS an official university organization, with all in favor, none opposed and zero abstentions.

While this addition was made to the campus community, there was also a discussion about the lack of additions being made in general. According to SGA representative-at-large Paige Tetro, there has been a steadily declining part-time enrollment rate over the past 13 years.

"It's no secret that we have been slowly losing enrollment, but, the

total enrollment drop has mostly come from part-time students," said Tetro. "There was a conducted for graduate and undergraduate students, and, for the graduate students, 38 percent of them said classes start to early, and, for undergraduate students, 45 percent of them said that evening classes start to early."

In order to stop part-time enrollment rates from dropping, a proposal to make evening classes start later beginning in the Fall of 2020.

In addition to the decline of part-time students, another issue the organization addressed was the continuous distribution of parking tickets to students.

According to representative-at-large Lupita Barajas, out of the 59 appealed parking tickets given to students with last names starting with A through L, 38 of them were denied.

"The parking committee met this

past Wednesday, we finally got through all the appeals of last names A through L, there were 59 of them," said Barajas. "We are going to start tackling M through Z starting next Wednesday."

According to representative-at-large Benson Rodriguez, amongst the students who received parking

tickets was the entire cast of Pippin while they performed their show.

"The entire [Pippin] cast got parking tickets for parking in [Lot 9]. Their show ends at 10:30 and the cast won't get to their cars by at least 11."

According to Student Conduct and Civic Responsibility director Christopher Piscitelli, what occurred with the

cast of Pippin is a prime example of the ticketing issue on campus.

"This is pretty much exactly what the problem is, right?" said Piscitelli. "There is so much activity that is actually happening that it becomes a free for all. I don't think we're going to get to a real good answer until this semester is over."



PHOTO | ESSENCE BOYD

Student Government Association council listening to Chris Georgoulis of the Business Information Systems organization to make it an official campus club.

Comparison of campus safety reveals safest university



PHOTO | JASON EDWARDS

Cesar Gonzalez (left), Katelynn Gradia and Willan Silva in Hilton C. Buley library.

By Jason Edwards Contributor

Yale and Southern are just blocks apart, yet a recently published SafeHome.org study ranked Yale University and Southern Connecticut State University as the least and most safe college campuses

in the state, respectfully.

"I feel as if Yale students are a little more susceptible to that because they might be a little naïve about living in the city," said English education major Cesar Gonzalez, a senior.

Gonzalez, who grew up witnessing crime in New Haven, said those

at Yale University are more vulnerable to crime because of their proximity to downtown New Haven.

"Southern is more secluded," said Gonzalez. "It's in Westville, so it isn't integrated with New Haven proper."

According to data from 2017, Yale University

reported to have a violent crime rate of 1.85 out of a 1,000 students, while Southern has a violent crime rate of 0.49 out of a 1,000 students.

Southern students like secondary education major Willan Silva, a junior and psychology major Katelynn Gradia, a junior said they believe the university attracts less attention than Yale does.

"People may be drawn to Yale more, because it's more prestigious," said Silva. "Around Southern you probably wouldn't see [crimes such as theft and burglary] as much."

"We see less of it," said Gradia. "So, it definitely depends on the location."

Chief of university police, Joseph Dooley said he does not know the methodology used in the SafeHome.org study, but accredits Yale and its police unit.

"We're an open campus," said Dooley. "I think it had to do with strategic policing and engaging in the community — it's

what helps us keep the campus safe and everyone informed."

The study was released at about the same time as the university released its Clery Act Report last month, an annual publication by campus police that details campus crime statistics.

The Clery Report is federally mandated annual publication in which colleges and universities police detail campus crime statistics.

Dooley said it is about transparency when delivering statistics pertaining to crimes such as hate violence and discrimination.

According to Yale's office of institutional research, they serve well over 20,000 students and staff, and has a police unit of 93 officers.

During Bertolino's recent State of the University Address, he reported 9,817 undergraduate students and a police unit consisting of 27 officers.

"We can define our campus," said Dooley, who said there is a lack of geographic boundaries when it comes to the relationship between Yale's campus and downtown New Haven.

Layla Nassar, a graduate student at Yale, said her university has something that Southern lacks — urban prominence.

"We're in the city of New Haven," said Nassar. "It is hard to make a comparison between two very different campuses and two very different climates."

Dooley said his department has good police officers and stresses community policing with the students and staff he serves, citing an app called LiveSafe, where issues can be reported directly to the Southern police.

"Our attitude is we get out to the forefront and talk," said Dooley. "The one thing I've always felt since I've been here is that the Southern community, students especially, are really receptive to us."

Schwartz

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"The other part of this is we can stop the project at any point in time. At any given point, the university can turn the heat on to the building. If we had a real cold spell, they can stop the project," Demezzo said. "We are going to monitor the temperatures closely, and if the rooms become uncomfortable or certainly unsafe, then we can turn the heat back on."

Some residents of Schwartz Hall said they are apprehensive about not having heat for so long. "It's only frustrating

when the temperatures start dipping. I don't necessarily like having to wear two sweatshirts in my dorm room just to be comfortable, but if that's what I have to do, then that's what I have to do," said special education major Meghan Davis, a junior. "It makes me nervous that they don't expect the heat to come on until Nov. 8, because we have had snow storms before that date in the past."

Only time will be able to tell if all the work will be done before Nov. 8 or before there is a major cold front sweeping through. If need be, the university will pause the project and put the heat back on.



PHOTO | ESSENCE BOYD

Automated Logic thermostat located in the Adanti Student Center second floor.

Homecoming

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The annual 5k Bob Corda race took place in the early morning of Homecoming once again.

Melissa Stoll, women's cross country/track and field coach said that Bob Corda was a long-time employee of Southern who left enough of a mark on the institution to have a scholarship named in his honor following his death. The 5k benefitted the Bob Corda Scholarship fund.

"[Bob Corda] was an avid runner. He would do this homecoming race every year. So really loyal to that. And I wanted to continue the tradition," Stoll said.

This year's winner was Pat Long of North Haven who crossed the finish line with the time of 18 minutes. Steven Cuomo of the Rolling Thunder, last year's winner, came in second place.

In the imminent aftermath of crossing the race, Long said that he felt good winning despite feeling exhausted.

"I'm tired, but it was

good. The weather was actually really nice. Kept you nice and cool while you were running. And it was a good course. So, I feel pretty good considering I just finished the race."

Lot 9 was transformed into bustling carnival where students enjoyed free food, thrilling rides and awaited to watch the annual tailgate parade featuring various campus clubs and organizations to be the best "floats" with their decorated golf clubs and their own creative ingenuity.

The swing ride was the

Swinger which swung occupants around in a circle.

Another ride at the tailgate was the Sizzler which where ride goes would side in a seat shaped like a car and be taken for a dizzying ride.

The Scat was one student said they were hesitant to ride due to its vertiginous speeds.

Many students said that they were having a blast with the carnival rides and delicious food, one of those students was Biotechnology major, Jennifer Guluzy, a freshman who said that she had more fun than she had expected. Guluzy said she had a blast on the rides.

"I went on one of the rides, I went on the swings," she said, "It was awesome."

Environmental system and sustainability major, Shawn Odei-Ntiri, a junior was dressed as Sharpay as part of his hall float routine which was based around High School musical.

"I thought the crowd was ecstatic to see the float, myself in the dress and they were really enthusiastic, and they gave a lot of energy and that really helped us perform well," said Odei-Ntiri.

He said volunteered as a joke and the joke ended up becoming reality to where he said that he



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Wilkinson Hall residents and staff presenting their golf cart during homecoming parade.

went out and bought the costume and committed to the role.

President Joe Bertolino said he was impressed with the student's creativity.

"Some were very creative, I'm very impressed. So, no one can say our students don't come to the table with a creative, creative background" he said "So it was fun. People having fun. That's really what it's about."

The Southern's football team lost by three points against New Haven. They attempted a late-game comeback but fell short.

Many in the stands

on Southern side were animated with every near-catch, first downs and touchdown scored.

Gabriella Della Monica, an alumnus who graduated in December of 2018 said that the home team should have done much better.

"We had about five minutes left and the quarterback, it was a long pass and there were a few receivers and he chose receiver that was covered," Grant said.

"There was one receiver that was open, No. 1. And I think [if]he chose No. 1. It would've been different."



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Beta Mu Sigma Fraternity performing their organization skit during homecoming parade.

Columbus Day should not be celebrated anymore

By Jessica Guerrucci
Managing Editor

For years, the second Monday in October only held one meaning – Columbus Day. Many people never questioned it, because all they knew about Christopher Columbus was that he was the man who “discovered” America, but there was much more to the story.

Fortunately, the meaning of the day is slowly shifting. Instead of honoring a man who was responsible for the deaths of numerous Native Americans, Indigenous Peoples’ Day honors the people who really discovered America and made it their home

first while also raising awareness about the tragedy that happened when the two groups clashed.

In fact, change has already been made. According to Pew Research Center, several states, territories and localities use the second Monday in October for commemorations. Pointedly excluding Christopher Columbus’ name; since 1990, South Dakota has marked the day as Native Americans’ Day.

So what does this shift symbolize?

To me, it looks like people are finally acknowledging history. There is a quote that comes to mind from

Winston Churchill in regards to this shift: “History is written by the victors.” I believe Columbus was one of those “victors” who history has painted to be a hero. The opinions of the Native Americans were never heard until now – and still, the day was still largely recognized as Columbus Day.

Now, it is not to say Columbus did not make any contributions. It certainly took bravery to complete four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean, but it is his actions when he arrived that should not be celebrated.

Essentially, Columbus’ arrival led to the genocide of Native Americans. The ideals he brought over

led to the death and the taking of land from its rightful owners. Since his arrival, a trend for the treatment of Native Americans began.

Look at Andrew Jackson’s Indian removal policy forcing the relocation of Native Americans from west of the Mississippi River in 1838 and 1839, the effect of which was the devastating journey of the Cherokee people to modern-day Oklahoma, known as the Trail of Tears, which had devastating effects. This poor treatment goes back to the day Columbus set foot in America.

Now, I understand that no human is perfect, and Columbus Day simply celebrates the

discovery of the Western World by Europeans and the beginning of its colonization. Had Columbus not come to America, who knows if the world would have turned out the same way? But the reason I favor the shift to Indigenous Peoples’ Day is because it celebrates a culture of people and what makes them unique.

Here at Southern, the day seemed, to me, to be largely ignored by fellow students. Local high schools in Hamden and New Haven get the day off to celebrate in whatever way they choose, but I know I went to school and treated it like any other day. The university did hold an event, though,

called “From Palestine to Turtle Island: Indigenous Peoples’ Resistance,” which was a celebration of Indigenous Peoples’ Day and markedly not Columbus Day.

I believe it could be a while before it becomes official, but there certainly is a visible shift on campus and beyond towards celebrating Indigenous Peoples’ Day. All we can do now is stay educated about what really happened when Columbus came to America and take the day to recognize the contributions Native Americans have made to our country and our culture.

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AirPods are not enough for the price tag on them

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

When it comes music, there is no better way to listen than with headphones and earbuds. They allow for music to be the only thing you hear, creating a void of nothing but the vicious riffs of Jimi Hendrix – or whatever you so choose.

There are many kinds of headphones and earbuds that offer an array of different experiences for the consumer. A new line of headphone products has seemingly taken over the

country, if not the world, by storm: wireless headphones – and more specifically, Apple’s AirPods, which were released in 2016.

A lot of people have purchased these small wireless earbuds, and assumedly enjoy them, since many people on campus can be seen wearing them almost every day. However, after being able to use AirPods for the past week or so, thanks to a friend who left them in my truck, my general, final opinion is that they are yet another over-priced, over-hyped and unnecessary

product from the colossal corporate machine that is Apple.

The biggest problem with these small wireless earbuds is the price. As of now, on the official Apple website, the cost of AirPods range from \$159 to \$199, depending on if you want a wireless charging case or not. Spending over \$150 to \$200 for earbuds seems ridiculous to me, especially when they are small and easy to lose.

Years ago, a video circulated the web of someone eating another person’s Airpod. While

this prank is an extreme, it can speak to how easy it can be to lose one of these expensive earbuds. Between the individual pieces, which are small and loose, to the actual charging case, which, speaking from my own experience, can be easily forgotten or left behind, this Apple product is most likely to make you buy it again – and I bet Apple knows it.

I also dislike that they do not provide a way to change songs or the volume. Being able to switch between songs with a tap of a button may

not seem like such a big deal, but when you are navigating through a new playlist, the act of pulling your phone from your pocket every other song gets tiresome.

Instead of signing away your first-born child for a pair of headphones that are decent at best, I chose to go with a cheaper, reliable and more fitting brand: Skullcandy. After searching through the market for years, trying new brand after new brand, I have found that Skullcandy headphones offer a better experience.

They have a better noise-cancelling earbud, volume and song select buttons attached to the wires and can be purchased at a much more reasonable price.

While I understand how convenient these new earbuds may be, they are still a little too much for me. They will forever stand as just another new invention of Apple, the money-sucking entity that has brainwashed the entire consumer marketplace into thinking that higher cost equates to higher satisfaction and higher status in society.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION | IZZY MANZO

Apple’s AirPods, wireless bluetooth headphones, and their charging case.



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Sennheiser HD280 Professional Pro over-the-ear headphones.

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Looking back: Fall of 2003



President announces retirement

After nearly 20 years, President Michael J. Adanti announced his retirement. In a letter to the campus community, Adanti said it was a decision that required soul searching and was not one he took lightly. "I will take with me into retirement many fond memories of Southern and, in particular, of the people I have worked with over many years," said Adanti. J. Phillip Smith stepped in to temporarily fill the position as interim president.

August

- Southern introduced a new language program in Japanese. Professor Kayo Yoshikawa led the course, teaching students both the language as well as the traditional way of using a brush and ink block, giving students a firsthand look at Japanese traditions.

September

- University police seized three firearms, along with other parts and materials, from North Campus Residence Hall after receiving a tip. Joseph Difusco, 34, was arrested and placed on interim suspension from the university.
- A gas main broke in Engleman, leading to students to be evacuated from the building and parts of campus closing down. Southern police and the New Haven Fire Department arrived at the scene after construction workers hit and broke a high pressure gas line.

October

- Assistant football coach Warren E. Pollard resigned after previous sexual assault convictions were discovered when campus police ran a background check on him. "He resigned, but he was fired," said Rick Leddy, associate director of athletics and sports information.
- SINFest brought four bands to campus as part of an event hosted by the campus radio station, WSIN. One student said the music could be heard "as far away as Engleman Hall," as bands such as The Battlecats and Silent Groove played.

November

- Phi Sigma Sigma disaffiliated from the national organization as well as the university after they were suspended for hazing.

December

- Men's rugby denied hazing allegations after an ongoing battle with student affairs. The claim was that six members of the team threw eggs inside of a townhouse at North Campus.

Compiled from the Southern News archives by Jessica Guerrucci, Managing Editor

Career and Internship Fair offered to students

By Jackson Volenec
Reporter

The Career and Professional Development Center held a career fair on Wednesday, Oct. 16 open to all students interested in finding a career either for after graduation in the Adanti Student Center ballroom.

"Each fall and spring semester, the office of Career and Professional Development contacts employers and external organizations to come on campus to recruit students for internships, full-time opportunities, or anything else they have to offer off campus," said Kelvin Rutledge, director of the office of professional development.

This is the first fall career fair hosted at Southern in over

10 years; in the past, Southern has only hosted a spring fair. The Career Center plans to continue the trend of hosting fall career fairs for future semesters to come.

Local businesses and firms came to the fair, with about 30 different booths open throughout the ballroom. The companies ranged anywhere from Red Bull sales positions to internships with the Yale campus. This wide array of positions available at the fair catered to a wide group of students who have different interests and needs.

"All career opportunities are meant for all students and all majors. We have some recruiters that are available for all majors, versus other specific firms looking for things like marketing or

accounting," said Rutledge.

Many of the representatives who attended the fair to showcase their company's open positions to students were alumni of Southern.

The connection between current Southern students and the past alumni allows for mutual understanding on both sides.

"We wanted to try and reach out to the [alumni] of Southern because they understand what Southern students are like. You guys work; you guys have classes. They get it," said associate director Aimee O'Shea.

Some students come across the issue of not being able to land a job they are satisfied with after graduating from college. This is an issue that is a result

of improper career planning and not building a resume off-campus in addition to working on a degree. The companies attending the career fair explained this concept to students who showed up to their booths.

"I think it's an issue that happens more than we'd like it to. It's hard to know what you want to do in college. Some adults are still figuring it out, but that's okay," said Betsy Nuttall, who attended to recruit for Aflac.

In September, there was a part-time job fair hosted at Southern, which focused more on temporary positions that were not necessarily career builders. This career fair, however, is different, as most of the positions here can potentially start a

career path.

"It's more a career and internship oriented fair. The last fair was more geared toward providing students with part-time work," said O'Shea.

Students who are unsure of what they want to do when they graduate were able to discover several potential career paths at this fair, as well as internship opportunities. Several of the recruiters were able to give advice from their experiences.

"Try to do your research ahead of time and realize that you have a lot to learn when searching for a career. None of us understood it right from the get-go," said Nuttall. "There's a learning curve, but the best thing that you can do is start as early as possible."



Students and tables at the Career and Internship Fair.



Communication major Sarah Durand, senior, at the fair.

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrated instead of Columbus

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

For several decades, a day in October has seen celebrated because of Christopher Columbus crossing the ocean. However, in more recent years, there has been significant protest about changing the name of the day to Indigenous Peoples Day.

On Monday Oct. 14, a recognized holiday, Christopher Columbus Day, Southern held an event that talked about indigenous people. The event hosted several different panel members who all talked about their experience as an indigenous person.

Yi-Chun Lin, the director and associate professor of women's and

gender studies, was one of the coordinators of the event. The event was named "From Palestine to Turtle Island", she said, because the indigenous people in the Americas have always referred to North America as "Turtle Island" because the shape of the island looks like something that would be on the back of a turtle shell. Therefore, "From Palestine to North America" encases the majority of the world.

The event brought up the question of the importance of having the name of Columbus Day changed.

"This is close to being a 30-year-old movement," said Lin. "It's a coalition of multiracial movement in recognizing the celebration of Columbus

is wrong on so many grounds. Some people argue that today is for Italian-Americans, but I have many colleagues - who are Italian - definitely want to stay away from a celebration of a man who is associated with so much suffering and killing and brutality."

Some of Southern's students agree with the fact that the name should be changed from Christopher Columbus day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Undeclared major Ryan Soules, a freshman, is one of these people.

"I think it should be changed to Indigenous Peoples Day, because when [Christopher Columbus] came here, those were the first

people that he met," Soules said. "They were here before him, so they should have the credit."

He is not alone in his thought process. Many other students like nursing major Asya Harding, a junior, also thought that the name of the day should be changed.

"I think it should be changed to Indigenous Peoples Day, because it's rewarding someone who stole land and killed a bunch of people, and I don't think that should be celebrated," Harding said. "I learned in school that 'he sailed the ocean blue in 1492,' and that was it. There was never any discussion of all the harm he brought with him."

As a social justice university, Southern's

core values include dignity, respect, civility, kindness, and compassion. With these values in mind, the university strives to take into account all cultures, including those who are marginalized.

"A question that we need to ask at every moment is, 'What can we do to make people who have been on the outside of the margins to be included?'" Lin said. "We are doing very little from what I can tell. Women and gender studies is only one part, we do our best to get the word out, but it's not out soon enough or far enough. It is not dismissing people of Italian heritage; there are better people to represent Italian culture than Christopher Columbus."

Forum hosted about mass incarceration of minorities

By **Tamonda Griffiths**
Editor-in-Chief

Being among the few multicultural Greek-letter organizations on the university's campus, acting president of Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha sorority Dayana Lituma held a presentation on the topic of mass incarceration to present "real-life issues" to the campus community.

"Mass incarceration is definitely an issue that a lot of, not just Hispanic communities face," said Lituma, "but a lot of minority communities, in general face."

According to a 2018 U.S. Bureau of Justice

Statistics report cited in the presentation, nearly 2.2 million people were residing in America's jails and prisons.

The reasons cited in Lituma's PowerPoint for this "widespread mass incarceration" were poverty and racial disparities, state policies that increase volumes of arrests, such as New York's stop-and-frisk program, false or unreliable convictions, excessive punishment and recidivism.

"The amount of people being disenfranchised is staggering," said teaching English to speakers of other languages major, Erica Goldson, a graduate

student, "and to me it's the biggest injustice to, to remove the voices of these people to treat them, in the way they're being treated, which I see as the new form of slavery."

Goldson said to her, mass incarceration is, "the most important issue in our country right now."

As someone studying bilingual multicultural education, Goldson said non-native English speakers or multilingual speakers often face widespread discrimination based on their accents and skin - color.

"Part of my job is to also be an advocate for those people," said Goldson.

According to an

informational forum, Goldson had attended about the Miranda rights. She said the wording of rights is quite difficult to understand for most non-native English speakers.

"It turns out when you actually do a linguistic analysis of the Miranda rights, it's at an incredibly advanced level of English," said Goldson. "Grammatically, lexically and also pronunciation-wise."

When non-native speakers find themselves in detainment, Goldson said they can be very susceptible to law enforcement interrogation tactics.

"The investigator might

just say, 'Oh yeah, yeah that's possible [to get you a lawyer],' and then move on and keep questioning them," said Goldson. "They answer without knowing that they can be silent until a lawyer comes."

Goldson said because some words may have different meanings depending on how they are used or because they are not necessarily encountered in everyday conversation, non-native speakers find their initial understanding of the warning was not what they had perceived it to be.

According to a 2010 U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics report cited in

the presentation, Latinos and African Americans account for 60 percent of the U.S. prison population.

The presentation was held on Tuesday, Oct. 15 on the third floor of Adanti Student Center.

Lituma said college students often have the mindset that they cannot affect change, but, "that's not true."

"In terms of offering potential ideas university students have the power to go out and be the leaders, really of these initiatives," said Lituma. "These programming events that can really have a massive impact on issues such as mass incarceration."



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Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages major of Erica Goldson, graduate student, during the Mass Incarceration presentation.



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Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha sorority President Dayana Lituma speaking during her Mass Incarceration presentation.

Democratic Debate divides

By **Jessica Guerrucci**
Managing Editor

Three hours, 12 democratic candidates, and issues ranging from healthcare to impeachment - everything unfolded as candidates took the stage in what political science major Emily Bigl, freshman, called a "messy" debate.

"Not too much has changed," said Bigl. "I mean, it kind of went as well as I expected it to. It was a little bit of a messy debate, but it was informative about where each candidate stands."

On Oct. 15, the fourth primary democratic debate brought candidates to Westerville, Ohio, a state that moderator Anderson Cooper called "one of the most critical battleground states," since having it backed all but two presidential winners in every election since 1896. Eyes fell on Elizabeth Warren, a senator from Massachusetts, as a front runner. According to a Quinnipiac poll, Warren has a 30 percent approval rating with former Vice President Joe Biden following behind at 27 percent.

"She's been my candidate since the beginning," said Bigl, "but I think she really showed how strong she can be with rebuttals and, like, genuine discussion about topics."

Attacks were directed towards Warren, and while Bigl said she did well, Jonathan Wharton, associate professor of political science, said she needed to be more concise. With only 75 seconds to answer questions, 45

seconds for responses and rebuttals, and 15 seconds for clarifications, he said he noticed her talking over her time and it was not effective.

"She would not stop talking," said Wharton. "You hear Anderson Cooper saying, over and over again, 'Okay thank you senator, thank you senator,' and it had nothing to do with her original point."

Warren, according to The New York Times article tracking speaking time at the debate, finished with 22 minutes and 47 seconds, the most of all of the candidates. Behind her was Biden who spoke for 16 minutes and 39 seconds.

Other candidates did not get the chance to speak as much as Warren or Biden, specifically Tom Styer, who only spoke for seven minutes and 13 seconds.

David Nichols, secretary for College Republicans, quoted Greg Gutfield in saying the debate was "more of a therapy session." He said candidates were repetitive and democrats must be more concise and to decide who is going to be in the polls.

With all candidates ready to go, Cooper began with the one topic all candidates stood together on: impeachment. Since the last debate, Cooper said house Democrats have officially launched an impeachment inquiry against President Trump. However, Nichols said impeachment is not going to happen.

"They're just going to talk about it," said Nichols. "I think it's going to fire up more voters for Donald Trump."

Several issues were not discussed much at the debate, such as LGBTQIA+ rights and climate change. The questions that were asked, the last one in particular, "tell us about a friendship that you've had that would surprise us and what impact it's had on you and your beliefs," resulted in mixed reactions from viewers.

"They asked a question about Ellen [DeGeneres], but not about what are you doing and what's your plan to help save black trans women who are being murdered at such a high rate?" said Justin Gendron, president of the College Democrats, "and that really shows it's more so for ratings rather than anything else."

These issues, Gendron said, are not fun to ask about. However, political science major Nick Alexiades, senior, said Kamala Harris took a step in discussing women's reproductive rights.

"Kamala Harris sort of went into that a little bit of women's rights, and sort of, and said, at one point, that it was ridiculous that this hadn't been discussed at all at this point," said Alexiades.

Though some candidates had their chance to shine and others did not, Wharton said it is only October and the front runners could switch up.

"When the real primaries come through for a lot of these states, that's when we'll know better," said Wharton. "We are six months out, this is way still too early. It could change any week, any day. We don't know what will happen."

Biotechnology on campus

By **Sofia Rositani**
Reporter

Biotechnology is a very recently developed major at Southern, but the club was created in 2015 before the university started the program for the degree.

This club was originally formed for students who have an interest in synthetic biology.

"[The club focuses on] applied molecular biology, and molecular biology is studying how life works at the cellular level so what are cells made of," said advisor of Biotechnology Club, Nicholas Edgington.

"They are made of DNA, protein, carbohydrates, and lipids. How does life work at that level, how does life work in general."

In 2016, The Biotechnology club competed in the International Genetically Engineered Machine Competition in Boston, the largest gathering

for synthetic biology all over the world. There were 12 members of the club at the time of competition and they brought home a bronze medal for their research on a bacteria that detects tuberculosis: if the user had tuberculosis, the "breathalyzer" would turn blue.

"With applied molecular biology we are trying to better mankind- that can be pharmaceuticals, that can be improving agriculture to feed the world and can also be basic research like cancer research, health research," said Edgington.

At Southern, there are only 23 biotechnology majors, so the club also consists of students in other majors, including biology, nursing, and computer science.

"I always liked science when I was younger, and I wanted to go into a field that I knew was expanding, doing new and innovative things. I always liked genetics,"

said biotechnology major and secretary of the club, Marisa DeCiuicis, "and I wanted to go into genetic research, and I felt like this would be a good way to do so."

Even though the club is for learning and gaining knowledge of biotechnology, they also have fun in the process. Last year, the club went to the Bronx Zoo, and this year they plan to go to the New York Aquarium near Coney Island.

President of Biotechnology Club, Khusbu Patel, said she joined in her freshman year to get leadership experience for medical school admissions. She began as the club treasurer and worked her way up.

"I'm doing research and sometimes it involves [biotechnology] in my other classes," she said. "Sometimes, like right now, I'm doing nanotechnology that has a lot of technology part of it, that's why I like it."



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The bronze award the Biotechnology Club won from the Igems Competition in 2016.



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President of the Biotechnology Club Khusbu Patel.



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A scene from the movie 'Tall Girl' on Netflix.

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He is given little more personality besides this. This does not make the viewer want him paired with her in the end, nor does the fact that he constantly pestered her about dating him. The movie suggests that, because Dunkleman stood up for her, Kreyman should reward him with her love.

The 'happy ending' of a man who cannot take no for an answer being redeemed for being a 'nice guy' has incredibly bad implications for the real world. Kreyman does not owe a relationship to Dunkleman, nor does any girl owe it to a guy like this to date him because he somehow proved himself. All in all, a better ending to show men who really act like this in real life that they are not owed a relationship, and to show girls they do not owe a relationship to anyone no matter how nice they are, is to have Kreyman go on to be independent and confident in her own right without the influence of either of these men.

This ending mirrors Charlotte Brontë's classic novel Jane Eyre. The novel ends with Eyre returning to marry to her problematic previous love interest who is given a redemption arc after her relationship with another does not work out. The entire novel is based upon Eyre's development as an independent, strong, and confident woman, but that entire concept turns in on itself when she accepts a life in marriage with a man she previously scorned, just as it does in "Tall Girl."

Despite Netflix's "Tall Girl" debuting in 2019, it has themes that trace back to Brontë's novel, written in a Victorian era in which women had to get married for both social and economical reasons and thus the argument can be made that marriage is the only "happy ending."

In a modern age of #MeToo, there is no reason for an ending romanticizing the redemption of a toxic relationship and settling for less to be presented as anything nearing acceptable.

Shakesphere spoof auditions

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

The Crescent Players, a club dedicated to theater on campus, have become busy bees over the last couple weeks, first with their musical Pippin, having opened on Oct. 11. They also will continue to have shows through the rest of the month including an upcoming play, The Complete Works of Shakespeare Unabridged.

"This play is great, it's a spoof of Shakespeare but not like a spoof spoof but like Spamalot spoof," said theater major Travis Johnson, a senior. "It's

ridiculous, it's campy, it's funny, I heard they want men to play women which I think is really cool and I think it's fantastic."

Johnson has been in six of the musicals and plays and has worked on every play and musical since beginning his journey at Southern.

"Just go with confidence. Even if you are not confident, just go in with an air of confidence even if you mess up odds are, especially for this show for example, if you mess up and it's funny she may love it who knows just don't be afraid to mess up," said Johnson.

This play will cast six actors, even though it is

usually meant for three. The fast pace of this play may cause some problems for those who audition, but because of its comedic nature, the slip ups may cause a round of laughter rather than embarrassment for the actor or actress.

"Be yourself and know the stuff you are learning because you can't really mess up if you know your stuff," said biology and philosophy major Leah Herde, a junior, "but honestly theatre is not meant to be super serious it is meant to be genuine more than anything else."

Special education major Veronica Bennet, a junior, said the Crescent Players

hold at least four plays a year – two per semester – and one musical.

"We do partner with Elm Shakespeare which is a theatre company based in New Haven and they do outdoor plays and they do everything Shakespeare and we partner with them and they do everything here in the Black Box in Lyman," she said.

Bennet and fellow theatre major Kory Ligon, a senior are working as assistant stage manager and stage manager.

The Complete Works of Shakespeare will be performed next month in the Lyman Center, in a fast paced, comedic way with only six cast members.

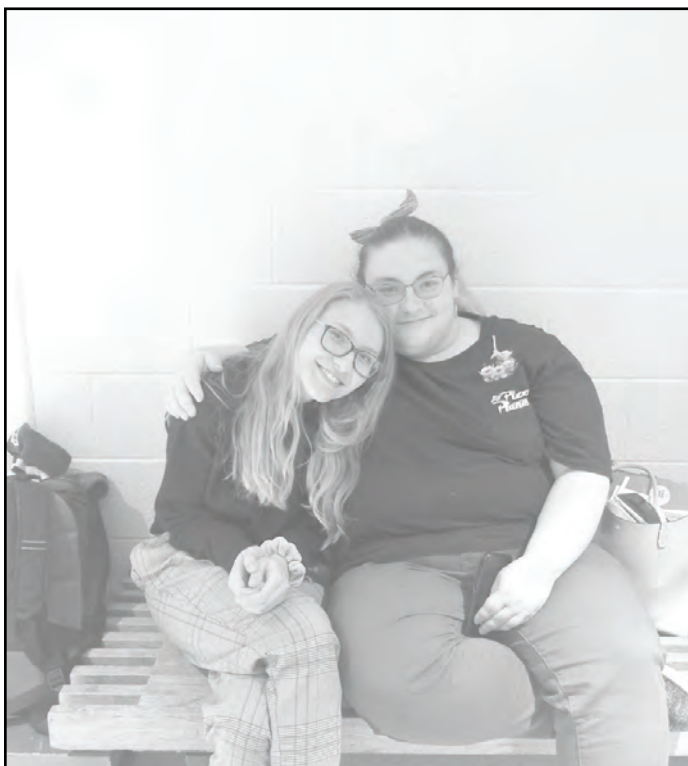


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Leah Herde (left) and Travis Johnson auditioning for the upcoming show on Tuesday, Oct. 15.



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Veronica Bennet (left) and Corey Ligon hosting the auditions for the upcoming show last Tuesday.

'Murder Mystery Night' sparks Halloween spirit

By Ellie Sherry
Reporter

In the spirit of Halloween approaching, on Thursday, Oct. 17, the English Bookmarks held their annual murder mystery night.

Murder Mystery Night is an event hosted by the English Bookmarks club each year. They provided snacks such as pizza and cupcakes, all of which were Halloween themed, and people were instructed to come to the

party dressed as their favorite characters, or as something spooky.

At the event they played Halloween themed music such as songs from Hocus Pocus and The Nightmare Before Christmas, ate off of ghost and mummy plates, and mingled while waiting for the murder mystery part of the night to begin. The e-board of the English Bookmarks club decided who the narrator would be prior to the event, and they would select the first person to be "killed."

One of the members of the club is music and English double major Angel Rodriguez, a sophomore, who said he did as instructed and came in costume as Mario.

"This is our annual murder mystery night for the English Bookmarks club. Basically is a little Halloween party that we throw and we play a game at it," Rodriguez said. "It is a guest party setting, and the premise is that there is a murderer and the game is played as a day and night setting, so

every night someone gets killed. The goal of the game is to find out who the murderer is."

Another member of the English Bookmarks club who attended the event was political science major Dabar Ratupenu, a senior.

"We have to be kind of like a detective to find out who the murderer is. We haven't based it on a story, but there is a narrator," said Ratupenu.

"The narrator talks through the day and night cycle, and in the night

cycle they decide who the next dead person will be."

The roles were decided by drawing out of a hat. At the beginning of the game everyone goes around in a circle to introduce themselves and tell the group why they are not the murderer. Then the group will get to accuse someone of being the murderer. The game is very similar to Clue, except there is one person that dies every night. The first person to be murdered was English major Arrie Lopez, a

sophomore and secretary of the English Bookmarks club.

"This is the first time I am playing this game. I dressed not as a particular character, but more as Spooky time," Lopez said in regards to her ghost shirt and zombie socks.

After everyone ate and the game was about to get started there were some unexpected issues. There was one round of the game completed until the narrator of the event suddenly felt ill and the event was canceled.



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English major Alexis Photos, junior, dressed in costume for the English Bookmarks 'Murder Mystery Night' on Thursday, Oct. 17 held in Engleman Hall.



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English major Kimberley Goulbourne, junior (left) and English secondary education major Abigail Hanlon, junior, at the 'Murder Mystery Night' last Thursday.

Netflix original feature 'Tall Girl' provides tall list of shortcomings

By **Nina Bartlomieczyk**
Review
Copy Editor

"Tall Girl" is a new movie on Netflix detailing a bullied and diffident high school girl, Jodi Kreyman, played by Ava Michelle, who towers over the heads of her classmates at 6 feet 1

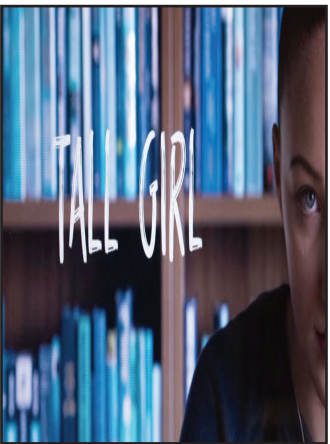


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The opening title scene from the new Netflix movie, 'Tall Girl.'

inch tall, developing into a confident and independent young woman.

Unfortunately, this movie does not do justice for the tall or short, or even women in general.

While the expectation was to find fault in this movie simply for being a B-rate film and asserting that tall people are oppressed, and, while those expectations were wholly met, there was much more material in the movie to find oneself at odds with.

While the film poses as a coming-of-age movie in which the protagonist finds her best self in the end, the main issue with the movie is that

it does not present her as independent or as overcoming the obstacles she faced.

Throughout the movie, Jack Dunkleman, played by Griffin Gluck, plays the all too common role of the boy who just cannot take a hint. While he does say she should "let her freak flag fly," and embrace her true self, he thinks by doing this she would in turn have no problem in dating him. He badgers her every day, and clearly cannot take no for an answer. He also dissuades Kreyman's crush, Stig Mohlin, played by Luke Eisler, from dating her and, since Stig is living at his house as an exchange student, he even physically drives himself like a wedge between them when they are together.

This would all be fine if the movie showed Kreyman becoming completely independent and confident in herself, not needing either problematic man, but after Mohlin slanders Kreyman at a party to keep up his popular appearance, Dunkleman is given a redemption arc in sticking up for her. While Jodi says there is no hope for Mohlin after he apologizes and it appears that, after she gives a speech at homecoming in heels, she is finally finding confidence in herself, she immediately begins to date Dunkleman in the so-called happy ending.

Dunkleman's entire character was based on having a crush on Kreyman.

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WSIN Radio hosts semi-annual 'SinFest'

By **Jackson Volenec**
Reporter

The WSIN Radio Station held a SinFest, a semi-annual hip-hop concert on Thursday, Oct. 18 in the Student Center ballroom open to all students and the general public to celebrate local culture acts in Connecticut.

"SinFest is this big concert that we throw during the fall semester hosted by WSIN. We get some local artists, hang out, it's a great time, honestly," said communications major Andrew Hans, a senior and the production director of the radio.

Local acts included Connecticut rapper Snowsa, a musician who is starting to gain traction in the world of mainstream hip-hop with artists such as Wiz Khalifa

acknowledging her work and expressing interest in collaboration on Twitter.

This is the third time Snowsa came to SinFest to perform on campus.

With hip-hop being the most popular genre in mainstream music, WSIN members said they wanted to pick rappers in order to appeal to the widest audience of students and local music fans alike. There were some underground rock musicians in New Haven who had performed at past SinFest, but they did not attract as much attention as rap artists.

"I'm just a person who likes to have fun and go with the flow, [I'm] easy going," said Snowsa. "When WSIN reaches out I always want to come visit."

Another musical act that performed was DJ Mula, who provided a DJ set before Snowsa's

performance. The set included mainstream as well as original content, and even featured a few original rap verses too.

Attendees were able to listen to the sets being provided musical acts, socialize and get food, or look at some of the streetwear that was also being sold at this event. In order to attract more students, WSIN also held a raffle.

"We're hosting a raffle this time to try and get more people motivated to come to the concert. We want more students to show interest, especially," said Hans.

Although many students from Southern attended this concert, the event was open to the public, resulting in a large amount of the attendees from different areas in Connecticut such as New Haven, Bridgeport,

and several other urban locations, celebrating the local music.

"SinFest was originally an event put on by the radio station to promote local artists in the area, but it's evolved into more than that," said IDS major DJ Johnson, a senior. "Now we've opened it up to local vendors. We're trying to build a community vibe that reaches outside of just New Haven."

As SinFest and the Connecticut hip-hop scene continued to grow and develop, there was an increase of interest in the event from outside the school's student body and has expanded to the whole state.

"Thinking optimistically, I want this to be bigger than the SinFest last year," Johnson said. "We want to get more students to come this year, the giveaway will probably help that."



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Students looking at apparel being sold at the WSIN Radio 'SinFest' event hosted last Thursday.



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The WSIN Radio sign outside their office in the Adanti Student Center second floor.

'Pie a Dancer' raises money and awareness for dance team

By **Hunter O. Lyle**
Sports Editor

Just on the other side of the glass of the Dunkin Donuts in the Michael J. Adanti Student Center, enthusiastic members of the dance team called and beckoned to students passing by, eagerly trying to get them to shove a pie in their face.

As a way of fundraising, many clubs and organizations turn to pop-up events like pumpkin carvings, community painting nights or theatre shows. For the Southern dance team however, the chose to rely on the oldest

form of slap-stick comedy: a pie in the face.

The origin of the idea came from social work major Hannah Bowen, a junior and co-captain of the dance team, who said she had seen successful "pie-ing" events on campus from other organizations, and wanted to try it on for size.

"We knew [events like this] were a thing in the past," said Bowen. "We saw the sororities and fraternities doing it, and it just looked like fun and it seemed successful."

Psychology major Mackenzie Scutari, a freshman, said she stopped by the event to support her friends on the dance team,

especially since she had the chance to pie a couple of them at the same time.

"I was walking to class and I'm friends with Rylea Armad," said Scutari, "and I figured it was a great opportunity."

While the majority of the dance team was trying to get passing students to join in on the fun, one dancer, chemistry major Rylea Armad, a freshman, said she volunteered to be the one actually getting pied to help bond with the team.

"I'm just a newcomer [to the dance team]," said Armad, "so I'm just trying to learn the ropes and get the hang of things. Throw myself in wherever I can."

Armad, who had taken 10 pies to the face in just the first 40 minutes of the event, said that even though she was cold because of the wind, and sticky because of the whipped cream still clinging to her face, she was still happy to come out and support her team.

The dance team started fundraising in early September, hosting events such as Taco Tuesdays at Chipotle, a TGI Friday's event at TGI Friday's restaurant and multiple bake sales, in order to afford either a trip to Nationals or new uniforms.

Along with the face-to-face fundraising events, the team has also turned

to online fundraising. Using SnapRace, an online fundraising website similar to GoFundMe, the team has raised over \$1,500 of their \$2,000 group goal according to the official dance team SnapRace website.

"We're still iffy about Nationals. We have a new coach this year and she doesn't know if it's something she wants to take on in her first year of coaching," said Bowen. "If the money we make isn't going towards Nationals, it's going to new uniforms. We have these crop-tops that we've gotten made; they're long sleeve, they're beautiful but we just

don't have the money for their right now."

Psychology major Jelise Nimmons, a sophomore and co-captain of the dance team said that if the team wants to go to Nationals, which will be hosted in the spring in Las Vegas, Nev. they would need to raise about \$1,000 for each one of the 15 dancers on the team.

"We want to be more known and we want to make it known that we work very, very hard to get where we are," said Bowen. "We have a lot of practice time. We just work a lot and we just want to see everyone come and support us."



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Communication, Media and Screen Studies major Sydney Manzo, freshman, being pied at the event last Thursday.



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Chemistry major Rylea Armad, freshman, wiping whipped cream off her face at the 'Pie a Dancer' event on Thursday, Oct. 17.

Men's soccer breaks overtime struggles

By Kenny Baah
Contributor

The men's soccer team broke their 4-game losing streak with a 1-0 win in overtime against the Saint Anselm Hawks in an NE10 conference game.

Looking to bounce back after the loss against the University of Bridgeport on Oct. 16, the Owls' dominated possessions in the first half, creating many chances from crosses out wide as they recorded five shots compared to the Saint Anselm's three shots. Saint Anselm almost took the lead with four minutes left in the half from a freekick, but a save from goalkeeper Ian Shannon, a senior, kept the Owls in the game and gave him his first shutout. At the end of the half, the game was knotted at zero.

The Owls' kept up the momentum in the second half with 14 more shots, eight of which were on target. Saint Anselm once again came close to scoring, this time hitting post after a deflection from Owls defender Jonathan Foster, a sophomore.

The winning goal came from midfielder Blaise Haba, a senior, in the second minute of overtime. Haba dribbled past a defender in the right side of the 18-yard box and shot the ball into the bottom left corner of the net for his first goal of the season. Haba credits the win to the team's spirit on and off the field.

"Just like the coaches said: come out here [and] give everything we had," said Haba. "We played the first 45 [minutes], we couldn't score. [In the] second half we couldn't score. At the end of the game we just believed in

ourselves, and I just kept working towards [the win] until we got a goal."

This was the Owls' first win in overtime this season, as they move up to a 3-5-4 record this year — 2-4-2 in the NE10. They are now 15-3-1 in the all-time series against the Hawks. Team captain and forward Devante Teixeira, a senior, mentioned how important the game was in keeping their playoff hopes alive.

"It's a must-win [game]. We've had a recent slump of negative results, and we're fighting to be a top eight team in the conference to make the playoffs, and this a first huge step, and we have four more games to go," said Teixeira.

This win takes the Owls up two spots to ninth in the NE10 ranking, with four games left in the season. The Owls face American International College on Oct. 25 in the first of a three-game road trip that also includes Bentley University and Southern New Hampshire University. They return home on Nov. 6 to close out the season against Le Moyne College.

Owls head coach Tom Lang said he also hopes this result could help turn around their season, in which they have struggled to find a good run of results throughout.

"As we move forward towards the end of the year, we just need to build upon this performance here and make sure that this becomes a standard that we set for ourselves," said Lang, "because there's still a lot of games to be played in the conference that hopefully we can put ourselves in a position where we'll be challenging for a conference playoff position."



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Wide Receiver Jaylynn Cundiff, sophomore, running down field during the team's Homecoming game on Saturday.

Loss at Homecoming Owls beat by Chargers, miss Elm City trophy

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

In a seemingly perfect day for homecoming — from the weather and the crowd to the matchup against cross-town rival New Haven — the stage had been set. However, the Elm City Trophy will reside in West Haven once again this year.

The Owls suffered their fifth loss of the season 23-20 to the Chargers of UNH in a game that saw the Owls storm back from a big deficit, but ultimately fall short. They found themselves in a hole early in the first quarter, as the Chargers blocked redshirt-senior Kyle Armour's punt and returned it for a touchdown.

The Owls would answer early in the second, and,

on the first play of the quarter, running back Jonmichael Bivona, a sophomore, got into the end zone on a 37-yard rush to tie the game at seven. However, UNH went into the half with a 14-7 lead, following a touchdown run from Chargers running back Shamar Logan, a sophomore, who would finish with 132 yards on 22 carries. The Owls were forced to punt on the first drive of the second half, but Armour's punt was blocked once again, resulting in a safety and a score of 16-7.

"Punt cover, they blocked one punt for a touchdown," said Armour, a defensive back who has also stepped into the punter's role. "Blocked another one for a safety, so that's nine points right

there. I mean, that's a big difference; that's win or loss right there. So, if we can't win in all phases of the game, it's not going to be good."

Another rushing touchdown in the third quarter would give the Chargers a 23-7 lead going into the final quarter. Though things looked bleak, the Owls found a surge of energy — propelling them right back into the game.

Though he kept quiet in the first half, freshman quarterback Jackson Ostrowsky, got his offense down the field when they needed it, setting up Bivona for his second touchdown of the game while also getting one of his own, which he leads the team with five touchdowns for the year. The duo cut the

score to 23-13. The Owls put the ball in Ostrowsky's hands again, and he was able to deliver. He led a nine-play, 63-yard drive that culminated in his own rushing touchdown, making it a three-point game.

"Our defense was playing pretty good here today," said Owls head coach Tom Godek. "Unfortunately, we mustered some things, but just didn't muster enough energy on offense, and the big nine points in the kicking game is hard to overcome."

Southern's outside linebacker Vance Upham, a junior, recovered a critical fumble to give Ostrowsky and his offense the ball one last time.

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Defender Noah Rattet, senior, inbound a ball during a home game against on Sept. 7.

Field hockey snubbed by Franklin Pierce



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Forward Chloe Knight, junior, taking a shot during a home game against Molloy College on Oct. 16.

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Facing off against NE10 opponent Franklin Pierce University, the field hockey team was unable to break through the Ravens' ironclad defense or match their offensive fire power, losing the contest 1-0.

To kick off the official start of Southern's homecoming weekend, the Owls looked to steal a second win this year after dropping a closely fought game against Pace University 2-1 on Oct. 15. The Ravens, on the other hand, who came into this late season game 6-7 overall and currently sit at sixth in the NE10 standings, needed a win to help secure the idea of a post-season push.

Head coach Kelley Frassinelli said she wanted her team to focus on defense and discipline against the Ravens.

"[Our game plan] was more patience. I think, with this team, we needed

to be able to drop in and hold a better press so that we are not used to chasing balls," said Frassinelli. "I think, to some extent, we lost that focus."

While the Owls wanted to focus on their own defense, they spent the entire first half trying to comprehend and adjust to the Ravens' defensive squad, who consistently snubbed drives, stripped passes and clogged the lanes throughout the first half.

In the first quarter of the game, Franklin Pierce shot the ball six times while suppressing any and all shot attempts by Southern. The first and only goal of the game came from a Franklin Pierce rebound and quick shot with 2:36 left in the first quarter.

Forward Jana Migliaro, a graduate student, said, in order to adjust to Franklin Pierce's tough defense, the team tried to switch up their offensive strategy.

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How will the Huskies be this season?

Column by Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

With all the hype and commotion of their annual 'First Night' festivities now in the past, it is finally time to start looking ahead to college basketball season up at the University of Connecticut.

Last year was the Huskies' first year with head coach Dan Hurley at the helm, and though they finished at 16-17 in their third straight losing season, there is reason to believe that this year the Huskies can make a run at the NCAA Tournament.

Hurley does not lack talent on his current roster, as he looks to redshirt-junior guard Alterique Gilbert and senior guard Christian Vital, two preseason All-American Athletic Conference second team selections, as two of the leaders on the team. Hurley described that duo and junior center Josh Carlton as his teams "big three."

It can be assumed that Gilbert, Vital and Charlton will all be in the starting lineup. However, the two starting forward spots remain to be filled. Tyler Polley is the most likely candidate to earn one starting spot, as he played in all 33 games last year, starting 32 and averaging 8.4 points per game. Polley is a 6 feet 9 inches tall, sharpshooting forward, who has worked tirelessly in the offseason to get better on the glass as well.

That leaves the door open for one more player, and that player may very well be 6 feet 7 inches tall redshirt-sophomore Sidney Wilson.

Wilson is an athletic wing who Dan Hurley has praised in the past, even describing him as one of the reasons he took the UConn coaching job. Wilson saw time on the court as a freshman but looked very raw and would need more time to develop. A lot has been said about a couple of different players this offseason, but not much about Wilson. If he can make the jump and take that next step, UConn will have a real gem this year.

A lineup of Gilbert, Vital, Wilson, Polley and Carlton would feature a group of experienced players with multiple strengths on both ends of the court. Their strong recruiting class, which features players like guards Jalen Gaffney and James Bouknight, as well as big man Akok Akok, who was once a top 40 recruit, gives this season some real excitement.

With the strong schedule they have this year, like matchups with Florida and Indiana early, the Huskies will have their chances to get back into the national spotlight. It will all just depend on what games they can ultimately win.

Volleyball stuck in late-season slump

By Edward Rudman
Contributor

The volleyball team took on Bentley University for homecoming weekend, losing in four sets and continuing a stretch of sub-par play.

The Owls came out strong against a Bentley team that was 17-4 on the season coming into the game and an undefeated 6-0 in NE10 play. The Owls were able to win a close first set 25-23. Defensive specialist, Tea Carter, senior, credited the quick start to preparation during the week.

"We watched lots of film, that's pretty much our routine for every single opponent. I don't think we treated them much differently than any other opponent," said Carter. "We made sure we knew what they were running and what their vulnerabilities are, and we just had more time to prepare for them than other games."

Carter played well, collecting 37 assists, the 12th game Carter has been able to record over 30 assists. She has been very consistent as of late,

recording over 30 assists in the last seven of eight games.

The Owls dropped the next two sets consecutively, losing them 25-18 and 25-15. Even though the sets got away from the team towards the end, the Owls continued to fight and push the Falcons.

Going into the fourth and final set down 2-1, the Owls knew the importance of winning the set and so did the crowd, as they got rambunctious in the stands trying to support the team as much as they could.

The set was neck and neck throughout, and the Owls found themselves down 25-24 with Bentley only needing one more point to win. They extended the set, trading points back and forth, but in the end, were unable to come and lost 28-26.

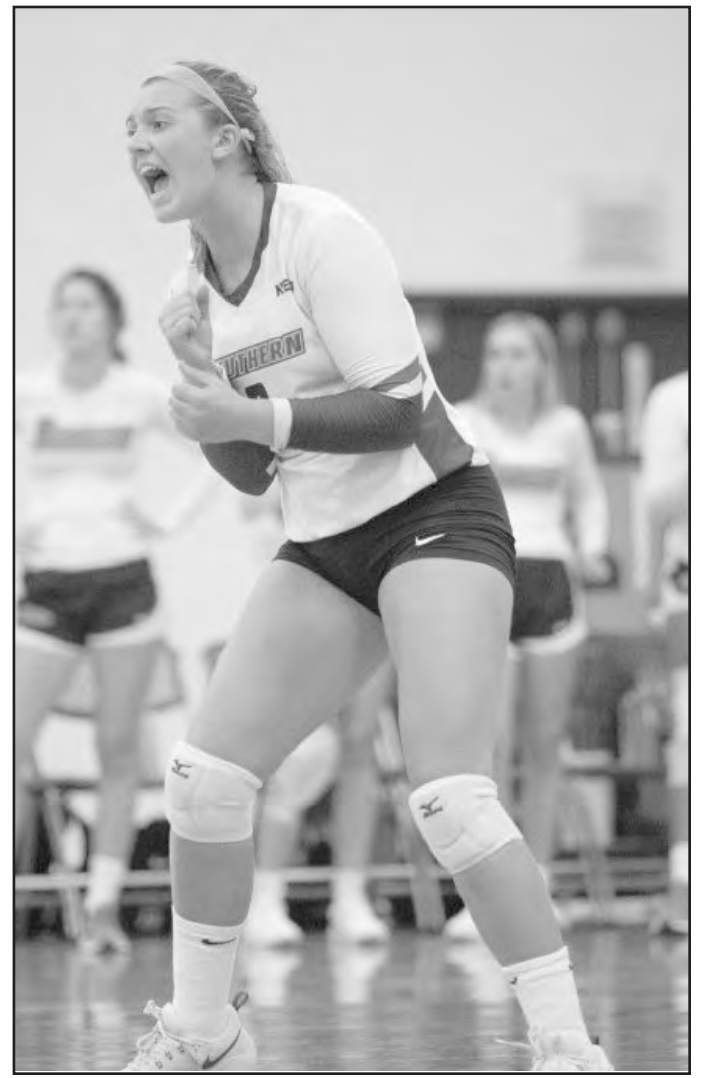
"We had a lot fire out on the court but we still made a lot of our own errors which got us in the end, but it was still a really good, fun game," said defensive specialist Anna Venard, a senior. "It's a bummer we lost but it's definitely a good step forward. They're a top

team in the conference and we fought pretty hard and we showed we can put up a good fight."

Venard was able to accomplish a milestone in the game, tying her career high of 27 digs in a game. Other key performances came from two freshman: outside hitter Ella White, who recorded 14 kills, four digs and three blocks, and Gabriela Gaibur who recorded 18 digs, six kills and two service aces.

The loss drops the team under .500 play, down to 9-10 on the season overall and 2-3 in NE10 conference play. The Owls will look to rebound and get a win on Tuesday, Oct. 22, when they play Molloy College at home.

"I think the biggest thing for us is that we are good enough to beat any of these teams out there but we're a young team, and I think that's really showing in the fact that we gave away a lot of unearned points and we need to start forcing teams to earn their points," said head coach Lisa Barbaro. "Right now, I feel like that's the difference between winning and losing for us."



Outside hitter Jennifer Dawson, senior, during a home game against Queens College on Sept. 6.



Inside linebacker Hasan Dominick, freshman, on defense during the Homecoming game on Saturday.

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Though a few end zone attempts fell short, the Owls were able to get in field goal range, setting up kicker, Gavin Toth, a freshman, for a 46-yard attempt to tie the game with 1:24 remaining. Though it had the distance, the kick was wide-right and the Chargers came away with the victory.

With the loss, the Owls fall to 2-3 in the NE10, positioning them firmly in seventh in the conference standings. The Owls have three remaining regular season games: next week at Saint Anselm in Manchester, N.H., followed by a road game at Stonehill before they host Pace on senior day.

"We're still up," said Bivona. "We're going to go out here with three games left with a bye week. So we're going to go out there and stay up, keep our heads up and go out and fight."

The Elm City Trophy – the award given to the annual winner of the inter-New Haven matchup, will find its home on UNH's campus for the eleventh straight season. Though Coach Godek would have liked to break that streak, he still had high praise for the crowd at Jess Dow Field for the homecoming festivities.

"We, as an organization here, appreciate all the students support and what the institution's done," Godek said. "We can't thank everybody enough."

Women's basketball ready for high expectations

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

After a disappointing 2018-19 season where the Owls finished under .500, the women's basketball team's season is right around the corner, and their sights are set on a more successful year.

The Owls finished with a record of 14-15 last year, and their season came to an early end in the first round of the NE10 Conference Tournament. All season, the Owls battled a bundle of injuries, limiting their personnel. Though it was a tough task at the time, head coach Kate Lynch said she believes that experience will help them this year.

"Honestly, we couldn't have been more proud of our group for sticking with it," said Lynch of last season's challenges. "Because we had some of those injuries last year, some of our play more than maybe they were going to, so I think that gives us a little bit more experience. So we are really looking forward to this year with that experience coming back. We do have high hopes for this group."

Due to all the injuries last season, one of the players who saw a change in her role midseason was current senior guard Imani

Wheeler, who was the team's starting point guard a year ago.

"[Last season] was kind of rough, we had to really work with what we had," said Wheeler. "My role had to change a little bit and make up for the points that we lost."

Though last year was not the Owls' best, in 2017-18, the Owls went 21-10 with an NCAA tournament berth. This year, the Owls return a plethora of talent, including experienced seniors like Wheeler and forward Kiana Steinauer. Though practices have only gotten underway this week, the Owls have come in ready to work and reclaim their former glory from 2017-18.

"We've definitely set the expectations pretty high," said Steinauer. "We know coach knows our expectations now, so we obviously can't go below that. Ultimately, everyone's working really hard, and we have a lot of awesome leaders on the team. The freshmen are doing awesome; they're clicking well with everyone. It's just really awesome. We're so excited to be practicing."

This year the Owls will open the season in an away game against division one opponent Yale University in New Haven. Their two-game preseason

exhibition schedule will then conclude with a trip to Canada, where they will play McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

The game will serve as a homecoming for Steinauer and junior guard Aaliyah Walker, who are both from Ontario.

"I'm just really excited," said Steinauer, who is originally from Oakville, Ontario, located in between Hamilton and Toronto. "That will be awesome for all of our friends and family to see us play. It's going to be a different country, so I feel like people don't know what to expect, which, ultimately, it's not that different, but I'm just really excited. My family is really excited, and all my friends will be excited."

Though part of the intent was to grant the Canadian-native players a chance to go home and play in front of family and friends, the talent they will be facing in the preseason will surely get them ready for the regular season. The Owls are no strangers to division one opponents, as they played against UConn in Hartford last season and will also face UMass later this year.

"We always like to schedule one or two division one local colleges," said Lynch. "If we want to

be the best, you've got to try and beat the best; you've got to compete with the best. They're going to be

bigger and stronger, but if we can compete with those guys, it's going to be really good for us in the NE10."



Guard Imani Wheeler (left), senior, with forward Kiana Steinauer, senior, during a game against AIC on Feb. 13 last season.

With mom for motivation, Alicea's energy reinforces team

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

For some student-athletes, joining a team as a freshman can seem overwhelming and take some getting used to. Though it has not been easy for women's soccer freshman forward Julia Alicea, she is already able to fit in and contribute.

Alicea came to Southern from Columbia, Conn., located in the eastern part of the state in Tolland County, about 20 minutes away from Manchester.

Though she was born in Boston and has moved a few times, her mother has always been a constant for her, serving as her "rock."

"My mom's a single mom, so I've lived with her my whole life; just me and her," said Alicea. "She's a huge part of my life. She's helped me tremendously through schooling, through

everything. Whatever I needed — no matter what it took — she got it for me."

Soccer started for Alicea when she was just three years old, and she credited her mother for wanting to get her involved in athletics early. As she played her way up from peewee ball to her high school career at E.O. Smith in Storrs, she realized that, not only was she good at it, but she also loved soccer and wanted to pursue it after high school.

"I would see older kids play soccer — not necessarily college, just high school, older people playing soccer," said Alicea. "I always thought, like, 'wow, I can't wait to get to whatever it is that's next.' I've always looked to the future."

When it came time to decide on colleges, Alicea was interested in Southern, and the

feeling was mutual. On the recruiting trail, head coach Adam Cohen said he saw "a perfect fit" in her. Alicea once again credited her mother for helping her through that time.

"She would always check my email," said Alicea. "I would always check my email, and she would say 'look at this school.' She was always on top of it; she was on top of me, always. She just wanted what was best for me at the end of the day."

Now that she is at Southern, she has already contributed for her team as a freshman, and the close proximity to home has allowed her mom to come to every game this year — even when on the road. She has always been known as a goal-scorer throughout her playing days, and though she has not yet made a goal this year, she has collected two assists and attempted

seven shots in 372 minutes of play through 12 games. She currently averages 0.58 shots per game and 0.17 total points per game.

"I love helping. I'll help in whatever way possible with my team," Alicea said. "No matter what it is, playing or not playing, but being able to contribute to anything, like a good play or a goal, it just makes me feel really happy that I can compete at this level so early."

Though she has been able to consistently be a part of the Owls' production on the field, it is her positive and funny attitude off the field that makes such an impact on the team's culture. Her teammates and coaches praised her attitude and mindset while also noting her love of dancing to music in the locker room.

"Soccer-wise, she's really hard working; she's really strong, fast and she works really hard," said

senior Kelly Lamb. "As a person, Julia is really funny. She has great energy, and we're good friends. I really like her, and she's a great addition to the team."

Alicea has most of her collegiate career ahead of her, and she would "love to win a conference championship" before she leaves. Though she has much more work to put in, her coach said he believes she can be a leader in this program going forward.

"Julia has a big personality, so that I think people are drawn to her positivity and personality," said head coach Adam Cohen. "So, I think that, right away, Julia has the ability to lead through charisma. We just love having her be a part of our program. As I've gotten to know Julia more and more, she's not just a great player but even a better person."



Basketball on campus coming soon

Column by Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Two playoff berths, a monstrous 30-30 game and a 37-point scoring barrage in the playoffs were just some of the highlights seen last year from both of Southern's basketball teams, who are once again gearing up for the upcoming season. Here is what you should be on the look-out for this season:

Preseason:
This season, the both teams will see some preseason action, with the women's team opening first with an exhibition game against Elm City neighbor Yale University on Oct. 29.

Then, the women's team will play another exhibition game in Ontario, Canada against McMaster College on Nov. 3.

Both teams will also take part in a tournament hosted in Bridgeport. The men will play two games in the Bridgeport Tournament, first against Pace University on Nov. 8 and then Goldey-Beacom College two days later.

The women will be a part of the Bridgeport Conference Challenge, playing against the University of Bridgeport and Bloomfield College on Nov. 9 and 10.

Rosters:
Anyone who followed Southern basketball last year knows that these teams have talent. From the scoring guard skills of C.J. Seaforth, who is going into his junior year and second year with the team, to the all-around skill and toughness of forward Kiana Steinauer.

Beside Seaforth, who averaged 14.6 points, 2.4 assists and a steal a game in his first season with the team, the men's team can also rely on the 2017 ECAC and NE10 Rookie of the Year Uylen Coleman, a junior and a forward who can shoot, pass, rebound and play stellar defense. Taurus Adams II, a senior, will most likely play crucial minutes this year. Adams hauls in several rebounds per game and protects the paint on defense, something the team could look to double down on.

The women, on the other hand, lost the shooting ability of guard Amanda Pfohl, but the team should be fine, given that they still have the pairing of Steinauer and point guard Imani Wheeler, a senior and a playmaking slasher.

Between the two teams, the women will be the first to open at home on Nov. 13 against Queens College. The men will have to wait until on Nov. 23, their third game of the season, against Concordia College. The basketball season kicks off in just a few weeks out, and hopefully the rest of the Blue Crew is as excited as I am.



PHOTO COURTESY | JULIA ALICEA

Forward Julia Alicea, freshman, during a home game against Bentley University on Sept. 21.



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Forward Julia Alicea, freshman, rushes up field during a home game against Bentley University on Sept. 21.



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Forward Jana Migliaro, graduate student, imbounding the ball during a home game against Molloy College on Oct. 12.



PHOTO | WILL ALIOU

Midfielder Jessica Maier, junior, going for the ball during a home game against Molloy College.

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"We were trying to look to break up more towards the sidelines and then into the middle," said Migliaro. "In the first half, we were going middle, middle, middle, and we realized that [Franklin Pierce] was all crowded around us, so it was hard; we can't go

through people."

In the second half, the Ravens continued to protect their goal, stopping drives well before the Owls could get any serious scoring opportunities, while also forcing their offense up the field with long passes. With time running out in the fourth, the Owls seemed helpless, unable to clear the ball successfully

or stop the Ravens from penetrating their defense, and eventually lost 1-0.

With only five games left in the regular season, Frassinelli said the team is focusing on finishing strong and earning another victory.

"Right now, their goal is to keep plugging away and work for one," said Frassinelli. "Work for one game that they can come

out on the winning side of it, and I guess that's the kind of work that has to be done, that we've put together throughout this whole season."

For two of the Owls, goalkeeper Brianna Craft, a four-year senior, and Migliaro, who has played this year due to an extra year of eligibility, their final season is wrapping up.

Migliaro said, while the team may not be as successful as they would have liked, she is still more than honored to be a part of it.

"Honestly, out of my four years here, I think this is the best team I've been on," said Migliaro. "Forget about our record, it's just awesome to come to practice and to games with a team like this."

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Homecoming at Southern

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This week, the Southern News reported on the homecoming tailgate and football game.

While the Owls lost 23-20 against the University of New Haven Chargers, students and alumni enjoyed food trucks and rides during the tailgate beforehand.

Various residence halls and Greek organizations

also performed skits and participated in a parade with decorated floats.

See Page 1 and Page 9 for more about the Homecoming tailgate and football game, respectively.



Nursing majors Hannah Ives (left) and Amber DeLuca, freshmen, on the swings during the homecoming tailgate on Oct. 19.



Accounting major Sage Albino, senior, performs as SpongeBob with her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon, during their skit.



Pocket collapsing around Jackson Ostrowsky, freshman, during the homecoming game.



Sarah Joseph (left) and Stefanie Carias, alumnae, on one of the rides during the tailgate.



Wide receiver Jaylynn Cundiff, sophomore, during the homecoming game.



Safety Ben Eichman, freshman, tackles a Charger running back during the homecoming game.



Safety Kyle Armour, redshirt senior, tackling a Charger ball carrier at their homecoming game.