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## Annual drag ball: 'Representation matters'

**By Mary Belli**  
Copy Editor

The drag ball used to be held every year but has not been hosted since the start of COVID-19.

As the first drag ball in years, this one was set to be a major celebration. The ball had all kinds of food such as pizza, candy, as well as other souvenirs for students, such as

glowsticks and light-up accessories.

During the event, there was a dance battle and the winner obtained a \$50 Amazon gift card. Not to mention, a plethora of talented drag queens and kings.

For those who are not familiar with drag, it is a performance art where one gender-bends, or dresses usually as the op-

posite sex. Their appearance is dramatized, with intense makeup, glittery outfits, and provocative dancing. The practice of drag even extends as far back to ancient Greece, making it a long-standing performance.

Drag became popular in the 21st century due to the increasing acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as the popularity of the reality show "RuPaul's Drag Race", which features drag queens and kings competing to be named the best performer.

Drag is a form of self-expression, as well as a representation of Pride and the LGBTQ+ Community. Many drag kings and queens say that drag feels like a family, and that it is a self-expression open to anyone and everyone, not one specific gender or identity.

The drag queens and kings ranged from beginner to advanced, young to old, and small to large. Some of the queens and kings were even university students. As the theme of the night states, "representation matters," and it was seen in this lineup of queens and kings.

"It's an opportunity for drag queens, we have



PHOTO | BRIA KIRKLIN

Drag queens lineup for final pose during the drag ball in the Adanti Student Center.

amateurs and professionals who get to perform," Secretary of PRISM, Emily Feinberg, a freshman, said.

Having a set event catering to LGBTQ+ students is important to creating a welcoming campus to those of any background.

"It's good to have a space for LGBTQ+ students, since Southern is such a welcoming place," Feinberg said.

President of PRISM, Melody Massaquoi, felt strongly about the importance of this event.

"It's a way to represent local drag artists at Southern, and not a lot of people get to see drag shows due to how con-

servative some places are. This is a way to show Southern can be a safe space for LGBTQ students," Massaquoi said.

The presence of the sexual health organization "A Place to Nourish Your Health," was also made known at the drag ball. APNH is a LGBTQ+ and minority friendly organization focused on the betterment of sexual and mental health. They primarily work in AIDS related cases and advocate for those with the condition to receive proper care and respect.

"We are formally Aids Project New Haven but rebranded to A Place to Better Your Health. We

do primarily AIDS related work at our agency. We help people get screenings and get linked to care," the university alumnus and APNH member Mike McGowan said.

The APNH stand was offering sexual health information, links to free HIV/AIDS screenings, as well as pins and condoms. Please look into APNH if you are in need of LGBTQ+ healthcare, they will be happy to assist in getting you there.

"We love being a part of this community, we have been here before and we love to be here and show support," McGowan said.



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Drag queen performing in the Adanti Student Center.



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# University brings carnival to campus



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Students laying on their stomachs waiting for the ride to start. Students jousting each other.

**By Roma Rositani**  
Photo editor

This past Wednesday, the campus hosted a carnival for students to come and relax.

Students had the opportunity to get away from school work and just enjoy their afternoon with food and games.

There were a few big rides, games, inflatable game competitions, and food trucks.

If you were lucky enough to attend the event, it was a beautiful day out.

The weather was sunny with wind. The event had five food trucks students were able to choose from.

Some inflatable games included jousting, bungee run, and basketball.

The event had two rides that students were able to go on.

The event was held by The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development and Programs Council.

**For more about the carnival go to page 3.**



Group of friends waiting for carnival ride to start.



Students enjoying ride at the carnival.



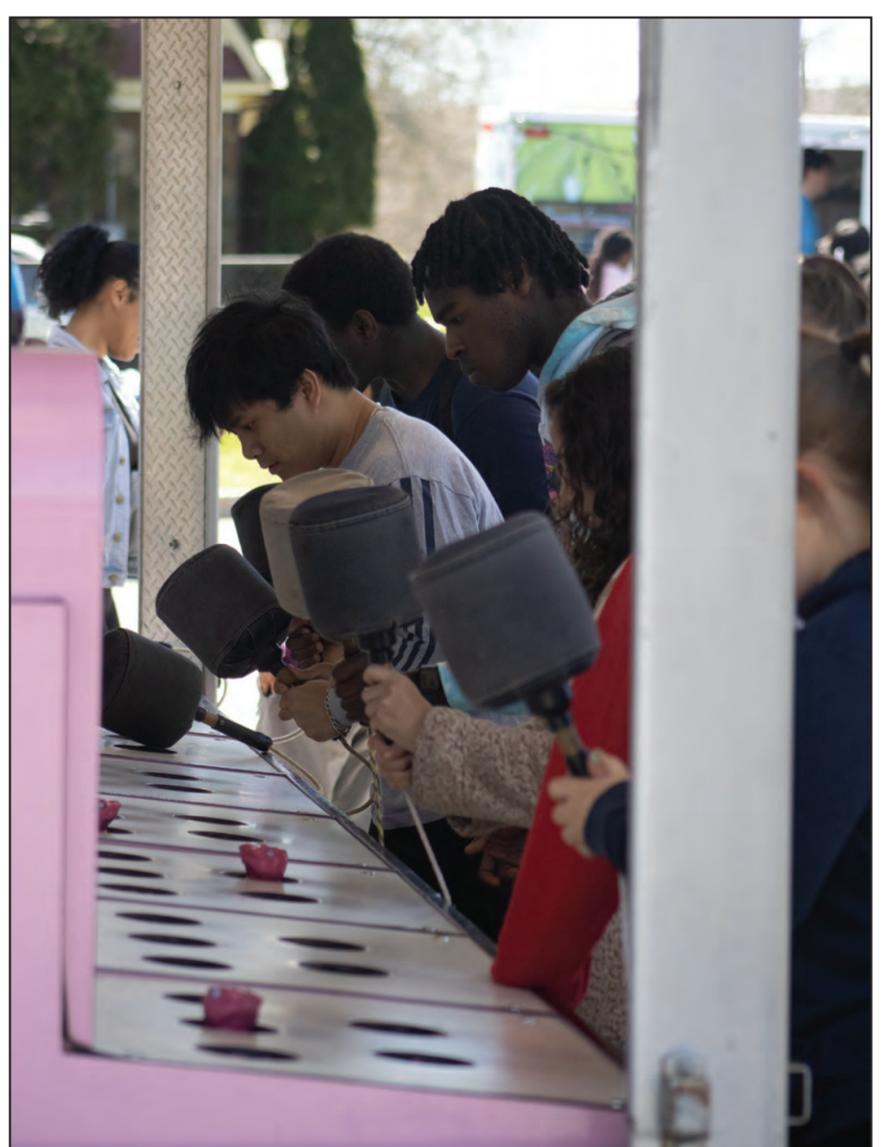
Students harnessed in to play inflatable game.



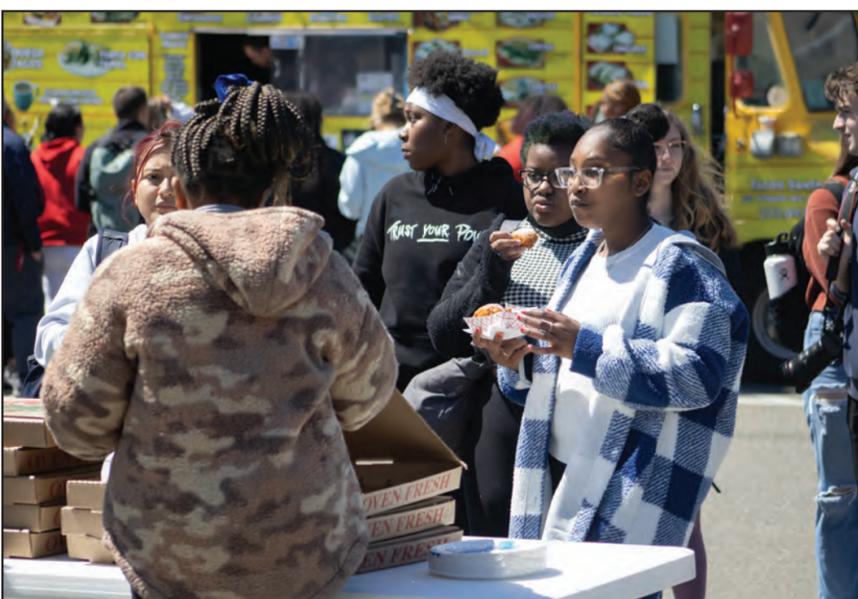
Students playing game of basketball.



Friends riding on carnival ride that spins really fast.



Students playing whack-a-mole to win prize.



Students at work on warm day on the Buley patio.

## ‘Moon Knight’ goes crazy in latest episode

By Sofia Rositani  
Editor-in-Chief

Marvel has released another show before the release of the many movies coming out this summer.

“Moon Knight” is the latest show to hit Disney+ Plus. The latest episode of the show was the best one to come out, even if it did leave me even more confused.

The episode had a lot of twists and turns that left me anxious and laughing, especially the end of the episode.

The show follows Steven and Marc, two characters sharing one body, hopefully soon we will get to see his third alter, Jake, all these characters are played by Oscar Isaac. The show focuses on Steven becoming Moon Knight without realizing it, because we figure out that Steven did not know

about Marc, who works for Khonshu, Egyptian God of the moon.

In this episode titled “The Tomb,” the characters try to find Ammit the goddess of divine retribution before Ethan Hawkes character, Arthur Harrow, does. We go through a lot of different twists and turns during it, and it leaves Steven and Marc with bullet holes in his chest, and without Khonshu he could be dead, but he is a main character, so I highly doubt it.

We are then transported to the mental ward, which could be purgatory for Steven and Marc, in this scene we see many people from prior episodes, including the golden statue performer, the police officers who were not actually cops, Layla and finally Harrow.

During these scenes it is made to believe that

Marc is crazy and not actually Moon Knight. We see him holding an action figure of Moon Knight and throughout there are different visuals of what occurred in prior episodes, this includes, a person drawing Khonshu, a painting of the small town we first meet Harrow, many different Egyptian relics, and the cane that Harrow uses throughout the episodes.

“The psych ward reveal is huge, and this is when Moon Knight is surely going to kick it into high gear for the remaining two episodes. Marc’s stay in a psych ward is a storyline pulled directly from Jeff Lemire’s Moon Knight comic book series from 2016. This comic book series begins when Marc wakes up in a psych ward, only to find out that his time fighting crime as Moon Knight in NYC

could’ve all been made up,” according to a BuzzFeed article.

In the episode we see the character from the first episode who was a gold statue performer in this mental ward playing bingo.

“And the first bingo number he calls is “B22” — now this might be a stretch, but Moon Knight Issue #22, from 1982, notably shows Steven Grant, Marc Spector, AND Jake Lockley on the cover, with the trio emerging from three mirrors. Throughout the first four episodes of Moon Knight, mirrors have been very important visually,” according to an article by BuzzFeed.

I also hope we see the Punisher since they did meet in the comics, but with “The Punisher” having an M rating and “Moon Knight” being TV-14 I highly doubt it, it would be



PHOTO | SOFIA ROSITANI

Steven and Marc meeting for the first time in the show

cool though.

I also do think we will be seeing Moon Knight in other films, maybe even in “Multiverse of Madness.”

The ending is the best part because we are introduced to Taweret, the Egyptian goddess of fertility and childbirth. This scene is so funny because she seems so sweet with her little “hey” and they are screaming like they are watching someone getting

murdered. Her entrance was foreshadowed in the first episode when we see her as a plushy in the museum store Steven worked at.

I am looking forward to the final two episodes which come out this Wednesday and the following Wednesday, ironically on May the fourth be with you, and Isaac was in the Star Wars franchise also.

## Sean Paul comes to New Haven

By Sarah Shelton  
Features Editor

One hundred \$10 tickets for Sean Paul went live on April 13. from the Office of Student Involvement for students to get a chance to snag one.

Once the students paid the \$10, they had to head to their office to pick up the ticket for the concert on Sat. April 23 in New Haven at the College Street Music Hall.

“We did work directly with College Street Music Hall,” Assistant Director of Student Involvement Eric Lacharity said.

“According to the website, tickets are still available, so we lucked out in finding a show that has appeal for our students, but also enough tickets available for us to send 100 people.”

As of April 21, Ticketmaster, the world’s largest ticket marketplace, only had \$68 resale tickets and the College Street Music Hall website had \$35, \$48 and \$65 tickets depending on if they picked general admission or balcony.

“The idea came from wanting to provide a concert experience for students despite not having one on campus this spring. The stars aligned and we found out about this show and jumped at the opportunity,” Lacharity said.

Lacharity said out of the 100 students who got tickets, about 40 to 45



PHOTO | SARAH SHELTON

Sean Paul performing at College Street Music Hall.

students used the shuttle services they provided, while the rest found their own way there.

The bus arrived around 7:14 p.m. in front of Hickerson Hall to pick up the attending students and drove straight to College Street Music Hall.

Simon McIntyre from the Multicultural Center was the advisor of the trip. While students filled up the bus, he made sure everyone wrote down their phone number and signed the assumption of risk form. He then created a group chat to make sure he was reachable throughout the concert.

Psychology major Carol Fragoso, a senior, said this was her first concert ever.

“So, I’m Hispanic and I was ill for most of my life, so my mom was very overprotective of me. She never really let me

go out, like to parties or anything,” Fragoso said. “I’m turning 22 in May, so she can’t really do anything now, but I know I’ll have fun.”

Before the concert, Fragoso said she only knew one song by Sean Paul, “Temperature,” but after the concert, she said she recognized a lot more songs than she thought. So did Nursing major Paula Frankowski, a freshman.

Frankowski said she went to the concert to get out of her dorm and felt like it was a great opportunity. Fragoso agreed calling the ticket price “a deal.”

“I thought it was great,” Frankowski said. “My favorite songs were Cheap Thrills and Rockabye Baby. I feel like everyone got really excited [during those songs.]”

## OPINIONS

### Carnival on campus brings back togetherness on campus

By Madeline Scharf  
Contributor

Waking at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, I was surprised to hear delighted screams and flashing lights coming through my bedroom window. Looking outside to the parking lot of Schwartz, I found Lot 3 was bustling with carnival festivities. Color me surprised; I had not checked OwlConnect that week.

Stumbling into the lot with my roommate, I was met with five food trucks, two carnival games, and two rides. Seeing as it was 11:30 a.m. and classes were in session, only about 40 students milled around, playing the games and eating food. In this early state, the two of us were able to win whack-a-mole and hit one another with foam sticks on a bouncy battlefield. Then, we picked up some delicious food, and sat to watch.

Before our eyes, as community hour dawned, the carnival filled with students. They flooded the free food lines, went to bouncy castles, played games, and screamed on the rides. Soon enough, well over 200 students were laughing, talking, yelling, having a blast in Lot 3.

Soaking in the sun on a grassy curb, I found the

mood to be positive and jovial. Student flowed against one another, engaging in all the activities, and having a blast.

Southern outdid itself on this carnival. Due to COVID-19, a lot of communal activities like this have been placed on the backburner. But with mask mandates lifted and vaccinations available, many are itching for a sense of normalcy. This carnival was a big step in activities being offered on campus.

As a student whose Freshman year was interrupted due to the pandemic lockdown, I found this carnival a refreshing and nostalgic callback to a time before the pandemic, when large outdoor activities were put on multiple times a semester. COVID-19 certainly squashed a lot of these community gatherings. Though some were still held in the 2020-2021 school year, it did not feel the same. Students had to be cautious, and though the university community was very diligent and careful during this time, it certainly made the activities less engaging, and community based.

While there have been events active on campus, none have been as central and convenient as this one. Being held during community hours, any student on campus had

the ability to join the fun. Commuter students who were not always on campus would thus be able to join during the community break.

This was not the first community hour inclusive event on campus this week. Programs Council held an ice cream event in the main academic’s quad. The event had students lining up for delicious ice cream and stuffing their very own plush toys. Able to be out all together during the community hour, the campuses quad flourished with people.

The end of the Spring 2022 semester is on the horizon. Students read their textbooks at the library, write essays and lab reports, and ready themselves for finals. The university has, for many years, brought events and fun for their students during this hectic time. The pandemic had brought some of these engaging events to a close. But as the year continues into the fall semester, I personally hope to see more community building events as listed here. Students seem happy to be together, playing games and eating food.

Encouraging this time for break with fun activities will enable students to rest their panic as finals sweep in and restore a community that has been so effected by COVID-19.



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Students riding one of the rides that were available in Lot 3 for the carnival.

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## Baseball's key walk-off home run Tony Zambito's big swing powers the Owls to another victory

By Morgan Douglas  
Sports Editor

In what has been a season filled with triumphs and victories, Owls' baseball had one of the most exciting and dramatic finishes of the season last week.

Second baseman Tony Zambito, a graduate student, hit a walk-off home run, the first of his collegiate career, in the bottom of the 12th inning to give the Owls a 2-1 victory over the Le Moyne College Dolphins this past Thursday.

"This game needed to end," Zambito said. "Somebody needed to do it. It came from the most unlikely person, but perfect time for the first one."

The win marked the Owls second walk off victory against the Dolphins this season, with the first coming back on April 2, when outfielder Andrew Eng, a graduate student, hit a walk-off grand slam home run against them.

This time around, Eng was waiting to bat in the inning if the speedster Zambito got on base but was pleasantly surprised with the results of Zambito's at bat.

"Definitely didn't think Tony was going to hit a home run," Eng laughingly said. "I've played with the



Owls' baseball mobs Tony Zambito at home plate in celebration after hitting a walk-off home run against Le Moyne in the 12th inning this past Thursday.

kid since I was eight years old, it was the furthest ball that he's ever hit in his life. That one just went over the foul pole, and we were kind of waiting, looking for the umpire to make a signal, and once he did, I was overjoyed."

Zambito received the full walk-off treatment, complete with a Powerade bath and a mobbing from his teammates as he crossed home plate.

Even though Zambito's big swing is the major story, there was a lot of baseball played surrounding the moment and great pitching

performances on both sides.

Left-handed pitcher Nick Guarino got the start in this game, entering with a sterling record on the season with eight wins and zero losses.

The Dolphins countered with starting pitcher Jacob Maser, and from there, a pitcher's duel ensued.

This game was scoreless through seven innings, with neither starter surrendering much of anything to the opposing offenses.

Le Moyne got on the board first after an RBI single by second baseman

Drew Caroll in the top of the eighth inning.

The Owls, as they have been wont to do all year, responded on offense in the bottom half of the 8th inning, and tied the game on a sacrifice fly by outfielder Connor Goggin, a redshirt freshman, which scored Zambito.

Guarino responded with a shutdown inning in the top of the ninth and as the Owls were coming off the field, head coach Tim Shea could be heard saying to his team, "Make Nicky 9-0."

It looked like it was going to happen too. A leadoff

double, a walk, and a throwing error put runners on second and third with nobody out, but three straight unproductive at-bats followed, producing outs, and the game went to extra innings.

Guarino would have to settle for a no decision, as he was lifted for pitcher Peter Phillips, a redshirt freshman, in the 10th inning.

Phillips delivered three scoreless innings before Zambito's heroics in the bottom of the 12th to send the Dolphins home packing.

"They're leading the conference right now and they've won two games against us, so it was good to get some momentum back on our side after a tough loss with Adelphi yesterday," Eng said. "So it was nice to help us and definitely push us through the weekend, another big series."

The 26-9 Owls will look for their third consecutive victory on Wednesday April 27, at home against Adelphi University, riding the momentum of Zambito's momentous hit into the end of the regular season and beyond.

"This was huge" Zambito said. "Our backs were against the wall. We really needed this one. This puts us in a really good spot moving forward in the NE10."



## The usual

By Morgan Douglas  
Sports Editor - Opinion Column

The NFL draft, NBA playoffs, the race to the playoffs in the NHL and MLB is back in full swing.

There is a lot of sports going on, while simultaneously, not a lot is going on in sports.

Hear me out. It is not as though there is a lot of buzz surrounding the NFL Draft like you would normally see in other years.

Lackluster franchises have the top picks and in terms of hype, for whatever that's worth, there is not a lot of buzz surrounding this year's quarterback class which is usually the topic du jour for football shows on sports networks.

There are not a lot of big-name quarterbacks being thrown around as trade candidates on draft night either, unless the notion of a Jimmy Garoppolo trade does it for you.

Star wide receivers like Deebo Samuel and/or DK Metcalf could be on the move, but seriously, there are so many receivers out there now and a whole new crop coming in this week, so a couple of Pro-Bowlers changing teams may not have the seismic shift across the league I would hope for in terms of writing this column.

It is business as usual. The NBA Playoffs have been without a major storyline, unless you want to count the Devin Booker injury, but injuries to star players are par for the course during this time of year.

Ben Simmons is not playing. The Brooklyn Nets are exhausting.

Again, business as usual. The bleacher creatures who dwell in the outfield of Yankee Stadium are mad at anyone not wearing pinstripes while Boston fans have a bone to pick with Kyrie Irving.

What else is new? This past sports week is becoming my own personal Groundhog Day.

I saw Terrell Owens catch a touchdown pass from Johnny Manziel in one of those novelty football leagues that come and go each spring, and could not help but smile, thinking that those two have run through every knock-off, sideshow football league in existence before finally finding each other on a field in Georgia.

It is like the end of a romantic comedy. A bad romantic comedy, it should be said.

Quick. Somebody give me a headline I can write 500 words about.

It is during a week like this when I understand why ESPN has had nothing but wall-to-wall LeBron James coverage across decades.

Speaking of LeBron, let's talk about him and the Lakers.

Just kidding. I would never do that to you.

## Lacrosse picks up the win on senior day

By Morgan Douglas  
Sports Editor

It was senior day for Owls' lacrosse this past Saturday at Jess Dow Field, and the team did their best to make sure it was one to remember.

In what turned out to be a nail biter, lacrosse defeated the College of Saint Rose Golden Knights by the final score of 12-9.

"Today's win was huge," attacker Bayleigh Takacs, a senior, said. "It was one of those games that could have gone either way. Looking at their record and looking at who they beat, they beat New Haven and Bentley, and those are two teams that

we fell short to. So, it was definitely huge for us to come out strong knowing that we were a match up with them and taking the win just meant so much."

With the win, the Owls are now 4-10 on the season, with all four victories coming at home on their own turf.

"We practice here every day; we know how to run our field and it feels good to have our parents here. Not all parents can go to other games," attacker Karlie Rowe, a senior, said. "Our fans, other students coming out, it just felt great to have everyone here. The energy is so much better at home."

Rowe and Takacs



Kelly Jagodzinski was one of the seniors honored as part of the senior day festivities.

were two of four seniors honored as part of the senior day festivities; however, it should be noted that nowadays, with COVID-19 having granted an extra year of eligibility for college athletes, all four are projected to return to the team next year.

It would be overkill to breakdown all 21 goals scored in this game, but here come the highlights.

Takacs had it going early on offense, scoring all three of her goals in the first half, including the first goal of the game, to give her a team-leading 34 goals on the season.

"It was a high shot, so that's always iffy with me, but it was definitely an exciting feeling," Takacs said smiling. "Getting the first point on the board is always a good thing for us. It was a good start to the game."

The Owls' players were in good moods on

the field and sideline because of the emotions surrounding senior day.

Midfielder Mia Pulisciano, a senior, said. "We got into the locker room, and everyone had all our stuff for us, and they had our parents write letters to us and immediately we all started crying because it's bittersweet, and I think it made everybody pumped up and ready to play today."

The Owls were up 10-5 early in the fourth quarter when the Golden Knights began to mount a comeback, scoring three unanswered goals to cut the Owls lead to 10-8 with nine minutes left to play.

The Owls offense was able to score a couple more goals and the defense tightened up, as they held on for the 12-9 victory to end senior day on a pleasant note.

"Senior day, had to come out hot," Rowe

said. "We're coming off a couple of tough losses, so we really just wanted to come out and show who we actually are."

Rowe scored a game-high four goals and now has 33 goals on the season, one behind Takacs for the team lead.

Attacker Savannah Feinberg, a sophomore, also had an impressive three goal game.

Lacrosse has just two games left in the regular season, with the next being their home finale against the Le Moyne College Dolphins on Wednesday, April 27, where they look to ride the wave of their senior day high into another home victory.

"Our underclassmen did such a nice job making this day so special," Takacs said. "They filled it with so much excitement and love and we just wanted to play for them, for hyping us up."



Owls' defender Cece Khan was part of lacrosse's win this past Saturday on senior day.