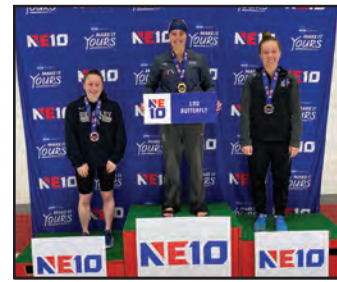




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Black History Luncheon celebrates culture

Students enjoy cultural cuisines, live music and storytelling centered around black heritage

By J'Mari Hughes
Copy Editor

Every February, Black History Month is celebrated to commemorate African-Americans throughout U.S. history. To business major Simon McIntyre, a senior, Black History Month showcases black creativity and culture and what strong black men and women have done in the past.

"Inventions and innovations [have] brought us to where we are today, providing the space where we can have these conversations," he said. "I feel like, for me, black history isn't just a month, it's something I live daily."

The Multicultural Center hosted its annual luncheon Feb. 11 in Connecticut Hall. The event featured an array of cultural cuisines, from jerk chicken and curried goat to river rice and collard greens, as well as live music and storytelling from Caribbean



PHOTO | J'MARI HUGHES

Caribbean Vibe member, Duane Huff (left) singing at the Black History Luncheon on Feb. 11 in Connecticut Hall.

Vibe steel drum band, saxophonist David Davis and folk dancer Miss Matty Lou.

The band gave students the opportunity to hear different types of music that are part of the black heritage. Members played R&B and jazz, as well as Island music such as calypso and soca. Miss Matty Lou also shared

Negro spirituals and told listeners about black history. Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs Dian Brown-Albert called it all "the joy that helps us to celebrate the rich history of black history."

"What I like is the community spirit that's in here," she said. "Everybody's smiling. They're enjoying the food.

So this event brings people together so that we can all celebrate Black History together, and you also got a little bit of history about the music, and learn a little bit about black folks and folks who have come before us."

According to Caribbean Vibe member Duane Huff, the band, based out of New Haven, has been

performing at Southern for the past six years. He said Southern is like home to them and that they love to bring cultural enrichment through music to the campus.

"My favorite part of performing here is seeing students enjoy the music, and the festivities and the actions. Sometimes the students even sing and

sit in with us," he said. "It just creates a festive atmosphere and it's always a happy time here at Southern. Everyone is great." The band played music for "all colors," Hoff said. Steel drums, a Trinidadian instrument, and timbales, Latin percussion instruments were used to play Latin, salsa and reggae music. Having a sense of where people come from, he said, shows that despite being from different places, everyone is family and in order to enrich one another, people must learn about one another.

While they played, Janice "Miss Matty Lou" Hart danced throughout Conn. Hall with a maraca in her hand and a basket on her head. With her, she had antiques from the 50s and 60s, such as a game of jacks and a cleaning brush made from a coconut, to show students and take them "back to the motherland."

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New major declaration policy to go into effect in fall 2020

By Jacob Waring
News Editor

The University recently instituted a policy where students must declare a major at 60 credits, and transfer students have a one semester grace period before needing to declare.

Faculty Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising, Helen Marx said the creation of the policy started back in the fall of 2018. Marx also said when the University

hired the director of academic advising, Harry Twyman, who specializes in exploratory majors. The policy will go into effect in fall 2020 according to Marx.

Along with Twyman, Marx's office brought the idea to a university faculty group called University Wide Impact Committee to create the policy. She said this all came about in the transition of re-labeling undeclared majors to exploratory majors.

Marx said in the process

of developing these types of services to help students who were exploring majors, those involved realized there was not an explicit policy concerning a point that students must declare a major.

"We had no firm policy and that it would be helpful for students to know, because I think a lot of students didn't know it would be helpful," said Marx.

According to Marx was for some transfer students who have more than 60

credits, but are unsure what their major would be. She said that grace period of one semester is designed to aid students in figuring out their next steps. Marx said that students will not be alone in figuring out = their majors.

"They're not going to be left alone to figure it out," said Marx, "If we know they need a lot of support in declaring their major, we're going to be providing them. They can come to the advising center and really do a lot of research

to decide which majors writing for them."

Some students like theater major Azhaleia Reyes, a sophomore said they believe one semester is not enough.

"I think a semester wouldn't be long enough time to kind of declare that," said Reyes, "[or] to explore at least other areas within the college major."

Reyes said she does like that there will be a firm policy, rather than a rule of thumb, of when students should declare their major.

"Like a rule of thumb would be very hard for students," she said, "To be sure that's something that you have to do."

Frank LaDore, director of transfer student services said he works with new transfers students who come to Southern and that there are academic and financial reasons as to why a transfer student would need to declare their major within that timeframe.

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PHOTO | JACOB WARING

The Facilities Operations and Planning building is where all facilities personnel report for work before responding to various problems on Southern's campus.

Facilities adapts to continued understaffing

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

More space means more manpower. Southern has increased its square footage, but has not increased the number of facility workers needed to maintain it.

"I went back 14 years ago and in facilities we had a total staff of 134 people and last year we had 135

and have almost double the square footage to take care of," said Head of Facilities Bob Sheeley.

Sheeley has not lost people nor been told he has to cut positions.

"When people say, 'Are you short staff?' I always say, 'No not really, it's just that I haven't had staff added,'" said Sheeley.

If a worker gets injured and must take a leave of

absence, Sheeley is not allowed to find someone to fill that position until the person can come back to work. He must adapt and be down a worker until that person can return.

Due to being understaffed, Facility Operations has had to take a different approach to responding with issues around campus.

"You have to set

priorities. We have to do those things that are safety and health first," said Sheeley.

Because dirty bathrooms are a health issue, they must be cleaned multiple times a day. Lighting and the security system have to be kept up to date because they are safety issues.

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Annual tuition and fees increases by 3.8 percent

By Tamonda Griffiths
Editor-in-Chief

On Wednesday, Jan. 29 the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities' Board of Regents' Finance and Infrastructure committee approved an average overall 3.8 percent increase in tuition and fees for the four state universities for the fiscal year of 2020.

"What is important to understand," said President of the CSCU System, Mark Ojakian, "is that every year, cost of running the system go up."

Last fiscal year, the CSCU increased the state universities tuition by an overall average of 5 percent, while the mandatory university fees were unchanged including the room fee for residential students, which was capped at 2.5 percent.

For the 2020 fiscal year, the CSUs will be experiencing a 4 percent tuition increase and

3.5 percent increase in mandatory university fees.

The costs that contribute to the increase, Ojakian said, are fringe benefits such as the amount of wages and health benefits allotted to faculty and staff, and the running of residential facilities at each of the state universities.

"I thought that a 3.8 total increase was, quite honestly not only responsible, but it still means that universities still need to cut expenses and may in some case have to dip into their reserve," said Ojakian. "The tuition cost does not fully cover the deficit that's anticipated as a result of the budget."

According to Leigh Appleby, director of communications for the CSCU system, the tuition increase would eliminate any deficit for the CSUs, which is estimated to be 6.1 percent; that would bring in an additional \$6.1 million.

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Human Library exhibition recognizes culture

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

Professor Leeah Joo, an adjunct professor in the Art Department, wanted to share her immigration story of her transition from South Korea to the United States. She prepared herself for a discussion of her heritage and an explanation of her “human book” — that is, a story about her personal experiences — that revolves around her transition.

Joo was just one of many human books sharing a personal story at a Human Library showcase in Buley Library on Tuesday, Feb 11.

The event was an opportunity for people from all different backgrounds to explain how their life experiences included moments of challenge and a triumph on the path to their current success. The range of topics included immigration, sexual orientation, discrimination and feminism.

“I’m trying to tell people about immigration status,” said Joo. “I want to teach them about 1.5 immigration because it’s not very common.”

Joo said she is a 1.5 generation immigrant, which she claims is someone who has immigrated as a teenager or a “tween.” She said she feels that this uncommon

status is largely unknown to most people, and she believes that there is a great significance in the way that immigration status shapes a person.

“Coming to the United States as a 1.5 generation immigrant was a big transition for me, and I want more people to understand why being a 1.5 generation immigrant is so different from first — or second — generation immigrants,” said Joo.

The event organizer and Human Library chairwoman, Winnie Shyam, said the Human Library was founded in 2000 in Copenhagen, Denmark, after a family lost a member due to racism. In response, the group vowed to fight all forms of social discrimination.

“We started this to fight social injustice and discrimination,” said Shyam. “When people share their stories, hopefully others learn from it.”

According to Shyam, the organization has grown to a presence in at least 80 countries and holds an event every year. She said she believes that by promoting books centered around a form of discrimination, people can gain insight on how others live and have more empathy.

This is the first year that the Human Library held an

event at Southern. Shyam said she was surprised by the student turnout to the event.

“We were so surprised to have so many students for the first event,” said Shyam. “It’s good for the library, it’s good for Southern.”

One student, Emily Silliman, a graduate student of clinical mental health and counseling, demonstrated such satisfaction with high praise.

“I really enjoyed it,” said Silliman. “It was a really good experience to get to talk to people about their lives.”

Silliman suggested that next year, the Human Library should have “more advertising,” as she said she only knew about it because she was in the library. However, she said she firmly believes that the organization “should definitely do it again.”

Shyam also said the Human Library will become an annual event and said that she hopes it “takes off” in the coming years.

In her closing remarks, Joo stressed the importance of knowing one’s ancestral history and the journey that people took to overcome challenges and find success.

“We all,” she said, “have questions of where we’re from.”



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Communication disorders clinical instructor Michele Abrams (left) talks to computer science major John Quiles-Soto, freshman.



Psychology grad student Kate Pedbereznak (left) talks to assistant chairperson of mathematics Leon Brin.



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Janice “Miss Matty Lou” Hart, the singer of the band who played at the luncheon.

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“I just think learning the culture and learning your roots is of prominent importance to me because the world is so technologically advanced,” she said. “We have lost that natural touch like storytelling. Even the storytelling in your house, you know, your mom made something — a special dish, you just always enjoyed it, but you never asked how she made it. I know when they pass on, that recipe dies with them.”

Hart said there are so many positive elements to Black History Month, which she said is every month to her. If black people knew how powerful they are, she said, they would be so much more advanced. Though they may be unsung heroes, she said, they need to start “singing from the mountain top.”

“I think especially African-American students need to know their heritage and although we are a group of black people, we are from different walks of life,” she said. “So my experience is not your experience.”

Brown-Albert said this

month is for recognizing and honoring the folks of the past. As a black person, she said, it helps her to assess where she is and what she needs to do to reach her goals, appreciate others and help herself, as she said she knows the sacrifices that were made before her.

“This inspires me to continue to work hard and achieve my goals,” she said. “This is a great event because of the atmosphere. It’s just a really nice opportunity to get together in honor of Black History Month.”

Waitlist option helps move along registration process

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

Twenty-four hours before the spot is gone.

Southern now offers a waitlist students can be put on if a course they want to take is completely full.

“The purpose is to help students with the whole registration process that if they wanted to wait for a class to see if it opened, that [waitlist] would help them,” said President of the Student Government Association, Alexis Zhitomi, a senior.

Instead of constantly checking to see if a seat in a course has opened up, students can now be put on a waitlist and notified when a seat becomes available.

“We now tell [students] when a seat opens up and it is specifically in the section you wanted to be on the list for, it handles all the notification. It’s taking care of the communication,” said Registrar Alicia Carroll.

There is a limit to how many students can be on the waitlist.

“We recommended to

the department chairs to open up a waitlist to the size of the section,” said Carroll.

Depending on how many students were on the waitlist, the department could decide if they needed to add an extra section.

Southern acquired this waitlist idea from Central Connecticut State University.

“Central has been using it for a while so they already worked out the kinks of it, and we knew we had the technology in place. We just needed to set it up,” said Carroll.

The idea was set into motion when the annual schedule committee met. The committee decided to send out a student survey and added questions directed towards student interest in a waitlist option.

“The waitlist got this hands-down ‘Why wouldn’t we use it,’ so we put that at the top of the list, almost like a low hanging fruit that just needed a little time,” said Carroll.

Student Emilie Noreiko agrees the waitlist is beneficial.

“People have certain

classes at a certain time and if a class isn’t available or is full for a time, being waitlisted can help. If another student drops the class, then the other student can enter the class and get the time they wanted.”

The waitlist follows the add/drop schedule perfectly, so students on the list can still receive a notification about an open seat during add/drop week. The waitlist closes the same time add/drop and registration close.

Once the student on the waitlist has been offered an open seat in a course, that student has 24 hours to accept before the offer goes to the next student.

“What we did do is knowing that someone could get a notification the last day of add/drop,” said Carroll. “We call them the next morning and email them and say ‘hey, we know the system shut down at midnight and you didn’t get the full 24 hours. Is this a seat you want?’”

There is no priority when it comes to the waitlist. The department chairs cannot change the priority of the waitlist. Alternatively, they can give permission to a

student to overenroll in a class which they have always had the authority to do.

“If a senior came to them and said ‘look, it’s full and there’s a waitlist and this is the last class I need and it’s the last semester I’m here’ and

the chair gives them permission. They do get to skip the waitlist and they just get a seat in the class,” said Carroll.

This was the first year of testing out the waitlist and Carroll said she believes the waitlist will become a regular

thing when it comes to registering for classes.

“There are waitlists everywhere now,” said Carroll. “You know we were behind the curve, so I think everybody kinda saw it and was like ‘Yep, that’s what we expected it be.’”



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The Wintergreen building is the building that houses the registrar office.

Repositioning training to protect campus community

By Abby Epstein
News Writer

Learn how to save a life: the goal of Southern's new training program. Repositioning training held at Southern will teach people how to safely position someone who is overly-intoxicated. After the death of a student in the Wintergreen Parking Garage, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator Lisa Korfelt pushed hard for the repositioning training and got the approval for it.

"Many people were not a fan of the policy because it may look like we are condoning drinking or saying not to call 911," said Korfelt. However, Korfelt said the training is to educate people on how to position someone who has drank too much. Korfelt said she wants to make clear that students should reach out for help. "My job is not to protect the University but to protect the community," Korfelt said. "Students are instructed to call for help but that does not always happen."

There is an Amnesty Policy that Southern has had for multiple years. "Someone who is intoxicated, and they want to help them they will not get in trouble by bring it forward," said Chief Dooley. "We never want anyone to fear to tell someone in a position of authority I need help." The Amnesty Policy and the repositioning training are both about keeping people safe. "It's all about safety," said Dooley. "The last thing we want is to have a travesty here because someone was

afraid to get themselves or someone else in trouble." Students like exploratory major Addison Brill, a freshman, said they are more inclined to reach out for help knowing they will not be punished. "I would call for help if needed, of course, but the policy makes me feel more at ease calling the campus for help. To know there won't be any consequences for helping a friend that drank too much is a policy that should be on every campus," said Brill. Korfelt is looking to start classes for the repositioning training this

semester or the first week of fall semester next school year, and continue doing them every few weeks. "It's opened to anybody — not just residents — because I think everyone should have access to it," said Korfelt. The class will be one day and consist of a PowerPoint to show people what they are doing and what to be looking for with an intoxicated person. The class will also include a hands-on activity where participants practice the position on a person. "I will keep doing the class as long as people

keep wanting to come. With every fall semester there are new freshman and transfer students, so I believe this policy will be ongoing for a while," said Korfelt. Korfelt mentioned that if anyone has any concern or wants to see a program implemented to reach out to her. She will keep your name anonymous. "I will never share information a student tells me because then I lost that trust factor," said Korfelt. "The more people reached the better, even if they are not a part of the Southern Community."

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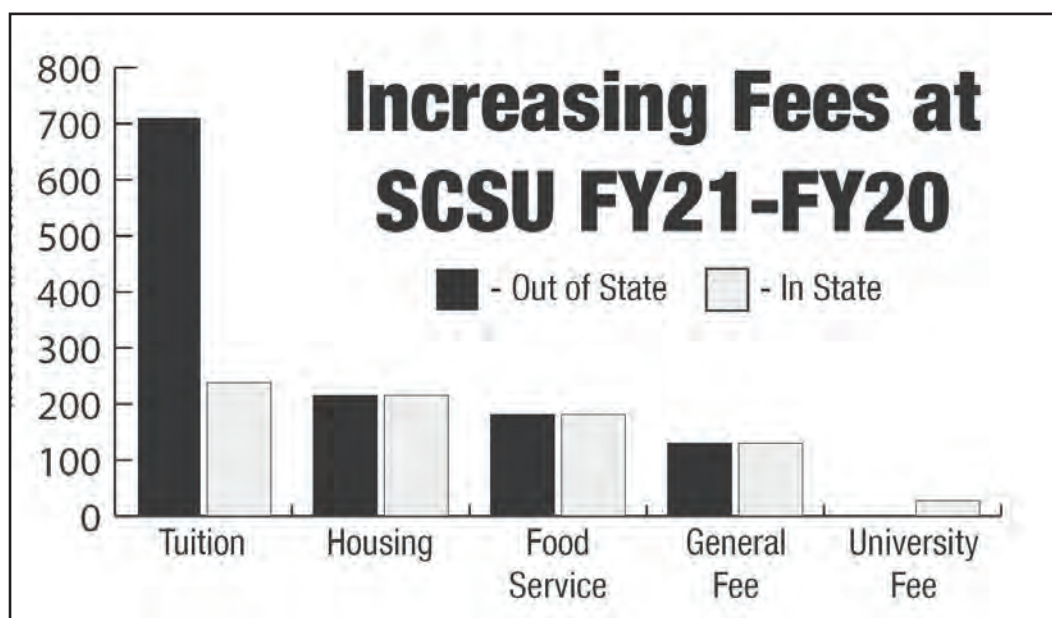
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LaDore said that those who transfer with an associate degree typically have all their general education requirements completed and that means that would have to declare a major to start taking classes towards every year. He also said there are financial aid reasons for needing to declare sooner rather than later. Financial aid, for financial purposes, they don't pay for courses, for classes that don't just don't do anything for you," he said, "You have to take classes towards a degree in order for the federal government to subsidize help you out." He said the new

policy will help students graduate timely, and push them to take a more appropriate, proactive stance on what it is they want do earlier with their degree. LaDore said that students delay or don't know what to do, the majority of those people don't persist with their education. "I think it's an important policy. It's not new to higher education. Many universities have that this policy," said LaDore, "It's basically to not only does it help them retain graduate talent, but saves money, too." "This was done with the notion of how do we help students find a major that's right for them," said Marx "We believe students stay in school when they're really excited about what they're learning."



Frank LaDore, director of Transfer Student Services talking in his office about transfer students declaring majors.



A graph showing the increasing fees at Southern in the FY21-FY20 year, ranging from Tuition to University Fees.

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"The universities have not adopted spending plans, and will not until late spring. Six point one million is about one percent of their budgets, so a lot could change," said Appleby. "Each campus has their own challenges and circumstances. Some will be more able to reduce spending, and each will face different enrollment outcomes." With the newly enacted Pledge to Advance Connecticut program at the community colleges, Appleby said the incoming CSU freshman

class enrollment for fall 2020 will be especially uncertain. Chief Financial Officer of the CSCUs, Benjamin Barnes said he compiles the tuition request of the CSUs and consults with Ojajian and the BOR to determine whether or not their request are feasible in terms of access and affordability to students. "I never seen [a request for tuition decrease from the universities]," said Barnes. "They typically ask for increases." Barnes said some of the request for tuition exceed the overall average of the decided tuition increase of 4 percent. Southern he said had requested 4.5

percent tuition increase. "The board has historically, set tuition identically across the four universities," said Barnes, "although there's some variation in fees, we try to maintain consistent tuition." According to Barnes, about \$150 million is from the state goes into the CSCU system. Southern, he said, gets about \$40 to \$50 million dollars of that funding. However, Barnes said the state budget appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year is estimated to be just under \$150 million dollars. "It's not enough," said Barnes.

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"What has happened over the years is we always did that stuff, but we were able to do a lot more because we had less space to worry about," said Sheeley. Now having to prioritize, people that want something fixed or cleaned may have to wait a while due to the other issues that need immediate attention. "If someone wants their rug cleaned it's a low priority. Fourteen years ago, we could do it. Now we have to wait until we can squeeze it in," said Sheeley. Even with having to prioritize, students in the dorms say most of their problems get solved within a week. "We had problems with our Wi-Fi at the beginning of the year and they had maintenance come up and fix it within a few days," said exploratory major Ella White, a freshman.

For some students problems they had in their dorms were not fixed on the day they made the report. "We lost hot water on Friday, but maintenance was able to fix it by Sunday," said sports

management major Jake Mattei, a sophomore who lives in Hickerson. There are jobs that are required to get done daily, but there must also be leeway for when emergencies occur. "Let's say we have a leak

in a building and ceiling tiles are damaged and the rug is soaking wet. I have to have the resources to handle that because the rug could get mold which is a health issue," said Sheeley. He said every issue comes back to health and

safety. If the problem fits into either category, it takes priority in being fixed. "The administration from the president and down are as concerned as I am about health and safety. It's got to come first," said

Sheeley. "Every day is a challenge in that you come in, and with 40 buildings, you get a lot of phone calls. We would like to respond to everyone that calls, but we only have the resources that we have and we have to prioritize."



A water heater at one of the North Campus townhouses that need servicing at times to relight the flame that fuels the heating system.

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These are the opinions of the *The Southern News* Editorial Staff

Survey addresses students drug and alcohol use

Column by **Tamonda Griffiths**
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, one of my classes was randomly selected to participate in a survey about alcohol and drug abuse on Southern's campus, and while I cannot speak for the rest of the campus it is

troubling to me some of the potential drugs of choice listed as well as frequency in which my classmates may be engaging in those "extracurriculars."

While I would not call Southern a party school; it would be ignorant of me to assume that students at the university do not indulge in

different vices. Just walking across campus, you can see several students breaking the clearly labeled no smoking or smoke-free campus policy as they take a hearty puff of their vaping devices. If you listen without listening, you can learn of students' various alcohol-fueled

weekend shenanigans. I imagine for many students, this is their way of having "the college experience," but clearly, they're not doing it as safely.

This week the Police Department advertised to the campus the observance of an Amnesty Policy, if students happened to be underaged drinking

and did not want to suffer consequences as a result of one of their friends going overboard. The department also offered repositioning training to teach students how to deal with an intoxicated individual before the Amnesty Policy necessarily needs to be implemented.

Students should participate in all events, not just fun ones

By **Jacob Waring**
News Editor

I do not understand why people do not participate within their respective communities — whether it is not voting in municipal elections, rallying for issues or, say, participating in Student Open Forums at Southern.

Southern held open forums for the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and some forums had literally no student representatives. The Dean of Arts and Sciences forums barely had a better showing with students.

I get it, those positions

are probably ones less seen by students than, say, a professor or a facility member you would see daily. Yet those positions, depending on the vision of the candidates, can impact students positively or negatively. Whoever fills a particular role impacts the very culture on this campus.

So, it boggles my mind that students did not really attend those forums. The university blocks out a time for students to have their voices heard and students respond with crickets. I find it unacceptable.

I understand that between work, classes and

other obligations, some students would not be able to attend. It would be impossible for the school to create a schedule that is accommodating to a student population that is roughly over 8,000. Still, one could argue that perhaps the university should have picked better times or publicized the forums with more advance notice.

At the same time though, I have seen students attend the "fun" events, and show up for guest speakers of some metric of fame. Students can make time for homecoming festivities, witnessing Alex Morgan speak or get free

ice-cream handed out by President Joe Bertolino. Yet, they do not show up to forums that the university sets up to hear the comments, questions and concerns of the students.

If students do not participate, show up or even act like they care to attend these forums, then we risk the university not holding student forums. It is hard to have a counter argument if students are literally not showing up.

Outside of that bubble of students, who in sense are obligated to be there, every day students should be actively participating.

If you stand for nothing

then what are you willing to fall for? You are paying money into this school one way or another. Would you not want to have a say or have your voice be heard? The school is giving us, the students, a chance for our voices to echo the halls of Southern, yet Southern students are throwing away their shot.

Be loud, be participatory, have this school hear your voice as if we are lions roaring to be heard in the savanna. Instead, we are acting like owls who refuse to fly even if our wings are clipped and tethered to the ground. Students are

squandering their chance to be heard.

Look, if you think I am wrong, then prove it with action. The next time this university holds a student forum, attend it. The next time this school provides a platform for students to voice their say, then crowd that platform until they are deafened by your voices. I want to be proven wrong. I want students at Southern to be active participants in this community.

At this rate, when the time comes when our voices really need to matter, it may then be too late.

Do not let it be too late.

Concerns over coronavirus, hygiene and community on campus

By **Joseph Vincenzi**
Reporter

With the coronavirus exploding in China and spreading to other countries, many students at Southern are concerned as to whether or not it will reach the university. It is uncertain if the virus will reach New England, but it is all the more likely if students do not take necessary precautions and practice basic sanitation at Southern.

The recent outbreak has created much panic and confusion in China and around the world. There are currently over 64,000 confirmed cases of the coronavirus and over 1,300 deaths globally, as

reported by CNN. The virus has spread from China to Europe, Eastern Asia and the United States.

Symptoms of the virus are similar to those of the flu, including coughing, a fever and shortness of breath. Keeping this in mind, the virus may be somewhat contained if people use the same precautionary methods as they would if dealing with the flu: washing their hands and cleaning up after themselves

Students at Southern seem to struggle following these basic procedures. Every day I witness incredibly unsanitary student behavior around campus. I see students neglect washing their

hands after using the bathroom., flushing the toilet, sneezing and coughing, and students blowing their nose. I see these same students neglect all these important things and then go around campus and touch the same things that thousands of other students will touch.

I do not understand why people choose to avoid keeping clean in a time when such a dangerous disease catches the unexpected person and flu season is currently at its peak.

When students leave a toilet unflushed or forget to wash their hands, they multiply the likelihood that dangerous bacteria transfers to other students.

Public restrooms are breeding grounds for bacteria. All it takes is for one person to rush out of the bathroom, and suddenly a multitude of people are sick. Sickness spreads quicker than people think.

The coronavirus outbreak should be a wakeup call for everybody to partake in clean behavior if they are to remain healthy — coronavirus or not., basic hygiene in general is an essential that is being ignored by people.

We must be responsible students and community members and demonstrate the utmost level of sanitary procedures if there is any hope to avoid contracting the coronavirus.



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A rescue inhaler used for respiratory issues.

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Blood Drive spots filled to help those in need

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

The Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority has been doing a blood drive for years and Service Coordinator Alyssa Walters said she has done over 20 since she first started at the university.

"I know everybody I have talked to remembers doing blood drives," said Walters, "so it's been many years." Students donated blood at collaborated with the American Red Cross to help those who need of transfusions.

The American Red Cross is a non-profit organization that is involved with assistance for emergencies, going to different areas of the world to help when there is a disaster and educating others about disaster relief and how people can help in the event of a disaster or emergency.

According to Walters, the sorority has partnered with outside organizations in the past.

"Delta Phi Epsilon is a sorority that was founded in 1917 at New

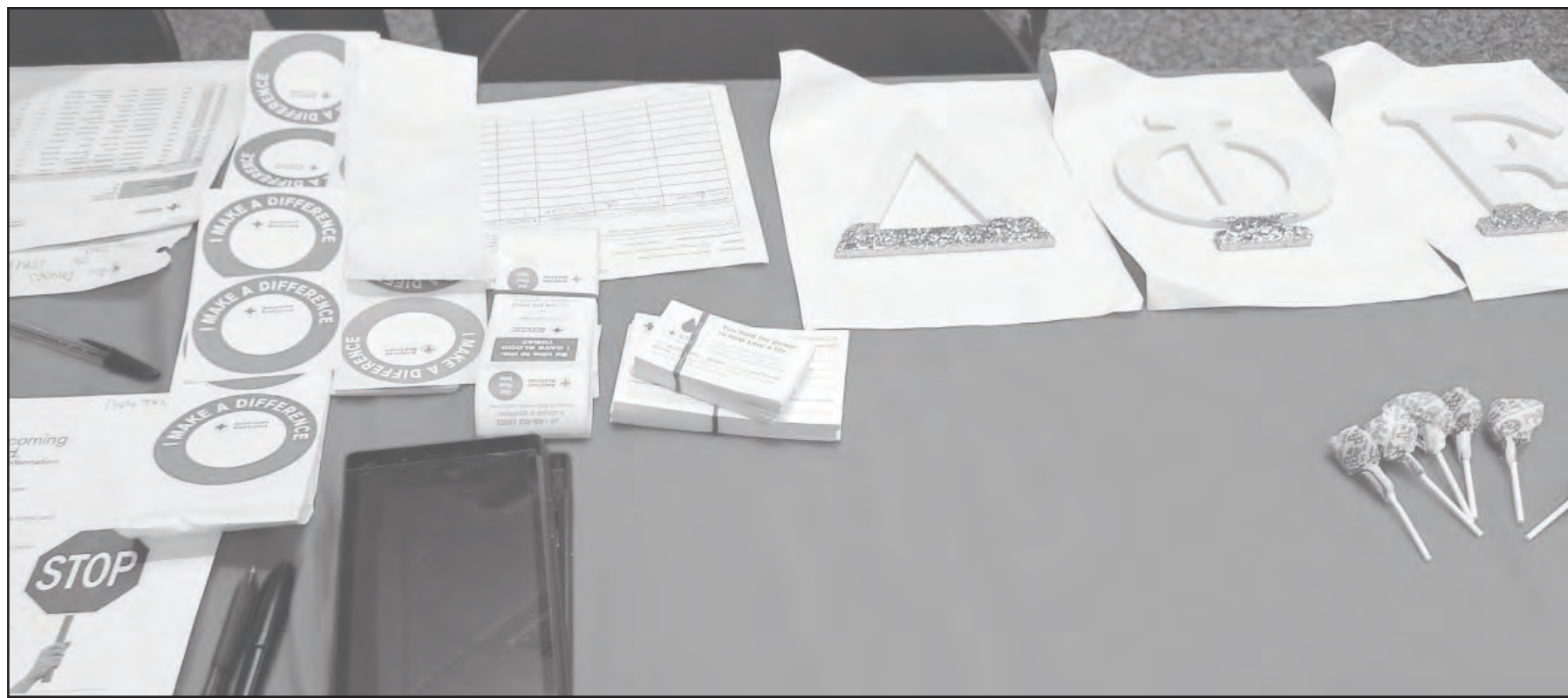


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Information cards and stickers on top of the Delta Phi Epsilon's table at the Blood Drive event perating to the importance of giving blood.

York School of Law. We are about justice, sisterhood and love," said Walters. "Our motto is 'to be rather than to seem to be,' and we partner with a couple different organizations for our philanthropies."

For this event, Walters said all 34 slots were filled. However, they did accept walk-ins during the times that there was

no one getting blood drawn, or if someone did not show up to an appointment.

"We have partnered with the Red Cross for many years now, and we are all about giving back to the community, so this is one of the ways that we decided as an organization to give back to the community," said Walters.

University Assistant in the art department, Beatrice Lopez, is a faculty member who decided to donate her blood.

"I donate quite regularly," said Walters. "I like helping out in any way I can and it's just one of those things I can do."

Walters said she decided since she had

the time and availability, she would participate in the event. She said she had been receiving emails and had heard on various news reports that there was an increased need for blood donations.

In high school, Lopez said she had given blood around 10 times.

The process of giving blood involves pricking

the finger of individual who would want to give blood in order to determine whether or not they suffer from a potential iron deficiency, then a blood draw, where they get hooked up to a bag and give one pint of blood.

"We usually encourage people to stay a little bit longer so that way they can eat and drink something because you do not want people to pass out," said Walters.

Lopez said donating blood makes her feel good because although she cannot donate money she feels, in a small way she helped.

"It gives me a good feeling to be able to do something little, even though I don't really know what happens to [my blood] afterwards," said Lopez.

Since there is such a high need for blood transfusions in hospitals, Lopez said that more people should donate if they are capable of doing it.

"If you can," said Lopez, "why not?"



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University Assistant for the Art Department, Beatrice Lopez, who decided to donate blood at the Delta Phi Epsilon Blood Drive event.

'Becoming an RN' forum talks to senior nursing majors

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

"Becoming an RN," was a forum for graduating seniors who want to know what the potential outlook on a future career as registered nurse might look like.

The event was held by the Multicultural Health Leaders, formally known as the National Association for Hispanic Nurses.

Alumna Daniele White, who graduated last semester and got a job as an RN at Yale Hospital, acted as the master of ceremonies for the event.

Prior to being an RN, White said she worked as a patient care assistant in the float pool at Yale Hospital, a job where



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Angelica Castro, president of Multicultural Health Leaders and registered nurse Daniele White.

employees, workers, etc. work on the floors that need the most help.

She spoke to the future

nurses about what their first month will look like in a hospital, and after White spoke, they started

a question and answer.

Many of the questions were based on how to pass the National Council

Licensure Examination, that all future nurses must take in order to become licensed and registered,

because many student nurses said they felt anxious about taking the NCLEX.

The NCLEX is a six-hour exam, with two optional breaks.

White said she studied for three days to help her pass the NCLEX, since she was not confident in her ability to pass the exam without doing so, although she had worked hard to get through the nursing program.

In nursing school, White said students endure four years of intense study, clinicals, and labs but it all comes down to NCLEX to determine whether or not a nursing student can call themselves an RN.

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The many difficulties of dating on and off campus

By Sofia Rositani
Reporter

Love has been in the air since February started. With Valentine's Day just having passed, many students are thinking about love, or their lack thereof.

Dating on campus, as a college student is probably one of the hardest things to do especially since students often have to deal with classes, work and club activities, leaving simply no time to date.

A certain pastime for many college students is using dating apps such as Tinder, Grindr, Bumble and Hinge — just to name a few. LendEDU, a student loan refinancing online marketplace, asked 9,761 college students if they use Tinder, and 72 percent said they do but 44 percent say they use it for “confidence-boosting procrastination.”

However, it also states that “70 percent of college students say they have not actually met up with anyone from the app,” which

begs the question: are college students trying to find love or just a simple pastime?

Biochemistry major Jessica Schreiber, a senior, said she has a boyfriend off-campus whom she met on a dating app.

“I actually met my boyfriend on Tinder,” said Schreiber.

As of now, Schreiber said she and her boyfriend have been together a little over 15 months, and if she had not met her boyfriend off-campus, she would not be opposed to dating on-campus.

English major Chloe Lecy, a junior, said her biggest obstacle in dating on-campus is she lives out of state.

“I have met more friends than I have had potentially that I can click with on Southern's campus,” said Lecy, “so I live in Massachusetts so it's hard for me to even imagine having a dating life here let alone even maintaining friendships.”

Lecy said she is not completely opposed to dating on campus, but that it just would be



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION | ALEXANDRA SCICCHITANO
The screen of an Samsung Galaxy 10e featuring the opening screen of the mobile dating app OkCupid.

difficult for her.

One of the other difficulties surrounding dating as a college student is time management between classes and work, as well as clubs on campus.

Students also decide to date off-campus, like music major Anastasija Lebron, a freshman, who said she is currently dating off-campus with a job in Waterbury, Conn.

“Honestly I wouldn't say I like it better,” said Lebron. “I like them a lot — don't get me wrong — but I feel like if they were on campus we would be able to spend a lot more time together.”

Another problem Lebron said for her and many other students apart of the LGBTQ+ community is that there are a lack of members who are willing to put themselves out there and date on campus.

“Dating for me on campus — it's almost nonexistent,” said Lebron.

On top of going to class and going to work in Waterbury, she said she has no time to stay

on-campus and meet other students.

Lebron said she admits to using the dating app “Hinge,” and said students should not just limit themselves to finding someone on-campus.

“I feel like there are more opportunities to date outside of campus,” said Lebron. “Because there are more gay people out in the whole of New Haven than just on Southern's campus.”

Lebron said she does have ideas for future LGBTQ+ students and students who are looking for someone such as fun events on campus like speed dating for anyone interested or different events to bring students together who are looking for a significant other or just a friend.

“Don't try to force yourself to go out there and get into a relationship,” said Lebron. “If it's really the right time for you it will happen, and it will happen naturally. It will be so much better than trying to force yourself to be in a relationship with somebody.”

Black Jeopardy touches on history, hip hop and cultural music

By J'Mari Hughes
Copy Editor

Comedian Kenan Thompson holds the record for the longest run on Saturday Night Live, Tupac was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2017, and Hank Aaron finished his career with 755 home runs, the highest total in Major League History — these were some of the trivia an auditorium of college students screamed out the answers to in a competitive game of Black Jeopardy.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, Zeta Phi Beta sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity gathered students from Southern, Quinnipiac University, Yale and University of New Haven for a Black Jeopardy match, testing their knowledge on African American fun facts.

Players broke into the Stallions, the Big Steppers, Drivin' da Boat and THAT Team, and enthusiastically participated in the game, which could rambunctiously be heard all throughout Engleman Hall.

“It's our version of Black Jeopardy, [we're doing], like, black history, black pop culture black music —

everything black,” said social work major Jurea McIntosh, a sophomore and secretary of Psi Omicron chapter of Zeta Phi Beta. “As a chapter, we collectively decided to do something fun, especially since February is Black History Month.”

McIntosh said Zeta Phi Beta is one of The Divine Nine, the nine historically black fraternities and sororities. It was founded in 1920 at Howard University, which was one of the Jeopardy questions.

Trivia — which was categorized by inventions, sports, history, pop culture, music and Greek life — asked for the title of 50 Cent's debut album, the name of the fictitious African country set in Black Panther and the first African American to receive a PhD from Harvard University. Whether Googling the answers or not, at no point was a group without an answer.

“I feel like this is a fun way to get the campus involved and learning about history” said Dan Correia, a senior at Quinnipiac and member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

“There's definitely a bunch of questions on there that I didn't know

before we made the event, but it's a fun way to get involved and get to know people a little bit more.”

Nursing major Vanesa Vumback, a sophomore said the event brought together not only Southern students, but students from off campus as well. She said it raised awareness of her, and other members' culture, and allowed non-members to get to know the sorority and fraternity. Seeing new faces and students enjoying their time was something she said she looked forward to.

“I feel like it's good to educate ourselves on not only American history, but overall history of every culture and just to be aware of other people's lives and their ancestry, and how it affected everyone today,” said Vumback.

Bernard Grant, a senior at UNH said growing up, he learned general American history in school, but not specifically black history. Now, he said, at this age he can find and figure out history for himself.

George Washington Carver, Macon Bolling Allen and Jackie Robinson were some of the famous black names mentioned

throughout the game. Other questions asked students to finish the lyrics to rap songs and identify whatever black celebrity was pictured.

“It's kinda giving them knowledge [about black history],” said psychology major Katia Bagwell, a senior and president of Psi

Omicron Zeta Phi Beta. “People usually don't know about black history unless they take black history classes, especially in college so just to do something to get people more knowledgeable about their own history is important.”

Other questions asked

ranged from topics such as Katherine G. Johnson, Syleena Johnson and Prince to the NAACP, Phi Beta Sigma and the NHL. To McIntosh, it was a fun way to relax, but to also become educated.

“Know where you came from,” Grant said, “know your history.”



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Bernard Grant, a senior at University of New Haven, presenting at the Black Jeopardy event.

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One of White's recommendations was to find employment at the facility they would like to work at as a nurse prior to graduating because being familiar with the facility and the managers will give them a better chance at being hired there.

“Yale managers love Southern students because they have a high passing rate,” said White.

Many students asked White about the interview process and how she was interviewed. For White, it was a very different process because she already worked at Yale New Haven Hospital and knew the manager.

“Make a connection with the manager,” said White. “Ask questions

regarding the orientation process because in school you are being taught but you are hands on when you are working and you do not have the critical skills you need when you start.”

White said she has been working for seven months on the night shift, which is easier for her because the pace is slower and gives her more time to complete her task and learn at the

same time.

White also has children so she said it is easier for her as a mom to work in the night shift and she highly recommends student nurses to join some form of association.

White said even though some of her experience as an RN was bad, it will be rewarding, and the students will learn a lot.

President of Multicultural Health

Leaders Angelica Castro said the organization wanted to be more inclusive.

She said she thought some people may be put off by reading the word Hispanic in the name even though the nursing student can be any ethnicity to join the organization, and not just nursing students, either.

They want to also have pre-nursing, public health, and health

care studies, though the majority is nursing students. Castro said she is hoping to work in the labor and delivery floor in the future.

“I have wanted to be a nurse since I was 11 years old,” said Castro. “I just always loved the healthcare field getting involved with helping others, as weird as it sounds, I loved being in the hospital, that environment.”

‘Chocolate Factory’ featured at Conn Hall

By Joseph Vincenzi
Reporter

As students entered the cafeteria for a bite to eat, they were greeted with a table lined with treats: a tray of chocolate-covered pretzels, a snack mix of pretzels, chocolate, marshmallows and graham crackers in a cup and a warm pot of fresh chocolate.

These treats were only a handful of goodies available for students at Chartwells’s “Chocolate Factory” at Connecticut Hall on Wednesday.

The occasion was part of a series of “food festivals”

sponsored by Chartwells to introduce students to all new types of cuisine.

Alexandra Morgan Macauda, the event organizer and Chartwells’s marketing manager, said it was the company’s decision to host a chocolate-themed food festival.

“Every month, Chartwells holds a food festival, and this month is the chocolate factory,” said Macauda.

She said the event is timed with the arrival of Valentine’s Day.

Among chocolate-covered pretzels, Macauda detailed the other featured foods. The cups of pretzels, marshmallows, chocolate

and crackers were called “s’mores cups,” following the build of the popular campfire treat. There were cupcakes, chocolate-dipped candies, and even a large pot of melted chocolate for students to dip marshmallows.

Macauda said this event was one of Chartwells’s “legacy events” designed to introduce new cuisine to students, which the company chooses every semester. The events usually have a specific cultural theme and feature a larger menu for students so they can try more food.

“These events are designed with many different cultures and

types of food in mind,” said Macauda. “We want to try to expose students to many different cultures and show what kind of things people eat.”

Macauda said this is first time that Chartwells has hosted a chocolate factory as one of their food festivals themes. She said the company had considered doing the event last year, but that it never came to fruition.

The students in the cafeteria showed their appreciation for the new event as they enjoyed the spread of desserts available. For some, the biggest selling point of the event was purely the novelty.

“It was great,” said early childhood education major Selena Pacheco, a freshman. “It was something new. They should keep doing this.”

Another student, psychology major Spencer Tesch, a sophomore, expressed similar feelings about the introduction of the event.

“It’s something different from the norm,” said Tesch. “[It was] nice to see something like [the chocolate factory].”

He said he “would be sad” if Chartwells decided to discontinue the chocolate factory.

Communications disorders major Olivia

Courtemanche, a freshman, suggested that the next event should have an even greater spread of food for students to taste.

“I think it’s pretty fun,” said Courtemanche. “I think they should get new foods and drink for everyone to try.”

With positive reactions from the students, Macauda said the students are usually satisfied with each of the Chartwells food festivals.

“I always have a good response from the community,” said Macauda.

Eager to host another food festival, she promised that Chartwells, “will always do something.”



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Cupcakes displayed in a heart shape at Chartwell’s ‘Chocolate Factory’ at Connecticut Hall last Wednesday.



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Interdisciplinary studies major Fabiel Agramonte, sophomore, indulging in the pastries at the event last Wednesday.

‘To All the Boys’ sequel opens up new love triangle

By J’Mari Hughes
Copy Editor

In 2018, romance-lovers and Netflix-users saw Lara Jean Covey’s love letters get sent out to five different guys in the film adaption of “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before,” originally a novel by Jenny Han.

After Kenny’s letter was shipped back to her and Lucas turned out to be gay, Lara Jean, played by Lana Condor, began a relationship with Peter Kavinsky, played by Noah Centineo, after pretending to like him in efforts to keep Josh, her sister’s ex-boyfriend, from knowing her real feelings revealed in her letter to him.

In the post-credits scene, John Ambrose

McClaren was greeted at Lara Jean’s door by her younger sister Kitty, the sender of the letters, revealing that he, too, received one.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, Netflix dropped the sequel “P.S. I Still Love You” and viewers were finally able to see what happened between Lara Jean and John Ambrose, played by Jordan Fisher, and thus #TeamPeter and #TeamJohn took over Twitter.

The film begins with a jolly Lara Jean dancing to 80’s music around her room in a series of costume changes.

She nervously, but excitedly prepares for her first date, and — cue the swelling music and slow zoom — a bouquet-baring Peter is at her door ready

to whisk her away.

The movie continued its series of magical, mushy moments by capturing a teenage girl fantasy of the two out at fancy restaurants, attending a carnival and releasing a lantern flaunting their initials into the night sky, or multiple instances in which I repeatedly reworded the movie to ask myself, “Why are they so cute?” They promise not to break each other’s hearts and Peter even lets her drive his car, as Lara Jean’s fear of driving is no more — so long as she is not in the snow.

Lara Jean then begins to volunteer at an old folks home called Belleview, where she is reunited with John Ambrose, her fellow and only other volunteer,

and is instantly charmed by his presence. She asks him to return the love letter, which he promises to do, providing she gives it back to him so he can have proof that a girl once liked him.

Upon rereading the letter she sent five years prior — the one that reads “I love you John Ambrose, I really love you,” she decides not to disclose her relationship with Peter to him.

But after John Ambrose finds out, Peter is spotted with his ex and Lara Jean breaks up with him. Soon after, Peter takes back the necklace he bought her for Valentine’s Day, and heartbroken, Lara Jean knows it is actually over.

At Belleview, Lara Jean and John Ambrose put on a ball for the senior citizens.. Dressed in a teal ball gown

and his father’s tuxedo, respectively, the two slow dance and reminisce to their lives together in the past, and later go outside into the snowfall and make snow angels before they share a romantic kiss.

Despite the fairytale scenery, despite the giggles and happiness, and despite the nostalgia she feels with John Ambrose, Lara Jean realizes he is not the one for her Peter is. She leaves to find him and just makes it out the door when she is met with a familiar face: it is Peter, who tells her, “You said you didn’t like driving in the snow, right?” The two reconcile and live up to Lara Jean’s hopes of a happily ever after.

The movie certainly met my expectations and was worth the two year

wait. Condor’s display of an awkward hopeless romantic is absolutely adorable and makes for a loveable character.

Despite appearing in a slew of bad Netflix movies, Centineo maintains to capture Kavinsky in a light that makes females swoon and viewers in favor of “Covinsky,” and lastly, Fisher’s charm and heartwarming portrayal as a whole made it hard not to lean over to the #TeamJohn side.

Overall, the movie, and its stellar cinematography and admirable love story, checks every item off the list of chick-flick necessity, and is perfect for Valentine’s Day, girls’ night or any random day of the week. “To All the Boys 3” here we come.

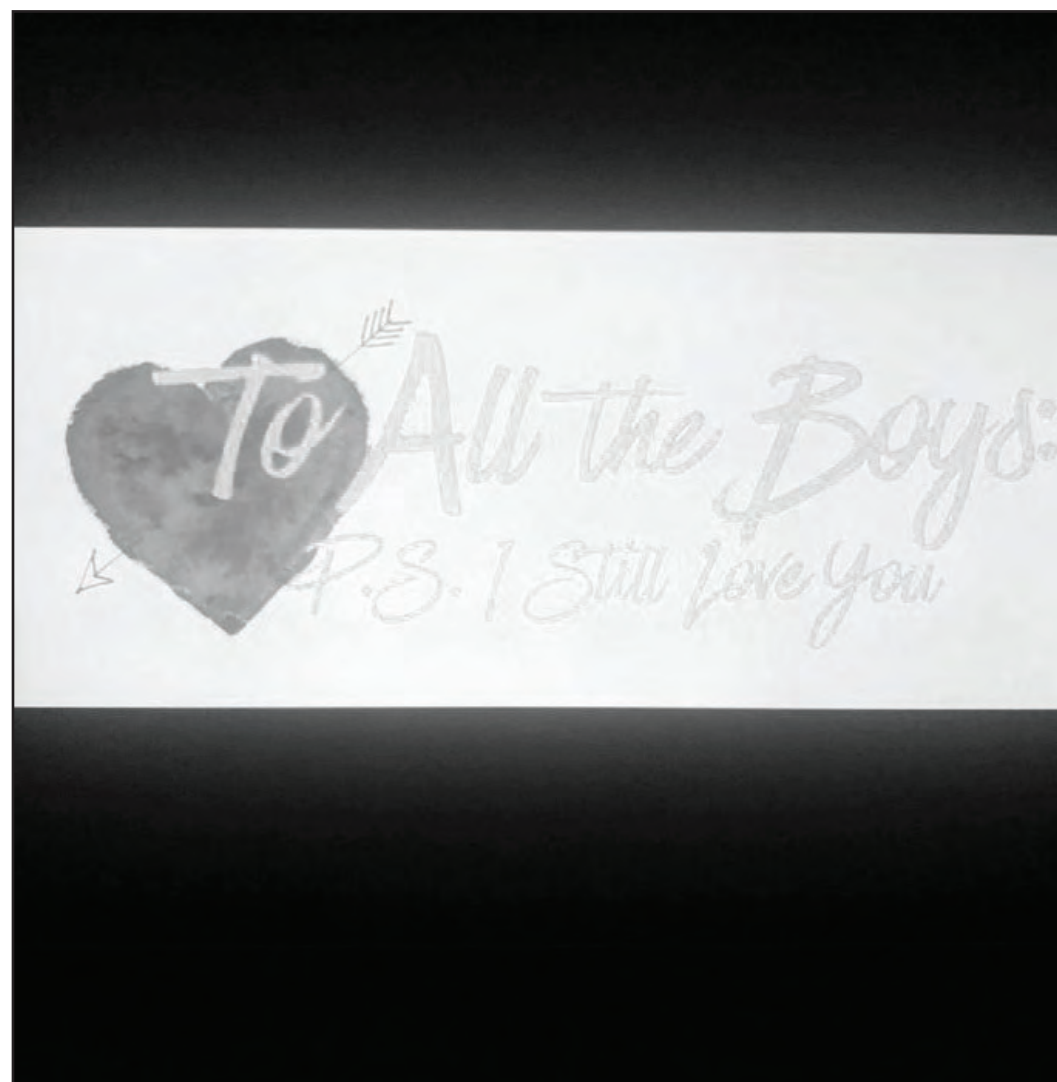


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The opening screen to the sequel “To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You” on Netflix.

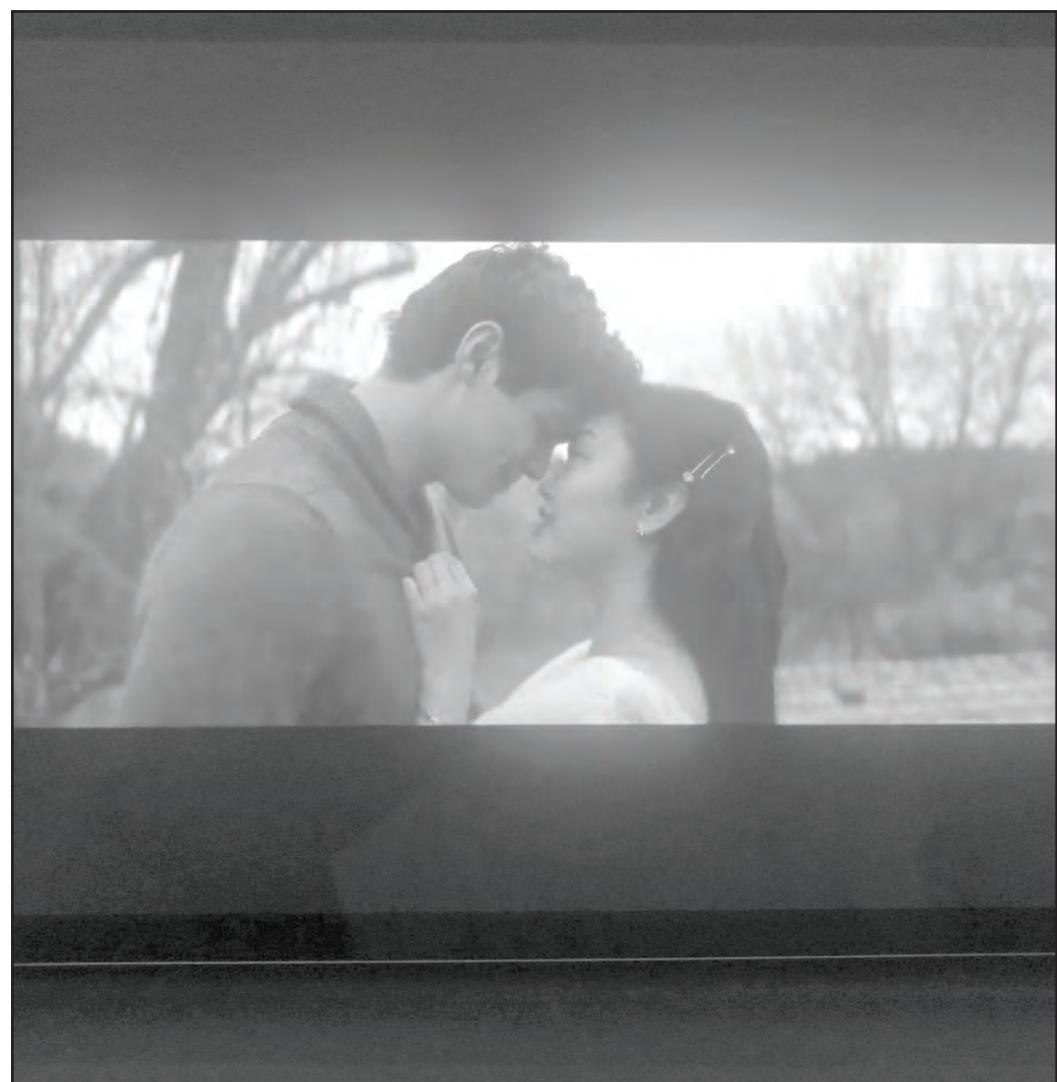


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The characters of Peter Kavinsky and Lara Jean Covey during a scene.

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New library program brings Indian culture to campus

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By becoming a part of a program called India Corner, Southern has brought a slice of Indian culture to campus.

India Corner is a program that donates books and artifacts to school's libraries on the culture of India.

"The partnership is not about X number of books, it's a symbol and a concrete step towards actually saying we are one," said Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Manohar Singh.

The India Corner was

created to further motivate studies and student's curiosity on India.

"Any book on India establishes a connection to India, we are a 5,000-year-old civilization," said Deputy Consul General of the Consulate of India Shatrughna Sinha. "We are a rising country, so I'm sure there are lots of interests among students here."

Sinha said he is very happy with the number of students who came out to the inauguration and believes his program and the university are "on the cusp of a beautiful partnership."

President Joe Bertolino said he hopes the India

Corner will be the first of many displays at Southern.

"We strive to be a culturally rich institution," said Bertolino. "So my hope is that we can provide our students with some opportunities to engage in substantive discussions about cultures."

Many students said they believe having the India Corner is a good thing because it brings even more diversity to campus.

"I'm an immigrant here so when I noticed Southern was representing my culture here it made me very proud as a student," said physics and education major Benson Rodrigues, a junior.

"I think it's cool that they brought in their culture because coming to Southern I really wanted more diversity and I wanted to learn about culture and with them bringing this in, it exposes me to more," said communication major Christopher Wilson, a sophomore.

India Corner has been established in nine different universities within the last 18 months. Singh reached out to Sinha about adding the India Corner to Hilton C. Buley Library.

"We told him we would be very happy to have the India Corner at Southern Connecticut State University," said Sinha.

During the inauguration for India Corner, artifacts and books were on display that and will become a part of collection.

"I thought it was wonderful that they came down and made this donation," said psychology major Chloe Weston, a junior, "and we'll get to see the permanent collection which I'm excited about."

The permanent collection is located downstairs in the basement of the library. The India Corner currently includes 60 books and many different artifacts.

"We would like to intensify this engagement, we will add more volumes to the books we have

donated, and we would like to invite Southern Connecticut to our consulate to attend events and engage in talks," said Sinha.

On top of more books and visiting the consulate in New York, Sinha said he would like to eventually look at doing an international exchange program where students from India will come to Southern.

"Books are the connection to the world," said Sinha, "they widen horizons, they establish connections with people."

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PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Indian artifacts displayed on the first floor of Buley Library for the India Corner introduced last Monday.



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Books by Indian authors on shelves in the basement of Buley Library for the India Corner on Feb. 10.

ProCon's 'Hearts and Darts' celebrates Valentine's Day

By Amanda Cavoto
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Whether students were single or in a relationship during Valentine's Day this year, ProCon presented them the opportunity to feel the love with crafts, candy and comfort food.

ProCon offered sweet treats and comfort food for students to celebrate the holiday. An annual tradition, Jenna Dearborne, a daytime programmer for ProCon, said this event has always drawn in a large crowd.

The Hearts and Darts

event was hosted on Feb. 11 in Engleman B121 after a scheduling conflict occurred in the original location, the Adanti Student Center ballroom.

With tables filled with DIY Valentine's Day cards, picture frames, markers and colored pencils used in last year's event, Dearborne said she wanted it similar to previous years but added in her own twist with new food options.

"I wanted to serve comfort food. When you think of Valentine's Day you think of some chicken, you want some mac and

cheese," said Dearborne.

ProCon also served salad and fruit as a part of the meal.

Biology major Jessica Schreiber, a senior, said that although she loves the free food at the ProCon events, the crafts were her favorite part.

"I love Valentine's Day. Also I love the ProCon events," said Schreiber. "I can always find someone to go with me."

English major Chloe Lecy, a junior, attended the event with Schreiber and said the crafts brought her to the event.

"The idea sounded really cute since Valentine's Day is around the corner and I like that they have crafts, it's really cute," said Lecy. "Especially because I don't have a lot of time in my schedule to do stuff like this."

Elementary education major Lauren Ferraguto, a sophomore, said she likes to go to ProCon events because members of her sorority often attend.

"I just saw it was going on through Instagram and I just thought it would be fun to stop by make some crafts, hangout with some

friends, meet new people," said Ferraguto.

The crafts were also an appeal to Ferraguto, as they were advertised in ProCon's Instagram.

"I think it's fun to take a break from studying and get your mind off things," Ferraguto said.

When planning the events, Dearborne said she gets ideas from Pinterest, like the DIY photo booth that students could use to take photos at the event. Dearborne began setting up for the event around 8 a.m. the morning of the event to receive the order of candy

from Peapod by Stop & Shop for the candy bar that was provided to students. The options consisted of chocolate hearts, lollipops, pop rocks, Twix bars, Milky Ways, Sour Patch Kids and more.

Business management major Valentina Rrapi, a sophomore, said although she wants to attend more ProCon events, she does not use social media so it is harder for her to find out when they are taking place. She said the crafts at the event helped her relax.

"It makes me feel like a kid again," said Rrapi.



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Chocolates available for students at the 'Hearts and Darts' event last Tuesday.

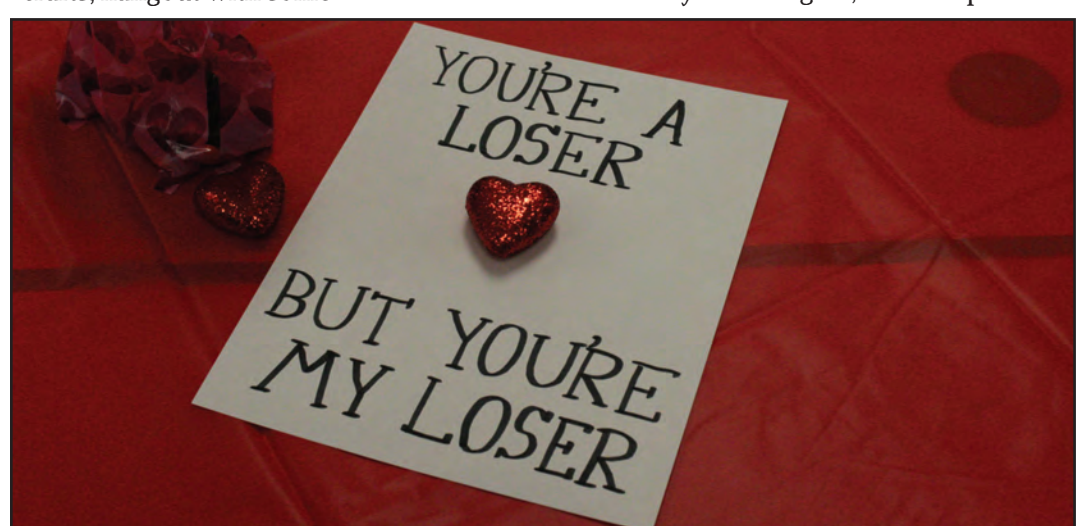


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A Valentine's Day card made by a student at the ProCon event on Feb. 11.

Women's swimming and diving brings home championship title

Team wins third title in four years with help from seasoned swimmers

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Sports Writer

After being predicted to finish third in the NE10 Championships, the women's swimming and diving team blew past expectations, claiming its third title in four years and 13th title in the 17 years of NE10 competition.

Led by captain Avery Forniciari, a senior, who took home five total gold medals on the three days of competition, head coach Tim Quill said this year's championship was one of prominence and one that will not be soon forgotten.

"[We are] ecstatic. It was probably one of the most memorable conference championships that I can remember," said Quill. "I remember them all. We've been fortunate, we've won a lot of championships,

and I remember bits and pieces of each. It spans over 17 years, but this one was really special because it's been a demanding season."

Throughout the championships, the women's team sealed the victory with a score of 863-830.5 against the defending champions from Assumption College, who were the preseason favorites to win. Among the gold medalists were Forniciari for the 500 Freestyle, 100 Butterfly and 200 Butterfly, Erin Leirey, a senior, for the 200 and 400 IM and Faith Littleton, a freshman, for the 1,650 yard.

Forniciari, who has been a four-year swimmer with the program, entered this year's NE10 Championships motivated by the previous year, when the team finished third, its lowest finish since she arrived at Southern.

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The women's swimming and diving team posing with the NE10 Championship trophy after winning on Feb. 9.

Men's basketball loses game against NE10 giant Le Moyne

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

With the top team in the NE10 Southwest Division coming to Moore Field House, the Owls' men's basketball team had the opportunity for a statement win and to come another step closer to clinching a postseason spot. Instead, the Owls suffered a 73-60 loss to the Le Moyne Dolphins.

The Owls had just one lead in the game at 2-0, thanks to a layup in traffic by forward Greg Jones, a junior. Le Moyne quickly countered with senior forward Tom Brown converting on an and-one to make it 3-2. From that point, the Dolphins did not trail again.

Le Moyne's offense came out hot in the early going, hitting three after three in the first half. The Dolphins built themselves a 10-point lead in the first 10 minutes of play. For the rest of the half, the Owls were not able to get it any closer than that.

"We just didn't have any

energy, no effort, we didn't have a purpose," said Owls' head coach Scott Burrell. "I think we had the chance to move up the ladder [in the NE10], to make a statement of who we were going to be finishing up the season, and we laid an egg, basically."

The Owls offense could never seem to get going on the night. In the first half, they shot 13-for-37 and just 1-for-14 from three-point range. For much of the first half, the Dolphins' defense had the Owls forcing shots, all the while they continued to sink threes of their own, shooting 7-of-16 from deep.

"We didn't move the ball, we didn't take good shots, we weren't strong with the ball," Burrell said. "We didn't come ready to play on both ends, offensively and defensively, we weren't strong or tough, we weren't aggressive, we weren't the same team that played last Wednesday, but we had two bad days of practice and it carried over to today's game."

After being down 40-29 at the half, the Owls, for a

time, found new energy to start the second. Their defensive effort for the first few minutes was solid and forward Taurus Adams II, a senior who had eight points and nine rebounds on the night, was able to cut the deficit back to single digits. However, that did not last for long, as a nine-point Dolphins lead grew to 21 in just four minutes.

The Owls' offensive struggles continued from that point, their largest deficit being 23. In total, the Owls shot 25-70 on the night, just under 36 percent. Jones was the leading scorer for Southern with 15 points and 12 rebounds, his fourth double-double of the season. Guard Isaiah Boissard, a redshirt junior, finished with 11 and guard Levar Allen, a freshman, finished with 10 points on 4-for-6 shooting off the bench. The area where the Owls struggled most, however, was three-point shooting, going just 3-for-27 from beyond the arch.

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Guard Levar Allen, freshman, making a post-entry pass during a home game against Le Moyne College on Saturday.



PHOTO | IZZY MANZO

Forward Alexa Kellner, a redshirt freshman, guarding one of Le Moyne's starters during a home game on Saturday.

Women's basketball late season struggles continue

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

The Owls faced off against Le Moyne College on Saturday, losing the contest 69-58 in the latest continuation of struggles for the women's basketball team as they attempt to battle for the final playoff spot in the NE10.

Coming into this game against the Dolphins, who posted a record of 15-8 overall and 11-5 in conference, Southern had lost six out of the team's last seven games, including a 58-53 overtime loss at Pace University on Feb. 11. Forward Alexa Kellner, a redshirt freshman, said while the teams were unmatched in records, she and her team went into the game with the mindset of business as usual.

"We just wanted to do our job," said Kellner. "We just wanted to focus on things that we needed to do

in order to come out with a win."

In the opening quarter, while Le Moyne controlled the pace by quickly passing up court, trying to catch the defense off-guard, both teams struggled so sink shots. Neither team shot over 40 percent from the field — Southern shot 5-for-14 (35 percent) and Le Moyne 5-for-13 (38.5 percent).

While Southern's offense became stagnant through the first quarter, the Owls were able to hold a lead in the first quarter by relentlessly forcing turnovers, of which Le Moyne had eight in just the opening period. In the second quarter, Southern's offense bounced back by way of increased shooting efficiency. Whereas the Dolphins continued to struggle, Southern shot 54 percent — 6-for-11 — from the field in the second quarter and sank exactly

half their shots — 2-for-4 — from deep.

"I think we just had confidence [in the second quarter,] and we make those shots in practice," said guard Imani Wheeler, a senior who tallied three steals in the first half. "I think we just starting to learn how to make them in games."

At the end of the half, the Owls had maintained their lead and went into the halftime break with an eight-point lead, 30-22.

In the second half however, Le Moyne came out of half time looking like a different team, almost immediately making shots and forcing turnovers. The Dolphins full-court-press consistently either slowed or stopped the Owls momentum or trapped the ball in the backcourt, forcing Southern to make long, and sometimes risky passes.

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New pitching rule in MLB ruins game

Column by Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

It is now February — pitchers and catchers have reported to spring training and position players are right behind them. Baseball is right around the corner, and in the wake of the recent cheating controversy the MLB wants you to forget, the league has implemented a set of new rules for the 2020 season.

Some rules at least make sense, such as the additional roster spot, increasing the number of active players on a roster from 25 to 26 and limiting the amount of times a position player can pitch. However, the new rule surrounding relief pitchers, forcing a reliever to face at least three batters or finish an inning before being taken out, is only hurting the game.

According to an article from USA Today, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred has been pushing for this three-batter minimum for a while, arguing that it would “cut down on the number of pitching changes during a game and speed up pace of play.”

Part of what makes baseball so great is the level of strategy involved. Great game managers have made names and defined legacies for themselves based on strategic moves throughout a game, many of which consist of matchups.

For pitchers, it is the polar opposite, especially with relief pitchers. Managers will usually let their starting pitchers go as long as they physically can. But when making calls to the bullpen, it is all about matchups. It is better to have a left-handed pitcher go up against a lefty batter and vice versa because it puts the batter at a disadvantage.

For example: in game three of the 2013 ALCS, then Red Sox manager John Farrell made the decision to pull lefty Craig Breslow with one out for righty Junichi Tazawa, just so he could face the AL MVP Miguel Cabrera. Tazawa ended up striking Cabrera out with two runners on before giving way to the closer Koji Uehara in that same inning before winning a tight 1-0 game.

Our days of seeing a relief pitcher pitch a third of an inning are over. I am all for speeding up the pace of play, but speeding up and changing the game are two different things. This is changing the game, and not for the better, by completely eliminating an area where managers shine.

Resilience and competitiveness define Kelly's career as Owl



Justin Kelly, senior, during a competition earlier in the season.

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Every collegiate athlete's journey is different. From the sport they play to where they are from, they all have a story. For track star Justin Kelly, a senior, his story is about resiliency and perseverance.

Kelly is originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. where he lived with his parents and his twin brother, Quentin Kelly, both attending high school in Queens before his family picked up and moved to the north end

of Hartford. Growing up, Kelly said there was a fair amount of change in his life.

“I used to get reprimanded a lot because I used to do things a lot of people liked to do like go out, talk back, be bad and stuff like that,” Kelly said. “But my parents weren't trying to have that and I think that's what molded me to be a pretty good kid — someone that's just respectful. I know how to talk to people and I know how to not rub people the wrong way. I feel like some

people weren't raised like that.”

As a kid, Kelly was very involved in sports. He participated in volleyball, football, soccer and basketball — not track. Once he moved to Connecticut and started attending Classical Magnet, basketball had taken control as the top sport in his life. It was not until after one of his basketball games his junior year that he made the impulse decision to join the high school track team.

“Honestly, track started for me because I was at a basketball game and the track team was about to have a tryout. They just saw me run up and down the court,” he said. “They were all like ‘Justin swears he's so fast, you should come tryout for the track team’ and I said, ‘you know what, that's exactly what I'm going to do.’ And the second I came on I started calling myself elite.”

Once his track career got underway, he was able to contribute with the help of his speed and agility. His senior year, he and his teammates won the conference and state championship for the 4x400 relay — Classical's first ever state title for track and field. Kelly is also the conference record holder for the 4x400 relay and was the recipient of the Most Improved Player award and the Legend award.

Though Kelly's high school career was successful by his standards, he never really thought that track would be the college sport he chose. His recruitment process was atypical, according to Owls' head coach John Wallin,

as they did not come into contact until June of Kelly's senior year, and he was far from ready when he came in as a freshman.

“He was a mediocre athlete at best when he got here physically, and over time I started to realize that once his body caught up with his brain that he was going to be pretty good,” said Wallin. “And that's what's happened the last five years. His body has started to develop; he's very young physically, so he started to climb athletically.”

On the recruiting trail, Wallin noted that Kelly did not blow him away based off of sheer talent, but his mental toughness might have. He said he always saw how competitive he was — it was all a matter of Kelly's body developing at a rate where we would be able to contribute and compete.

“He just needed to catch up physically,” Wallin said. “So now that his body has caught up to his brain a little bit, we're starting to see the real man version of Justin Kelly, whereas before when he first got here, he was a little boy.”

Over time at Southern, Kelly has been a key contributor for one of the top track and field programs in the country at the Division II level. He has been a mainstay for them on meet days, won numerous conference championships for both indoor and outdoor and has even come just shy of breaking all-time program records here. Though his career is drawing to a close, he says his track story is one he can always look back positively on.

“I'm going to look back

on my Southern track career as inspirational,” Kelly said. “I've just been through it all; I've been ineligible, I've been hurt, and I've always just come back.”

The impact Kelly has made has also rubbed off on his teammates. Though they all still have more business to take care of this year, the underclassmen know their time with him is short. The thing they will miss most, they say, is his balance of fun and seriousness.

“Coming into practice every day, he'll definitely hype you up and get you ready to workout. [Kelly] definitely brings a lot of energy,” said Terrell Patterson, a junior. “I feel like that's the relationship a lot of people have with Justin. He's going to make you laugh but at the same time he's going to keep you serious and hold you accountable.”

Kelly said he was grateful for the opportunity he has had at Southern, adding that if he had never moved to Connecticut he probably would not have been in college, let alone ever started doing track. As he prepares to close out his career, aside from winning, he has just one goal left to achieve.

“My best way to leave right now is to be an All-American, just be somebody that other people can try to be like. Whether it's through my animosity, my drive or just my resilience,” Kelly said, “if you put your mind to it and put in enough effort and work, there's no doubt that you can do whatever you want.”

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“We said from day one with this program, we had a great incoming class and obviously have a lot of great returners too, that our day one goal was to win a conference championship,” said Forniciari. “We just said from the get-go what we're going to have to do is going to be like no season before.”

As a captain, Forniciari was impressed with the work of the younger swimmers, like Littleton, who besides her gold in the 1,650 yard also claimed silver in the 1,000 Freestyle and bronze in the 500 Freestyle, and Rebekah Lockery, a sophomore who took home the bronze in the 100 Freestyle.

“My freshman year was really tough for me so I was nervous [for the younger swimmers] because there is a lot of pressure, especially if you didn't do high school swimming. It's very different having a team behind you. It either makes you feel really excited or really nervous,”

said Forniciari. “So, the freshmen handled it super well. My biggest thing with them is that they really dominated the relays.”

On the other side of the coin, the men's swimming and diving team placed second overall in the NE10 competition, an unchanged result from the previous year. Overall, the team was locked into second, finishing with 584.5, behind Bentley University, who amassed 815.5 points over the three days.

“The men, we were picked second [in the preseason polls,] we tried to put a plan together to be able to compete with Bentley [who] has far more depth than our program,” said Quill. “I mean, we tried to put a winning plan together, it just didn't unfold that way. They were too strong. I think we really did a great job as a program.”

Leo LaPorte, a senior and four-year swimmer, became a four-time gold medalist in the 100 Butterfly, 200 Butterfly and the 200 and 400 Medley Relay, as well as a two-time silver medalist in the 200 and 400 Freestyle Relay.



Members of the men's swimming and diving team posing with their second-place trophy on Feb. 9.

“Basically, I just wanted to win my events and do what I had to do,” said LaPorte on his mentality coming into the NE10 Championships. “I just wanted to get all my teammates set for their events and get their head in the game.”

Looking forward, LaPorte and Forniciari are both contending

for spots in the NCAA Championships. Quill described this time of year as a “wait-and-see period.” Though these athletes have posted numbers worthy of qualifying for the NAAs right now, there are still roughly two weeks of conference championships to play out, and LaPorte and Forniciari could be knocked out of contention.

Regardless, the athletes remain optimistic.

“I'm just going to do what I have to do in here, and just listen to whatever [Quill] has to do,” said LaPorte. “I trust him. He's gotten me there two years already, so I'm just going to do whatever I have to do to get there, and if I'm already set to go, then that's awesome.”



Guard Imani Wheeler, senior, driving during a home game on Saturday.

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On the offensive side, the Dolphins looked to get the ball inside the paint, and with help of their forwards, attacked the glass tenaciously, gaining multiple offensive rebounds and second-chance points. With five minutes remaining in the third quarter, Le Moynes had tied the game at 32-32, and going into the fourth and final quarter, had fought to take a one-point lead over Southern.

“We just didn't trust

each other the last half. Bad communication, we just kind of lost focus and I think when we get tired we do that a lot,” said Wheeler. “so, we just have to learn how to stick with it through the tough moments and fight adversity.”

The fourth quarter was dominated by Le Moynes. The continuous full-court-press from the Dolphins forced turnover after turnover and the team's shooting struggles from the first half were nowhere to be found, as the Dolphins shot 46 percent (6-for-13) from the field, including 37 percent (3-for-8) from deep. The

opposite could be said for the Owls, who shot a mere 20 percent (3-for-15) and 28 percent (2-7) from deep.

The team's defense coupled with the creation of multiple second-chance opportunities allowed Le Moynes to pull away and claim victory 69-58, handing Southern its 16th loss of the season.

While Southern's record may look bleak, the team may still have a chance to make the playoffs with three games left in the season. They will play two home games, on Feb. 19 against Elm City rival New Haven and on Feb.

22 against the College of Saint Rose before taking on Pace on the road on Feb. 25 for the last game of the season. If the Owls win at least two, and some other pieces fall into place around the conference, the team may still be looking at post-season play.

“It's very important [to win these upcoming games,] We're trying to stay in and make playoffs, so we have to win at least two of these three,” said Wheeler. “They're very winnable games, especially the last two, so we're right there, we just got to stay focus and push through.”

Southern tests CBD on human performance

By Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

As the green revolution of CBD and THC-infused products takes over the United States, many organizations are looking to research the rapidly popularizing products, with Southern being one of them.

Director of the Human Performance Laboratory William Lunn, who specializes in nutrient intervention and supplementation and heads the CBD study at Southern, said he was interested in CBD because of the sudden rise in popularity and prominence even though there is little to no data on the chemical itself.

"With CBD specifically, the past two or three years, a lot of athletes are using CBD. You see it everywhere now. Not just athletes, but a lot of athletes are using it for recovery, to help them sleep better and to enhance performance," said Lunn. "They say, 'I think I perform better when I'm on this, I think I'm definitely recovering better,' which is good anecdotal evidence, but there's very little to no empirical or scientific evidence that says yes, if someone takes CBD oil, they'll have these better [outcomes]."

Cannabidiol, or CBD, is the second most naturally abundant cannabinoid found in

the cannabis plant and the most abundant in the hemp plant according to the World Health Organization, and while it comes from the same plant, it does not give the user the common "high" as found in THC products.

It is also legal in all 50 states and in recent years, researchers have found that it can be used to treat serious disorders like epilepsy and seizures, as well as less serious conditions such as anxiety and moderate pain relief.

Nowadays, with the help of the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized the farming of hemp, CBD infused products have been popping up on the shelves of many different stores, with even some athletes, like former Patriot tight-end Rob Gronkowski, launching their own brand of CBD products.

In fact, according to Lunn's research outline, "The NCAA reports that approximately 30 percent of student-athletes consume cannabis products, and 32 percent of athletes regardless of sport affiliation reported twice-daily cannabis use frequency. 'Less pain' and 'improved athletic performance' were listed among the major positive endorsements of cannabis use."

Lunn's study, which will take place over the next several months and consists of the participation of students

across campus — ideally 30 for Lunn — will look at the effects of both acute and chronic doses of CBD on physical strain and soreness.

Participants in the study will be given either CBD oil from the Colorado company New Leaf Naturals, hemp seed oil — the controlled variable — or a placebo supplement by random choosing.

They will also engage in vigorous leg exercises that are designed to make their leg muscles contract, thus causing soreness. In the following days after the exercises, Lunn and his team will assess the participants' pain, range of motion and inflammation in the muscles.

"[The study is] the acute versus the chronic daily dosing. When they first come in, they get this larger acute dose. So it'll be a little bit less than a tablespoon of CBD oil, which is a lot," said Lunn. "After that, when we start the daily dose for a month, they're going to be capsules."

Besides the physical tests, participants will be assessed on anxiety levels, sleep monitoring, problem solving and weekly health checks. Participants will also be given a \$40 gift certificate for each week they are involved in the study, totaling to \$200 at the end of the five weeks.

Psychology and nutrition major Belle Herrera, a senior, is one of many students that



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A variety of CBD infused products available at a gas station located on Fitch Street.

Lunn reached out to. She said she was interested in the study because of the void of information surrounding CBD.

As of now, Herrera has not started her portion of the study, but has begun to prepare for it to start, which includes initial screenings and working out now, since she cannot work out while the study is being conducted.

"The number one thing that turned me off was no lower body exercises, [but overall] of course I am excited to be a part of this study," said Herrera. "Exercises that [Lunn] did say we could do was light cycling."

For Lunn, this one study is not the definite answer to anything. Granted all

goes well on the scientific and methodical side, Lunn said he will likely continue research going forward.

"That's the great thing about research, nobody should ever look at just one research outcome and say, 'Oh yep, that's it, that's going to be etched in stone and that's what it is,'" said Lunn. "I mean you can get a lot of good information from [one study,] and that's what's great about research, is you can't do everything in one study, and there's always going to be follow up, there's always going to be questions that come up during the study. So depending on the results, I think it would be kind of interesting to follow this with follow up studies."



Owls feel void left from Steinauer

Column by Hunter O. Lyle
Sports Editor

Throughout her years at Southern, Kiana Steinauer, a senior and captain for the women's basketball team, has certainly racked up many awards and accolades. Recently, the 5'10" forward from Ontario, Canada, was featured as an All-Region Honorable Mention on the DII Women's Eastern Region All-Decade team.

The list, which was created by Stephen Zerdalian and posted on D2EastHoops.org, compared players from 2010 to 2019, and mentioned Steinauer, along with other NE10 talents such as Mikayla Roberts from Le Moyne and Shannon Ryan of Saint Anselm.

When looking over Steinauer's resume, the numbers point to one thing: greatness.

During the beginning of this year's season, Steinauer became the 22nd player to break 1,000 points in program history — currently she ranks 18th all time with a total of 1,065 points — and also sits just seven rebounds away from cracking 1,000 rebounds.

Although she has not been able to play for the majority of this season, last season Steinauer put on a show. While her team was bounced in the first round of the NE10 playoffs, and posted a meager 14-15 record, Steinauer averaged 18 points a game and a whopping 15 rebounds a game, something the Owls could use desperately in this season's campaign.

Steinauer's impressive 2018-2019 accolades was as follows: a DII Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) All-American Honorable Mention, D2CCA First Team All-East Region, NE10 First Team All-Conference and DII All-ECAC.

Without Steinauer's presence on the court this year, the women's basketball team has suffered tremendously. Steinauer only played in six games in total this season, and the Owls went 4-0 in regular season games with her help. Since her disappearance from the court, Southern has won only five games, losing the other 16 played, with a current record of 9-16.

There are only three games left in the regular season and the Owls need to win at least two of these deciding games to potentially qualify for the playoffs, and without Steinauer leading the team on the court, the Owls will have to dig deep to come out with some much-needed wins.

Siedlecki continues to build culture for lacrosse



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Head coach Kevin Siedlecki debating a call with refs during a game against Stonehill on April 27, 2019.

By Sam Tapper
Sports Writer

Building a program from the ground up can be a daunting task for any coach, and despite a brutal year-one schedule for second-year head coach Kevin Siedlecki, he and his team are poised to build off last year's struggles.

Siedlecki's first season as the Owls' head lacrosse coach was far from smooth sailing, as his team finished 2-15 last year as well as 1-12 in the loaded NE10 Conference. They were also winless at home last year, going 0-9. Despite what the record says, Siedlecki said there is

a lot from last season that this team can learn from going forward.

"This is a program that's never been successful; the best season ever was four wins," Siedlecki said. "We did not measure success by our record last year. I said to our team going in that last year was my favorite year of coaching ever, and I come from an experience where I won six conference championships as the head coach of a high school program. It's a process and I knew that going in."

Of the Owls' 17-games last year, nine were against top 25 opponents, including conference rival

and last year's national champion, Adelphi. The NE10 year-after-year has been a very tough conference for women's lacrosse. Despite losing those games, Siedlecki said the fact that they played them closely should not be overlooked. They lost to No. 16 Assumption by four goals and to Stonehill in the season finale by three, who was receiving votes for the top 25. This, in Siedlecki's eyes, is progress.

"To look at and define the season by 2-15, no one on the team would do that, it would not be the first thing we said about the season," said Siedlecki. "When we finished our game against Stonehill, we were sitting in the lobby outside the conference room [in Moore Field House]; nobody wanted to go in and take their jersey off, no one wanted the season to be over. That's not 2-15, that's not the way we felt, it felt like a really successful year. We got a lot better."

Going into the 2020 season, the Owls are picked 11th in the NE10 Preseason Coaches Poll. Though this number may not jump off the paper, Siedlecki said that not being picked in the bottom three of the league is progress in and of itself, as other coaches around the league are taking note of what he is building here at Southern. They

were picked to tie with American International for 11th and ahead of Saint Rose and Saint Michael's.

The Owls will be without their top two players from a year ago, as they lost defender Brianna Grande and attacker Samantha Cozzolino — their top scorer from a year ago — to graduation. However, this season they return a cast of 10 starters from last year's roster, highlighted by attacker Karlie Rowe, a sophomore who was named to the NE10 All-Rookie Team with 35 goals, which is the most by an Owl freshman since 2015, as well as defenders Amanda Murray and Kendall Simmons, both seniors who were named captains this season and have put an emphasis on team bonding.

"Definitely having Kevin as our head coach made us open our eyes and see that lacrosse is so much more than the two hours you have on the field at practice," Murray said. "Bonding with your team outside of lacrosse, having team dinners, doing book readings, looking to make your bed every day, which is something we're really trying to focus on this year, achieving small tasks, and small goals really make you a better, more well-rounded athlete."

The goal this year for the team is to take that next step. That next step is

not winning a conference championship this season. Rather, it is winning anywhere from five to eight games. With that goal in mind, the Owls look to keep their heads high and keep working hard despite what challenges this season may bring.

"Just being more confident in our play and our team and in each other is really important for us," said Simmons. "Since we have been a growing program, it's been hard to overcome the fact that we've lost a lot of games, so just being more confident and playing how we know we can play is kind of enough in itself."

The Owls will open their season with a three game homestand at Jess Dow Field, beginning on Feb. 23 against Dominican College. Siedlecki expressed confidence in the goals set for 2020, as he had high praise for his experienced coaching staff and the team's ability to be a tougher opponent in the NE10.

"The biggest thing is we are going to be more competitive," Siedlecki said. "We want the whole league to take us seriously. We are here to be competitive and be respected in the league, and we have to start with that with being picked 11th instead of 14th. We've always been in the bottom two, and we're 11th this year so that's better."

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"We started missing a lot, then we just started to get very stagnant, we just started to take unforced shots," said guard Lyrion Bennett, a freshman. "We just weren't playing as a team and that's one thing where we've been struggling all season,

that's one thing we've got to work on is fighting through adversity."

Bennett finished with six points but also grabbed 10 rebounds for the third time this season and dished out a team-high four assists. The Owls were able to spark an 11-2 run for themselves to get back into it, cutting the lead to 58-44 with just over nine minutes left.

After a Le Moyne timeout, the Dolphins sparked an 11-5 run of their own, extending the lead back up to 69-49 with 3:13 on the clock. At that point, the game was sealed for the Dolphins.

"We came out a little slow, and we can't come out a little slow against the best team in the conference," said guard C.J. Seaforth, a junior, who

finished with only three points. "We've got to come out stronger the next game."

With the loss, the Owls fall to 13-10 overall and 8-8 in the NE10. Going into the game, the Owls were in third place in the division. They are now tied with Pace again for fourth, as UNH picked up a win against AIC to jump into third. The Owls

will face their cross-town rival, New Haven on Feb. 19 as every matchup at this point becomes critical for the NE10 Tournament.

"Just pride, pride, you've got to have pride in competing," Burrell said of where his team needs to improve. "Forget the X's and O's, you've got to have pride in competing and trying to win a game. That's the bottom line."

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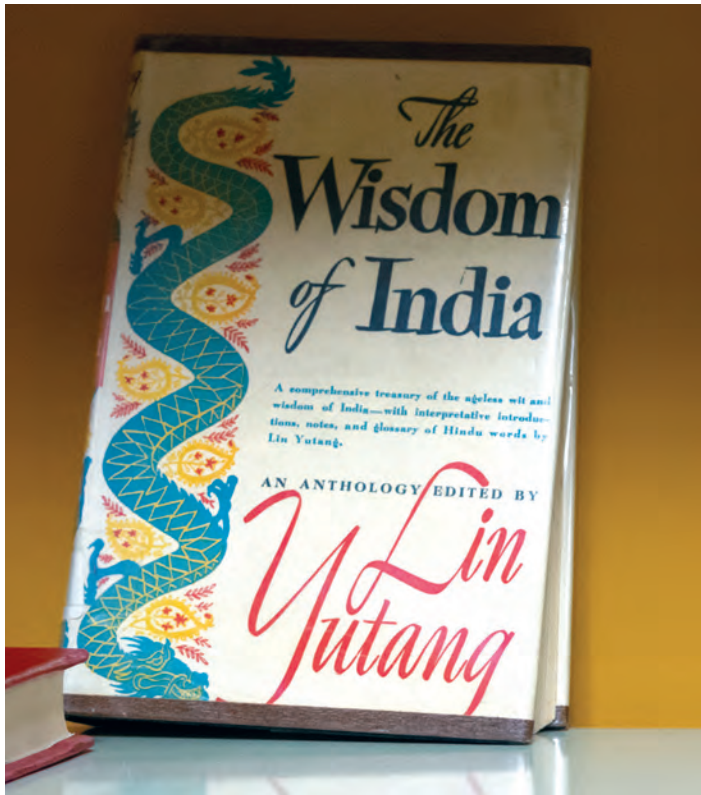
Southern celebrates Indian culture



Manohar Singh, the dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, speaks during the dedication of the India Corner on Feb. 10.



Deputy Consul General of India Shatrughna Sinha (left), President Joe Bertolino and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Robert Prezant.



A book of translated excerpts from sacred Indian texts on a shelf in the basement of Hilton C. Buley Library.

By Izzy Manzo
Photo Editor

This week, the Southern News covered the dedication of the India Corner on Feb. 10 in the Hilton C. Buley Library.

India Corner was created as a way to showcase Indian culture in institutions such as libraries and colleges.

The collection, which prominently features books on subjects such as religion, politics, and philosophy, had been established at eight universities before its dedication at Southern.

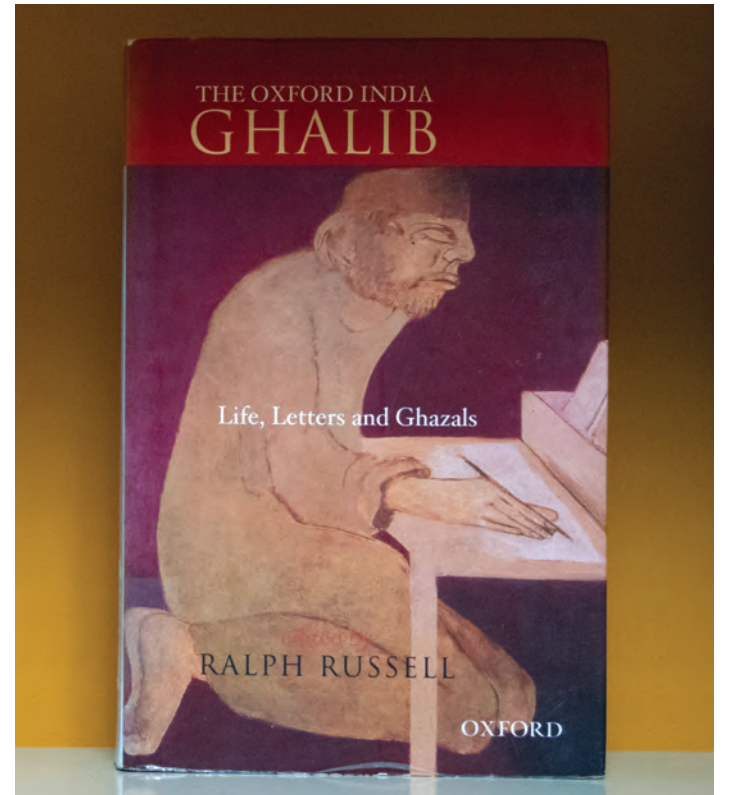
Southern's India Corner is the third and most recent collection to be dedicated in Connecticut; the other two were previously in the Norwalk Public Library and the Olin Memorial Library

at Wesleyan University, according to the deputy consul general's website.

In the future, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate of India Shatrughna Sinha would like to continue working with Southern by adding more books to the permanent collection, which is located in the basement of the Buley Library.

Sinha also said that he was interested in creating an exchange program where students in India could not only study on Southern's campus, but Southern students could visit India.

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A book about the Indian poet Mirza Ghalib on display in the basement at Buley Library.



Artifacts on display on the first floor of Buley.



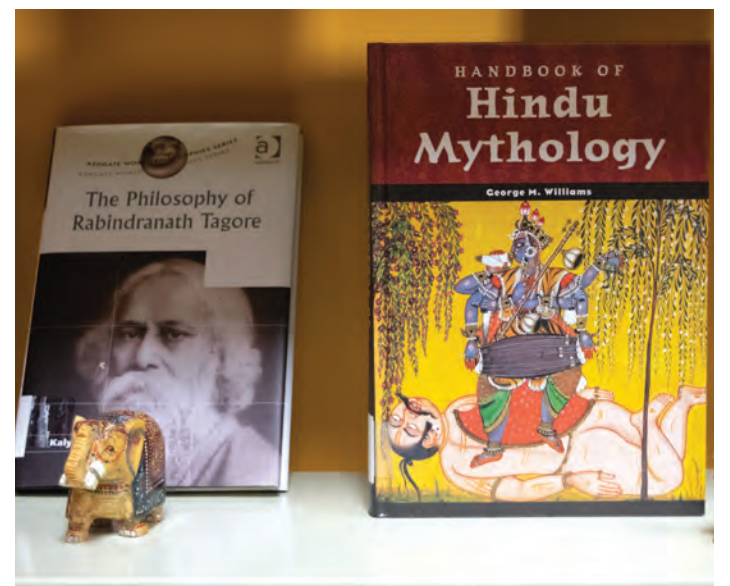
A book on Jainism and artifacts on display in the basement of Buley.



Books about Indian culture and a dictionary of the Hindu language on display in the basement of Buley.



Bertolino listens stands by as Sinha dedicates Southern's India Corner.



Books on Indian philosophy and mythology on display in the basement of Buley.