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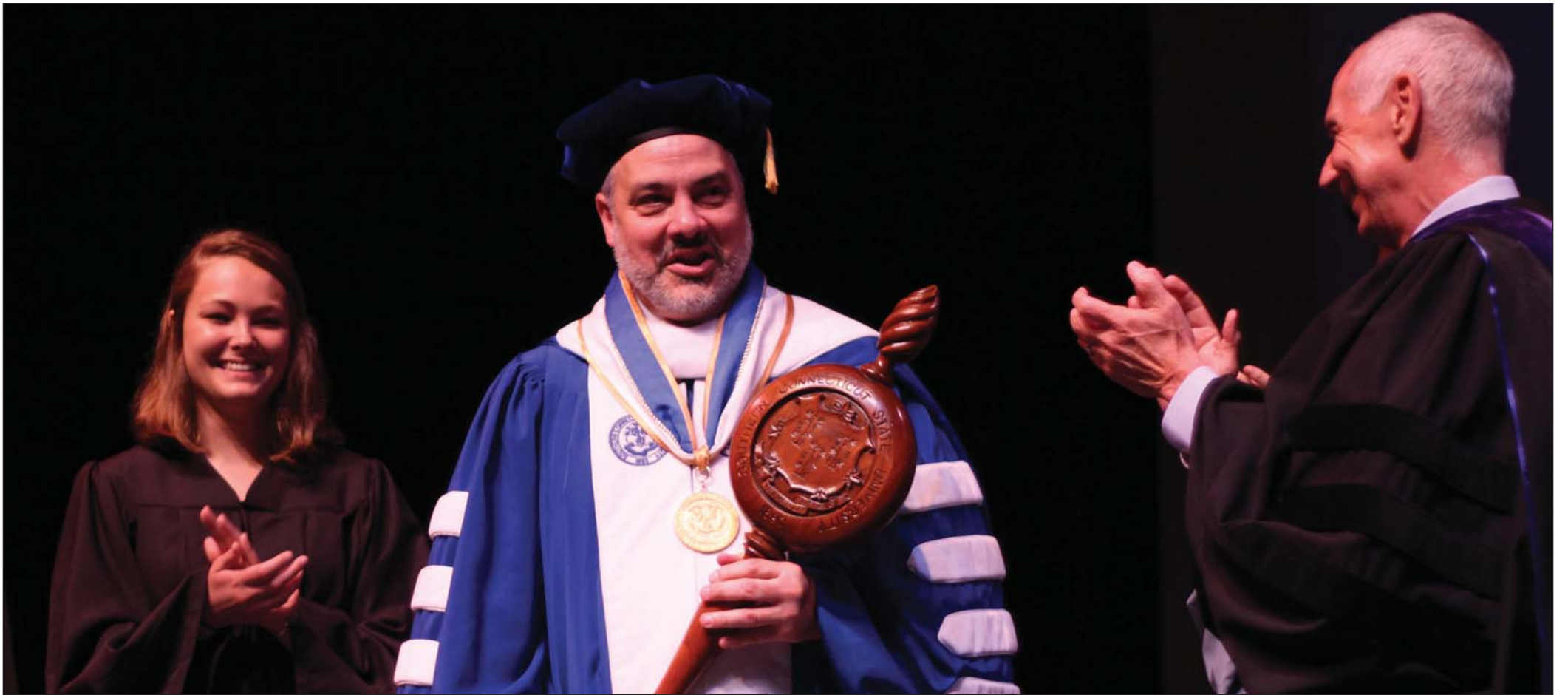
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University inaugurates 12th president



President Joe Bertolino holds the university Mace next to Board of Regents President Mark Ojakian and Student Government President Kalie Menders. PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

By Josh LaBella

Hundreds of people filled the Lyman Center to observe the inauguration of Southern Connecticut State University President Joe Bertolino on Friday.

Among the crowd was a delegation of students and faculty from President Joe's previous universities and colleges. President Joe was "late" for the ceremony and through a Skype video was seen singing "Don't Stop Believing" via carpool karaoke.

The invocation was presented by Imam Zakir Ahmed, who said he gave many thanks to Bertolino for all he has

done and will continue to do. He then said a prayer, first in Arabic and then in English.

"We ask the almighty to grant President Joe wisdom and guidance," said Ahmed.

Lawrence DeNardis, a member of the Board of Regents, said it was very challenging to pick a new president for the university. He said they interviewed over 100 applicants from all around the country but, in the end, President Joe was the best choice.

"We chose wise and well," said DeNardis. "Dr. Joe has boundless energy and a great sense of purpose."

One of the next speakers, Kalie Menders, the president of the Student Government Association, said the day

marked the beginning of the next chapter in Southern's 124 year history. According to Menders, President Joe has already made a mark on the university since he started working at Southern.

"In the eight short months he's been working here," said Menders, "I think President Joe knows more students than I do."

Jordan Jones and Maria Diamantis, from the administrative faculty and the faculty Senate respectively, gave their remarks together.

"We are here together, working in our community to bring students the resources they need to be successful," said Jones.

According to Diamantis, when it comes to President Joe, one thing is clear:

students come first. She said she asked previous students of his to describe him with three adjectives.

"Caring, sincere, proactive, humorous, loving, compassionate," said Diamantis, "These are the adjectives that kept coming up."

The inaugural presentation was given by Mark Ojakian, president of Connecticut State Colleges and Universities. Before swearing Joe in, he said when looking for a president for SCSU, there was really no other option than President Joe.

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Alcohol, drugs dominate campus Clery Reports

The following analysis reviewing Clery Reports at Connecticut public universities was put together by News Writing students Jeniece Roman, Sandra Gomez-Aceves, Melissa Nunez, Sherly Montes, Ali Sorbara, Alex Palmieri, Lynandro Simmons, Karlie Borges, Megan Grabowski, Britany Howard, Dan Zumpano, Adrianna Rochester, Chris Kuczo, Mihai Tripp, Jared Klim and Abigail O'Keefe.

Drug and alcohol use lay among the the largest numbers reported by the five public universities, their 2016 Clery Reports showed.

Connecticut's largest public university, UConn, drew attention when an underage student, whose blood alcohol content was more than three times the legal blood alcohol content limit, was run over by a university fire truck and killed earlier this year. A few months later another intoxicated underage student died, this time from Central, after she fell off a Hartford bar's roof.

Those incidents prompted statewide attention to the topic of alcohol use by underage students and on campus settings by both media outlets and government agencies.

Journalism students in the News Writing course at Southern Connecticut State University took a different approach to the instances, questioning whether alcohol consumption was more prominent at those universities when compared to SCSU. The journalism students analyzed the 2016 Clery Reports released

by each the five public universities, comparing and contrasting the crimes on each campus. (See Chart on p.2)

Over a three-week time frame, the students conducted interviews with administrators from each of the schools' police, judicial affairs and counseling services departments. The students then surveyed 200 Southern students who live or have lived in on-campus housing and asked them of their experience, or lack thereof, with the two largest crime contributors at SCSU: alcohol and drugs.

Early on, all the Clery Reports, released by universities yearly and by law, detailed alcohol consumption and other crimes were relatively low or stagnant in 2015 at Southern, Eastern, Western, Central and UConn, when compared to those reported years prior.

During a requested press conference, Southern's Police Chief Joseph Dooley, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Conduct Christopher Piscitelli, and Director of Residence Life Robert DeMezzo addressed issues pertaining to the 2016 campus Clery Report and how they, in their differing roles, treat and process campus crimes.

"This formula works," Dooley said of the trio's interdepartmental efforts. "I've watched the success over the years. But this includes counseling, res life, judicial affairs. It is a very fair and balanced system that keeps people safe."



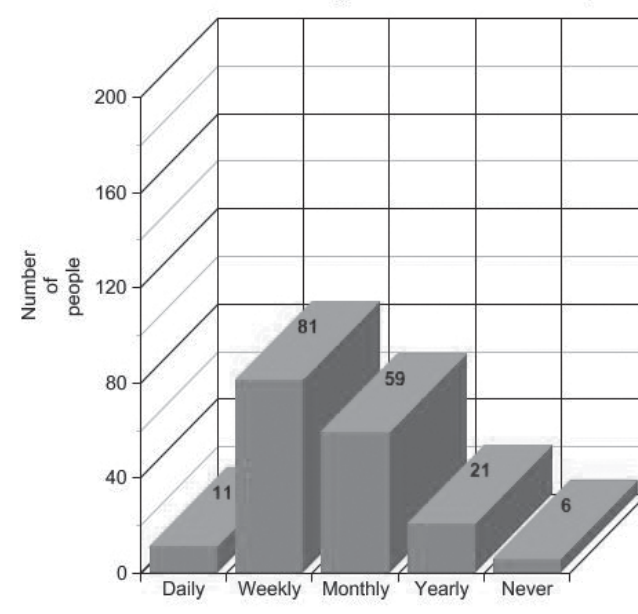
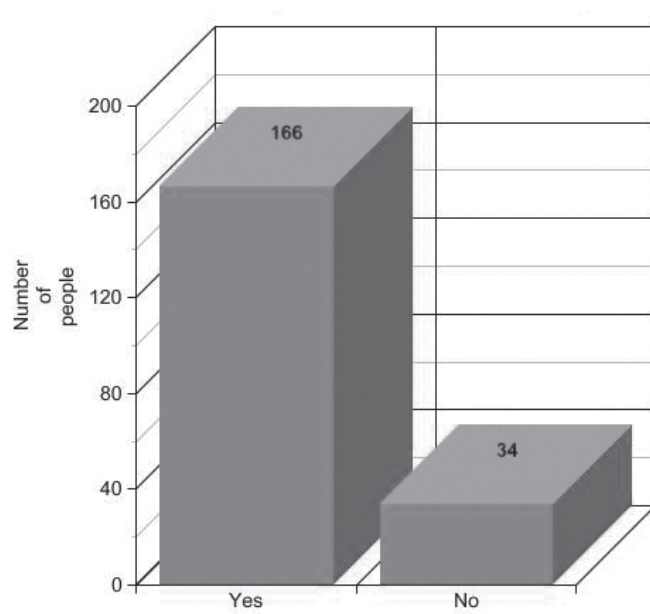
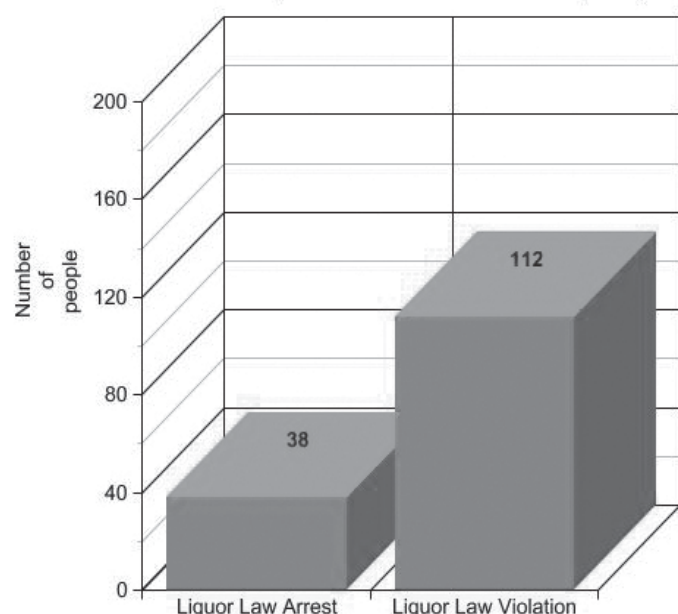
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Do you know a student at SCSU who has received a liquor law arrest or violation referred for disciplinary action?

Have you ever consumed alcohol on campus?

How often do you consume alcohol on campus?

Governance and discipline

At Southern an underage student caught with alcohol in any on-campus housing can result in one of two consequences: an alcohol law arrest or an alcohol law violation referred for disciplinary action. An arrest, Dooley explained, is actually an infraction that includes a \$136 fine and a 30-day license suspension, whether or not a motor vehicle was involved. An alcohol violation referred for disciplinary action results in alcohol education classes and is based on the particular needs and circumstances of the student involved.

"It's about keeping people safe," Dooley said of the process.

But whether a student gets the infraction or the disciplinary action is ultimately decided upon the severity of the case. A student watching Monday night football with a beer might not get as severe a punishment as the student hosting a party in a dorm, Piscitelli, director of student conduct explained.

Although Connecticut's state universities follow the same Student Code of Conduct, each school has a different way in approaching similar scenarios.

Sgt. Jerry Erwin of Central's Police

has greatly altered the campus' policing efforts, Eastern's Chief of Police Jeffrey Garewski said.

The pushback of the Willimantic community surrounding college partying off campus was a major reason for their strict penalties regarding alcohol and drug usage, Garweski said. While it wasn't solely the fault of Eastern students, there was an expectation the campus police would respond to the issues.

"We are going to take a harder stand on this drug and alcohol process," Garweski said.

Eastern, despite having the second smallest student population of the five universities and nearly a quarter that of UConn's, had the highest amount of alcohol law arrests. In 2015, they arrested or gave out 103 infractions and in the same year they referred 193 for alcohol law violation disciplinary action.

In a drastic numerical figure comparison, UConn with 18,826 enrollees in 2015 had 38 alcohol law arrests and 857 alcohol law violations referred for disciplinary action.

In the same year, UConn also had 218 drug arrests and 187 drug law violation referred for disciplinary action.

Deputy Chief Magdalena Silver of UConn said the Community Standards

can affect the behavior."

Any action taken against a student violating the rules was an action that was hopefully improving the student's future standings, Piscitelli said.

Prevention and guidance

Southern, Eastern, Western, Central and UConn all provide education and counseling services to students and often, it is the preferred method of handling campus issues.

"CHOICES is a harm reduction or risk reduction prosocial education package that kind of looks at why students drink and who the students are that are drinking. It really looks at the social norms for drinking, what the realities are," said Sandra Rose-Zak, coordinator of the Office of Wellness Education and Promotion at Eastern.

Aside from CHOICES, students who are caught with a second offense are referred to BASICS, which is a more intensive program Rose-Zak said.

Sarah Keiser, a counselor at Southern said the university also offers their own version of BASICS.

Keiser said there is also an online program called Alcohol Wise that comes in two parts.

"Part one goes through harm reduction education of alcohol and gives students scenarios. The second part of the course is about 10 minutes long," said Keiser.

"What they want to do in the course is see how the alcohol use has changed from taking the first part to the second part."

"I think there's always more that this university can do," said DeMezzo, Southern's Residence Life director, who often sees issues unfold in the campus dorms. "I think that we still need to invest more around programming and promoting resources to students."

Jonathan Beazley, a counselor from UConn said they offer a continuum of services and intervention programs.

"We are always trying to say we are here," said Beazley, "outreach is what we're about. And since the student passing, while I can't comment directly on what happened, in the wake of any tragedy we reach out to the students, we are constantly doing seminars, webinars and not just intervention to talk about substance abuse but also just letting students know we are here and we are available."

Differing perspectives

It was freshman year and Halloween night when Mai Kader, now 22 and a senior public health major at Southern, got into trouble at Hickerson Hall. It ended in just a warning but it shaped how Kader behaved the remaining of her college years.

"It was my first year ever drinking," Kader said, "so I didn't know how to handle my liquor."

"It's about being responsible for your own actions," Kader said. "It was a learning lesson, it was a lesson for me to control myself and my behavior."

In a survey conducted to 200 Southern students who live or have previously

lived in on-campus housing, 186 answered they have consumed alcohol in any of the of the 10 campus owned housing facilities. When the students were asked whether they consumed alcohol daily, weekly, monthly, yearly or never, 11 answered daily, and 81 answered with "weekly." Only six students said they have never drank alcohol on campus.

When the students were asked whether campus police enforced policy's, 147 answered yes. When the students were asked whether RA's enforced policy's, 160 said they did.

"Our school is the only school where you have to sign kids in," Nick D'Amico, a sophomore student at Southern said. "I've been to UConn, URI, Post, Eastern. I could walk into Eastern with a 30-rack and they won't say anything."

At Low Rise – a dorm for only upperclassmen at Eastern – the RA's don't particularly care, Natalia Torcaso a junior at the university said. "If you want to get messed up you come to Low-Rise," she said.

"For freshmen dorms it's really strict," Jenna Vinelli, a junior at Eastern said.

Vinelli had her license suspended and received a \$300 ticket for being caught with marijuana in a dorm her freshman year at the university. She said she went to disciplinary meeting and was placed on probation for two years.

"It's a dry campus so they do what they have to do," she said. "I actually feel like we could get in a lot more trouble."

A freshman UConn student, Gaby Lindade, said RA's are supposed to call police if they smell marijuana, but they don't always follow the rule, she said.

"It depends on the RA," said Lindade. "Some of them are more strict than others."

Lindade, a member of Greek life, said she and a lot of her members still can't talk about the death of the intoxicated underage UConn student, Jeffny Pally, who died after being run over by a fire truck. Two Greek organizations – Kappa Sig and Delta Gamma – were kicked off campus in connection to the death of Pally, Lindade said. "Everyone has a stereotype about Greek Life," she said. "But we have to do alcohol education programs."

"The beginning of the year there were a lot more police patrolling party areas," said Lindade. "I feel like it was sad for that time of the year then people just forgot about it."

2015 Clery Report Summary

	SCSU	ECSU	WCSU	CCSU	UConn
Percent of students living on campus	38%	53%	24%	24%	70%
Alcohol Law Arrests	43	103	0	19	38
Alcohol Law Disciplinary Action	383	193	72	149	857
Drug Abuse Arrests	32	27	0	14	218
Drug Abuse Disciplinary Action	92	47	20	147	187
Rape	0	5	0	0	38

NOTE: The most recent Clery Report data for all universities is the 2015 report. The above data is all relative to the 2015 Clery Report statistics. The percent of students living on campus is calculated with 2015 fall enrollment and housing data also.

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Department said he will often talk with the other universities but noted each institution requires different enforcement.

"Each is unique in itself," Erwin said. "It's different ways of policing depending on where you're located and what is happening."

Each university also has a different population of their students living in on-campus housing. In 2015, the same year of the Clery Report data, nearly 70 percent of students enrolled at UConn's Storrs campus lived in campus-monitored housing. That figure significantly decreases when looking at the four other public universities. In that same year, Southern housed 38 percent, Eastern housed 53 percent, while Western and Central each housed 24 percent of their enrollees.

At Eastern, its location in Willimantic

office commonly addresses drug and alcohol violations on UConn's campus.

"Whenever we are called," said Silver, "it gets referred to community standards, in addition to being arrested if they're minors."

At Western, police and administrators follow a "three-strike rule." The first time offense, is a "slap on the hand" such as community service or counseling. A second time offense would be more serious and once a student gets to their third strike, Western's Police Department's Lt Richard Montefusco said he can almost guarantee a student will be kicked out of the university.

Piscitelli said Southern does not prescribe to a three strike rigged system when handling students. "I don't work in a world that rigged," he said. "I like to work in a world where we're trying to address where the student is and how we



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 video report on the project.

College Democrats and Republicans debate Trump's first 100 days

By Alex Palmieri

The College Democrat debated on Donald Trump's first 100 days in office.

Hope Finch, sophomore political science major, and Democrat, said Trump has not impressed her through his days in the office to this point. She said she does not agree with the attack that he made on Syria and he has to surround himself with more support.

"He has no consensus from the White House," said Finch. "The attack on Syria illuminates inconsistencies."

Ty Seymour, statewide chairman of the College Republicans, said he is very optimistic about what Trump has been doing. He said Trump is learning how to work his presidency through his administration.

Though Finch said she did not agree with the airstrike that Trump made on Syria, Seymour said he is happy with the attack. He added that Trump has increased job growth in the country and he is happy with the outcome to this point.

"Through the past couple months I've been very optimistic in what he's been doing," said Seymour. "But I definitely think there is some learning curve with not only him but his administration."

Seymour said getting people jobs is one success that Trump has done through the first 100 days of his presidency.

"He's reached out to a lot of companies to try to get them to invest," said Seymour. "Overall I have been pretty optimistic."

Another aspect Seymour was optimistic about were President Trump's actions in Syria. He said he strongly supported what Trump did and added that "a lot that is out there is misguided and misrepresented." He did agree with the decisions Trump has done with his bombing in Syria because no civilians were around.

"The airstrikes were on a Syrian airbase that had previously launched chemical weapons toward civilian populations," said Seymour. "There weren't civilians there. There were just soldiers."



(From left to right) Democrats: Hope Finch, Justin Farmer, Corey Evans. Moderator: Professor Johnathan Wharton Republicans: Sarah O'Connor, Kaite Krajik and Ty Seymour.

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The debate continued as Sarah O'Connor, a freshman political science major, said she considers herself a Republican. O'Connor said she has family in the military and she wants them taken care of. With Trump in the presidency, she said she feels more comfortable with her family being protected.

"That's another reason why I voted for Trump," said O'Connor. "He's a businessman; he knows numbers. I think to me, we need a businessperson in there, bringing companies back to the U.S., giving our hard working

Americans jobs again and getting them off welfare and getting them back into jobs and making their own money, we need that."

As the debate went on, Finch was not defending any of Trump's actions. She said technology is the reason why a lot of jobs were lost and it is hard to bring back jobs when technology took over.

"The reality is that these jobs are not here to stay," said Finch. "This job loss has a lot to do with technology."

Students express concern over the state of Morrill Hall

By Jeniece Roman and Dylan Haviland

Lydia Staires walked out of her astronomy class on the first floor of Morrill Hall. A few feet away from the entrance of her classroom, sections of the ceiling were missing from the old building.

Staires, a sophomore collaborative education major, said last semester she took a biology lab in Morrill Hall. She said that the floors are dirty despite custodians putting in their best efforts.

"It's definitely outdated," said Staires. "Some of the lights are constantly flickering. The ceiling tiles, you can tell they are old."

Robert Sheely, associate vice president for Capital Budgeting and Facilities Operations, said there are 40 buildings on campus that have different needs because they were built at different times. Sheeley said Morrill Hall was built in 1959.

"There are other maintenance items in addition to the routine items," said Sheeley. "I would call them annual and semiannual requirements."

Sheeley said that when the seasons change they have

to alter the heating and cooling settings. He said that many of the newer buildings are on a four pipe system and a few of the older buildings, like Morrill Hall, are a two pipe system.

"You just can't throw a switch like in your house, you turn the air conditioning on, it doesn't work like that in large buildings," said Sheeley.

Max Padro, a freshman business major, said he understands that it is an older building, but he was confused about the contrast between the building and Buley Library. He said he would not expect a campus that has a brand new library to have older buildings as well.

"I mean obviously the hall is not as nice as Engleman or other halls but I mean inside of the classrooms they had like modern stuff, there were newer computers, newer boards and stuff," said Padro. "But I mean just the overall the bathrooms weren't very clean I didn't think."

Staires also commented on the age of the building and how it relates to its maintenance.

"It's definitely outdated, one girl I think she said she found a really huge bug in the girl's bathroom," said Staires. "The bathrooms are just disgusting and it's like

this entire place."

According to Sheeley, he has not received any complaints about bugs or cockroaches in Morrill Hall.

"People need to report those things to us," said Sheeley. "If we don't know that, we can't address it. If there is a problem, someone needs to bring it to our attention."

Sheeley said that although he has not received complaints about bugs or cockroaches, mice have been an ongoing problem throughout many of the campus buildings.

"You've got to remember we live next to a marsh down there, which is wetlands and marsh," said Sheeley. "That's a natural habitat for those type of animals. When it gets cold, they seek a warmer climate and they get in."

Sheeley said that he is not blaming any one person in particular, but that the occupancy of a building has much to do with attracting mice. He said it helps if people minimize the amount of food in offices.

"They bring food into the building for snacks and everything else. That attracts animals," said Sheeley. "Some people keep candy in their drawer, on their desk and so mice can smell that stuff and they'll find a way into that stuff."

Campus hosts carnival for Student Appreciation Day

By Alex Palmieri

The commuter parking lot was closed for three days last week as a carnival was set up. There were contests, rides and free food for all students who attended.

"Student appreciation is a university-wide effort," said Joey Linebarger, graduate intern for Student Involvement. "But the carnival was mostly funded through Programs Council, Student Involvement and Commuter Commission, and Student Government Association."

The carnival was held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday. Linebarger said there were probably over 1,000 students who attended the carnival all day. There were also roughly 500 shirts that were given out to students who attended during the day along with food for everyone. He said he thought the carnival was good for the students because there were activities that they did during the entire day.

Rachel Mouris, senior programmer for daytime events with Pro Con, said she helped coordinate the event, such as getting all the rides to Southern for everyone to enjoy. She said she thought everyone did enjoy the carnival.

"I also managed the cupcake truck," said Mouris. "We also had a fried truck and a pizza truck. The food was the best part."

Mouris said everything was free for students to enjoy throughout the day. Though the carnival only lasted one day, she said that it was a major success for all students. Mouris added everyone had a good time and she was happy to be involved with coordinate the event.

"We do it once a year," said Mouris. "It will be here next year. It was really successful, it was the biggest turnout yet."

Erich Bender, sophomore programmer for weekend events for Pro Con, said the carnival was a success in his opinion. He said he was proud to be a part of it and hoped students had a good time while they were there.

"It was consistent throughout," said Bender. "There

were a bunch of people here throughout the entire event from start to finish which was awesome."

Bender said they ran out of cupcakes and fries as the carnival was held, but the pizza truck kept going. He said the rides were a major part of the success of the carnival, saying that they kept people entertained and everyone enjoyed them.

"Overall students were running around, smiling and having a great time," said Bender.

Bender said the rides that were at the carnival included a swinger, a giant slide and a whack-a-mole contest. The winner of the contest was able to win prizes. Some of the prizes that were distributed included emoji pillows. People who won were able to choose what emoji prize they wanted. Bender said this was another part of the carnival that made it successful in his opinion.

"All of it was entirely free to the students," said Bender. "It was a great success overall."

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"It has struck me how much he really wants to learn," said Ojakian. "He has taken his time to understand what this institution is all about. I could not be more confident that the president, who will be standing before you in a minute, is the right president for this institution at this time in its history."

After the ceremony President Joe followed the SCSU drum line out onto the academic quad for a picnic-style

celebration.

Delonna Morris, a freshman nursing major, performed with the Caribbean Students Association Dance team during the inauguration and said it went differently than a traditional ceremony.

"President Joe is different and way more fun," said Morris.

President Joe spent time in the quad standing by the "Cuppa Joe" coffee mug tent, taking pictures with students and faculty, and receiving congratulations. He said he was feeling great and proud of Southern.

"It was a spirited event," said Bertolino, "and I hope it showed the pride of Southern. I am grateful to all the people who put it together."

Corrections:

In the April 26 issue, News page 2, the keynote speaker of the Take Back the Night event was incorrectly attributed as "Suzie Burtichelle."

The keynote speaker's name was Suzie Berthiaume.

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The surge of impartial coverage in the news media

A student's take on the imbalanced and misleading coverage common of today's news media and what needs to be done to rectify objectivity.

By Lynandro Simmons

Misleading headlines and retracted statements have been a part of the media's history and it is nothing new. But with today's inundation of media outlets, through radio, television and the internet, there is now an unprecedented level of competition and misinformation. With this inundation, a person might assume coverage would be better and more innovative.

While there has been improvement in the media, today's audience has been concentrated and divided in more ways than ever. Topics that draw niche audiences can be positive, but this can also be damaging when people never look past one source. The dramatic divide in news coverage can most likely be seen in one specific aspect of American culture, politics.

Whether somebody is watching Fox News or CNN, people are now viewing politics through a lens with a slant. Of course this is not to say that is possible to report anything without some bias slipping in. However, nowadays these slants are interfering with the responsibility and most important part of journalism - the truth.

This growing divide in journalism and the media

has allowed people to live in an information bubble. No longer are people reading conflicting opinions to challenge their critical thinking skills. Instead, there are enough outlets to find something that fits a person's predisposed opinion without many, if any challenges. This has created what some people call the echo chamber - a safe space that reinforces whatever a person already believes.

This overabundance of outlets with no neutrality lead to heavily unbalanced assumptions. Before there was a divide in media, especially politically, people were likely to read stuff that contradicted their opinions. This created a well-informed and well-rounded audience.

In this current climate, readers have become the losers and winners of this change in media. Whatever a person wants out of the media they can find now. If someone wants conspiracy theories, there is Alex Jones. If somebody wants extreme conservative views there is Fox News and liberals have CNN.

Another issue is the agendas that have been pushed. Without a concrete definition of a journalist or a license to prove qualification, anybody has been allowed to push their agenda through the media. Now

objectivity has taken a backseat to advocacy. Instead of the search for the truth, some media outlets are looking to push their beliefs. Or worse, journalists, bloggers and media outlets are conforming to their audiences.

Another issue to add to the explosion in media outlets is that competition has increased. The intense competition for sponsorships and advertising has affected some media outlets' content. Now some can argue that today's media is just as much about ratings as it is about the news and telling compelling stories.

One recent example of this was Rachel Maddow's discussion of President Trump's taxes. People sat at their television waiting to get a big reveal when Maddow revealed she had some of Trump's taxes. However, people were let down while her show got a huge rating boost for that night.

Of course the media has done a lot of good and the internet has allowed new forms of storytelling to be introduced. However, if media outlets do not return to finding objective truths we will have to bear the name given to them by President Trump, fake news.

Writing about diversity from an alternate point of view

By Lynandro Simmons

Diversity has been a large talking point in films and Hollywood in recent years. With hashtags on social media and other movements revolving around the diversity problems in film it is evident that Hollywood has a problem, representation. Representation matters and different cultures deserve to have their voices heard. However, questions have started to rise recently on whether or not one person from a specific culture can write for another person's perspective from another culture.

Though the basis of films and television come from the mind of one person, they are usually helmed by a group of writers. However, this is where the issue lies. A person writing about a culture they are not from should not be an issue, if they go on to include people's voices from said culture. But often writers' rooms in Hollywood are dominated by one specific group - white males.

The 2016 Writers' Guild of America report said minorities only accounted for 13 percent of television of writers. They are underrepresented by a factor of three to one among writers in this sector. Similarly the same report said minorities were underrepresented by a factor of five to one among employed film writers in 2014.

Despite this diversity issue, it does not mean the problem should be remedied by limiting the creative license of other filmmakers and writers. It would also be dishonest to say people can only write about their specific cultural experiences or challenges. If a person believed this then critically acclaimed shows like "The Wire" would not exist.

"The Wire" was created by David Simon, a white male, and focused on issues revolving around drug culture, issues facing black citizens, policing and other things in Baltimore. Though Simon is a heterosexual white male, he was able to create one of television's greatest characters, Omar, a homosexual black male who robbed drug dealers.

Omar was a character that defied cultural norms and any type of stereotypical boxes that could exist for a character back when the show originally aired. What Simon did with this character was a true work of art, but it also showed something truly important for a writer, their research. Simon had covered the city of Baltimore and provided his own way of fixing a diversity problem by including black residents from the city in his show.

The Hollywood diversity issue still persists in films and it should not be ignored. However, there is a fine line between pushing writers to diversify their room and limiting their creative license. If people only wrote about their personal experience all the time, a lot of classic films and shows would not exist.

Luckily television is going through a trend with diverse range of shows being popular, from from Issa Rae's "Insecure" to Donald Glover's "Atlanta." However, instead of telling writers what to create people should make sure writers do their due diligence and research if they are writing something unfamiliar. Let us not just push for diversity on screen and in stories, let us push for diversity behind the scenes and during the production. After all, no one is saying it is impossible that a man write a woman as a leading character or vice-versa. But consulting a person more familiar with a subject than you can make a story so much sweeter.

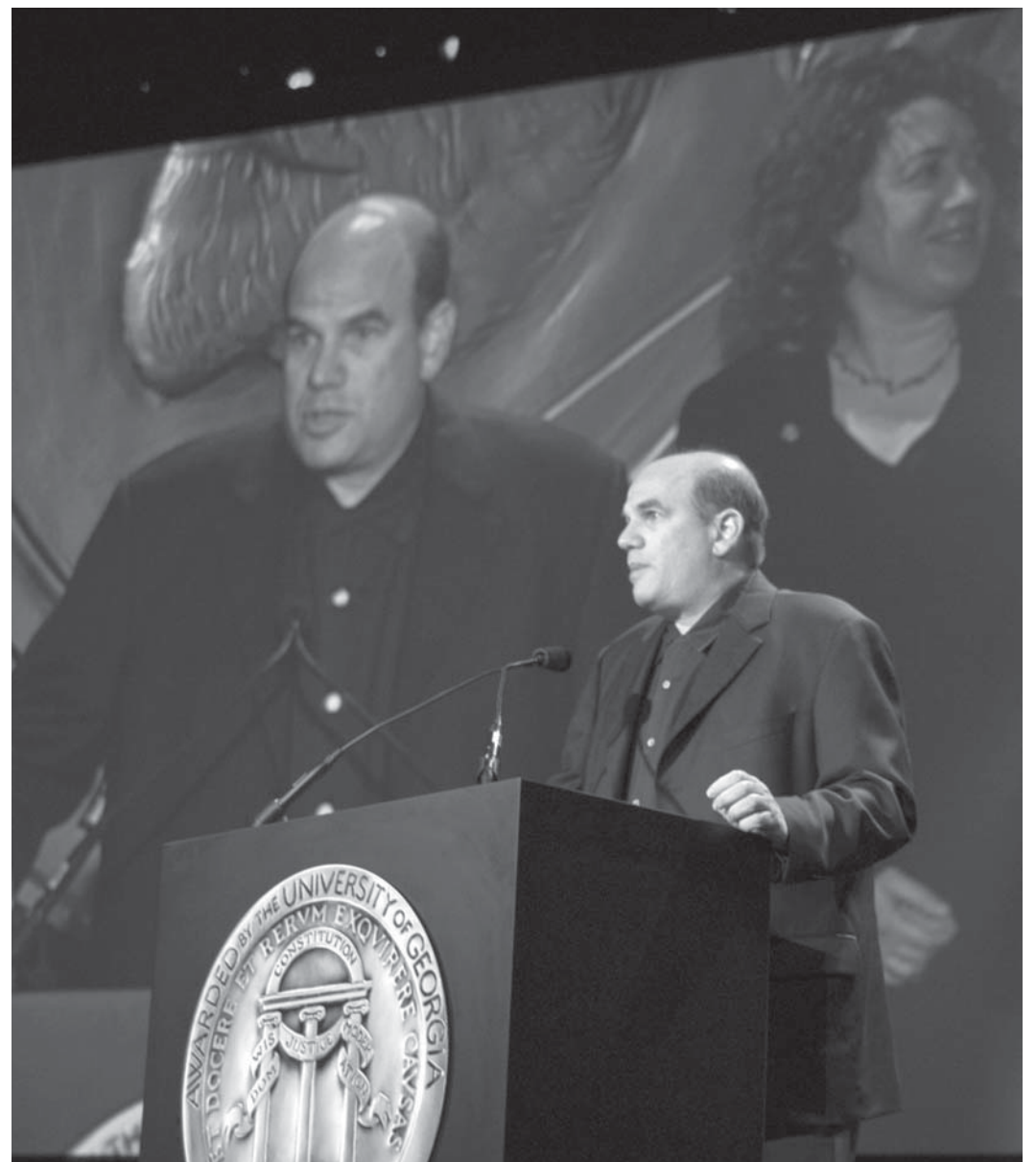


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David Simon, creator of "The Wire," attending the 63 Annual Peabody Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on May 17, 2004.

A farewell to the graduating seniors of the Southern News

Josh Falcone: If I could go back

By Josh Falcone

This is it. My time at both SCSU and the Southern News has come to an end. As the final days of my academic career come to a close, I found myself thinking of three things that I would tell Josh on his first day here at Southern.

1. Do not hesitate. Get involved with any and all clubs that interest you as soon as you can. Go find the newsroom and barge in there, telling them that you are there to write whatever they want you to write. Do not put it off, trust me, the sooner you become involved the sooner

you will find out what it is that will become your future.

2. Take a moment to just stop and look around. The Southern's campus is quite amazing and offers great places to just get away and clear your mind. Do not wait until your second year here to actually discover just how great you have it in the scenery department.

3. Spend time truly talking with each and every one of your professors beyond the classroom. You will find both solid academic advice and just wonderful life advice. Most of these folks got into the field for a reason, and they really will give you some life affirming stuff. Trust me.



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Editor-in-Chief, Josh Falcone and Managing editor, Dylan Haviland, who worked together for three years and built a lasting friendship, heading to the ACP Midwinter National College Journalism Convention in March 2017.

Sherly Montes: 'The best is yet to come'

By Sherly Montes

Two years flew right by me. I feel like I just got here, but now I am just barely over two weeks away from being handed my undergraduate diploma in journalism.

I transferred to Southern in fall of 2015 after graduating from Housatonic Community College that spring with an associate's in journalism/communications. During my time there, I was heavily involved on campus with a part-time job and I was editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, Horizons.

When I got here I had no idea that I would face some of the most challenging courses in my academic career, meet dedicated professors who were so invested in my plans and create friendships that have been a support system for me during my time here.

Originally, I planned to stay under the radar, but it only took one semester here at Southern before I became involved with other students in the journalism department and got to know my professors better. By the end of my first semester I had joined the Southern News as a copy editor

and after another semester I became the arts & entertainment editor, which is the position I currently hold.

As my time here as an undergrad comes to an end it is hard to imagine not taking five classes and being on campus all the time. It is a scary thought, but it is also an exciting one. While it is bittersweet to graduate, I know that my time in school has taught me invaluable lessons that I will take with me wherever I go. I will not forget the lessons taught to me in and out of the classroom, nor will I forget those who took their time to teach and help me along the way.

To all the professors who have helped me along the way, thank you for your time, resources and patience. Thank you for allowing me to grow as a writer and as a person and thank you for giving me the opportunity to make mistakes in an environment where I could learn and do better the next time. I appreciate everything you have done for me.

There are so many memories and individuals that I will cherish as I take my next steps into the world, but this is only the beginning. The best is yet to come.



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Sherly Montes at the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, CA at a Southern media sponsored trip to the ACP Midwinter National College Journalism Convention on March 4, 2017.

Dylan Haviland: Putting in the good word

By Dylan Haviland

I always believed that my journalism career could be tracked by a trail of bad coffee, scribbled notes and a scattered pile of photographs.

Three years ago this path began when I scrambled to grab an aging Moleskine notebook from my drawer to make it on time to The Big E assignment in Massachusetts. I was a young sophomore, focused on figuring out the muddled directions to the fair with a hunger for a good story and some fried food.

As I walked through the event the freedom of the journalistic world opened up to me, I could snap a photograph of a goat peaking his head through the gate or a young child taking its first bite of a fried oreo.

That day I learned that the journalistic world can be an open canvas of life, emotion and color. With words and photographs, I sought to capture the meaning behind people's endeavors.

But sometimes in journalism, an assignment is a not an enjoyable outing to a fair.

Edmund Conklin was 17 when he died in a car crash, I was an intern for the Shelton Herald when I photographed his empty chair at

the Shelton High School Graduation. A single white flower wrapped with a red ribbon laid across his seat. As the editor Aaron Berkowitz, a great mentor, interviewed the parents I stood by and videotaped their heartfelt discussion on their son. It was one of the hardest assignments of my career.

It served as a reminder towards the true meaning of journalism. To tell the story of life in a meaningful way, to inform people of the stories that affect them and to do so ethically.

Life is never easy, that is what journalism has taught me. You will cover stories that will remind you of the unlimited goodwill of people and other times you will cover immense tragedies.

Yet through all of these times, the good and the bad I want to thank my family for being there for everything. My mother and father were my pillars of support as they gave nothing but their support and love towards my well being. My brother and sister for being more than siblings but my best friends when I needed them. And my grandparents, Linda and Charles, who are the best two people who will ever be a part of my life, giving everything and more for family.



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Senior journalism major and The Southern News managing editor, Dylan Haviland.

Myra Heitman: Southern years well spent

By Myra Heitman

When I transferred to SCSU in the spring of 2014, I expected it to be temporary. SCSU was just a stop over for a semester or two before transferring elsewhere. Chosen simply for its proximity to my parents' house. SCSU was not my first, second or third choice university. As I completed semester after semester at my "temporary" university, SCSU began to feel more and more like a prison.

As graduation approaches, I have forced myself to reflect on my time here. Grueling courses have left me with more than my fair share of gray hair and a sleep debt that no amount of coffee can repay. In two weeks, someone is likely going to mispronounce my name and hand me a piece of cardstock that cost me thousands of dollars and, at times, my sanity. I have to ask myself, was it really all worth it?

My time at SCSU certainly was not all bad. I have met some amazing people during my time here. I have learned that it is the people you

share a place with that make that place special. Ten years from now when I look back at my days spent at SCSU it will not be the lectures or assignments that I remember, but the people I worked with.

Working as a copy editor for the Southern News is one experience that I will remember fondly. I have been blessed to work with and learn from such an incredible group of people. I will miss everyone here very much.

The faculty at SCSU has shown their dedication to helping students succeed time and time again, which is something I am highly grateful for. I will not forget the passion with which SCSU faculty members approach their jobs.

All in all, the sleepless nights, the stress, and the ever-present deadlines were trying, but my time at SCSU was time well spent. My experience here has taught me about myself and the world I am a part of. Saying goodbye to SCSU is a bittersweet experience but there are people and memories here that I will carry with me as I go and, for that, I am grateful.



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Myra Heitman editing a Southern News edition on April 24, 2017.

The Gallery of Presidents is unveiled in Buley Library lobby



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By Josh LaBella

Stephen Sei said the Gallery of Presidents shows a very diverse line of school leaders.

"There's women, black men and white men," said Sei, a freshman biology major. "It shows that anyone can be president here."

Southern has put the faces of all of its former leaders of the university on display with a photo and a special name plaque.

The gallery spans from one of the founders of the school, Arthur Morrill, to the newly inaugurated President Joe Bertolino.

The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Monday, April 24 in Buley and was meant to celebrate and honor the leaders of Southern

through the past 124 years. Kelvin Mintah, freshman biology major said he had no idea Southern had so many presidents.

"It's fun to see all the different names and faces up there," said Mintah.

According to Sawyer Nicholas, a freshman education major, the gallery is easy to look at.

"It's nice and clean," said Nicholas, "and I guess it's also a pretty diverse group. I feel inspired to be a better student by looking at them."

Monica Lonne, an elementary education major said, she liked the idea of the gallery and was glad it was in a popular spot in the library.



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Southern News staff opening

Starting in the Fall 2017 semester the Southern News will be looking for two new general assignment positions. Seeking a full-time student at SCSU who has a passion to report on campus news, arts and opinions.

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New exhibit is on display in remembrance of the Holocaust

By Gregory Gagliardi

The Holocaust Exhibit is not large, but its message turned heads as college students gathered to reflect and revisit the past.

The exhibit entered Buley Library last week and was put together by Miriam Glenn.

"I have been coming here for eight years and didn't see any exhibit commemorating the Holocaust so I decided to do something about it," said Glenn.

Glenn spoke with various individuals in the SCSU community and the display was approved.

The exhibit features multiple sections. It is dedicated to the late Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel who passed away last year. A binder about him is present at the exhibit for reading. Along with the memorial, there is a large cut out poster board titled "Righteous Gentiles."

Along with the cutout there are items and artwork found inside all representing a moment in time. A high-lighted item is the Jewish Yahrzeit, or memorial candle, that burns for 24 hours during periods of mourning

and on the anniversary of a family member death. The candle's yellow wax represents the yellow arm band and yellow star which Jews were forced to wear during the Nazi regime.

An item students can read at their leisure is a pamphlet called the "Yom HaShoah Community Observance." The pamphlet details various programs that show support for Holocaust survivors and continue to educate students on the horrific events that took place in Europe years ago. The pamphlet contains art, memoirs and songs.



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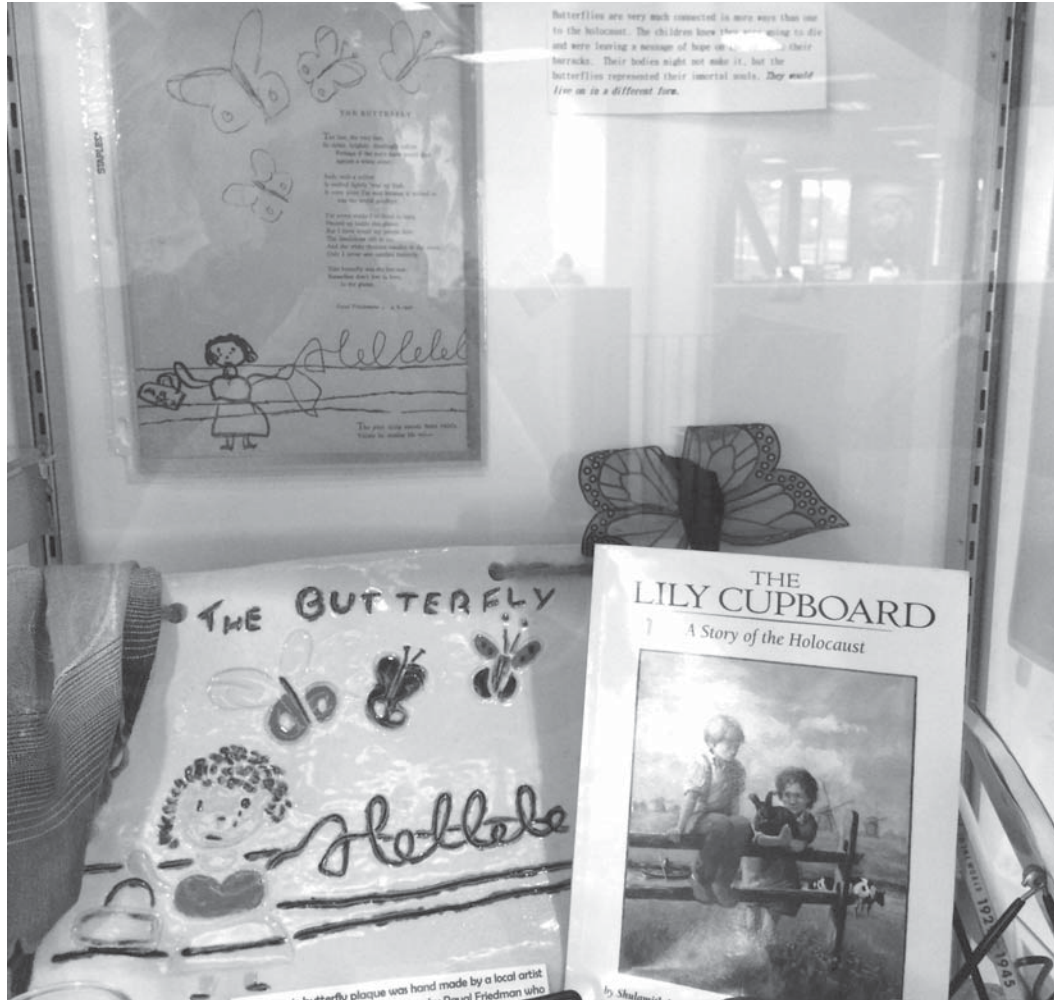


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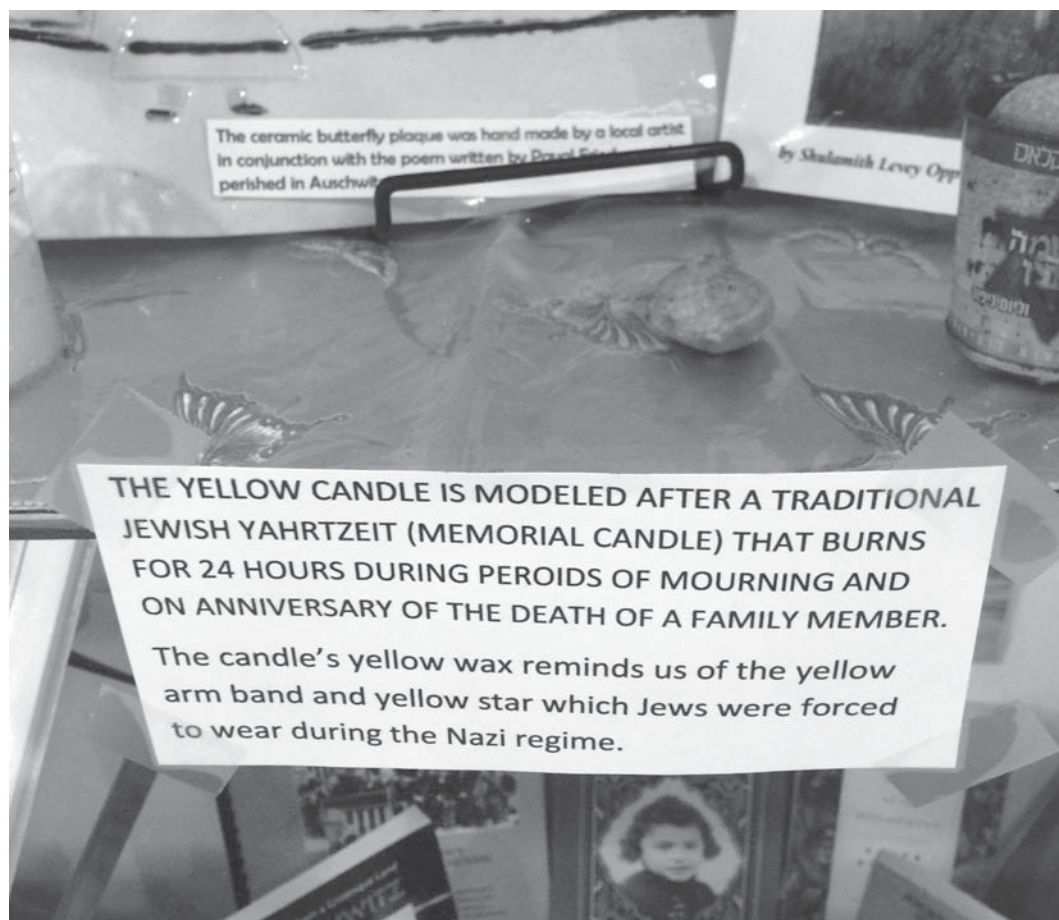


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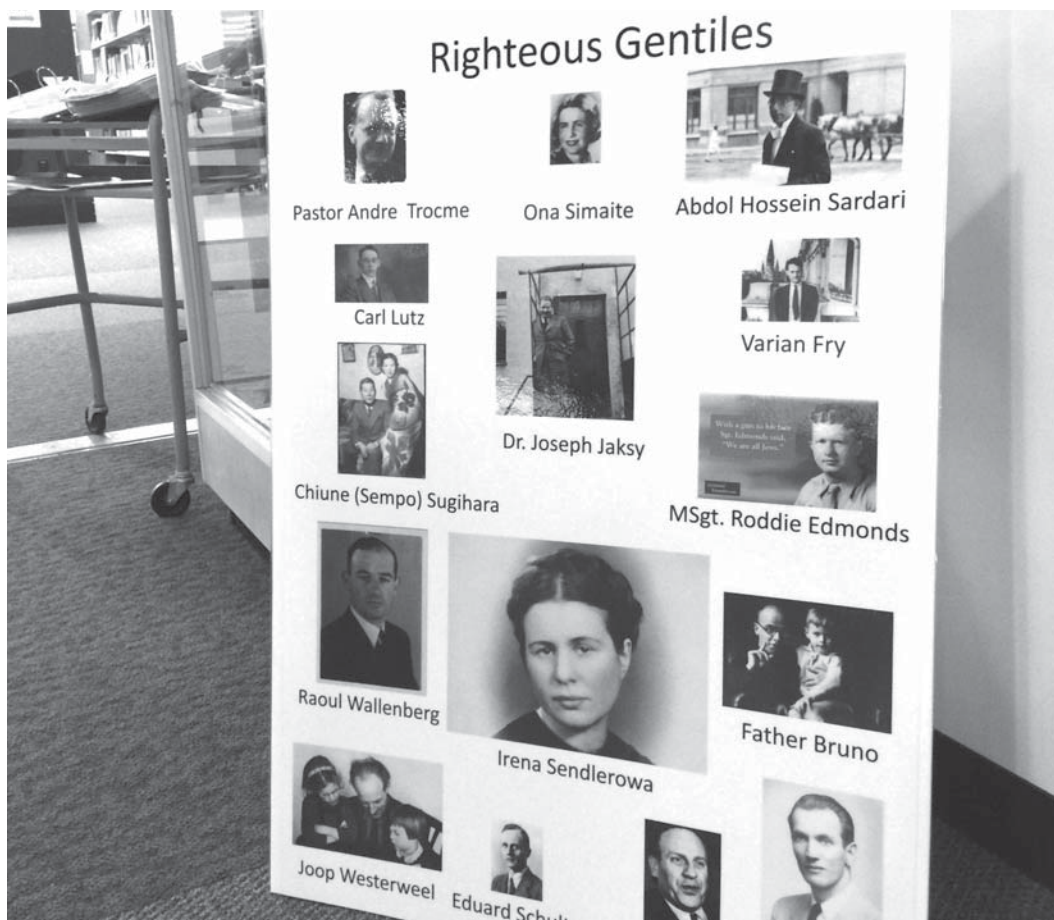


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John Mayer's latest album captures the essence of his original style of music

By Jeniece Roman

The search is over. "The Search for Everything," the latest from John Mayer, delivers an album that is both dynamic and harmonious throughout.

Mayer seems to have captured the essence of his original style and perfected it. The singer/songwriter elegantly weaves between smooth, bluesy rock and a light folk sound with just a pinch of country.

According to Billboard's website, Mayer made a record of three number one EPs on Billboard's Top Rock Album Charts in 2017, a feat that is currently unprecedented. "The Search for Everything" also debuted at number one in the Top Rock Album charts upon its first release.

Somewhat an ode to his previous work, Mayer returns to the acoustic rock roots he was first known for with the first released song, "Love on the Weekend." The song has a mellow yet upbeat sound similar to songs on his first album, "Room Full of Squares." "Love on the Weekend" is a playful and upbeat.

Perhaps the song that best displays Mayer's vocal

range and depth of lyrics is "In the Blood." Reminiscent of his 2006 album "Continuum," arguably his best, the song focuses on building a complexity to the music concurrently with the message of lyrics throughout the song.

The song "Still Feel Like Your Man" features a strong bass and blues guitar that gives the song a smoky yet distinctive feel that sets it apart from the rest of the album. Although it is one of the best songs on the album, it feels a bit displaced in comparison to the youthful acoustic rock vibe of the other songs.

Mayer has played with different styles in the past and this album seems to be a declaration of his return to his roots. The album is the epitome of a John Mayer album and sounds not unlike a greatest hits album. The question is, where will Mayer go from here?

Overall, "The Search for Everything" is just another John Mayer album, but, when broken down, it is the final edit of a distinct musical style that is 16 years in the making. While the album as a whole is not as good as some of his previous work, there are a few standout songs that could be considered some of his best.

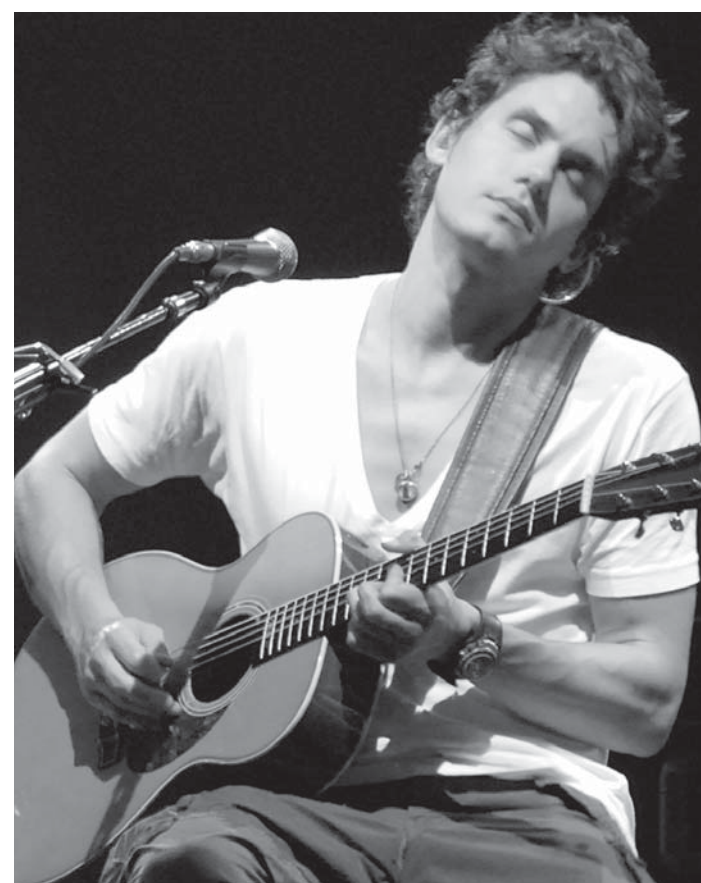


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Photo of John Mayer performing at a concert back in 2007.



Photo of August Bonadies, senior interdisciplinary studies major holding up some of his original artwork.

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Senior discovers interest in the art of sculpting and painting

By Lynandro Simmons

Becoming an artist is not everybody's dream, but some people stumble into the field of art and discover they have a true gift.

August Bonadies, a senior interdisciplinary studies major, said he never planned to study art. Bonadies is currently part of a sculpting class at Southern where he has found an interest in the art form.

"I didn't realize I liked it until I took a class two semesters ago," said Bonadies.

Even though he did not grow up with an interest in the field, his grandfather, Anthony Bonadies, was a sculptor and also taught at Southern, he said. His grandfather had a studio at his house and also has some of his artwork still at Southern, said Bonadies.

"I always saw his work, but I was never really interested in it," he said.

What got him into sculpting despite his family connection was the random art class he decided to take. Bonadies said he needed extra credits one semester and decided an art class would be easy.

"I just really got into it after that," he said.

After taking a few more art classes he found a passion in art and decided to make art his minor, he said. Once he got into sculpting he enjoyed the freedom that the art form gave him, said Bonadies.

"You have free reign to do whatever," he

said. "Whatever passions you have you can put into a sculpture."

The multitude of art classes he took helped to open his mind to different ways of thinking, he said. Art and sculpting in particular really helped him to understand visualizing things and putting them together. After becoming more involved in art he understood the importance of thinking more abstractly, said Bonadies.

In his free time, Bonadies likes to do a lot of woodworking. His involvement in art has helped him to approach his woodworking more artistically, he said. Pursuing a minor in art was also to help him become more proficient in his work should he make a career in woodworking.

"I figured if I had a minor in art it could help to make my business better," said Bonadies.

When at school, Bonadies creates artistic sculptures, but once he leaves he does his real passion—building tables. Bonadies said building live-edge tables and bar tops was his real passion, but sculpting had taught him invaluable lessons.

"It makes you notice little details," he said. "It makes you see things differently."

Picking up art as a minor was also helpful to Bonadies in finding a way to include his art with his original passion of building tables. Bonadies said the minor would help to sell his business better and he would not have to give up one for the other. Though he plans to go into the



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An up close shot of three of Bonadies' original paintings.

business of making tables, he hopes to find a way to include his artwork in his designs. "I'm thinking of getting a wood

brander," said Bonadies. "But I haven't done that yet, for now it's in my mind."

Student art of the week: Meghan Olson



"Art is a form of expression for me. It's something that you can kind of just capture in any sort of moment, any kind of feeling. Anyone and anything can be a form of art."



PHOTO | DYLAN HAVILAND

Meghan Olson, a junior studio art major with a concentration in photography.



Junior Nicole Healey weaving through Southern New Hampshire defenders on Saturday.

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Men's track impresses at George Davis Invitational



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Cy McIntosh competing in the javelin during the George Davis Invitational.

By Michael Apotria

The weather was described as cold, rainy and slightly windy far from ideal outdoor track conditions at the George Davis Invitational on April 22. Despite the horrid conditions and the SCSU Men's Track and Field Team only locking up two first place finishes, head coach John Wallin said it was testament to how hard and tough his athletes are.

"The weather was absolutely atrocious," said Wallin. "What I liked about the George Davis meet was that nobody complained and everyone competed well, even though it was not the best weather, these kids stuck it out and performed well."

The two first place finishes came from senior, Kyle Saunders, who had a final discus throw of 53.51m and senior Cy McIntosh, who had a final javelin throw 54.13m. While neither were new career marks for the athletes, Wallin said they vastly outperformed their competition in not so favorable conditions.

"Their performances were not great compared to throws they've made earlier in the year, but they handled it very well and actually performed a lot better than everyone else," said Wallin. "There was a lot of Division I schools and, frankly, they got taken to the woodshed by these two guys."

McIntosh said that he was proud of himself for snagging another first place finish on the season, but was more prouder of his teammates for pushing through adversity.

"I was happy I won my individual event,

Lax snaps losing streak

The lacrosse team finished the season on a high note but will be graduating key contributors like seniors Kennedy Sherman and Lindsey Luposello.

By Matt Gad

Despite only reaching four wins in 2017, the women's lacrosse team was able to ride out in winning fashion April 29, by defeating Southern New Hampshire, 17-16.

"I couldn't have asked for a better ending to the season - a better ending to the seniors' careers," head coach Maureen Spellman said. "This program has only beaten Southern New Hampshire once before and I couldn't be prouder of them."

This was the Owls' first win since a 10-9 victory over Merrimack College March 18. Saturday's win snapped an 11-game

losing streak, and for senior Lindsey Luposello, a defender, it brought her first career goal.

"It was amazing. I honestly never expected to end the season that way," she said. "We always joke that I'm going to run down and score and I actually did it this time so it was really awesome."

"This program has only beaten Southern New Hampshire once before."

— Maureen Spellman, head coach

Luposello was recruited

out of Hendrick Hudson High School in New York and was a two-year team captain. She came in freshman year and started every game, recording 41 ground balls, 12 draw controls and 17 turnovers. During sophomore year she had 28 ground balls, four draw controls and eight caused turnovers.

On Luposello's goal and the situation that was created, Spellman said: "She came up with a turnover and had the momentum (to score). It wasn't a set-up."

Saturday was also the last game for Alyssa Gemmel, Sarah Ciccio, Olivia Murray and Kennedy Sherman. Last year, during their junior year, they

actually lost their final game to Southern New Hampshire by the same final score: 17-16. The game was played in Manchester, N.H.

This time, in Southern's 17-16 win, the back-and-forth affair was highlighted off Owl goals from Taylor Portelinha, Samantha Cozzolino, Nicole Healey, Kennedy Sherman, Amanda Murray, Morgan Hanks, Luposello and Carolynn Keal. Like in Luposello's case, it was also the first career goal for freshman Amanda Murray, who added one more with 17:25 to go in the second period.

"We lose a lot of leadership," Spellman said, speaking about next season. "[We lose] a lot of

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Senior Kyle Hart during an at bat against Adelphi.

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Baseball stays scorching hot

By Matt Gad

Brendan Ebert, a right-handed freshman pitcher for the Owls, threw seven innings April 27, guiding Southern to a 5-2 win over Adelphi.

"Hopefully we can continue our winning streak and lead our way into the conference tournament," Ebert said. "And make it to the regional tournament, too."

Southern, who only won 16 games last year, got another win over the Panthers of Adelphi University. Head coach Tim Shea said this one was "a good win."

"That's a good club," he said.

"We beat them three times this year - all close games. I thought Brendan Ebert did a fantastic job for us. He gave us seven quality innings - [we] couldn't ask for more."

The righty gave up five hits, three walks and a run but was dominant over seven, striking out five. With the performance, he improved to 4-2 on the year, with an ERA of 3.28. Sophomore Quantique White closed it out with two innings of work, giving up two hits and two walks, while also striking out one. For White, that was his fifth save of the year. He holds a 1.72 earned run average in 31.1 innings of work.

"I thought we came up big. We bounced back from last weekend, where we talked about not being able to drive in runners with two outs," said Shea. "We did that today. [Griffin] Garabedian, [Mike] DeMartino, Jim Palmer and Connor Redahan all had hits with two strikes to drive in runs, and that was the difference in the game."

Centerfielder Kyle Hart had four hits and scored twice, and right fielder Griffin Garabedian had three hits and two RBIs, providing the nine hole with some strength in a deep Owl lineup. In total, the Owls created 36 at-bats, collecting 14 hits and four

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ESPN layoffs

By Matt Gad

Last week, ESPN, the so-called Worldwide Leader in Sports, laid off 100 anchors and reporters, including big time names like Ed Werder, Marc Stein, Andy Katz, Jayson Stark and Britt McHenry. Back in 1979, ESPN was revolutionary: a 24-hour sports network, the first of its kind. There were a lot of doubters, but ESPN's early success was really notable.

However, things have changed these last few years. The market of all-sports channels has increased significantly

with the likes of Fox Sports 1 (and 2), the NBC Sports Network and CBS Sports Network. Once a niche market where ESPN was a breadwinner, they are now almost at second-fiddle. The NHL lives on NBC, Fox Sports has rights to the Big East Conference and for the next World Cup and CBS Sports has their own range of exclusive programming, including having the televised version of WFAN's Boomer and Carton Monday-Friday from 6-10 a.m.

In an age dominated by social media and constant news and updates, ESPN needs to stay ahead of the curb. In 2015,

they hired Sarina Morales as a social content anchor, and SportsCenter has been revamped to tailor to specific audiences much more. From 7-10 a.m., there's SportsCenter AM with Kevin Negandhi, Jay Harris and Jaymee Sire, then from 12-2 p.m. Cari Champion and David Lloyd anchor SportsCenter: Coast to Coast from Bristol and L.A. And since Super Bowl Weekend, Jemele Hill and Michael Smith have hosted an hour at six, appropriately titled "The Six."

ESPN is constantly trying to reinvent themselves. They are even one of the adopters of Snapchat Stories, which has

blown up in recent months. The Snapchat feature is where media outlets like ESPN, CNN, The Daily Mail, Bleacher Report, People and others have gone to share more of their content, in an attempt to draw millennials in.



Lyle Luth finds himself on excelling rugby team



PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

Lyle Luth helped the rugby team earn a 7-1 record that tied them with Providence and Bentley for first place.

By Matt Gad

Junior Lyle Luth, a fullback with SCSU Black Attack, the men's rugby club team at Southern, was not sure he would be playing rugby in college, but he is glad he chose to do so.

"I played this sport in high school but I never thought about playing in college," he said. "But I'm really glad I did."

Luth participated in the rugby club at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge, Conn. A standout kicker on the school's football team, he joined rugby to stay in shape during the offseason.

"Lyle is one of the hardest

workers on the field," teammate Andrew Goggin said. "He's constantly looking to improve and help everyone else improve, as well."

The team is bound for Colorado this month to compete in rugby sevens. During the fall, in 15-man play, Black Attack had key victories over Fordham and the University of Rhode Island.

"The Southern program has been in existence for more than 30 years," Luth said. "In the past three, we've become one of the top Division II programs in the country and were Rugby Northeast winners in both the fall and spring seasons."

Luth said the team is bringing a national spotlight to Southern,

something they know does not happen every day. They pride themselves on team chemistry and all get along pretty well.

"We all get along great," Goggin said. "The team is pretty much a second family to me at this point, which of course contributes to our team chemistry and overall success."

The vibe seems to be universal. Luth also said he feels that the team is very close-knit and that they hang out with each other a lot off the field.

"My experience has been awesome," Luth said. Ever since I've joined the team I've felt right at home with the guys," he said. "We're bringing a lot of national attention to Southern of late."

The Black Attack are coached by John Marullo, with son Andrew as assistant coach. Home games take place on the field adjacent to The Ballpark. Eric Kemmling serves as team president and Beckett McEwen is the match secretary. Mike Sullivan and Noah Fleischer-Cerino are co-captains.

Rugby Northeast, Southern's conference, is the first Division II rugby conference in the country. Formed in 2011, it is made up of New England schools that are either from the Northeast-10 Conference or that share rivalries with NE10 teams in ice hockey. The conference has both men's and women's teams and supports play for both rugby 15s and rugby

sevens, respectively.

In the men's standings from the fall, the Black Attack were 7-1 and were tied for first place with both Providence and Bentley. The University of Massachusetts-Lowell was 5-3, Roger Williams was 4-4, Saint Michael's and Holy Cross went 2-5, Bryant was 1-7 and Stonehill finished winless at 0-8.

Cooper Kean and John Mizzone made All-First Team honors and Eddie Rodriguez went All-Second Team. Locally, Yale University is part of the Ivy Rugby Conference. Its three teams in the conference are the collegiate men, collegiate women and second side men.

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but it's was better when everyone else added their piece in and contributed to it," said McIntosh. "Everyone came out and competed to the best of their ability."

With championship season right around the corner, McIntosh said first place finishes at the end of the season are extremely important because of the momentum it provides not only for his team, but for himself as well, in what will be his last season competing in track in field for SCSU.

"Championship season is close and it's added drive for everyone to compete at the highest level we can," said McIntosh. "This is going to be my last championship meets as an Owl and I can't wait."

Wallin describes the effort and work McIntosh has been putting in all season as "meticulous", and said that this is perhaps the best shape physically and mentally he has ever seen McIntosh at.

"The biggest thing I've noticed with Cy is how he has performed in the weight room," said Wallin. "Cy is a guy who has dealt with a number of injuries in the past, but you can tell that this year he was really focused on taking care of his body. It's probably the best shape I've ever seen him in."



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Senior Kyle Saunders finished first in the discus at the George Davis Invitational with a throw of 48.19 meters.

Marte suspended for PEDS

By Phil Zoppi

Starling Marte of the Pittsburgh Pirates was suspended 80 games by the MLB for testing positive for performance-enhancing drugs.

The MLB has taken a hard stance on eliminating PEDS from the game of baseball but there is still more that could be done to completely remove it. Suspending Marte for 80 games is important and hurts the Pirates, but in the grand scheme of things the MLB is not taking away what Marte values most: his money.

According to MLB.com, Marte signed a six year \$54 million extension in 2014 that guaranteed him \$31 million at the time of the signing. Marte is still going to get that money and that is a shame. If the MLB really wants to get cheaters out of the game, then they need to start hitting athletes where it hurts.

The MLB drug program suspends first time offenders 80 games, second time offenders 162 games and bans third time offenders from the MLB. Banning the player from the MLB is a strong

stance but it does not happen unless the player tests positive three times, which has never happened before and is obviously hard to do.

Marte had a career year last season as he hit .311 with 47 stolen bases in what was a down year for the Pirates as they missed the playoffs and finished below .500. Marte has always been a stolen base fiend as he stole 41 bases in 2013, the year before he signed his huge contract extension. As a sports fan you can not help but question if those career years and stolen bases would have

happened if Marte didn't take PEDS.

Marte's legacy will always be tainted just like Alex Rodriguez's and Ryan Braun's are. But at the end of the day Marte, Rodriguez and Braun still got their money and if the MLB wants to truly eliminate PEDS from the game they can not let that happen.



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leadership on defense and a little on attack, but we have some good freshman coming in that will replace them, although nothing will ever replace the culture that [the 2017 team] has built."

Spellman started at Southern five years ago, beginning as an assistant under Kelley Frassinelli, who maintains her role as head coach of SCSU's women's field hockey team. She took over as head coach in 2014 and has been part of five successful seasons for the Owls.

She is assisted by Betsy Vendel, who's been with her since last season, and Kevin Siedlecki, who also coaches women's lacrosse and teaches English at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, Connecticut.

For seniors like Luposello, this may not actually be their last hoorah. After graduating this May, she hopes to get involved with some coaching opportunities.



Head Coach Maureen Spellman talking to her team during the New Hampshire game.

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Baseball

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Cole Bryant has been the Owls' ace all year as he holds a recor of 7-0 on the season.

RBIs, however, they left eight men on base.

Southern is now 25-10-1 and gunning towards the NE-10 playoffs. If the Owls remain at number one in their division, they'll have home field advantage throughout the conference tournament. In 2012 and 2014, Southern lost in their playoff opener, but in 2011 they went 45-9-1.

They went 1-2 in the NE10 Tournament, but a strong regular-season put them through to NCAAs. They picked up wins over Wilmington, Franklin Pierce and Adelphi, beating the latter two on multiple occasions, pitting themselves in the NCAA College World Series. They went 2-2 in the Cary, N.C. tournament, finishing their season with a 7-5 loss to Winona State.

Asked what it was like to be a freshman on a big winning team, Ebert remained coy, saying it was something he'd never experienced before.

"Hopefully we go far," he said. "It would be cool to be able to advance deep (in the post-season), especially after last year when [the team] struggled."

Last year, the season ended May 8 for the Owls, with a regular-season defeat to Le Moyne. This year, they are guaranteed to play in at least the opening round of the NE10 playoffs. Southern will close out its regular-season May 6 with a home game against Pace University at 3 p.m.

Mallory Update

Mallory eyes playing professionally



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Mallory driving to the basket during a game against UCONN.

By Phil Zoppi

Michael Mallory is set to graduate and he has his eyes set on continuing his basketball career outside of Southern.

"My goal once I graduate is to go train and prepare myself to go play professional basketball somewhere," said Mallory.

Mallory would not be the first Southern basketball player to play professionally, his running mate in his junior season, Desmond Williams, now plays in a professional Finnish basketball league. Assistant men's basketball coach Michael Papale saw what Williams did and thinks Mallory could have the same kind of success professionally.

"Desmond got a good opportunity in Finland and has taken advantage of it," said Papale. "This will open up higher level opportunities for him in the future. Mike will certainly get his opportunity to play professionally and I am sure he will take advantage of it and move up whether it is overseas or in the U.S."

Mallory's resume speaks for itself with being selected to multiple Northeast-10 All-Conference teams and averaging 23.2 points per game in his senior season. Mallory led the Owls to a 18-13 record and dominated the first round of the Division II NCAA tournament scoring 42 points in a thrilling 109-98 win over Southern New Hampshire.

On top of that, Mallory finished his career as the all-time leading scorer in the history of the Northeast-10 conference. Even with all of this accolades, Mallory recognized that he has to improve on a lot if he wants to get to his ultimate goal, which is playing in the NBA.

"I have to work on everything," said Mallory. "Basketball is a sport you can't be satisfied with how you are. You have to want to continue to get better."

Mallory has said that he thinks he has the talent to play in the NBA one day and it is hard to doubt him with everything that he is been able to accomplish at Southern. The NBA is probably the hardest league to break through in as it holds the

smallest amount of active players in all of the four major sports. To make matters worse, Mallory is coming from a Division II school, which Papale thinks some people might look at the wrong way.

"One thing that Mike is going to be fighting is the fact that he was a Division II player," said Papale. "We all know that Mike definitely could have played and competed at the highest level of college basketball. There will be a stigma that comes with playing at a DII school but once Mike gets out on the floor he will prove he belongs and can play with anyone."

Retraction:

In last weeks edition Caroline Staudle was misquoted as Carolymm Keal in the article "Southern breaks record for honor roll athletes."

SCSU Lacrosse vs. New Hampshire



PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

Sophomore Jacey Miller playing defense against Southern New Hampshire.



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A scrum in front of Southern's net on Saturday afternoon.



PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

Sophomore Samantha Cozzolino winds up for a shot in front of the net.



PHOTO | PALMER PIANA

Nicole Healey and other Southern players huddling together.

Northeast-10 Standings

WOMEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
LE MOYNE	13	13-0	1.000	16	16-0	1.000
ADELPHI	13	12-1	0.923	16	15-1	0.938
NEW HAVEN	13	11-2	0.846	16	13-3	0.813
STONEHILL	13	10-3	0.769	17	11-6	0.647
PACE	13	9-4	0.692	16	11-5	0.688
ASSUMPTION	13	7-6	0.538	16	9-7	0.563
BENTLEY	13	7-6	0.538	16	8-8	0.500
FRANKLIN PIERCE	13	5-8	0.385	15	7-8	0.467
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	13	4-9	0.308	17	7-10	0.412
SAINT ANSELM	13	4-9	0.308	17	6-11	0.353
SAINT MICHAEL'S	13	3-10	0.231	14	4-10	0.286
AMERICAN INT'L	13	2-11	0.154	16	4-12	0.250
SO. CONNECTICUT	13	2-11	0.154	16	4-12	0.250
MERRIMACK	13	2-11	0.154	17	4-13	0.235

BASEBALL STANDINGS

	DIVISION			OVERALL		
	GP	RECORD	WIN %	GP	RECORD	WIN %
SO. NEW HAMPSHIRE	17	16-1-0	0.941	42	35-7-0	0.833
MERRIMACK	17	14-3-0	0.824	39	22-17-0	0.564
FRANKLIN PIERCE	18	14-4-0	0.778	40	28-12-0	0.700
BENTLEY	16	7-9-0	0.438	35	9-26-0	0.257
STONEHILL	19	8-11-0	0.421	40	14-26-0	0.350
ASSUMPTION	18	6-12-0	0.333	39	15-24-0	0.385
SAINT MICHAEL'S	18	3-15-0	0.167	26	3-23-0	0.115
SAINT ANSELM	19	3-16-0	0.158	41	11-30-0	0.268
SO. CONNECTICUT	13	12-1-0	0.923	36	25-10-1	0.708
NEW HAVEN	14	10-4-0	0.714	31	22-9-0	0.710
LE MOYNE	15	9-6-0	0.600	40	25-15-0	0.625
PACE	14	7-7-0	0.500	40	25-15-0	0.625
ADELPHI	14	6-8-0	0.429	43	22-21-0	0.512
AMERICAN INT'L	14	3-11-0	0.214	39	14-25-0	0.359
SAINT ROSE	16	3-13-0	0.188	33	6-27-0	0.182

Humans of SCSU: Satchel Harrel

By Josh LaBella



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Satchel Harrel, a freshman athletic training major.

Satchel Harrel, a freshman athletic training major, said he first heard about Southern when he was living in Japan. "I actually came to Southern because, in Japan, a high school teacher of mine's brother went here and said I would really like it," said Harrel.

Harrel lived in Japan for two and a half years when his dad was stationed there with the United States Marine Corps, he said. Before that, he said grew up in Murrieta, California, which is an hour between Los Angeles and San Diego, where his dad was stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Harrel said he is happy with his decision to come to Southern and he really enjoys the atmosphere.

"It's a very chill school," Harrel said, "I love how something is always going on."

Harrel said his favorite class is exercise science 185, taught by Matt Rothbard.

"I love that class," said Harrel. "We wrap and tape and he's a really good teacher overall, so it's a lot of fun."

Harrel said he was worried about his freshman year at Southern but it went a lot better than he expected.

"I thought I was going to get all C's and B's like in high school," said Harrel. "But I'm getting A's and it feels good." Harrel added getting good grades takes a lot of work but it is well worth it.

"I study a ton," said Harrel. "It takes up a sad amount of my time."

When he is not doing school work, Harrel said he likes to work out and go on runs, usually in the morning. He said he lives in Wilkinson Hall and spends a lot of time there with his girlfriend, Rachel Iassogna.

"She's great," said Harrel, "We have a lot of fun together."

When Harrel graduates he wants to become an officer in the Marines, he said. Coming from a military family, Harrel said he always knew he wanted to follow in their footsteps.

"Everyone in my family is connected to the military," said Harrel. "Both on my mom and dad's sides of the family. They are either in the military or are married to someone in the military."

Harrel said his dad is a sergeant major in the Marine Corps and began serving in 1991, but he does not want to be enlisted like him. He said he made this decision because officers get to be in charge of people instead of taking orders, they make more money and have more responsibilities.

To do this, Harrel said he has been attending physical training sessions at Yale and that it is easier for him to do so in the summer. He said if he gets into the program he wants to, he will have to go to a summer training and that will be several weeks long. Either way, Harrel said he knows he wants to lead.

"I'm not the cook," said Harrel, "I'm the chef."



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The Latin American School of Medicine in Cuba on Dec. 15, 2016.

The benefits of summer vacations

By Josh LaBella

Julia Petrus, a sophomore biology major, said she wishes she could go on vacations, but she's broke.

"Honestly, I want to go to Cancun," said Petrus. "I just don't have the money: I need to work."

Petrus said the best part about going on vacations is seeing other cultures.

"Everything is different everywhere you go," said Petrus. "That's why it's important to go on vacations."

Nicole Yaibel, a junior physics major, said she cannot go on vacation during summer break because she is going to be a camp counselor the whole time.

"I have no time for vacations now," said Yaibel. "I went to Saint Martin in the Caribbean a year ago though. Vacations are a really good time to take a break and regroup for students. At the end of the semester, everyone is so done, so it's good to take a break for a while and go somewhere."

Jason D'Addio, a junior psychology major, said he is going to Florida to relax with his father.

"I can't wait to go and relax by a pool or by the ocean," said D'Addio. "Maybe I'll go to a theme park."

D'Addio said after working and studying, he wants to go to Europe. Either way, he said it is time for a vacation.

"[Vacations] give you time to get ready for the new school year," said D'Addio. "You need time off. Right now, I'm about to lose my head."

Buster McCall, a sophomore public health major, agreed, saying vacations are an opportunity students who need to take a break and start over.

"If you are stressed for too long," said McCall, "it is really going to mess you up."

McCall said the best vacation he ever went on was to Colorado, but that it is impractical for him to try and spend the money to go there over the summer. That is why he said he plans on going to New Hampshire or somewhere else in upper New England.

"Western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, these are the places I love going," said McCall. "I love New England in general. It's very special to me for some reason."

Maile Chaplar said she is going on several vacations this summer. Chaplar, a Junior English major, said she travels all over the country and the world to go scuba diving. Her first vacation, she said will be in June when she goes to race submarines in Maryland.

"My friend Sara and I are [going to] participate in an international submarine race over the summer," said Chaplar.

Chaplar said this year the race is in Bethesda and the last time she went she beat M.I.T. She says the submarines are open so that water fills them and she needs to follow light strips on the ground in a giant pool on a military base to the finish line.

Chaplar said her trip in July will be just as exciting. She said she is going to Cooper River, South Carolina to go black water scuba diving.

"The water there has very little visibility," said Chaplar. "You go to the bottom and can find fossils, old china, and even slave pottery."

Chaplar added students need to go on vacation to be more cultured and have new experiences, especially when they are young. She said when she is older she plans on having kids and will not have the time to go on vacations "Willy-nilly."

Mathew Ouimet, a counselor at SCSU, said there are a lot of studies that say there are health benefits for people who choose to go on vacations. He said vacations matter even more in the North Eastern states, where people tend to live much faster paced lives and have heavier workloads.

"A lot of studies have been done by health organizations that find people who take regular vacations, one or two times a year, are healthier than those who don't," said Ouimet.

People who go on vacations typically have a lower chance of getting heart disease, have less depression and better moods in general, Ouimet said.

"Go figure. Better moods from taking time off?" said Ouimet.

When it comes to students, Ouimet said he thinks it is less about going somewhere and more about taking a break somehow. He said while some students use the summer to get jobs and save money, if they do not take a break it may affect their fall semester.

"If they aren't taking breaks, students might go into the fall semester and feel like they had no downtime," said Ouimet.

When it comes to vacations, Ouimet said it is about seeking a balance. He said travel has an educational element to it, which is why the school offers study abroad opportunities. He also said it is good for students to just get off campus in general.

"It's [being on campus] a source of stress," said Ouimet. "If you are in an environment that reminds you of stress, even if you aren't working, the body will still have a stress reaction to it."

Project Time Off, an organization which lobbies to get employees to use their vacation time, reports nearly two-thirds of employees say their concentration and productivity at work improve with taking time off. Ouimet said studies which apply to working people can easily be applied to students.

According to Ouimet, the vacation does not have to be somewhere far away.

"I mean, you don't have to go to Aruba for a vacation," said Ouimet. "Pick a weekend, get away. Do something to celebrate having a good semester."

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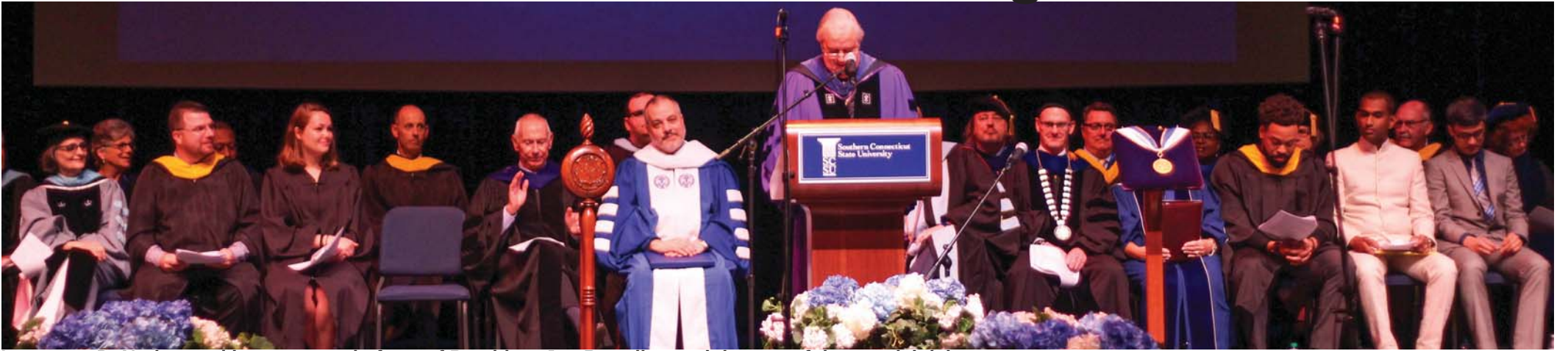
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President Joe's inauguration



Lawrence DeNaris speaking on stage in front of President Joe Bertolino and the rest of the special delegates.



President Bertolino and partner Bill Leipold exiting the Lyman Center escorted by SCSU Drumline after the ceremony.



NOTEorious, a student a cappella group performing on stage.



Members of the school musical "35mm: A Musical Exhibition" singing at inaugural picnic.



Attendees of inaugural picnic in line for food.



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